

Te mahere ā rohe o Ōtara-Papatoetoe 2023

Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board Plan 2023



Draft Summary - June 2023





From the Chair

I am privileged to present the draft Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board Plan 2023.

First and foremost, I want to acknowledge our Māori communities and especially our mana whenua who are, and will remain, kaitiaki of this land. We are committed to working with mana whenua meaningfully and strategically so our community, our public spaces and our decisions are shaped by their values, their manaakitanga and their history.



Climate change and its effects remain a significant threat to our present and future, and we can no longer kick the planning and hard decisions down the road for another day. Our community has spoken loudly, both our older generation and our younger generation, that climate change must be addressed, and that council has an important role to play. We have heard you and we will respond. We will make sure local climate action remains a priority. We will hold Auckland Council accountable for its investment decisions so that the communities that face the most difficulties managing and taking action are at the front of the line for investment. We will also partner with mana whenua and our community organisations who are already doing great work to make sure they feel supported and valued.

He aha te mea nui o te au? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata. Our people are the most important thing in the world and the diversity of our people is our strength. Ōtara-Papatoetoe is a traditional Pasifika heartland of Auckland, but we are seeing more and more people of different ethnicities making our community their home as well. We will make sure all our people feel included and have a say in council decisions. We haven't always done a good job connecting with our diverse communities and that has to change. We will continue to support our community networks, our community leaders of today and tomorrow and our community organisations to continue their work making our community welcoming to all. We will also continue to make sure our community facilities and services meet the changing needs of our diverse communities.

Ōtara-Papatoetoe continues to grow, and this growth brings challenges in the form of traffic congestion, demand on infrastructure and impact on the environment. We will make sure development happens sustainably, so it doesn't compromise the needs of our community for adequate open spaces, sports fields, facilities and easy movement of people and goods. The growth in our economy driven by our businesses, employment hubs and supported by our business associations remains a priority. The continued role of local economic development through regional agencies such as Tātaki Auckland Unlimited remains uncertain and therefore local boards need to step into this space to support our town centres, industrial areas and business associations do what they do best; create wealth, employment and economic activity. We will continue to work with our business associations to ensure their needs are met in council planning, regulation and service delivery, while ensuring they support the skill development and employment needs of our community.

Finally, there is much to do and little time and money to do it. Your input on what we need to prioritise for the next three years will help us greatly with this challenge and we look forward to hearing your thoughts on our draft plan.

Ngā mihi,

Apulu Reece Autagavaia
Chair Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board

This summary is an overview of the statement of proposal for our draft Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board Plan 2023. We encourage you to read the full draft plan, available online at akhaveyoursay.co.nz/localboardplans, at public libraries and council service centres and tell us what you think by **4pm on Monday 14 August 2023**. Or tell us what you think in person at one of our local events.



Māori Outcomes & Climate Action

Delivering outcomes for Māori and taking action on climate change are important features of our plan.

Māori outcomes respond to Council's legislative obligations and to extensive engagement with Auckland's Māori communities.

Local Boards also have an important role to play in leading and supporting Auckland's response to the climate emergency, including supporting regional climate plan initiatives, integrating climate awareness into all decisions, including community investment.

This plan proposes the following initiatives to support Māori outcomes in our area:

- co-governance partnerships on projects including the Manukau Sports Bowl, the Manukau Public Arts Strategy and Te Puhinui Regeneration Strategy
- support the development of Ngāti Ōtara Marae into a fit for purpose facility that promotes Māori wellbeing and culture
- continue to support the Ara Kōtui programme and actively investigate opportunities to increase mana whenua influence in local board decisions, including through delegations
- ensure local board delivered projects have sufficient funding and engagement capacity to enable mana whenua to meaningfully contribute to projects
- the Tuia Rangatahi programme that mentors and supports emerging Māori leaders to connect nationally and gain an insight into local governance
- Te Kete Rukuruku programme that works with mana whenua to re-establish traditional Māori names to local parks and places
- annual Matariki and Waitangi celebrations to celebrate and observe these important occasions
- programmes in libraries, parks, waterways, and roads that promote te reo Māori, te ao Māori and our unique Māori identity.

Our plan meets the challenge of taking climate action by prioritising:

- support for environmental projects that draw on mātauranga Māori, promote te reo and an understanding of te ao Māori, and build Māori capacity to act as kaitiaki of natural environments
- investment in transport initiatives that promote walking, cycling and public transport and improve health outcomes, such as Bike Hubs
- support for local events, markets and existing community hubs, such as libraries and churches, to become climate information hubs for the community
- support for local sustainable food production and consumption through initiatives, such as urban farms and orchards, and community-supported agriculture
- raising the awareness of the importance of overland flow paths in conveying stormwater flows and that these need to be kept clear, including on private properties
- encouraging community discussion on resilience to coastal hazards, including as part of the Manukau East Shoreline Adaptation Plan and Tamaki Estuary Shoreline Adaptation Plan
- enhancement and protection of the canopy cover through increased awareness, education, and planting initiatives.



Our People

People are at the heart of what we do. We support, empower and celebrate the diversity in our community. We are strong and resilient through connections across cultures, neighbourhoods, age, sexual orientation, gender, and different needs. Māori history and tikanga is understood and valued as our unique point of difference in the world.

Our Plan:

What we want to achieve

- te ao Māori is visible and integrated in all areas of life
- a socially cohesive community that is proud of and celebrates its diversity
- rangatahi (youth) are active, learning and shaping community life
- local community groups are empowered to deliver projects and events.

Advocacy:

- Advocate to the Governing Body to prioritise funding for community-led public art projects, the Pacific memorial, restoring pou from the Pacific Business Trust and establishing a World War I memorial for Niuean soldiers.

Our Environment

We care, protect, and enhance our natural environment and built heritage. A Māori world view to treasure and protect taonga tuku iho (our natural environment) is key. Our communities, businesses and organisations act as stewards of the natural environment, make sustainable choices, and chose sustainable lifestyles. We act today to protect and preserve our environment for future generations.

Our Plan:

What we want to achieve

- partnerships with mana whenua iwi through Rangatira ki te Rangatira kaupapa
- communities leading on sustainability and climate action
- increased greenspace and tree canopy cover
- restored biodiversity and improved water quality in local streams, the Manukau Harbour, and the Tāmaki Estuary.

Advocacy:

- partner with organisations and groups for funding and resourcing to improving waterways including Ōtara Lake, Manukau Harbour and its coastline, and the Tāmaki Estuary
- support mana whenua in their settlements over whenua and awa, including the Manukau Harbour
- advocate for the targeted rate funding from the Climate Action Targeted rate, Natural Environment targeted rate and Water Quality targeted rates are prioritised for communities that need them the most.

Our Community

Everyone has fair and easy access to council services and facilities, regardless of their circumstances. Mana whenua, mataawaka, organisations and neighbourhood groups maintain strong relationships, influence decisions, and actively contribute to local programmes.

Our Plan:

What we want to achieve

- Māori culture and the values of mātauranga Māori are visible in public spaces
- diverse, locally led programmes that enhance the liveability of the area
- our community has access to high-quality and well-maintained facilities
- active recreation through local parks and reserves is available to all.

Levels of service

In our plan we are proposing, over time, to change our asset portfolio to make it more affordable. The current cost of owning and maintaining community assets such as community centres, halls and other buildings is unsustainable. As such, we are also exploring alternate models of service delivery. This will mean that we own and operate fewer buildings and other assets and the way services are offered may change including libraries and venues-for-hire. We will however look for ways to support our frequent users and wider community, so the impact of this change is minimised as much as possible.

Advocacy:

- advocate to the Governing Body and council-controlled organisations to make Wi-Fi available in public open spaces including Manukau Square and Hayman Park
- advocate to the Governing Body for the reinvestment of the council's capital expenditure and lift Ōtara into the 'transform' category to collaborate with Eke Panuku
- advocate to the Governing Body for joined-up planning for a high-quality urban environment of the Ōtara town centre and its surroundings.

Our Places

Our growing and changing community is well served and supported with high-quality and attractive spaces. New developments are well designed and have our present and future communities in mind. Connections within the local and surrounding areas are easy, effective, and reliable.

Our Plan:

What we want to achieve

- open civic and green areas that are well-used, safe, and sustainable
- accessible, reliable and safe transport options for all
- attractive and welcoming spaces and neighbourhoods
- new neighbourhoods and developments are well designed and built for our communities.



