

Upper Harbour Local Board Plan 2023

Summary of Feedback





Summary of feedback on the draft Upper Harbour Local Board Plan 2023

Purpose

This report summarises feedback received during the public consultation in July/August to inform the development of the Upper Harbour Local Board Plan. This summary aims to capture themes rather than detail every point of feedback received.

Executive Summary

Local board plans are strategic three-year plans developed in consultation with the community. They set out the direction for the local area reflecting community aspirations and priorities, and guide:

- decisions on local activities, projects, and facilities
- local board input into the council's regional strategies and plans, including the Auckland Plan
- how local boards will work with other agencies, including community groups, central government agencies and council-controlled organisations that play key roles in the area
- funding and investment decisions.

Local board plans focus on the key areas local boards are responsible for and include objectives and some of the key initiatives that will be carried out to achieve them.

The draft Upper Harbour Local Board Plan 2023 was adopted for consultation on 22 June 2023. Public consultation on the draft plan ran from 13 July – 14 August 2023 using a Special Consultative Procedure (SCP).

Feedback was received through written forms, emails and at various events.

549 pieces of feedback was received on the draft Upper Harbour Local Board Plan 2023.

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Online Form	113
Hard copy form	304
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This report summarises, the engagement approach and the feedback that was received during the consultation period.



Engagement Approach

The draft Upper Harbour Local Board Plan 2023 was developed considering community feedback from the last local board plan engagement, previous annual budget consultations including the recent Annual Budget 2023/2024 and other pieces of feedback such as results from the People’s Panel surveys.

The consultation period was held between 13 July and 14 August 2023, the local board consulted on the draft plan to hear the community’s thoughts. Feedback was received through one local board led ‘Have Your Say’ event, a number of community partnership events, a drop-in session at the Albany Village Library and written submissions (online, hard copy, and email).

Mana whenua engagement

A co-ordinated approach to mana whenua engagement was taken by local boards so that mana whenua were not being contacted individually by each local board. To outline the proposed process, two online information sessions for mana whenua were held in early June 2023 providing an opportunity for mana whenua to hear about local board plans, how the perspective of Māori could be reflected through their input, the feedback process, and timelines.

Mana whenua organisations were asked which of the 21 draft local board plans they wanted to review, and following requests, the draft Upper Harbour Local Board Plan 2023 was shared with Ngāti Manuhiri, Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua and Te Kawerau a Maki. Ngāti Whātua o Kaipara requested that a different process be followed.

No feedback has been received from mana whenua or matāwaka on the draft Upper Harbour Local Board Plan 2023.

Stakeholder and community engagement events

During the consultation period between 13 July 2023 and 14 August 2023 a total of 14 consultation events took place, including:

- a local board led ‘Have Your Say’ event on 7 August 2023 at Albany Village Hall
- a drop-in session at Albany Village Library
- 12 community partnership events.

Table 1: Summary of consultation events during the consultation period

Activity	Who was involved	How many people participated (including organisation members, Auckland Council staff and local board members)
Chinese potluck lunch	ActivAsian, Harbour Sport	21 participants
Meadowood Community House Drop-in Session	Meadowood Community House	5 participants
Korean potluck lunch	ActivAsian, Harbour Sport	36 participants



Hirers & others from Albany community mid winter Xmas pot luck	Harbour Sport	Approximately 40 participants
Hobsonville Community Trust – community evening	Hobsonville Community Trust	Approx 40 participants
Community round table (Special Consultative Process Have Your Say event)	Upper Harbour Local Board	16 participants
Whenuapai and Herald Island community meeting on local board plan and community resilience	Whenuapai Ratepayers and Residents Association, Herald Island Residents' and Ratepayers Association	Approximately 35 participants
Paremoremo Residents and Ratepayers Association drop-in session	Paremoremo Residents and Ratepayers Association	6 participants
Youth Council – Rangitoto College	Upper Harbour Youth Council	150+ participants
Youth Council - Kristin	Upper Harbour Youth Council	100+ participants
Youth Council – Albany Senior High	Upper Harbour Youth Council	100+ participants
Albany village library drop-in session	Albany Village library	8 participants
Retirement village	Keith Park Retirement Village	37 participants
Community conversations in Greenhithe – multiple small events	Greenhithe Community Trust	Unknown

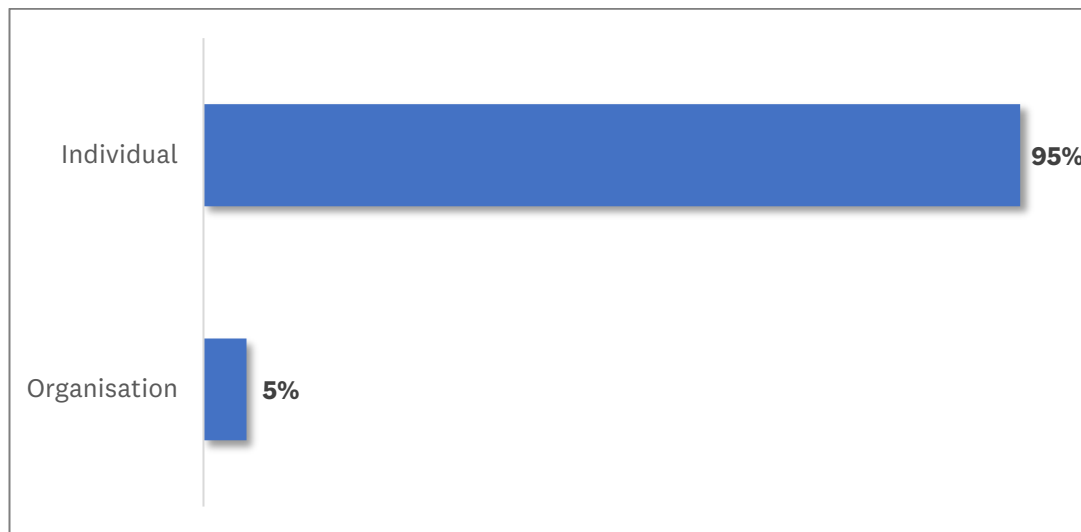
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531 written submissions were received (excludes event feedback) which includes 504 from individuals and 27 from organisations.

Graph 1: the percentage of overall submissions by individuals and organisations



The following organisations made submissions on the draft Upper Harbour Local Board Plan 2023 (organisations that made more than one submission have been listed below per each submission made):

- Aktive
- Aotearoa Chinese Legal Support Foundation
- Aotearoa Chinese Legal Support Foundation
- Bike Auckland
- Bomb Point Park Preservation Petition Group
- Business North Harbour Incorporated
- Civic Trust Auckland
- Community Cat Coalition Inc.
- Community Groups Feeding the Homeless Inc
- Creative Spaces Whenuapai
- Disabled Persons Assembly (DPA) NZ Inc
- FIRST Union Inc
- Greenhithe Ecology Network
- Grey Power North Shore
- Harbour Sport
- Herald Island Environment Group
- Hobsonville Community Trust
- Holy word church of Auckland

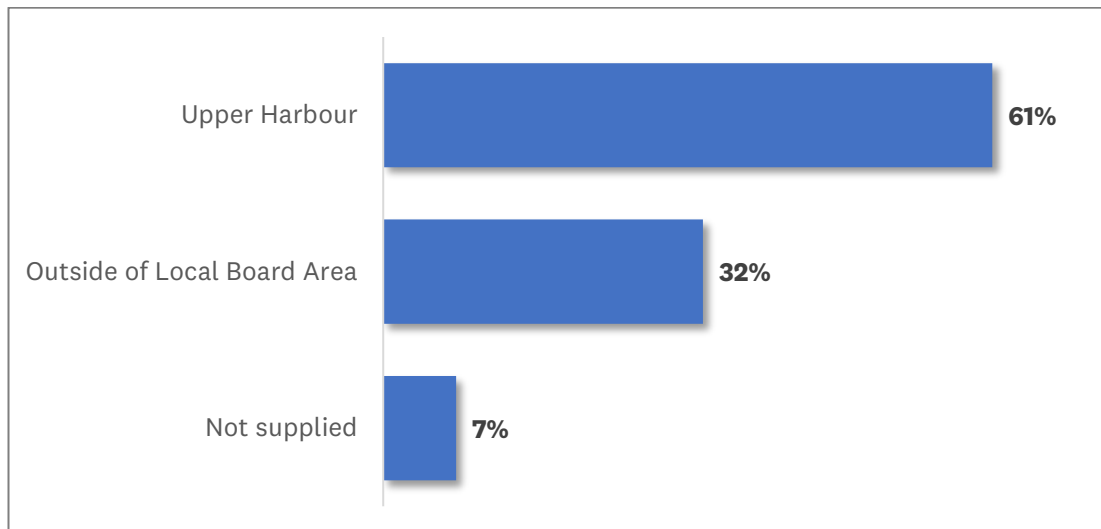




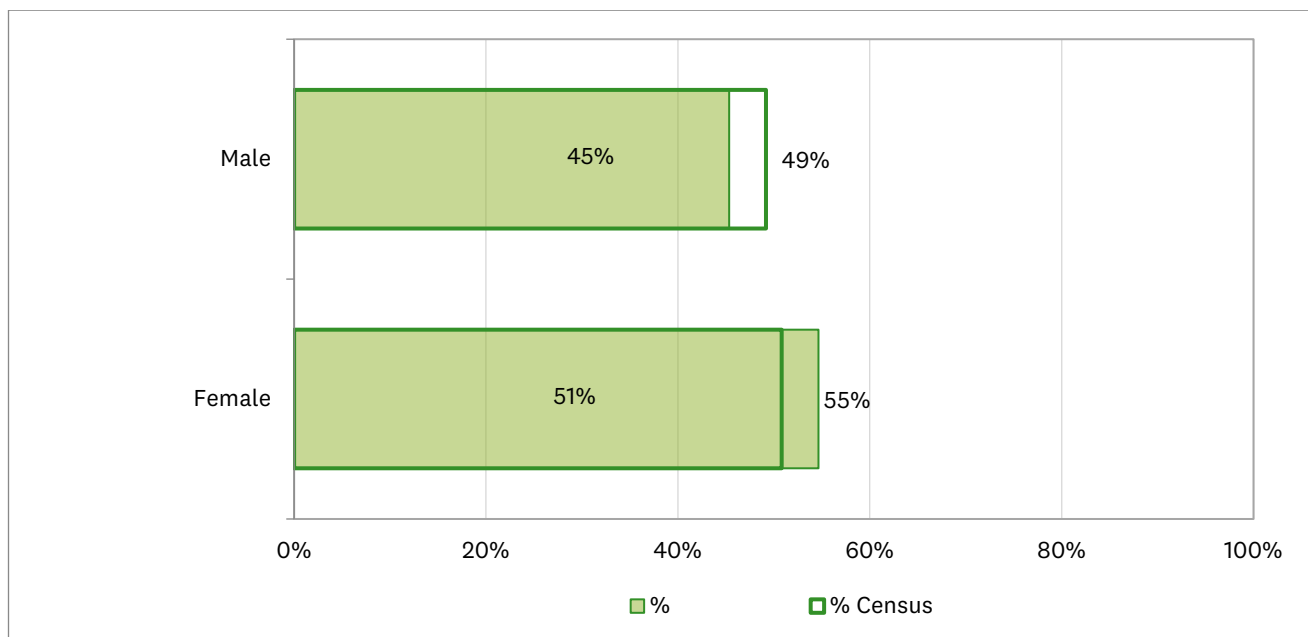
- Living Whenuapai
- North West Business Network
- New Zealand Baiyun Beijing Opera Society Incorporated
- NZ Property Law
- NZ Property Law Limited
- Royal Forest and Bird protection Society of New Zealand Inc. (Forest & Bird) North Shore Branch
- The Neil Group Limited
- The Tree Council
- Upper Waitematā Ecology Network

The following graphs compare submitter demographics with the 2018 census data for the Upper Harbour Local Board area. While a majority of submitters live in the Upper Harbour Local Board area, some submitters lived in other localities.

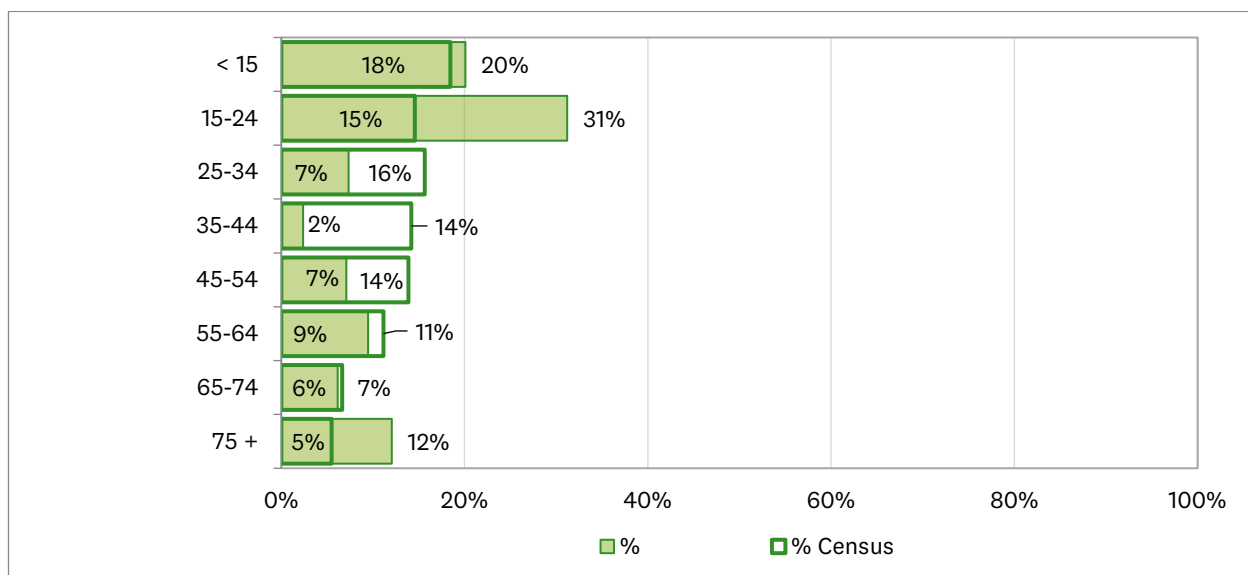
Graph 2: the percentage of overall submissions by local board area



Graph 3: the percentage of overall submissions by gender compared to Census information on the gender population of the Upper Harbour local board area – from 408 submissions that provided gender information.

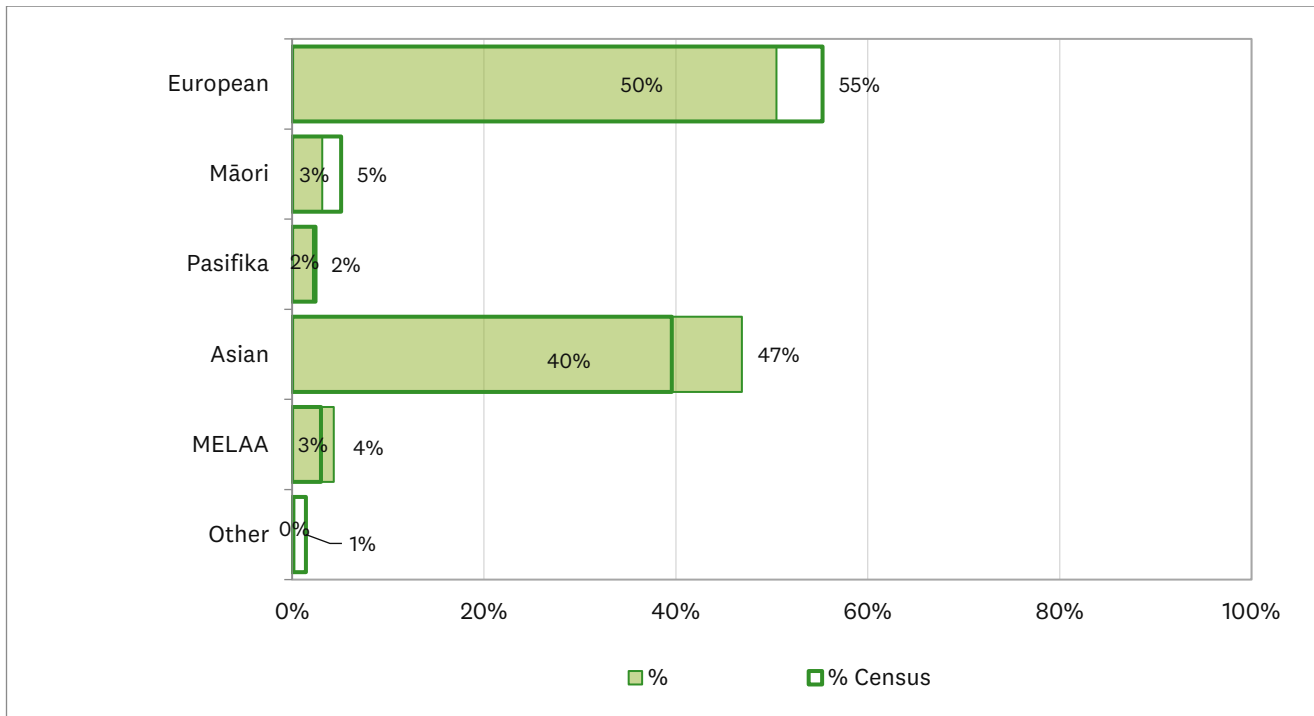


Graph 4: the percentage of overall submissions by age compared to Census information on the age population of the Upper Harbour local board area – from 423 submissions that provided age information.



13 out of the 416 submissions that provided ethnicity data were received from those identifying as Māori, comprising 3 per cent of overall submissions.

Graph 5: the percentage of overall submissions by ethnicity compared to Census information on the ethnicity population of the Upper Harbour local board area from 416 submissions that provided ethnicity information.



Summary of feedback

This section provides overarching themes from submission feedback and provides examples of individual and stakeholder comments where appropriate as an overview of the submission data. To view the complete submission data please go to the following website: akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/local-board-plans-2023-feedback

Māori Outcomes

Delivering outcomes for Māori is an important feature of the Upper Harbour Local Board Plan 2023.

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

Feedback

Feedback from individual community members predominantly focused on the following key themes:

- Support for greater emphasis on Māori outcomes.
- Support for more cultural groups and activities.
- Support for more initiatives that focus on supporting indigenous communities.
- Support for more Māori led projects.
- Supports for initiatives that preserve and enhance Māori culture.

Organisation feedback included:

- Support for communities to practise te ao Māori kaitiakitanga (guardianship) principles.
- Support for initiatives that strengthen relationships with mana whenua and increase Māori led projects and initiatives.



- Requests for more initiatives in the western part of the Upper Harbour Local Board area that support Māori outcomes.

Climate Action

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.

Feedback

Feedback from individual community members predominantly focused on the following key themes:

- Support for more tree planting.
- Support for community restoration projects.
- Support for measures against kauri Dieback.
- Support for pest reduction initiatives.
- A preference to protect natural environments over property and infrastructure development.
- General non-specific support to prioritise environmental initiatives.
- Support for projects that prepare for the impacts of climate change.
- Support for long term sustainability.
- Support for initiatives that reduce carbon emissions.

Organisation feedback included:

- Support for the Upper Harbour Local Board's approach towards protecting the natural environment, supporting the community to live sustainably, respond to climate change and value kaitiakitanga (guardianship), whilst also accommodating the planned growth of the area.
- Support for initiatives that deliver on the Upper Harbour Pest Free Strategy and Upper Harbour Ecological Connectivity Strategy.
- Support for the Upper Harbour Local Board Urban Ngahere (forest) Strategy.
- Concerns that fast-tracking consents and private plan changes are asking to remove all trees from developments and that riparian margins are being reduced to the bare minimum.
- Support for the Upper Harbour Local Board's intention to encourage sustainable business practices and a suggestion that the most effective initiatives to improve business' understanding of the need for a more sustainable approach to their operation is education and raising their awareness of effective waste minimization opportunities.
- Support projects that engage, advise, educate, and assist our community on how to minimise and build the circular economy.
- Support the work and expansion of the network of community recycling centres for the benefit of our community.
- Requests to Improve climate impact statements in reports to consider net emissions, biodiversity loss, effect on impermeable surfaces and stormwater, and scarce resource use and recovery.

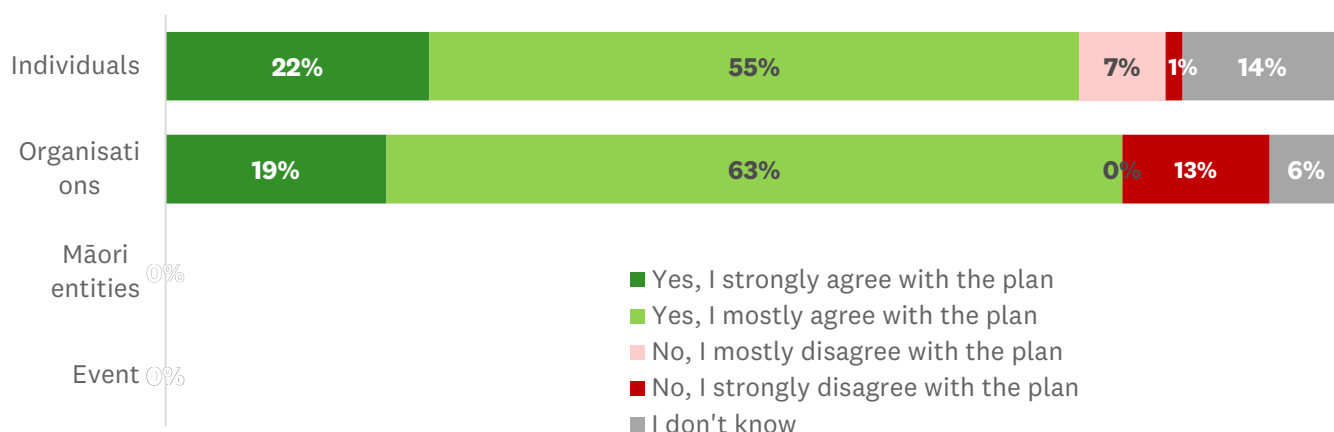


Consultation questions feedback analysis

Question one: Do you think our draft plan reflects the needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?"

A total of 507 submitters responded to the question as follows:

- 77 per cent of submissions by individuals and 82 per cent of submissions by organisations indicated they strongly agreed or mostly agreed with the plan
- 8 per cent of submissions by individuals and 13 per cent of submissions by organisations strongly disagreed or mostly disagreed with the plan.



Key themes from those responding “Yes, I strongly agree with the plan”

Approximately 22.5 per cent of submitters who answered question one selected “Yes, I strongly agree with the plan” and 15.5 per cent provided comments further explaining their answer.

Nonspecific support and approval of the plan – comments and views included:

- the plan represents the needs of the individual and the community
- the plan is beneficial to the community and people within it.

Support outcomes that contribute to thriving communities - comments and views included:

- acknowledging the importance of community resilience in the context of responding to crisis and emergency
- acknowledge the importance of strong connected communities and support initiatives that increase community connectivity.

Support for initiatives that create inclusive and diverse communities - comments and views included:

- support for initiatives that enhance cultural activity
- support for increased community participation of all demographics including ethnic and minority groups
- appreciation/interest in new migrant support groups.

Support for aspects of the plan that increase the focus and delivery of environmental and climate actions - comments and views included:



- support for initiatives that enhance the natural environment
- support for pest reduction
- support for volunteer restoration groups
- support for urban greenspaces.

Support for opening up/more access to community spaces – comments and views included:

- support for recreational sports facilities
- support for outdoor exercise areas.

Key themes from those responding “Yes, I mostly agree with the plan”

Approximately 55.5 per cent of submitters who answered question one selected “Yes, I mostly agree with the plan” and 37 per cent provided comments further explaining their answer.

Most of the themes from comments that “strongly agree with the plan” identified above were also common in comments that “mostly agree with the plan” – additional themes only are detailed in this section.

Support for more intergenerational activities – comments and views included:

- support to prioritise targeted activities that support active youth participation in community engagement
- support for more youth centred educational activities
- support for activities that enable youth connecting with each other and the wider community.

Support to prioritise initiatives that address climate change and support long term sustainability – comments and views included:

- support for initiatives that reduce carbon emissions
- support for more green spaces and tree planting – including more canopy cover and ongoing support for Auckland's Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy.

Support for access to more public spaces – comments and views included:

- support for more open/green spaces
- support for more playgrounds
- support for more dog parks
- support for existing community houses.

Support for improved transport options and infrastructure – comments and views included:

- transport related initiatives need to be a higher priority
- approximately half of transport related comments focused on improving access to and reliability of public transport
- approximately half of transport related comments focused on improving the roads
- support for improved pathways and walkways
 - specific mention to the completion of the Greenways Plan
 - specific interest for more connections in Whenuapai.

Support for greater emphasis on improving the local economy – comments and views included:

- requests for more support for small business
- a request for support for other business networks outside of Business North Harbour.



Other – comments and views included:

- expressions of general positivity towards the plan including:
 - views that the plan strikes a good balance between priorities
- support for more focus on positive outcomes for the western part of the Upper Harbour Local Board area
- support for more community engagement when developing Local board Plans and more opportunity for community engagement in general
- concerns that the draft Upper Harbour Local Board plan is too general and nonspecific including:
 - concerns that the plan doesn't show what will specifically be achieved and how it will be approached.

Key themes from those responding “No, I mostly disagree with the plan”

Approximately 7 per cent of submitters who answered question one selected “No, I mostly disagree with the plan” and 6 per cent provided comments further explaining their answer.

No obvious themes across these respondents – examples of comments included:

- support for more initiatives in Whenuapai including:
 - more parks and reserves
 - better infrastructure
 - better public transport
 - more community facilities/amenities
- a need for better town and infrastructure planning
- specific mention for Waimarie Road to be featured in the plan
- requests for more detail
- general nonspecific comments that do not support the plan.

Key themes from those responding “No, I strongly disagree with the plan”

Approximately 2 per cent of submitters who answered question one selected “No, I strongly disagree with the plan” and 1.5 per cent provided comments further explaining their answer.

Expression of views that there is too much focus on unimportant initiatives – comments and views included:

- Climate change and sustainability
- Māori outcomes
- Virtue signalling

Key themes from those responding “I don't know”

Approximately 13.5 per cent of submitters who answered question one selected “I don't know” and 6.5 per cent provided comments further explaining their answer.

Not able to form an opinion – comments and views included:

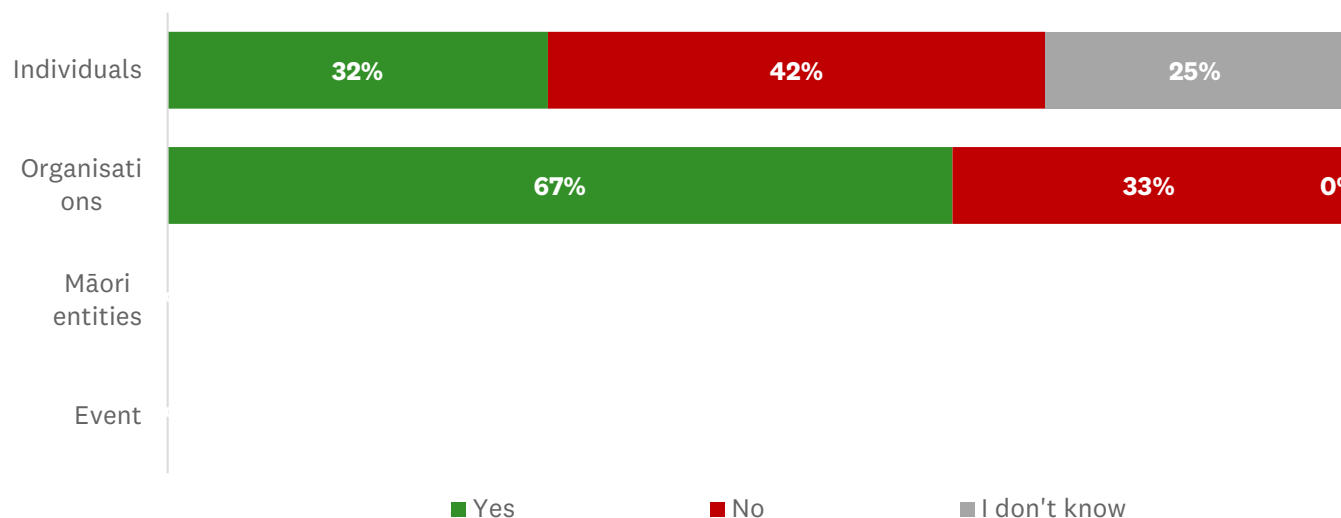
- comments expressing a lack of understanding around the Local Board Plan
- views that it is hard to comment when the plan is quite general.

Question two: Do you think there is anything crucial missing from our draft plan that should be included?



A total of 498 submitters answered the question “Do you think there is anything crucial missing from our draft plan that should be included?” with:

- 32 per cent of individuals and 67 percent of organisations responding “yes”
- 42 per cent of individuals and 33 per cent of organisations responding “no”.



Key themes from those responding “yes”

Approximately 33.5 per cent of submitters who answered question two selected "yes" and 32 per cent provided comments further explaining their answer.

Requests for more support for the elderly community – comments and views included:

- support for more activities targeted at elderly people
- support for access to aged care support
- support for opportunities to access digital support/education services.

Support for increased crime prevention and community security initiatives – comments and views included:

- support for additional security camera and surveillance methods
- support for initiatives that focus on youth crime prevention.

Requests for Increased support for ethnic minority groups – comments and views included:

- support for initiatives that support a wider variety of ethnic groups
- recognition of the need for new migrant support groups.

Support for greater emphasis on climate action goals – comments and views included:

- support for more tree planting
- support for aligning public transport goals with carbon reduction goals
- support for flood mitigation initiatives
- support for more initiatives to increase river and stream quality
- support for more environmental compliance and monitoring
- support for more native/large tree protection.



Preference for More community facilities/ amenities/ services

- **Subtheme – support for better access to a library and better library facilities** – comments and views included:
 - support for a better library facility/bigger building in place of existing library
 - preference for library that caters for all ages with designated spaces for specific uses e.g. study areas and family areas
 - preference for a new library that is built on council land opposed to a leased option
 - support for access to a library in the western part of the local board area with focus on Hobsonville.
- **Subtheme – support for greater access to swimming pools** – comments and views included:
 - support for access to swimming pools in the western part of the local board area with specific mentions to Hobsonville and Whenuapai.
- **Subtheme – support for more sports and recreational facilities** – comments and views included:
 - support for outdoor exercise equipment
 - support for the Wasp Hanger to become an indoor sport centre
 - support for more facilities specifically in Hobsonville including basketball courts, skate parks and community gyms
 - concerns that hard courts, including, basketball, tennis, and netball at Te Kori Scott Point are now missing from plans and should be included
 - support for the Albany Stadium to put to better use.
- **Subtheme – support for more playgrounds** – comments and views included:
 - support for more age-appropriate playgrounds
- **Subtheme – support for more public parks and improvements to existing sites** – comments and views included:
 - support to ensure public access to bomb point as well as a commitment from the local board to negotiate the gifting of the land to Auckland Council
 - support for Waimarie Beach Road to be vested to Auckland council and given reserve status
 - support for dog parks or areas to walk dogs unleashed
 - with a greater emphasis on dog parks in Whenuapai
 - support for park restoration
 - with a specific mention of Rosedale Park restoration project,
- **Subtheme – other** – comments and views included:
 - support for more funding for/access to community arts facilities.

Support for better basic infrastructure_– comments and views included:

- support for better basic infrastructure in Whenuapai including:
 - running paths
 - parks and reserves
 - general public amenities/community facilities.
- a preference for better connections and pathways including:
 - requests for more walkways, footpaths and drainage
 - specific requests:
 - to connect Kyle Road to Greenhithe
 - for footpaths or a cycle lane on Kauri Road Whenuapai
 - for a pathway connecting Lonely Track Road and Albany Heights.
- support for stronger emphasis in the plan on cycling infrastructure including:

- support for more cycle ways
- support for the continuation of the Greenways Plan.

Requests for better transport options and infrastructure – comments and views included:

- support for better public transport connections with an emphasis on bus routes
 - support for better buses/connections between the western part and eastern part of the local board area
 - support for better public transport infrastructure and connections specifically in Whenuapai.
- requests/emphasis on the need for improved roads
 - specific requests for better roads in Hobsonville
 - support for safer roads with a request for better use of road mirrors
 - support for less speed bumps and speed restrictions
- support for more park and rides.

Strong public support for infrastructure, services and improvements in Whenuapai – comments and views included:

- support for Waimarie Beach Road to come under Auckland Council ownership
- support for extra funding and levels of maintenance at Waimarie Beach Road including maintenance on the boat ramp
- support for toilets at Waimarie Beach Road.

Views that a stronger emphasis on “our economy” outcome was missing from the local board plan – comments and views included:

- request for more promotion of trade apprenticeships.

Other – comments and views included:

- support for more local board advocacy for policy changes and more efficient processes
- support for council initiatives to “stick to basics” and focus on perceived core services
- a request for an integrated plan that includes all local government organisations in Auckland.

Key themes from those responding “no”

Approximately 42 per cent of submitters who answered question two selected “no” and 5 per cent provided comments further explaining their answer.

There are no identifiable key themes within the comments of submitters who selected “no”.

Key themes from those responding “I don’t know”

Approximately 24.5 per cent of submitters who answered question two selected “I don’t know” and 4 per cent provided comments further explaining their answer.

There are no identifiable key themes within the comments of submitters who selected “I don’t know”.

Question three: Do you have any other feedback on our draft plan?

A total of 378 submitters answered question three by providing comments.





Approximately 40 per cent of all submitters who answered question three left comments that either confirmed the submitter had no other feedback or left a statement of general positivity about the draft local board plan.

Approximately 60 per cent of all submitters who answered question three left comments that provided additional feedback.

Many of the additional comments left reiterated or supported comments that had contributed towards the themes identified across the previous two consultation questions that are detailed in this report.

Themes that were identified and reported throughout the previous two questions will not be reported again in this section of the report unless they add extra detail or change the nature of the feedback.

Whenuapai Ratepayers and Residents Survey

Additionally, of the 531 written submissions 100 submissions were received during the consultation period that were managed through the Whenuapai Ratepayers & Residents (R&R) Association. The Whenuapai R&R oversaw a community led survey that was completed via an external webpage and then sent to the Whenuapai R&R and to Auckland Council.

The survey produced and shared by the Whenuapai R&R included the three draft Upper Harbour Local Board plan 2023 consultation questions and an additional five questions included by the Whenuapai R&R.

The additional five questions have been incorporated into question three of the Auckland Council submission form and have contributed towards the overall data analysis and theming of all submissions received. A high-level summary of the feedback received from this survey has also been provided in the 'other feedback' section of this report.

The survey questions produced by the Whenuapai R&R can be found in Attachment B of the infocouncil agenda report for reference.

The community survey produced by the Whenuapai R&R was not produced in collaboration with Auckland Council and therefore may not be in accordance with Auckland Council's privacy policy.

Approximately 26 per cent of the comments left in answer to question three in the submission data are comments left by submissions made using the Whenuapai R&R community survey.

Key themes from question three feedback included:

More social activities, events and opportunities for the community to connect – comments and views included:

- strong support for more community events specifically in Whenuapai

Support for educational/practical skills classes – comments and views included:

- digital skills
- language classes.

Inclusive and accessible communities – comments and views included:

- support for initiatives targeted towards the rainbow community
- support for initiatives that recognise and support the needs of people with disabilities.

Better community facilities, amenities, and public spaces:



- **Subtheme – strong support for more community facilities in Whenuapai.**
- **Subtheme – strong support for facilities to be provided on the reserve of Kopuru Road.**
- **Subtheme – support for community shared spaces (halls etc) in Whenuapai.**
- **Subtheme – support for more access to dog parks and off leash dog walking areas**
 - strong support for dog walking areas in Whenuapai
 - request for a review of dog bylaws to protect natural areas.
- **Subtheme – support for more sports and recreation facilities** – comments and views included:
 - support for more indoor sports facilities
 - strong support for sports and exercises areas in Whenuapai
 - strong support for public swimming pools in Whenuapai.
- **Subtheme – support for access to better and more parks and reserves** – comments and views included:
 - requests for improvements to Hooton Reserve
 - requests for teenage recreation in Hobsonville
 - support for shade coverage on playgrounds in Whenuapai
 - request to review pathways and tracks in forest areas to increase responsible and safe access to areas of ecological significance.
- **Subtheme – support for better access to public amenities** – comments and views included:
 - Support for more litter bins as well as a preference not to reduce current litter bins
 - Strong support for public toilets on the Whenuapai Town reserve (the Parkhouse Reserve)
 - Support for better accessibility for disabled people.

Improved transport infrastructure and options:

- **Subtheme – support for improved roads** – including specific requests for:
 - connection to Gills Road and Oteha Valley
 - road maintenance at Gills Road
 - opposition towards the use of concrete barriers for cycle ways
 - increased road safety
 - including better signage
 - more traffic lights
 - including Brigham Road intersection.
- **Subtheme - general improvements to public transport** – comments and views included:
 - support for better, more cost effective and more frequent buses services
 - support for additional bus services in areas of need, including:
 - western part of the board
 - Gills Road
 - connecting services to:
 - Browns Bay
 - express bus routes to Auckland central
 - Albany (from west)
 - connecting services to Hobsonville ferries
 - express routes to Auckland Airport.

Support for Auckland Council acquiring more land – comments and views included:

- support for Auckland council retaining Te Onekiritea / Bomb Point
- strong support for unused areas of Auckland Transport land to be used as parks and reserves



- strong support for Auckland Council to take ownership of Waimarie Beach Road
- strong support for more reserves in Whenuapai by using road stoppages on the following dead end roads
 - Kauri Road
 - McKeans Road
 - Dale Road
 - Pohutukawa Road
- support for advocacy for adequate business land in the Upper Harbour Local Board area
 - with specific reference to Whenuapai.

More emphasis on supporting the local economy – comments and views included:

- support for more emphasis and focus on supporting the local economy
- request for advocacy to change Auckland Councils procurement policy to allow more contracts with local business and suppliers
- concerns that Hobsonville’s local economy is negatively impacted by limited accessibility and public transport options.

Other – comments and views included:

- support for an engagement strategy and section of the Local Board Plan that enables increased community engagement with less heard community groups such as the elderly and people with disabilities.

Community Partnership Event feedback

Feedback from the events organised and hosted by community partners included:

- support for a bigger library in the local board area
- support for additional maintenance at Hooton Reserve
- requests for more initiatives that increase community safety and individual security
- a preference for more activities that increase community connectivity in response to cultural and language barriers experienced in the migrant community.
- support for walkways to be connected, including:
 - connection to Orion Point
 - coastal walkways
- support for pedestrian crossings for school children due to concerns for safety at intersection of Scott and Clark
- support reliable public transport
- support for seating at beaches
 - inquiry into whether rest homes can donate park benches
- support for more rubbish bins including the following concerns:
 - people litter when there are no bins
 - rubbish bins as often overflowing at site including Hobsonville Point Dairy
- concerns that there are potholes on Scott Road and inadequate repairs after logged jobs
- concerns that rain gardens are not maintained.
- concerns that road signpost often point the wrong way
- concerns over poor water quality and lack of maintenance of the pond by Waterford.



Organisation feedback

27 organisations provided feedback which has been included in the overall themes of the consultation questions feedback analysis.

The section below further highlights some of the points made through these submissions and how they relate back to each of the draft Upper Harbour Local Board Plan 2023 outcomes.

Our People

- Recognition of the important role community facilities and the community organisations that manage them by providing support and services to migrants that experience difficulties connecting and engaging due to language and cultural barriers.
- Recognition of the need for community resilience and emergency preparedness to be funded and supported by Council.

Our Environment

- Support for more canopy cover in new developments and business land.
- Request for all consents proposing to remove trees in Significant Ecological Areas and Scheduled Notable Trees to be opposed.
- Request for advocacy to the Governing Body that the local board and local volunteer groups are more directly involved in the setting and delivery of council-controlled ecological services.
- Request for advocacy to the Governing Body for continued use of the water quality targeted rate, and other funding, to strengthen coastal and marine protection.
- Request for advocacy for funding and regulation to enhance water retention and reduce stormwater surges in local streams through the use of retention tanks, rain gardens, wetland restoration, tree planting, reduced impermeable surfaces, and the daylighting of streams.

Our Community

- Support accessible and inclusive communities.
- Request that local boards either undertake or support the undertaking of barrier free audits in areas where infrastructure improvements are planned.

Our Places

- Requests for advocacy for buses from Hobsonville connecting directly to the Auckland Airport, central city and to Westgate.
- Request for advocacy over concerns that the buses and ferries in Hobsonville often do not connect.
- Request for advocacy for safer and more pleasant walking and cycling within the Albany metropolitan centre.
- Request for advocacy for better planning of public transport, that works with unions and employers to consider worker's needs.
- Request a review of parking options within the Albany metropolitan centre, to consider the needs of workers.
- Request the continuation of the Upper Harbour Greenways Plan 2019.
- Request advocacy is maintained for the zoning of an ample supply of business land in Whenuapai.



- Request the continued advocacy to Auckland Council for a new development contribution policy.
- Support for the delivery of transport projects that improve local and connecting transport networks.

Our Economy

- Preference to see more flexibility in the plan to support more business networks.
- Requests for the Upper Harbour Local Board engagement strategy to include engagement with the Business North Harbour business community.
- Requests the Upper Harbour Local Board to promote buying local and using local services
- Support for the development of an Emergency Response Plan.
- Support for the Upper Harbour Local Board’s advocacy for land use planning to support outcomes that create local employment opportunities.
- Support for local business associations to continue to support business development and to continue to meet the changing needs of our residents.

Other Feedback

The Whenuapai Ratepayers and Residents Association

The Whenuapai Ratepayers and Residents Association created a separate submission form including 5 additional questions to what the local board posed to the community. A copy of this survey has been placed on the infocouncil agenda report.

A total of 100 submission forms were received through this survey. This figure is included in the overall stats on the submissions to the draft Upper Harbour Local Board Plan 2023.

Responses to the questions the local board posed to the community are considered in the ‘consultation questions feedback analysis’ section of this report.

The below section provides a high-level outline of responses to the 5 additional questions posed by the Whenuapai Ratepayers and Residents Association:

- 88 submitters responded “yes” when asked “Do you agree that the ownership of this Waimarie Beach reserve, which is currently Auckland Transport, be changed to be Auckland Council, to achieve these expressed aims”
- 79 submitters responded “yes” when asked: “In the Whenuapai area, there are a lot of new houses, but few reserves, so there is a huge unfulfilled need from rapidly growing population. AC- owned reserves could easily be created with "road stoppages" of the dead- ends of the following "roads to nowhere"
 - Kauri Road
 - McKeans Road
 - Dale Road
 - Pohutukawa Road
 - Do you agree?”
- 85 submitters selected “yes” when asked: “Do you agree that more facilities should be provided on the currently bare reserve of Kopuru Road?”



- 70 submitters selected “yes” when asked: “Do you agree that Public toilets should be provided on the Whenuapai Town reserve (the Parkhouse Reserve)?”
- When asked: “What crucial items are missing from the plan that you would like to see included?”
 - 70 submitters selected the preset option “More Parks and Reserves”
 - 48 submitters selected the preset option " More Community Facilities”
 - 37 submitters selected the preset option " Community events”
 - 57 submitters selected the preset option " Dog park”
 - 70 submitters selected the preset option "Vesting of unused areas of Auckland Transport land to be used as parks and reserves”
 - 60 submitters selected the preset option “Public Swimming Pools”
 - 36 submitters selected the preset option " Community shared spaces e.g. Halls”
 - 41 submitters selected the preset option “Sport and Exercise areas”
 - 11 submitters selected the preset option "Other”
 - the only theme identified from “Other “comments in the Whenuapai Rates Payer and Resident Association was requests for more shade cover in play areas.