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**Local Board Plan 2023**

**Waiheke Local Board**

**WRITTEN FEEDBACK**

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### Your feedback

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I think the board are doing a great job



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#### Tell us why

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There should not be special treatment for Maori. We are all equal. No to unelected Maori representatives on Council

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There is polluted water running into Palm Beach and Little Oneroa beach. Nothing has been done about it.

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Encourage community gardens and get rid of the noxious weeds eg, kapok vine, privit , convululous, wandering Jew, jasmine, phoenix palms etc.

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**1. How well do you think our plan reflects the needs and aspirations for our community for the next three years?**

Quite well

#### Tell us why

It seems to be the same stuff every time these come out. You guys do a great job, I just feel that the residents need a shoulder to lean on as well as the location. If locals were allowed to smarten their properties, fix their parking areas etc, that in its self would encourage residents to be more supportive of these plans. Currently, if a resident wants to do anything to a property that own, they are hampered by costs and delays all caused by Auckland Council. Residents can either not afford or do not have the time to deal with Auckland Council's bureaucracy and eye watering costs to apply small changes. Sadly the local board is deemed by many residents to be just another tentacle of Auckland Council and consequently don't get involved in these projects. Relaxing Auckland Council's strangle hold on residents would be a great way to bring people to the support of the Local Board.



## Activity areas

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### 2. Our people – objectives

- A resilient and connected community
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- Strengthen collaboration and partnership with Māori
- Enhance Māori wellbeing and potential
- A flourishing arts sector that celebrates our unique island identity
- Youth are valued and have opportunities to thrive
- Advocate for affordable ferry services and service elements such as accessibility, reliability, connectivity, and fare structures.

#### How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our People* in this section?

Very well

#### Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?

This is one of the better things on the island. We live in a special place, unlike any other. The youth being valued is essential, it's their home as well and there is very little to do here for them. Not everyone can afford surfboards or bikes or boats to while away the weekends on, so what do they do? Hang around Countdown or Oneroa village? Why can't the floodlights at the Onetangi Sports Park be used at night? Why can't the Onetangi Sports Park club rooms be open a few nights a week, so kids and parents can hang out, play social sport and reinvigorate the social aspect of an island sports club. For some residents, it's all they have.

For the ferries, I wish you luck. You know that AT will never take over the Waiheke route and fares will never come back down, just like petrol prices.

### 3. Our environment – objectives

- Restore, enhance, and protect our natural environment in partnership with our community
- Respond to the challenge of climate change
- Improve conservation of our marine and coastal environment
- Reduce the waste stream
- A water sensitive community
- Stormwater is managed sustainably.

#### How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Environment* in this section?

Not very well

#### Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?

I feel there are too many people on the island that just do not care about this. Until of course, it directly affects them. Particularly with waste, getting rid of anything costs an awful lot of money now, so people don't bother, the wrecked boats are a perfect example.

What about septic release on properties? Auckland Council are aggressively trying to force people to install new tanks to protect the ground water and they are right to want to protect it. The nonsense that residents have to go through to do it is astonishing. 30-50K? Who can spend that on a septic tank and waste field? How much of that goes to the council for plans, consent, consultation etc etc etc, remove all of that, know what a resident needs to comply with and get the work done, why should 50% of the cost go to council?

#### 4. Our facilities and open spaces – objectives

- Improve the open space network on the island
- Implement the Tawaipareira Reserve and Little Oneroa Reserve Concept Plans
- Improve our community’s wellbeing by providing quality arts, recreational and community facilities
- Embrace Waiheke’s rich Māori identity and cultural history
- Maintain our track network and explore opportunities to develop new pathways, tracks and cycleways.

#### **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our facilities and open spaces* in this section?**

Quite well

#### **Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

I think most of what happens in this area is great, but the tracks, paths and cycleways are an absolute disgrace. Our roads are small and cars are generally getting bigger, not smaller. And many residents genuinely need 4WD vehicles either for work or to negotiate a steep driveway. We have huge busses, trucks, tourist vehicles etc and the one thing that gets forgotten about are the people riding a bike on our roads.

Signs telling us to watch out for bikes are all well and good, but in reality the bikes need to be taken off the roads completely, it's just getting too dangerous. The island needs a completely separate biking circuit. Perhaps an elevated cycle way that circumvents the most popular parts of the island.

This article is quite good to read. <https://www.thedrive.com/news/42070/forget-bike-lanes-elevated-cycleways-were-a-great-idea-that-left-us-too-soon>

Residential car parking is a big issue as well, cars jammed on the side of a road, creating bottle necks, cars parked on blind corners etc. We should be creating space on the residential streets for residents to park their cars. Not all of us can afford houses with huge spaces to park cars, our only option is the road side.

#### 5. Our places – objectives

- Planning that enables local placemaking
- Safe, fit-for-purpose and low carbon environmentally friendly transport infrastructure
- Sustainable living and healthy homes
- Mātiatia is redeveloped in consultation with mana whenua, and subsequently with the community and other stakeholders
- Advocate for delivery of our 10-year Transport Plan and a review of the bus network
- Advocate for any available council property being considered for health facilities and affordable housing purposes.

#### **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Places* in this section?**

Not very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

I think that sadly Auckland Council again, have to lot to answer for here. The second a resident wants to make improvements to their dwelling to have a more sustainable living style and healthier home, the council arrive with dollar signs in their eyes, so, what happens? People just don't bother.

Our transport infrastructure is a joke. Who the hell thought that bringing huge sightseeing busses to an already cramped transport network was a good idea? Busses half the size are available, why not use those? How many days a year are the big one full? I'd bet it's not many and only in the summer. Our public transport busses should be smaller as well, there is no need to have such huge forms of transport travelling round the island. The roads here are falling apart, they get repaired and they fall apart again and again and again, it just goes on and on. Can the roads not be fixed correctly the first time? We are world class destination with a less than third world transport infrastructure.

## 6. Our economy – objectives

- Economic development on Waiheke is environmentally, economically and socially sustainable
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- Waiheke is recognised as an arts destination
- Strengthen our economy in keeping with the island’s character and our need to increase our resiliency
- Enhance Māori wellbeing and potential
- Advocate for harmonisation of funding for art galleries across the region

### **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Economy* in this section?**

Very well

### **Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

I think this is really the islands leading light.

## 7. Do you have any other feedback on our proposed Local Board Plan, including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcome aspirations?

Residents. Get the residents on board, get changes to Auckland Council bureaucracy and high costs sorted out. If someone wants a shed or office etc on their property, they should be allowed to. Even if it's right on a boundary line of two properties. As long as it's not dangerous or a hazard, why shouldn't a resident be allowed to improve their home and garden? To many it feels like they have no control over what they can do at their residence, why is that? If someone wants to erect an office that will only have power and nothing else, next to a boundary, why shouldn't they? if it's an eyesore to a neighbour, so what, get over it. The Island is filling up, we need to be allowed to make the most of our space.



## Waiheke Local Board Plan

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**Your Local Board:** Waitematā

### Your feedback

**1. How well do you think our plan reflects the needs and aspirations for our community for the next three years?**

Not very well

#### Tell us why

Waiheke board also covers Rakino Island. There seems to be nothing in the plan to cover Rakino.

Also when I last read the plan the spelt Rakino with a macron. It does not have one.

Rakino usually gets forgotten even though Waiheke board is meant to allocate funding for it.

## Activity areas

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### 2. Our people – objectives

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- Advocate for affordable ferry services and service elements such as accessibility, reliability, connectivity, and fare structures.

**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our People* in this section?**

Not very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Adding Rakino Island into the plan

### 3. Our environment – objectives

- Restore, enhance, and protect our natural environment in partnership with our community
- Respond to the challenge of climate change
- Improve conservation of our marine and coastal environment
- Reduce the waste stream
- A water sensitive community
- Stormwater is managed sustainably.

**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Environment* in this section?**

Not very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Again Rakino island

#### 4. Our facilities and open spaces – objectives

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our facilities and open spaces* in this section?**

Not very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Again Rakino Island

#### 5. Our places – objectives

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Places* in this section?**

Not very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Rakino Island has lots of open spaces. We have one ferry service, a wharf that needs constant maintenance. A hall that is falling down and red stickered, roads that needs re sealing. Again we get forgotten about.



**6. Our economy – objectives**

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- Advocate for harmonisation of funding for art galleries across the region

**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Economy* in this section?**

Not very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Checking spelling of Māori names before printing them

**7. Do you have any other feedback on our proposed Local Board Plan, including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcome aspirations?**

Please don’t forget rakino. We are a little island but have 20 full time residents and we do need fi sing for projects and upkeep.

It’s unfortunate we don’t really get mentioned in this board plan at all.



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**Your Local Board:** Waiheke

### Your feedback

- 1. How well do you think our plan reflects the needs and aspirations for our community for the next three years?**

Quite well

**Tell us why**

Protection of our land

## Activity areas

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our People* in this section?**

Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Council must continue to lobby government about the unreliable ferry service..

### 3. Our environment – objectives

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- Stormwater is managed sustainably.

**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Environment* in this section?**

Very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our facilities and open spaces* in this section?**

Very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

#### 5. Our places – objectives

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Places* in this section?**

Very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Advocate for electric transport

**6. Our economy – objectives**

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- Enhance Māori wellbeing and potential
- Advocate for harmonisation of funding for art galleries across the region

**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Economy* in this section?**

Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?****7. Do you have any other feedback on our proposed Local Board Plan, including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcome aspirations?**

Climate change and managing our visitor population is vital for Waiheke, otherwise we will lose control of our beautiful island



## Waiheke Local Board Plan

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**Dark Sky Waiheke Island, a group of volunteers who advocate for the protection and preservation of Waiheke's dark skies through the limitation of light pollution caused by ALAN, artificial Light at Night**

**Your Local Board:** Waiheke

### Your feedback

**1. How well do you think our plan reflects the needs and aspirations for our community for the next three years?**

Quite well

#### **Tell us why**

DSWI's Comments:

It is heartening to see the protection of our dark night skies mentioned again clearly in the Chair's introduction. (Para 4. Pg.3)

DSWI's Suggested Inclusions & Considerations:

The commitment to protect Waiheke's dark skies should be included in numerous places in the main body of The Plan as identified by DSWI below.

**Activity areas**

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our People* in this section?**

Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

DSWI’s Comments:

The Local Board as well as the Waiheke Walking Festival support participation in events celebrating our new Matariki national holiday. The Community has continued to attend and participate in such events and enjoy of our wonderful dark skies. These events foster a strong sense of ‘community’ and lead to an improved understanding Maori culture.

Such occasions provide an exceptional opportunity to look up together, reconnect, as a community be proud of our dark night sky, share and learn more mātauranga Māori, what Matariki is about and experience and enjoy the beauty of the night sky (in the early hours ☺).

<https://www.parliament.nz/en/get-involved/features/celebrating-matariki-as-a-public-holiday/>

DSWI’s Suggested Inclusions & Considerations:

In the sub section ‘Strengthen collaboration and partnership with Māori’, given the active involvement in this of the Ngati Paoa, we suggest you add in “The promotion of Matariki on the Island linked the protection and preservation of the Island’s dark night skies”.

**3. Our environment – objectives**

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

DSWI's Comments:

In response to the section Climate Action pg. 10. Of the WLB Draft Plan.

- In the Waiheke Local Climate Action Plan Waiheke Island Local Climate Action Plan (aucklandcouncil.govt.nz) there is no specific mention of any ALAN pollution mitigation, (Artificial Light at Night) and the detrimental effect it has.
- ALAN is a quickly increasing form of pollution, often overlooked as a significant source of wasted energy and emission.
- The energy wasted with non-directed light emitted into and polluting the atmosphere, this is directly associated with the impact of the wasted energy required to generate those very light sources.
- This can be addressed with the inclusion of ALAN mitigation into the Climate Action Plan, (ie: 10.2 Built Environment – Taio Hanga) via an appropriate Lighting Management Plan, education, the availability of smart lighting options and drawing wider awareness to this urgent burgeoning problem.
- Waiheke Island (and Aotearoa New Zealand ) has the advantage and opportunity to be leaders in climate change response to implement these mitigations now.
- As there is increased pressure on the built and commercial environment on this small island, it is imperative to include ALAN mitigation in the wider climate change context.

<https://darksky.org/news/artificial-light-at-night-state-of-the-science-2022-report/>

2) In response to the Section Our Environment: “We want to protect, maintain, and enhance our unique islands’ land, coastline, bush, wetland, and marine environments for future generations....’ Pg 15, we note the following:

- Protecting our night skies (the darker 12 hours of the 24 hour cycle) and all the biodiversity dependant on that, (including human health) should be included in the context of the environment in general.
- It was included as a key initiative in the 2020 plan (pg 22) and now in 2023 it’s equally important considering the pressure of development on the island (increase in ALAN) and climate change.
- By omitting this aspect of the environment, diminishes its perceived importance and urgency, when ALAN is a very real problem.
- Out of sight out of mind, is the risk.



For examples of the effects of increased light pollution on and near Waiheke see the following links:

For Tītī sake, turn off the lights - The University of Auckland

Artificial light at night correlates with seabird groundings: mapping city lights near a seabird breeding hotspot [PeerJ]

Waiheke Island, a jewel in the Hauraki Gulf is surrounded by seabirds, shore birds, migratory birds and land based nocturnal birds. As stated in the forward of the WLB Draft Plan 2023 “We have continued with the central vision of Waiheke as an island sanctuary in the Gulf which was overwhelmingly supported in the last plan...”

Stating ‘To protect Waiheke’s dark night skies...’ in the Our Environment section signals to the community, the continued commitment to preserve and protect that night environment along with the others mentioned. (land, coastlines, bush, wetland, marine)

If that generates questions, these can be responded to from an evidence-based position as an environmental issue and provides opportunity to give positive solution-based guidance.

Please note that “We on Waiheke have a national park right above our heads which needs to be protected just like a terrestrial or marine national park.”

To aspire to and gain International Dark Sky Park accreditation in the Eastern end and potentially Dark Sky Community in the West later, has the valuable advantage of being able to draw on current international evidence, experience, and support in this area for Waiheke and the Hauraki Gulf.

Please see the recent presentation given to the Waiheke Collective which can be provided on request.

DSWI’s Suggested Inclusions & Considerations:

Under Climate Action:

Mention how reduction of light pollution can save energy (as explained in the ‘DWSI’s Comments’ section) and thereby reduce our carbon footprint.

Under Our Environment:

Include ‘Protection and Preservation of Waiheke’s Dark Night Sky’ as a ‘Key Initiative’ as it was in the 2020 plan. Nothing has changed since 2020 to warrant its omission this time.

#### 4. Our facilities and open spaces – objectives

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#### **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our facilities and open spaces* in this section?**

Quite well

#### **Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

DSWI’s Comments:

##### 1) Open Spaces.

- With the initiative of Dark Sky Park accreditation in the eastern end there is potential to activate and optimise current public night sky observation points and spaces and enhance the open space network. Example: Stockyard Reserve area as a south facing base with interpretation information drawing on Māori astronomy, history and culture, information for astrophotography and stargazing, responsible eco-tourism and community events ie: Matariki.
- There is already support from eastern end residents and already proactive solutions in place ie: Orapiu wharf dark sky friendly lighting and residents self-auditing their external lighting systems. There is more building going on so to continue this awareness to new residents and developments to preserve and protect the beautiful dark eastern end.
- Achieving Dark Sky Park accreditation would consolidate these efforts ongoing.
- See the following image from presentation to the Planning committee 2021 document where observations points are noted on the map, also pg. 7 Map of current Draft 2023 WLB Plan.
- Of note: There are other good dark open spaces and alternative outlooks in central and western Waiheke and also in Whakanewha Regional Park. As an island the viewing shafts in a variety of directions are very good for Night Sky viewing, information as mentioned above could be added to the interpretation content of some of the current open spaces signage around the island.
- The inclusion of stargazing and experiencing a dark night sky is an alternative, unique and informative experience for visitors as well as locals.

##### 2) Facilities:

New facilities and some current facilities could lead by example with the use of Dark Sky environmentally friendly lighting.

The increase in damaging light pollution is often by increment, with the installation of more and more LED lights, this is becoming more evident and measurable on the island. Examples: New toilet block in Oneroa, Library, (even though they are very supportive, and have turned them off for events, sometimes they are on full at times all night) Unfortunately, now Oneroa has had documented petrel grounding. Without motivation, awareness and will to limit ALAN, (artificial light at night) this will likely increase.

DSWI's Suggested Inclusions & Considerations:

Under Opportunities:

Include in this sub section 'Installation of environmentally friendly lighting'.

Under Our Plan:

Include in this sub section appropriate wording for 'Objectives' and 'Key Initiatives' to cover the installation of environmentally friendly lighting.

## 5. Our places - objectives

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### **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Places* in this section?**

Quite well

### **Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

DSWI's Comments:

We note the statement - 'The special character and values of Waiheke and inner gulf Island are protected and enhanced in line with the draft Waiheke Area Plan and principles of Essentially Waiheke...'

One very special character of Waiheke has, for many years, been its quiet dark night sky, a boat ride away from the bright lights of downtown Auckland.

A place to enjoy not only the vineyards, restaurants, art, walkways, beaches and baches and more, but to also relax, 'slow down you're here', rest, re-create and regenerate. The moon rises from the east, the Southern Cross above, familiar and comforting, then many more stars

come out, twinkling through the velvet night. Ruru hoot to each other across the valleys, and the creatures of the night get about their business as they always have.

Light pollution mitigation is not hard to do, the benefits far outweigh the damage of inaction.

Let's not waste this opportunity. We should include it in the 2023 Local Board Plan.

Waiheke Island - Auckland's Dark Sky Island suburb, leading the way, again.

#### FIVE SIMPLE STEPS TO REDUCE LIGHT POLLUTION

- Each of us can easily implement practical solutions to reduce light pollution by following the International Dark Sky Association 5 Principles for Community Outdoor Lighting:
- Useful – Install lighting only when and where it's needed.
- Low Light Levels – Light should be no brighter than necessary.
- Targeted – Shield your lights so they shine down on the ground, which reduces harmful glare and decreases skyglow.
- Controlled – Use controls such as timers, dimmers, and motion sensors on outdoor lights.
- The Appropriate Colour – Use warm colour lights where possible. Limit the use of harmful blue wavelength lighting.

DSWI's Suggested Inclusions & Considerations:

Under Our Plan:

Include in this sub section appropriate wording for 'Objectives' and 'Key Initiatives' to cover suggest an awareness campaign with the community regarding how each household and business can reduce light pollution and the many benefits that result from undertaking such action.

## 6. Our economy – objectives

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- Enhance Māori wellbeing and potential
- Advocate for harmonisation of funding for art galleries across the region

### **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Economy* in this section?**

Quite well

### **Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

DSWI’s Comments:

Protecting and preserving Waiheke’s night skies through implementation in the Local Board Plan over the next 3 years and ongoing allows for these impacts contributing to the local sustainable and circular economy:

- Provides a memorable visitor experience available after daylight hours and during the shoulder seasons (the night skies are at their best during winter months)
- Winter brings Matariki and with it, opportunities to embrace the wonders and stories of Māori astronomy
- Paves the way for low-impact ecotourism economic development opportunities from sharing world-class night skies.
- Offers learning and opportunities, intellectual stimulation and citizen science opportunities for school goers, youth, adults and community groups
- Offers unique recreational and leisure opportunities.
- Provides the opportunity to offer unique and diverse community activities
- Maintains Waiheke’s attractive nightscapes and therefore its integrity and character in sharp contrast to the urban Auckland location

DSWI’s Suggested Inclusions & Considerations:

Under Our Plan ‘Economic development on Waiheke is environmentally, economically and socially sustainable’:

Include under ‘Key Initiative’ a statement regarding support for Waiheke Island’s plans to achieve Dark Sky certification in some form.

**7. Do you have any other feedback on our proposed Local Board Plan, including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcome aspirations?**

This feedback has been from a DSWI advocacy perspective. We will continue working with the Local Board and the Waiheke Community to achieve our core aim of the protection and preservation of Waiheke Island’s dark night skies through the limitation of light pollution and the achievement of Dark Sky certification for the Island in some form.

Upload any supporting information you have

Choose and upload supporting Files (presentations and references)

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For Tītī sake, turn off the lights - The University of Auckland

State of the Science Report on Light Pollution 2022 <https://darksky.org/news/artificial-light-at-night-state-of-the-science-2022-report/>

Professor John Hearnshaws Book: ‘New Zealand Dark Sky Handbook 2021’, already on file at the Waiheke Local Board supplied by DSWI for Local Board and community use.

Dark Sky Waiheke Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/DarkSkyWaihekeIsland>

Dark Sky New Zealand Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/DarkSkyNZ>

Maori astronomy

Links to: Prof Rangi Mataamua (Maori astronomy Matariki etc. Living by the Stars) and Dr. Pauline Harris

<https://livingbythestars.co.nz/>

<https://nzase.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/2020-07-Pauline-Harris-profile-NZASE.pdf>

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/travel/article/new-zealands-quest-to-become-a-dark-sky-nation>

Videos:

Saving the Dark <https://youtu.be/6fHxNn-FEnc>

Dark Sacred Night <https://youtu.be/6fHxNn-FEnc>

International Organizations:

IDA <https://www.darksky.org/about/>

ADSA <https://www.australasiandarkskyalliance.org/>

Hard copies or attached as allowed

Presentation to the Waiheke Collective July 2023.

Waiheke Handouts Home Audits and IDA flyers as examples of DSWI advocacy and education.

Waiheke Island Dark Sky Friendly - EXTERIOR Home Lighting Inventory and Self Audit Checklist

Inventory Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Property Location: \_\_\_\_\_

**PRINCIPLES:** 1. Does the light serve a clear purpose? 2. Does the light fall only where it is needed? 3. Is the amount of light appropriate for the intended task?  
4. Is the light connected to active controls? 5. Is the light source warm in colour?

Light Fixture Description	Principle					Notes	Action needed	Date Action Completed
	1	2	3	4	5			
Example: Front Porch	✓		✓	✓	✓	Spills into neighbours	Need to redirect the light to fall only on stairs	
1								
2								
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To submit completed home audit to be included in the IDA Application please email Dark Sky Waiheke island at : gammaray@xtra.co.nz or phone 021 887819

# Living on your Dark Sky Island

## Waiheke Island Lighting Guidelines

Is your home nature, neighbour and night sky friendly?

Want to protect the night from light pollution?

You can start in your own home. Most people will find that a few easy changes can lead to home lighting that is both beautiful and functional without contributing to light pollution.

Protecting the night sky starts with YOU!

**1** Light only what you need

**2** Use energy efficient bulbs and only as bright as you need

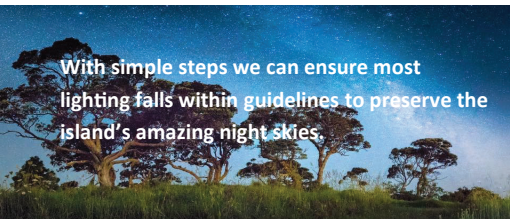
**3** Shield lights and direct them down

**4** Only use light when you need it

**5** Choose warm white light bulbs

Notes: (add extra pages if necessary)

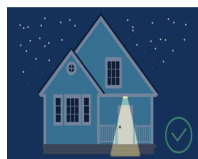




With simple steps we can ensure most lighting falls within guidelines to preserve the island's amazing night skies.

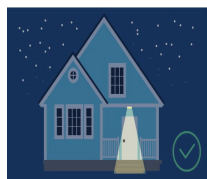
## 1 – DOES THE LIGHT SERVE A CLEAR AND NECESSARY PURPOSE?

Light is useful for safe wayfinding and to help perform specific tasks. In this example below, the light illuminates only the entryway and stairs, where it is needed. If you find that lights on your property are not necessary or useful, remove or disable them so that they are not accidentally turned on.



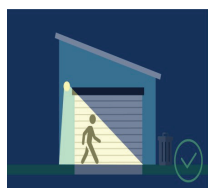
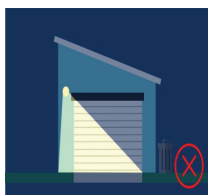
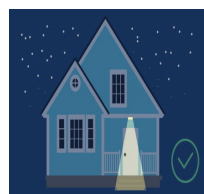
## 2 – DOES THE LIGHT FALL ONLY WHERE IT IS NEEDED?

Direct the light down, not up into the sky, and target your fixtures so that light does not spill beyond where it is needed. The light source should not be visible from beyond your property. If the light spills beyond where it is needed, install proper shielding and/or re-orient the light so that it does not extend beyond where it is needed.



## 3 – IS THE AMOUNT OF LIGHT APPROPRIATE FOR THE INTENDED TASK?

Use the lowest lighting level needed to perform the task. Light levels are measured in lumens, so check your light source and use the lowest lumens possible. Excessive light can contribute to glare, actually making it harder to see things well. If you find that the lighting level around your home is too bright for the task it is intended for, consider changing the fixture's bulb or installing a new fixture with a lower lumens value.

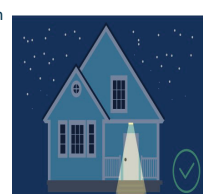


## 4 – IS THE LIGHT CONNECTED TO ACTIVE CONTROLS?

\*Make sure sensor triggers are set appropriately so that they light the area only when people are present. Direct the light down, not up into the sky, and target your fixtures so that light does not spill beyond where it is needed. The light source should not be visible from beyond your property. If the light spills beyond where it is needed, install proper shielding and/or re-orient the light so that it does not extend beyond where it is needed.

## 5 – IS THE LIGHT SOURCE WARM IN COLOR?

Most lightbulbs manufactured today have a Kelvin rating printed on the bulb. Low Kelvin ratings (3000 Kelvin or less) are considered warm and generally emit less harmful blue light than high Kelvin. For home lighting, there are good options at 2700 Kelvin or less.



### LIGHT TO PROTECT THE NIGHT

Five Principles for Responsible Outdoor Lighting



USEFUL



**ALL LIGHT SHOULD HAVE A CLEAR PURPOSE**  
Before installing or repairing a light, determine if light is needed. Consider how the use of light will impact the area, including wildlife and the environment. Consider using reflective paints or self-luminous markers for signs, curbs, and steps to reduce the need for permanently installed outdoor lighting.

TARGETED



**LIGHT SHOULD BE DIRECTED ONLY TO WHERE NEEDED**  
Use shielding and careful aiming to target the direction of the light beam so that it points downward and does not spill beyond where it is needed.

LOW LIGHT LEVELS



**LIGHT SHOULD BE NO BRIGHTER THAN NECESSARY**  
Use the lowest light level required. Be mindful of surface conditions as some surfaces may reflect more light into the night sky than intended.

CONTROLLED



**LIGHT SHOULD BE USED ONLY WHEN IT IS USEFUL**  
Use controls such as timers or motion detectors to ensure that light is available when it is needed, dimmed when possible, and turned off when not needed.

COLOR



**USE WARMER COLOR LIGHTS WHERE POSSIBLE**  
Limit the amount of shorter wavelength (blue-violet) light to the least amount needed.

For more information visit:  
<https://www.facebook.com/DarkSkyWaihekeIsland>  
<https://darksynz.org/>  
<https://www.darksky.org/>





## Waiheke Local Board Plan

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**Your Local Board:** Waiheke

### Your feedback

- 1. How well do you think our plan reflects the needs and aspirations for our community for the next three years?**

Quite well

#### Tell us why

Seems like there are quite good ideas.

## Activity areas

The draft local board plan focuses on five key areas of activity: Our people, Our environment, Our Facilities & Open Spaces, Our places, Our economy. Let us know if you agree or disagree with how we propose to meet the community's needs for these areas.

### 2. Our people – objectives

- A resilient and connected community
- A supportive society, where people feel there is care, respect and all people are valued
- Strengthen collaboration and partnership with Māori
- Enhance Māori wellbeing and potential
- A flourishing arts sector that celebrates our unique island identity
- Youth are valued and have opportunities to thrive
- Advocate for affordable ferry services and service elements such as accessibility, reliability, connectivity, and fare structures.

#### How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our People* in this section?

Very well

#### Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?

Great ideas. You really have listened to the community.

### 3. Our environment – objectives

- Restore, enhance, and protect our natural environment in partnership with our community
- Respond to the challenge of climate change
- Improve conservation of our marine and coastal environment
- Reduce the waste stream
- A water sensitive community
- Stormwater is managed sustainably.

#### How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Environment* in this section?

Very well

#### Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?

Very good ideas to keep Waiheke clean.

#### 4. Our facilities and open spaces – objectives

- Improve the open space network on the island
- Implement the Tawaipareira Reserve and Little Oneroa Reserve Concept Plans
- Improve our community’s wellbeing by providing quality arts, recreational and community facilities
- Embrace Waiheke’s rich Māori identity and cultural history
- Maintain our track network and explore opportunities to develop new pathways, tracks and cycleways.

**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our facilities and open spaces* in this section?**

Very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Definitely on the right track.

#### 5. Our places – objectives

- Planning that enables local placemaking
- Safe, fit-for-purpose and low carbon environmentally friendly transport infrastructure
- Sustainable living and healthy homes
- Mātiatia is redeveloped in consultation with mana whenua, and subsequently with the community and other stakeholders
- Advocate for delivery of our 10-year Transport Plan and a review of the bus network
- Advocate for any available council property being considered for health facilities and affordable housing purposes.

**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Places* in this section?**

Very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Impressive outlooks.

**6. Our economy – objectives**

- Economic development on Waiheke is environmentally, economically and socially sustainable
- Our visitor industry is managed sustainably
- Waiheke is recognised as an arts destination
- Strengthen our economy in keeping with the island’s character and our need to increase our resiliency
- Enhance Māori wellbeing and potential
- Advocate for harmonisation of funding for art galleries across the region

**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Economy* in this section?**

Very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

You're moving forward correctly.

**7. Do you have any other feedback on our proposed Local Board Plan, including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcome aspirations?**

You're moving forward correctly.



## Waiheke Local Board Plan

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### Disabled Persons Assembly (DPA) NZ Inc

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Kia ora,

Here is Disabled Persons Assembly’s generic, across boards submission to all Auckland-area local boards.

We don’t have the organisation resource to do submissions for all 21 separate boards (or even some).

However, please do accept this submission as one which contains general principles and themes which build on previous submissions to Auckland Council.

If you would like any further information or advice, please get in touch with me.

Ngā mihi,

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**Disabled Persons** Assembly NZ

August 2023

To All Auckland Council Local Boards,

Please find attached DPA's submission on Draft Local Board Plans for all 21 boards

For any further inquiries, please contact:

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## Introducing Disabled Persons Assembly NZ

### We work on systemic change for the equity of disabled people

Disabled Persons Assembly NZ (DPA) is a not-for-profit pan-impairment Disabled People's Organisation run by and for disabled people.

#### We recognise:

- Māori as Tangata Whenua and [Te Tiriti o Waitangi](#) as the founding document of Aotearoa New Zealand;
- disabled people as experts on their own lives;
- the [Social Model of Disability](#) as the guiding principle for interpreting disability and impairment;
- the [United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities](#) as the basis for disabled people's relationship with the State;
- the [New Zealand Disability Strategy](#) as Government agencies' guide on disability issues; and
- the [Enabling Good Lives Principles](#), [Whāia Te Ao Mārama: Māori Disability Action Plan](#), and [Faiva Ora: National Pasifika Disability Disability Plan](#) as avenues to disabled people gaining greater choice and control over their lives and supports.

#### We drive systemic change through:

- **Leadership:** reflecting the collective voice of disabled people, locally, nationally and internationally.
- **Information and advice:** informing and advising on policies impacting on the lives of disabled people.
- **Advocacy:** supporting disabled people to have a voice, including a collective voice, in society.
- **Monitoring:** monitoring and giving feedback on existing laws, policies and practices about and relevant to disabled people.

## UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

DPA was influential in creating the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD),<sup>1</sup> a foundational document for disabled people which New Zealand has signed and ratified, confirming that disabled people must have the same human rights as everyone else. All state bodies in New Zealand, including local and regional government, have a responsibility to uphold the principles and articles of this convention. There are a number of UNCRPD articles particularly relevant to this submission, including:

- **Article 3 – General principles**
- **Article 9 – Accessibility**
- **Article 19 – Living independently and being included in the community**
- **Article 27 – Work and employment**
- **Article 28 – Adequate standard of living and social protection**
- **Article 29 – Participation in political and public life**
- **Article 30 – Participation in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport**

## **New Zealand Disability Strategy 2016-2026**

Since ratifying the UNCRPD, the New Zealand Government has established a Disability Strategy<sup>2</sup> to guide the work of government agencies on disability issues. The vision is that New Zealand be a non-disabling society, where disabled people have equal opportunity to achieve their goals and aspirations, and that all of New Zealand works together to make this happen. It identifies eight outcome areas contributing to achieving this vision. There are a number of Strategy outcomes particularly relevant to this submission, including:

- **Outcome 5 – Accessibility**

## **The Submission**

### **1.) Introduction and Guiding Principles**

DPA welcomes this opportunity to make a generic submission covering all local board areas to raise general principles/themes that every Auckland Council board should take into consideration when considering their local plans from a disability perspective.

This includes that there should be specific references to the needs, issues and aspirations of disabled people in each local area within all plans. The disabled communities of Auckland need to be more visible in these plans as there are few references to disabled people's concerns and issues within many of them.

DPA believes that this points out the need for more consultation specifically targeted to the disabled communities in each board area.

Ultimately, this means that disabled people should be recognised as a specific stakeholder group who should be actively consulted with and have our needs fully referenced within all plans.

**Recommendation 1:** that all local boards are required to specifically consult with disabled people as a distinct stakeholder group as part of all local board plan consultation processes.

**Recommendation 2:** that all local boards specifically reference the needs, views and priorities of disabled people (alongside those of other communities) within all local board plan documents.

Significantly, there appears to be either minimal or no data on the number of disabled people in each board area. While DPA notes that the last full Statistics New Zealand Disability Survey figures date from 2013 and that a new survey is about to be undertaken, Auckland Council should collaborate with Statistics New Zealand and other official data stakeholders to estimate the number of disabled people in the region for planning purposes.

**Recommendation 3:** that Auckland Council collaborate with Statistics New Zealand and other official data stakeholders to estimate the number of disabled people in each board area and across the region for planning purposes.

The fact that disabled people are not specifically targeted or fully included in all board plans has led to the absence of each local plan not being available in accessible formats including New Zealand Sign Language, Braille, Easy Read, Large Print and audio on the Council's website.

**Recommendation 4:** that Auckland Council ensures all local plans are published and available in accessible formats including New Zealand Sign Language, Braille, Easy Read, Large Print and audio.

Noting all the above factors, this submission focuses on key areas of concern for the disabled community that have been touched upon in our past submissions to the Auckland Council.

Our submission will focus on the need for local boards to plan and/or champion the following principles from a disability perspective. These include the need for:

- Accessible and inclusive communities
- Environmentally and climatically sustainable communities
- Communities that provide economic and social opportunities

## **2.) Brief background – important disability statistics**

One in four New Zealanders have a disability or long-term health condition. Māori and Pacific peoples have an even higher-than-average rate of disability. There were approximately 271,000 disabled people residing in Auckland in 2013<sup>1</sup> (the latest data available), a number which rises to over 300,000 when accounting for current population increases.

<sup>1</sup> Statistics New Zealand. (2013). New Zealand Disability Survey. Retrieved from [http://archive.stats.govt.nz/browse\\_for\\_stats/health/disabilities/DisabilitySurvey\\_HOTP2013.aspx#gsc.tab=05](http://archive.stats.govt.nz/browse_for_stats/health/disabilities/DisabilitySurvey_HOTP2013.aspx#gsc.tab=05)

Disabled people in Auckland face an increased risk of living in poverty largely due to lower incomes and extra resource requirements compared to non-disabled people.<sup>2</sup> Statistics also show that disabled New Zealanders are grossly overrepresented in unemployment rates; two-thirds of disabled people earn less than \$30,000 per annum, increasing the likelihood of poor socio-economic outcomes.<sup>3</sup>

One of the top issues for disabled people across Tāmaki Makaurau is that of housing.

Disabled people as a group are disproportionately impacted by homelessness. This is due to disabled people being overrepresented amongst low-income earners while also facing higher living costs due to disability. For this reason, disabled people are more likely to be renters; 2018 data from Statistics New Zealand shows that 47% of disabled people rent compared to 35% of non-disabled people.<sup>4</sup>

Disabled people are also at greater risk of homelessness due to the lack of security around ongoing tenancy and this is exacerbated by the low number of accessible houses not only in Auckland but throughout the country.

Another area of ongoing concern for disabled people is access to transport.

Earlier this year we submitted on the Auckland Council's Future Transport Projects plan. In that submission, we outlined how disabled people are highly reliant on public transport given the significant proportion of disabled people who don't drive.

<sup>2</sup> Wilkinson-Meyers et al. (2015). To live an ordinary life: resource needs and additional costs for people with a physical impairment. *Disability & Society*, 30(7), 976-990.

<sup>3</sup> King, P. T. (2019). Māori with Lived Experience of Disability Part II. Commissioned by the Waitangi Tribunal. Retrieved from [https://forms.justice.govt.nz/search/Documents/WT/wt\\_DOC\\_150473583/Wai%202575%2C%20B023.pdf](https://forms.justice.govt.nz/search/Documents/WT/wt_DOC_150473583/Wai%202575%2C%20B023.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> Statistics New Zealand. (2018). The disability gap 2018. Retrieved from <https://www.stats.govt.nz/infographics/the-disability-gap-2018/#:~:text=Home%20life-.Of%20disabled%20New%20Zealanders%20aged%2015%E2%80%93364%20years%20in%202018,percent%20of%20non%20disabled%20people>.

Nevertheless, provision needs to be made to accommodate the transport needs of all disabled people and this includes for those who transport themselves via different modes including driving, bussing, walking, cycling, using taxis, ferries and trains.

In 2022, Waka Kotahi published independently commissioned research (in which DPA collaborated) entitled *Transport experiences of disabled people in Aotearoa New Zealand*.<sup>5</sup>

This research illustrated the ongoing accessibility challenges faced by disabled people when using public transport. Disabled people's main challenges included, for example, issues around using Total Mobility (TM), the inaccessibility of bus services, lack of footpaths and safe crossing points, and feeling excluded from the planning of sustainable city centres, as well as the disablist attitudes of some transport planners.

Disabled people also have ongoing issues with accessing train and ferry services in Auckland and the need for improved transport accessibility and affordability.

### **3.) Accessible and inclusive communities**

Disabled people want to live in fully accessible communities which are inclusive of everyone.

DPA believes that disabled people have the right to access all facets of the communities they live in including public buildings, transport networks, schools, housing, playgrounds, parks, community facilities/amenities, and footpaths on an equitable basis with non-disabled people.

This means that disabled people should have the right to go everywhere and anywhere within the local communities in which they live without barriers being placed in the way of their full participation.

That is why DPA stresses the need for Auckland local boards to both champion and build community facilities and infrastructure (or those over which boards have direct responsibility for) to Universal Design Standards (to at least level 5). We also made

<sup>5</sup> Doran, B., Crossland, K., Brown, P., & Stafford, L. (2022). Transport experiences of disabled people in Aotearoa New Zealand (Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency research report 690). Retrieved from <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/research/reports/690>



this call in our recent submission to Auckland Council's Future Development Strategy.

**Recommendation 5:** that all local boards fully champion and build community facilities and infrastructure (which they have direct control over) to Universal Design Standards (at least to level 5) to ensure accessibility.

All communities in Auckland should be fully accessible for every disabled person to live in too, and this includes people with mobility impairments, blind and low vision people, neurodiverse people (i.e., Autistic people), people with psychosocial disabilities/mental distress and Deaf/deaf communities.

This can be achieved, for example, through having accessible wayfinding signage in public spaces/places, quiet spaces where people can retreat to in busy areas (which are suitable for neurodiverse people and people experiencing mental distress), accessible bus stops, mobility parking and vehicle drop off areas, appropriate seating where people can sit and rest as well as good lighting and security features.

Building infrastructure to UD standards – including, most importantly, housing - should support the building of accessible, inclusive communities.

On housing, local boards should act as an advocate and champion to both central and local government - as well as to private and non-government sector stakeholders - for more accessible housing, especially that built to UD standards which can accommodate the needs of all people who may live in any dwelling across its lifetime, including disabled people.

Accessible housing should be available in all board areas within Auckland and at affordable prices for both rentals and buying.

**Recommendation 6:** that all local boards champion and advocate for the building of more accessible Universal Design housing in their areas.

Associated with the need for more accessible housing and community infrastructure is the requirement for fully accessible and affordable public transport connections in all areas.

All of Auckland Council's local boards can act as advocates, champions and partners with disabled people in both calling for and working together with Auckland Council and Auckland Transport on transport solutions that will give greater accessibility and choice to disabled Aucklanders.

These solutions include support for the development of Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) systems which are supported by networks of accessible bus, ferry and rail routes which are, in turn, serviced by fully accessible trains, buses and ferries. They should centre around the availability of accessible supporting infrastructure in the form of bus interchanges and stops, ferry terminals and railway stations.

**Recommendation 7:** that all local boards advocate and champion the extension of accessible transport networks for all Aucklanders, including disabled people.

Local boards should also support calls to make public transport more affordable, including for disabled people, by ensuring that the Total Mobility (TM) Scheme (that provides a 75 percent discount on all taxi and mobility service transport fares for those eligible) remains a key component of the transport system as it gives disabled people the opportunity to fully participate in their communities.

DPA recommends that local boards should advocate to Auckland Council and Auckland Transport to annually adjust the maximum fare cap to keep pace with inflation, so that disabled people can continue accessing journeys throughout the Auckland region.

**Recommendation 8:** that all local boards advocate for the extension of affordable public transport to all Aucklanders, especially to transport disadvantaged communities which include disabled people.

All local boards should be mindful that the need for fully accessible, inclusive communities must be underpinned by the undertaking of extensive barrier free

accessibility audits in areas where infrastructural improvements are being mooted as part of any local board plans.

**Recommendation 9:** that local boards either undertake or support the undertaking of barrier free audits in areas where infrastructure improvements are planned.

#### **4.) Environmentally and climatically sustainable communities**

The disabled community are already being severely hit by the impacts of climate change and are expected to be one of the hardest hit population groups going forward, locally, nationally and internationally.<sup>6</sup>

DPA found that after reaching out to our members in Auckland following the recent weather events that while many disabled people were resilient and had withstood the floods well, others had not as we heard stories about the impact that weather-enforced homelessness had on disabled people, especially given the lack of accessible housing.

DPA calls upon local boards to ensure that disabled people in every ward area can have their voices heard on all matters pertaining to planning for climate change, especially when developing mitigation strategies.

When it comes to planning climate change mitigation strategies, including the need to develop more 20-minute communities and managed retreat plans, disabled people need to be heard as, for example, planning for the potential red zoning of certain areas from being built on will have considerable ramifications for disabled people going forward including the need to potentially re-locate to less flood prone areas.

Nevertheless, DPA supports the need for red-zoning and building bans in areas where flooding, inundation and sea level rise risks will make it impossible to live in an increasingly warmer world.

<sup>6</sup> Schulte, C. (2020, March 28). People With Disabilities Needed in Fight Against Climate Change. Retrieved from <https://www.hrw.org/news/2020/05/28/people-disabilities-needed-fight-against-climate-change#:~:text=People%20with%20disabilities%20are%20at,said%20in%20a%20recent%20report.>

All area board plans should specifically note the implications of climate change on marginalised communities, and this includes disabled people and that the voices of everyone, including Māori, Pasifika, disabled people, older people and others need to be clearly elevated and heard when it comes to climate change and environmental sustainability projects.

**Recommendation 10:** that local boards include disabled people as a key stakeholder group in planning for climate change mitigation and environmental management projects in their areas.

DPA believes that everyone, including disabled people, should have the right to access the increasing number of green spaces which are being proposed all over the city, including within many local board areas.

It is important that the voices of the disabled community are heard when planning these projects as it can make all the difference for walkways, trails and other green spaces to be fully accessible and inclusive, including for disabled people.

DPA asks that all local boards be required to involve disabled people and disability organisations in planning for any new green spaces within local board areas.

**Recommendation 11:** that local boards be required to involve disabled people and disability organisations in the planning of new green spaces in their board areas.

## **5.) Communities that provide economic and social opportunities**

All local boards should champion, support and facilitate economic and social opportunities for all communities, including disabled people.

Earlier in the submission we pointed out the lower socioeconomic status of most of the disabled community.

While disabled people live in all areas of Auckland and in all communities across the socioeconomic spectrum, there is a higher proportion of disabled people living in lower socioeconomic areas compared to higher socioeconomic areas.

Nevertheless, all local boards in the dispensing of community grants should prioritise the needs of disabled people and community flax roots disability organisations. We would like to see local boards fund more community organisations and initiatives which are run both by and for disabled people on a self-determining basis.

**Recommendation 12:** that all local boards prioritise criteria for community grants to include funding the needs of disabled people and disability organisations, including those organisations and initiatives run by and for disabled people.

We would also like to see ongoing support given by local boards to initiatives which create employment and training opportunities, especially in the lowest income board areas, and that support be given to programmes and initiatives which are aimed at economically marginalised communities including disabled people, Māori, Pasifika, ethnic communities and rangatahi/youth, amongst others.

**Recommendation 13:** that local boards, especially in the lowest income wards, support employment and training opportunities aimed at economically marginalised communities, including disabled people.

Lastly, we ask that all local boards play a role in monitoring the impacts of the recent budget cuts imposed by Auckland Council.

We made an extensive submission to Auckland Council on their budget proposals earlier this year and we opposed all cuts to council services and activities. Our submission noted the impact of proposals like cuts to library services and community funding on the ability of disabled people to fully participate in the community.

DPA acknowledges that Council took some of the proposed cuts off the table, but others remain and are currently being implemented.

For this reason, DPA asks that local boards not only monitor the impacts of cuts on residents but also acts to collectively speak out about any impacts on communities.

**Recommendation 14:** that local boards continue to monitor the impact of cuts decided upon by Auckland Council and speak out on their impacts to communities to Council.



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Quite well

#### Tell us why

I would love the palm beach playground/ park area to be improved. Making the playground more toddler friendly would be great. It's such a busy, well used spot and I feel the playground is dated and doesn't support play for the young ones. Also some larger trees for shade would be great.

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#### How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our People* in this section?

Quite well

#### Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?

More affordable ferry option would be great - maybe hard to achieve with fullers still ruling the roost.

### 3. Our environment – objectives

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#### How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Environment* in this section?

Quite well

#### Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?

More consideration on a marine reserve around parts of the island. Protecting fish but would also be a tourist attraction with great snorkeling and diving.



**4. Our facilities and open spaces – objectives**

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our facilities and open spaces* in this section?**

Very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

**5. Our places – objectives**

- Planning that enables local placemaking
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Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Economy* in this section?**

Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

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#### **Tell us why**

It's well balanced overall.

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our People* in this section?**

Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

What does “support for a broad range of health services...” mean in practice? The people of waiheke are missing out on better health care options by a notoriously bad run health trust (but well meaning), a medical centre that can’t hold on to staff, high accommodation costs, fundraising difficulties in a small community with many competing charity and not for profit community organisations, and bickering between the medical practices that prevents good outcomes. More needs to be done to support the idea of a single medical facility hosting a variety of healthcare services (and working together with a separate Hau Ora facility at Piritahi). The community should be demanding better, particularly with the high number of over 65s and the Board’s focus on community resilience.

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Environment* in this section?**

Not very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

We have terrible stormwater issues with water running off the road directly on to our properties which are being eroded and have experienced slipping.

Climate change is highlighting the need for better stormwater management. Again, investing in this will result in a community more resilient to big weather events and storms.

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Very well

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Quite well

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Kennedy Point needs attention (not withstanding the marina). It’s increasingly busy, has inadequate parking including trailer parking, has safety issues (often highlighted on Saturday mornings with high numbers of kids travelling for sport).

On transport, decisions seem to be made which often conflict other travel policies. For example, I can’t let my children walk to school without me, despite living less than 2km from the school. I would love to “mode shift” and avoid driving for health and well-being and the environment, but the main road crossing is an absolute nightmare. Cars travelling up the hill from Placemakers can’t see us until they are too close (and are often accelerating up the hill), cars are turning on to Ostend road from natzka, wharf road and whakarite, the bus stops right at the crossing, and now we see AT put in a 50km sign right past sea view road intersection so cars are now speeding up right at the place we are trying to cross.

There are at least 4-5 families in these streets who could walk if it was safer. It defies logic.



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Quite well

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### Your feedback

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Not well at all

#### Tell us why

Its your plan not our plan

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Not well at all

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will not connect with the community

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Environment* in this section?**

Not well at all

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

you have failed to listen in the past about the failure to take notice of the State of the Gulf reports of the Hauraki Gulf Forum

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Not well at all

#### **Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

the parks and recreation plans are formulated by council planners with no prior consultation with parks and reserves users

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a plan for Matiatia has been in the pipeline for 20+ years and needs a development plan not a redevelopment

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Economy* in this section?**

Not well at all

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

the country is in a time of recession and the economy is also in recession

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These are produced by the council every three years and we still have the same problems



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Very well

#### Tell us why

Availability and affordability of housing is the more important issue

Safer pedestrian (footpaths) between villages, and safer cycling routes for general commuting, should have priority over electrifying the car fleet

Getting the existing buses to run to timetable, and NOT cancel, would be a key start before new routes

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Quite well

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Environment* in this section?**

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Are you really tackling the waste water issues and water quality given the non-existence of a proper wastewater system

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#### **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our facilities and open spaces* in this section?**

Not very well

#### **Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Need more access across the east of the island where large property owners prevent access to iconic mountains and bays

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Getting the existing buses to run to timetable, and NOT cancel, would be a key start before new routes! - - - Live timetables on bus stops. And no bus cancellations

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#### Tell us why

It's comprehensive, well structured and thoughtful. Maybe it needs more attention to the dichotomy that affects much of what's worrying right now, i.e., meeting the needs first of those that live here but work or are schooled or are treated in Auckland on the one hand, and those dependent on tourists visiting the Island and drawing down on Island infrastructure and resources. Are the tourists really paying their way? Isn't this becoming an issue that is playing out in residents' dissatisfaction with ferry services? Maybe this is something for the following plan to take into greater effect.

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As outlined by Cath Handley today at Rebus consideration appears to have been given to many areas requiring attention on Waiheke Island.

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One major requirement missing on the island is the provision of hospital or care facilities, especially for the elderly. A short stay small unit attached to say the retirement village would give peace of mind to those wishing to remain here in their late retirement. Not everybody can be whisked off to Auckland in a helicopter. Possibly a respite centre for carers of terminally ill or disabled people should also be considered.

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Quite well

#### **Tell us why**

Obviously, a lot of thought has gone into developing the plan

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Not very well

#### Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?

The groups identified could at a pinch be seen to in some instances, include older adults. However, think there should be more specific references to older adults.

For instance, many very long-term older residents are forced to leave the island because there are no physical facilities to which they can go when they can no longer stay in their own homes. Home based care is one thing but for social contact people need the company of others.

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Places* in this section?**

Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

However, wonder why Matiatia shouldn't be developed in consultation with mana whenua, the community and other stakeholders. Don't like the word "subsequently" that is inserted in this clause.

**6. Our economy – objectives**

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- Enhance Māori wellbeing and potential
- Advocate for harmonisation of funding for art galleries across the region

**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Economy* in this section?**

Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Think that may be enough to be going on with!!

**7. Do you have any other feedback on our proposed Local Board Plan, including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcome aspirations?**



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**Your Local Board:** Waiheke

### Your feedback

- 1. How well do you think our plan reflects the needs and aspirations for our community for the next three years?**

Not very well

#### Tell us why

Whole lot of hoey not enough doey

**Activity areas**

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- Youth are valued and have opportunities to thrive
- Advocate for affordable ferry services and service elements such as accessibility, reliability, connectivity, and fare structures.

**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our People* in this section?**

Not very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Its all very well and good but what will you actually acheive in 3 years?

**3. Our environment – objectives**

- Restore, enhance, and protect our natural environment in partnership with our community
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- Stormwater is managed sustainably.

**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Environment* in this section?**

Not very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

We really need to focus more on better roads and pedestrian footpaths,also completely sealing the eastern end road would be helpful.

#### 4. Our facilities and open spaces – objectives

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#### **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our facilities and open spaces* in this section?**

Not very well

#### **Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Dont need cycleways! Concentrate on widening the roads especially in rocky bay.

#### 5. Our places – objectives

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#### **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Places* in this section?**

Not very well

#### **Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Develop matiatia again really? What is wrong with it now? Get rid of stupid speed bumps and stupid slw zones this has a knock on effect detriment to the local economy work on loop road and seal it along with all the other unsealed roads.

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Economy* in this section?**

Not very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Forget the arts we have enough focus on safer footpaths streetlighting better cell phone reception safer wider roads to take todays size cars and trucks on them

**7. Do you have any other feedback on our proposed Local Board Plan, including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcome aspirations?**

Its far tok late to stop it so why bother? Letting some rich pricks build a marina or a house behind a public toilet is a joke! Stop letting that crap happen.





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Not very well

#### Tell us why

There are no clear deliverables in it. It outlines an intent which is good, but fails to make any clear commitments that the local board can be held to account to deliver. ( Funny that). Statements like " we will promote best practice" are a total cop out.

## Activity areas

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#### How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our People* in this section?

Not well at all

#### Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?

Again, it's all a bit vague, nothing here specific. How are you actually going to help people. What will you do? what will the impact be? how will this be measured? How much will it cost?

### 3. Our environment – objectives

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#### How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Environment* in this section?

Not well at all

#### Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?

As above. Too vague, restore, enhance and protect our environment are not clear deliverables. Where is the action, cost, outcome??

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our facilities and open spaces* in this section?**

Not very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

As above, more political works with no substance

#### 5. Our places – objectives

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Places* in this section?**

Not well at all

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Again is all waffle, advocating for something is not a real plan . Don't plan to just advocate, plan to implement change, and define the goal. Get rid of the political BS and set a real goal for change.

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Not well at all

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### Your feedback

- 1. How well do you think our plan reflects the needs and aspirations for our community for the next three years?**

Very well

#### **Tell us why**

All areas of the community have been considered

**Activity areas**

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our People* in this section?**

Very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

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Very well

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our facilities and open spaces* in this section?**

Very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

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Quite well

**Tell us why**

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Very well

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our facilities and open spaces* in this section?**

Very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

The main priority is for a safe off road cycle track from onetangi to matiatia. Particularly improve the walkway/cycle way from waiata road to the golf course and off road from morra hall to matiatia.

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**Tell us why**

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Make the ferries affordable for residents and charge visitors a small environmental fee that goes towards protecting and restoring the land





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Very well

#### Tell us why

I value improving Boating facilities, pest control and strong public transport on the island. These are areas the waiheke local board plan will continue to support.

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Economy* in this section?**

Very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

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We should have a Continuous Bike lane from matiatia to onetangi.



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### Project Forever Waiheke

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### Your feedback

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Not very well

#### **Tell us why**

Insufficient focus on COMMUNITY AND RESIDENTS needs and well being - see our attached file, Project Forever Waiheke feedback on the draft Waiheke Local Board Plan 2023 FINAL

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Not very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

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Quite well

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Places* in this section?**

Not very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

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**7. Do you have any other feedback on our proposed Local Board Plan, including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcome aspirations?**

See detailed suggestions to address significant gaps in the Draft Plan re community sustainability and wellbeing, as set out in our attached submission, Project Forever Waiheke feedback on the draft Waiheke Local Board Plan 2023 FINAL





## **Project Forever Waiheke (PFW) feedback on the Draft Waiheke Local Board Plan 2023**

Kia ora Local Board members

We thank you for the work that has gone into this thoughtful and comprehensive draft Plan. In providing our feedback, PFW acknowledges that the Local Board has taken into account and attempted to balance the needs, wishes and hopes of diverse resident interests, and also that the Board is constrained in the scope of what it can do by the reality of the current Council fiscal context.

### **Suggested changes and additions**

PFW would appreciate that the suggested revisions and additions, set out in *Table 1* (p 3), be included in the final version of the Local Board Plan 2023. In our perception, the Board's Draft focuses on good intentions, but in many aspects needs to have a stronger component of clear actions by the Local Board.

*Our requested revisions are all related to issues for Waiheke's development that residents have attributed, in PFW's research projects, to overtourism impacts on Waiheke social and natural environments.*

Each of our suggested amendments is intended, and phrased, to supplement the existing phrasing in the Draft Local Board Plan. Where relevant, we have included recommendations from the Draft Waiheke Destination Management Plan (as included in the May 2023 Local Board meeting agenda).

For convenience and simplicity, we've provided suggested changes to the actual text of the Draft Plan, to reflect what we view as important omissions in the Draft. We believe that the suggested amendments are self-explanatory in most cases, but we've included explanatory notes for some points before the summary of requested changes. We're also very happy to provide clarification if the Board wishes.

*Please note* our specific request, that the phrasing relating to the feasibility study on priority domestic water supply (#10) be changed to accurately reflect what was agreed at the May 2023 Local Board Business Meeting.

Thank you for this opportunity to contribute to the value of the Waiheke Local Board Plan 2023.

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Project Forever Waiheke Working Group  
9 August 2023

**Explanatory notes**

- ## General comments re all suggested amendments in Table 1
- The Draft Plan has a strong focus in ‘supporting’ and ‘advocating’ for both improvements to, and mitigation of damage to, Waiheke, but it doesn’t sufficiently describe how the Board will *instigate and implement* actions for actual change, albeit in collaboration with community groups.
  - References in the current Draft Plan to ‘protection’, ‘restoration’ and ‘regeneration’ commonly refer only to the natural environment, and ignore the critical needs of the community and social environment. We have extended those references, where relevant, to include social/community environments, in recognition that *residents are the kaitiaki* essential to Waiheke’s natural environments, and as such equally need protection.
  - The Draft Plan doesn’t sufficiently reflect the damage that overtourism and related impacts have *already* caused to the Waiheke community and to the sustainability of the spirit of the community, which have been eroded by the loss of many of the island’s most valuable kaitiaki, due variously to the housing crisis, ferry access, costs and unreliability, road congestion, and overwhelming tourist numbers negatively impacting residents’ access to our recreational spaces.
- ## 1-2, & 15-18 The Draft Plan uses the term ‘regenerative tourism’, but currently none of the intended *actions* outlined in the Plan support regeneration, and few support even the sustainability of the present damage from tourism to the Waiheke community and natural environments.
- ## 9-12, & 16 Residents’ access to services that needs protecting does not reflect a ‘lifestyle’ choice; it reflects a basic need for, and right to, equitable priority access (by virtue of being residents) to essential services which are disrupted by overtourism, denying residents timely essential services.
- ## 14 ‘Compatible’ needs to be defined.  
‘Tourism’ type needs to be clarified; Waiheke already suffers from an excess of ‘small to medium’ Airbnb operators, contributing to the now both chronic and critical rental housing crisis.
- ## 15, 20-21, & 23 Note that the draft Destination Management Plan (May 2023 LB Meeting Agenda) recommends both a visitor levy, and unspecified ‘other measures’, specifically in order to limit visitor numbers to within sustainable carrying capacity.
- ## 23 The actions in the ‘Additional point’ in #23 all reflect successfully implemented initiatives in other comparable OECD countries, as set out on pp 42-51 of [PFW’s 2021 submission to the Destination Management Plan](#), and in more recent actions in NZ and Australia to increase Council rates on short-stay accommodation.

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<b>1</b>	3	This plan recognises how important it is that the essential character of Waiheke is protected, and the ways we work together, especially with tangata whenua so the indigenous ecology of land to sea can be restored.	... and the ways we work together, <b>with mana whenua, residents, community groups and all others undertaking kaitiaki roles for the protection and regeneration of the indigenous ecologies of land, sea and sky.</b>
<b>2</b>	3	... Mātiatia should be a welcoming gateway to Waiheke, , as well as being a well-organised exit point for locals	... Mātiatia should be a welcoming gateway <b>for visitors to Waiheke, as well as being a well-organised commuting and homecoming experience for locals</b>
<b>3</b>	4	Our parks, reserves and beaches are enjoyed and respected by residents and visitors.	Our parks, reserves and beaches are enjoyed, respected <b>and actively cared for</b> by residents and visitors.
<b>4</b>	4	... and our natural assets provide many economic and lifestyle opportunities	... and our natural <b>taonga are protected for sustainable lifestyles and economic activities.</b>
<b>5</b>	6	To deliver on the local board plans, we will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [Insert additional point]</li> </ul>	To deliver on the local board plans, we will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [Additional point] <b>Continue to consult on and advocate for residents' needs and preferences as a priority, for community sustainability</b></li> </ul>
<b>6</b>	12	We will work with mana whenua and mātāwaka on all aspects of planning for our communities	We will <b>consult and</b> work with mana whenua, mātāwaka, <b>and residents of diverse cultures, ages and abilities</b> on all aspects of planning for our communities
<b>7</b>	12	Waiheke has a higher-than-average number of residents aged over 65 years within the Auckland region.	Waiheke has a higher-than-average <b>proportion</b> of residents aged over 65 <b>compared with the Auckland region and the general population.</b>
<b>8</b>	13	We will refresh the board's <b>Housing Strategy</b> and advocate for projects and policies that enable worker accommodation, affordable and social housing, and provide healthy, energy efficient housing that supports the goals of the <b>Waiheke Local Climate Action Plan.</b>	We will refresh the board's <b>Housing Strategy</b> to <b>both advocate for and implement projects and policies that (i) enable affordable and social housing for all population groups in need, (ii) prioritise housing for long-term Waiheke residents, and (iii) provide healthy, energy efficient housing that supports the goals of the Waiheke Local Climate Action Plan.</b>

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<b>9</b>	13	<b>Challenges:</b> Access to social, health and wellbeing services	<b>Challenges:</b> <b>Lack of equitable and priority resident access</b> to social, health and wellbeing <b>and emergency</b> services
<b>10</b>	13	Complete a feasibility study into the equity of year-round access to adequate potable water supply for Waiheke Island residents	<b>Complete a feasibility study for regulated prioritisation of residential/domestic water supply from the Waiheke aquifers</b>
<b>11</b>	13	Support community access to a broad health range of services and advocate for collaboration of health resources	Support <b>reliable and priority access for residents to all basic health and emergency services</b> , and advocate for collaboration <b>across</b> health resources
<b>12</b>	14	<b>Advocacy:</b> We will advocate to the Governing Body and central Government for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• affordable ferry services and service elements such as accessibility, reliability, connectivity, and fare structures.</li> </ul>	<b>Advocacy:</b> We will advocate to the Governing Body and central Government for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• affordable ferry services and service elements <b>that prioritise the essential transportation needs of Waiheke residents</b>, such as accessibility, reliability, connectivity, and fare structures.</li> </ul>
<b>13</b>	26	This plan seeks to address both, the rebuild of the visitor economy, and further economic diversification	This plan seeks to address both the <b>reframing</b> of the visitor economy, and <b>significant</b> economic diversification
<b>14</b>	26	The board will advocate for promotion of Waiheke as a desirable relocation destination for compatible small to medium tourism operators	The board will advocate for promotion of Waiheke <b>as a suitable location</b> for small to medium <b>eco-tourism recreation operators, and support Waiheke-based owner/operators</b>
<b>15</b>	26-27	Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, in consultation with the Waiheke community and Local Board, has developed a Waiheke Destination Management Plan with a vision of Waiheke being a leader in destination sustainability. It seeks to protect and enhance our unique island environment through regenerative tourism and encourage visitors with like-minded values to support our visitor economy to the benefit of all our communities.	Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, in consultation with the Waiheke community and Local Board, <b>is in the process of developing</b> a Waiheke Destination Management Plan with a vision of Waiheke <b>developing genuinely regenerative tourism</b> . It seeks to protect and enhance our unique island environment through <b>identified</b> regenerative tourism <b>practices</b> and encourage visitors with like-minded values <b>that protect Waiheke's environment and communities</b> .

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16	27	<p><b>Challenges:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>[Insert additional point]</li> </ul>	<p><b>Challenges:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>[Additional point] <b>The uncontrolled visitor numbers experienced both per- and post-COVID are unsustainable and seriously impair residents' access to essential services</b></li> </ul>
17	27	<p><b>Challenges:</b> Waiheke is heavily reliant on its visitor economy, which is seasonal and at its peak, places great demands on the island's resources</p>	<p><b>Challenges:</b> Waiheke <b>has been over-reliant on</b> its visitor economy, which is seasonal and at its peak places <b>unsustainable and damaging demands</b> on the island's resources <b>and environments</b></p>
18	27	<p><b>Challenges:</b> At peak times the island's infrastructure and environment come under pressure, balancing the impact of economic growth with the environmental impact is important to maintaining the lifestyle of residents</p>	<p><b>Challenges:</b> At peak <b>visitor</b> times the island's infrastructure, <b>community and natural environments</b> come under <b>damaging</b> pressure; balancing the impact of economic growth with the <b>social, community and environmental impacts</b> is important to maintaining the <b>wellbeing</b> of residents</p>
19	27	<p><b>Opportunities:</b> Diversification of our economy into higher fiscal return industries</p>	<p><b>Opportunities:</b> Diversification of our economy into <b>both</b> higher fiscal return industries, <b>and industries and employments that have low carbon impacts and support employment and business options for youth and long-term residents</b></p>
20	27	<p><b>Our Plan:</b> Finalise the Waiheke Destination Management Plan and progress the resulting actions</p>	<p><b>Opportunities:</b> Finalise the Waiheke Destination Management Plan <b>to align with declared residents' and community preferences</b>, and progress the resulting actions</p>
21	27	<p>Our visitor industry is managed sustainably:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>[Insert additional point]</li> </ul>	<p>Our visitor industry is managed sustainably:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>[Additional point] <b>Determine the island's human and transportation carrying capacity, and advocate for regulations to support limits on population and visitor use within that capacity</b></li> </ul>

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22	28	Support the development of an education strategy to ensure visitors understand how to care for and respect the island's delicate environment	<b>Instigate</b> the development of an education strategy to ensure visitors understand how to care for and respect the island's <b>vulnerable natural and community environments</b>
23	28	<p><b>Advocacy:</b> We will advocate to the Governing Body for: ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [Insert additional point]</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• determination and implementation of initiatives in line with the consulted outcomes of the finalised Waiheke Destination Management Plan</li> <li>• funds for visitor infrastructure</li> </ul>	<p><b>Advocacy:</b> We will advocate to the Governing Body for: ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [Additional point] <b>Implementation of Council regulations to:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>limit visitor numbers to Waiheke's carrying capacity</b></li> <li>○ <b>limit Airbnb licences to reflect Waiheke's identified carrying capacity</b></li> <li>○ <b>levy higher Council rates on whole homes rented for short-stay only</b></li> <li>○ <b>a levy on ferry fares for vehicles travelling to Waiheke for primarily recreational purposes</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• determination and implementation of <b>other</b> initiatives in line with the consulted outcomes of the finalised Waiheke Destination Management Plan</li> <li>• <b>implementation of a Waiheke visitor levy by Auckland Transport, to directly fund infrastructure that benefits both residents and visitors</b></li> </ul>



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**Your Local Board:** Waiheke

### Your feedback

- 1. How well do you think our plan reflects the needs and aspirations for our community for the next three years?**

Quite well

**Tell us why**

**Activity areas**

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**2. Our people – objectives**

- A resilient and connected community
- A supportive society, where people feel there is care, respect and all people are valued
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- A flourishing arts sector that celebrates our unique island identity
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- Advocate for affordable ferry services and service elements such as accessibility, reliability, connectivity, and fare structures.

**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our People* in this section?**

I don't know

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

**3. Our environment – objectives**

- Restore, enhance, and protect our natural environment in partnership with our community
- Respond to the challenge of climate change
- Improve conservation of our marine and coastal environment
- Reduce the waste stream
- A water sensitive community
- Stormwater is managed sustainably.

**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Environment* in this section?**

I don't know

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**



**4. Our facilities and open spaces – objectives**

- Improve the open space network on the island
- Implement the Tawaipareira Reserve and Little Oneroa Reserve Concept Plans
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- Maintain our track network and explore opportunities to develop new pathways, tracks and cycleways.

**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our facilities and open spaces* in this section?**

Not very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Please mark as VERY URGENT the heading "Need to Replace with a new Building" the wharf building on Rakino Island. This is a vital asset, culturally and practically, for the island and presently it remains closed following storm damage months ago.

**5. Our places – objectives**

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Places* in this section?**

I don't know

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

**6. Our economy – objectives**

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Economy* in this section?**

I don't know

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Essential you complete the Rakino Wharf Building replacement in the first year of the three years.

**7. Do you have any other feedback on our proposed Local Board Plan, including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcome aspirations?**



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### Your feedback

- 1. How well do you think our plan reflects the needs and aspirations for our community for the next three years?**

Not very well

#### Tell us why

I would like to know what the plan going forward is for the pony club and marae lease requirements this appears not to have been addressed

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our People* in this section?**

Not very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

As above

**3. Our environment – objectives**

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Quite well

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our facilities and open spaces* in this section?**

Not very well

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As above

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Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Economy* in this section?**

Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

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### Away Waiheke Ltd

**Your Local Board:** Waiheke

### Your feedback

- 1. How well do you think our plan reflects the needs and aspirations for our community for the next three years?**

Quite well

#### **Tell us why**

The plan reflects many key issues and priorities for our community

**Activity areas**

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our People* in this section?**

Very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Connectivity for Eastern end community and tourism should be improved with suitable e Bus services.

**3. Our environment – objectives**

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Environment protection needs to be emphasised with regard to Fire hazard. Our native bush gets very dry seasonally and detailed action plans are essential.



#### 4. Our facilities and open spaces – objectives

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our facilities and open spaces* in this section?**

Very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

#### 5. Our places – objectives

- Planning that enables local placemaking
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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Places* in this section?**

Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

As above, public transport for the Eastern end is non existent despite key tourist attractions such as the Stony Batter tunnels, the Man O War beach and hospitality venues. Tourists have few choices apart from car hire to access these.

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Economy* in this section?**

Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

To meet the stated objective of having our visitor industry managed sustainably we need to obtain reliable visitor survey data since Fullers will not release theirs. This compromises planning and funding decisions.

**7. Do you have any other feedback on our proposed Local Board Plan, including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcome aspirations?**

Power supply reliability to the Eastern end has been a serious issue. Although Vector now has consent to trim native vegetation, the question remains regarding resourcing the clearance work. It is not apparent that there are any more crews of Treescape contractors to carry out the works.



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### Your feedback

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Very well

#### **Tell us why**

Covered ferries, the arts, housing,

Tourism.

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#### **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our People* in this section?**

Very well

#### **Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Appropriate bus shelters/seating.

Road maintenance/ markings.

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Like the way volunteering is encouraged.

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our facilities and open spaces* in this section?**

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**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Acknowledgment of The Arts very important on the Island.

Oneroa village needs more beautification.

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Places* in this section?**

Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Long term projects acknowledged!

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Economy* in this section?**

Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Continuing advocating for fairer funding for very popular Community Art Gallery

**7. Do you have any other feedback on our proposed Local Board Plan, including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcome aspirations?**

Think Waiheke Island is a major growing Tourist destination, embrace all visitors not just “high end” spenders.

Encourage “Punuku”. ??? to play their part !!

Various Council “teams” need to do more to support you!



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- Advocate for affordable ferry services and service elements such as accessibility, reliability, connectivity, and fare structures.

**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our People* in this section?**

Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

### 3. Our environment – objectives

- Restore, enhance, and protect our natural environment in partnership with our community
- Respond to the challenge of climate change
- Improve conservation of our marine and coastal environment
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- A water sensitive community
- Stormwater is managed sustainably.

**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Environment* in this section?**

Very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Save our Island from greedy developers! No more change I. Coastal areas please.



#### 4. Our facilities and open spaces – objectives

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#### **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our facilities and open spaces* in this section?**

Very well

#### **Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

More safer wider roads. Safe Cycling paths from Matiatia through Oneroa to Ostend/Kennedy Point would be great. More people would use this way of locomotion on The island. No space for double decker buses on the island!

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#### **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Places* in this section?**

Very well

#### **Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

**6. Our economy – objectives**

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- Enhance Māori wellbeing and potential
- Advocate for harmonisation of funding for art galleries across the region

**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Economy* in this section?**

Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?****7. Do you have any other feedback on our proposed Local Board Plan, including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcome aspirations?**

Choose two days in the year were people leaving their cars and using public transport or going by foot to work. We can do this based on WOF/Rego. First group with Rego on months 1,3,5,7,9,11 can't use vehicle on Monday X second group with Rego on 2,4,6,8,10,12 can't use a car one week later.



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**Your Local Board:** Waiheke

### Your feedback

- 1. How well do you think our plan reflects the needs and aspirations for our community for the next three years?**

Quite well

#### Tell us why

There are common challenge areas across the areas of focus, however activity feels decentralised. Plan would benefit from addressing root causes of certain challenges that are across the Board.

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our People* in this section?**

Not very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

All of these things will be difficult to achieve without investing in broader infrastructure. Housing is a key concern, but so is lack of accessibility to doctors/dentists, gaining and then housing staff. How does the Local Board do more to advocate for housing reform, the consent process on waiheke for example is extremely poor and appears to be misaligned to the wider Auckland council approach and experience. If you make it too hard we simply won’t have the infrastructure we need to let people live lives on Waiheke nor build a business.

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Environmental objectives need to go beyond conservation to critical infrastructure and improving climate change resilience plans over the longer term. This strategy feels like something from 5/10yrs ago, we need to rethink this view in the context of a climate change strategy and what this means for waiheke.



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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our facilities and open spaces* in this section?**

Very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

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Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Also refer comments above re having a climate strategy to sets Waiheke up for a climate resilient future. Housing infrastructure is a major issue. Could we look to partnerships or alternative ownership models to support rent to own, improve housing affordability?

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Economy* in this section?**

Not very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

None of this will be possible if you can’t attract and maintain staff. There needs to be a better link to working out the roadblocks to staff including housing challenges for staff supporting key industries.

**7. Do you have any other feedback on our proposed Local Board Plan, including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcome aspirations?**

See above. Waiheke needs a climate strategy and resilience plan.



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### Your feedback

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Quite well

#### **Tell us why**

Ferry services need attention



**Activity areas**

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Very well

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Environment* in this section?**

Very well

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Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Places* in this section?**

Not very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Reducing speeds so far hasn't helped issues with safe places for cyclists to be on the carriageway

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Economy* in this section?**

Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?****7. Do you have any other feedback on our proposed Local Board Plan, including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcome aspirations?**

Vastly improve our shared footpaths/cycle lanes to allow for safer options for at risk road users when avoiding vehicle traffic and improving desires to use alternative travel methods when the options are obvious.



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### Your feedback

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Very well

**Tell us why**

comprehensive

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Very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

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Very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our facilities and open spaces* in this section?**

Very well

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Places* in this section?**

Very well

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Economy* in this section?**

Very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

**7. Do you have any other feedback on our proposed Local Board Plan, including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcome aspirations?**



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### Your feedback

- 1. How well do you think our plan reflects the needs and aspirations for our community for the next three years?**

Not very well

#### Tell us why

It completely ignores the poor state of Auckland Council and the need for greater autonomy from it.



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#### How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our People* in this section?

Not very well

#### Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?

The action points are weak and there are few of them. In practice there is a tension between Council-owned facilities and those that have evolved within the community, with far too little understanding and support for the latter.

### 3. Our environment – objectives

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#### How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Environment* in this section?

Quite well

#### Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?

There is no mention of trees. We know that while, in theory, our native trees are protected, in practice they are not, or not very well. By far the most submissions into the RMA review were about the declining number of trees. We need an action plan specifically on this issue.

#### 4. Our facilities and open spaces – objectives

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#### **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our facilities and open spaces* in this section?**

Not very well

#### **Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

There is a strange assumption in Council thinking that walking means 'recreational walking', i.e. walking tracks. It doesn't and the more walking people do in their everyday life, the better outcomes for their health and the environment - better even than cycling. Yet, the Council & Board's attention to safe pedestrian journeys can only be described as negligent.

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Not very well

#### **Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Affordable housing is urgently needed on the island and yet we have gone backwards with the collapse of the Waiheke Housing Trust project and the selling of the site in Putiki Road. Why do we have a Council if it can't move with some urgency on this issue?

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### **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Economy* in this section?**

Not very well

### **Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

The major problem facing the local economy is exploitation by businesses that are not based here. They take trade away from local companies and extract profits without responsibility for the damage they do to the island (e.g. Hop-on-Hop Off buses, the marina, etc.).

Unfortunately, the Supercity was set to maximise the creation of large, expensive contracts for large corporations.

## 7. Do you have any other feedback on our proposed Local Board Plan, including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcome aspirations?

The most important issue is the future of Auckland Council itself, and the need to increase the island’s powers to run its own affairs to the maximum possible extent. The Supercity model is broken and we all know it. It is expensive, profligate, inefficient, undemocratic and hugely unpopular. We were never given a vote on whether we wanted it, and it has never been reviewed. To make any progress with implementing "Essentially Waiheke" we need a strong local voice articulated by our Local Board. Sadly, the Board’s efforts, which I concede are considerable, have little effect when faced with this fundamental obstacle. Recent changes have made local consultation more restrictive and secretive and this has relocated the Board as more "part of the problem" than "part of the solution" in the eyes of many locals.



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### Your feedback

- 1. How well do you think our plan reflects the needs and aspirations for our community for the next three years?**

I don't know

#### Tell us why

Nothing is said about honesty and transparency, and these are very big issues if one is to have a working democracy. Closed door workshops do not offer honesty and transparency regarding the motivations for decision making.

## Activity areas

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#### How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our People* in this section?

Quite well

#### Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?

Let's see it in practice! Nothing was mentioned about respectful free speech, and the encouragement of dialogue when differing views arise. This is what holds community together when there are different points of view - peaceful respect for differences.

### 3. Our environment – objectives

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#### How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Environment* in this section?

Not very well

#### Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?

We need to look at why and how we are so disconnected from nature. These words do not mention any heart connection to nature, and don't articulate that we need to develop a conscious awareness of why we do what we do, preferably based on wisdom rather than fear. And to be more specific, 'the indigenous ecology of land to sea can be restored' so WHY, when have I tried for 11 years to make this happen, I have not had any luck?!?

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#### **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our facilities and open spaces* in this section?**

I don't know

#### **Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Some good ideas, let's see it happen. An important aspect of this, I believe, is to have locals involved in initiating and carrying out these actions, and not being led by politicians or Auckland Council.

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I don't know

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Again, it sounds positive - but let's see it happen, and let's pay attention to the process (including the transparency and honesty involved) while it is happening.

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### **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Economy* in this section?**

I don't know

### **Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Keeping a community small is invaluable for the sake of the community; it might not do much for the economy, however - but then what is important?

The happiest places I have been in the world were the poorest places - so let's not focus so much on the 'economy', but rather other qualities of life that bring joy, peace, expansion of consciousness, etc.

## 7. Do you have any other feedback on our proposed Local Board Plan, including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcome aspirations?

Regarding Maori outcome aspirations:

I am not sure what you mean when you say 'Maori'. Auckland Council got the Putiki marina approved with Maori consent. There were, however, many Maori (and pakeha) who did not want it. I believe that anyone can choose the values they want to live with, but just because someone has Maori ancestry doesn't say anything about their values or what they want or what is important to them. What does being 'Maori' mean in terms of anything but ancestry??? And if Maori don't all agree on the issue, what's the point of doing that kind of labelling?



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### Your feedback

- 1. How well do you think our plan reflects the needs and aspirations for our community for the next three years?**

Quite well

#### Tell us why

Environmental concerns addressed which is top priority. Economy is least important as waiheke must not become a mt Maunganui etc



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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our People* in this section?**

Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Fullers needs to lose its license and be taken over by AT. It is part of the public transport system but it doesn’t realize it.

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Get rid of moth plant, Aurum lily, tobacco weed, privet etc of Waiheke. Also help karen out at native bird rescue

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our facilities and open spaces* in this section?**

Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Help the golf course expand and improve. Ban off leash dogs on beaches that kill birds and shit in the sand. Outrageous that is allowed.

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Places* in this section?**

Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Waiheke’s bus system is great but needs to be integrated with ferry service.

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Economy* in this section?**

Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

I’d rather we had less tourists as sadly they ruin places eg Rome, Venice, most big cities and most of Europe.

**7. Do you have any other feedback on our proposed Local Board Plan, including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcome aspirations?**

More native planting. Nationalize fullers immediately. More funding for the arts on Waiheke. Don’t allow dogs off leash on any beach.



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### Sport Auckland

**Your Local Board:** Albert-Eden

### Your feedback

**1. How well do you think our plan reflects the needs and aspirations for our community for the next three years?**

Very well

#### Tell us why

We believe it will meet the needs of the local community and is on point and aligned with trying to give everyone a sense of belonging. We see synergies with our own vision of "inspiring our communities to live healthy active Lives". We specifically support Waiheke residents have a strong sense of identity, connectedness and wellbeing which is enhanced through active community participation. This has echoes in our strategic plan as well which has a goal of building community capability through partnering and supporting organisations that provide quality play, sport and active recreation. We support that Our community, arts and cultural facilities are well used and accessible. Sport Auckland as a service provider to the community is committed to working closely, with the Local Board to assist the Local Board, where we can, with achieving its intended outcomes.

## Activity areas

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#### How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our People* in this section?

Very well

#### Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?

Sport Auckland supports that Waiheke residents have a strong sense of identity, connectedness and wellbeing which is enhanced through active community participation. We support the objective of a a resilient and connected community supporting community-led activities, volunteer groups and projects that build community wellbeing and participation.

We also support the initiative to support and empower our diverse communities by providing them with opportunities to engage with the board and apply for funding via the community grants programme.

Sport Auckland's operations are guided by a Locally-Led framework that focuses on understanding our communities needs and helping to respond to those; leveraging off the assets and resources that are already in the community(as opposed to always trying to build new); finding and enabling local community leadership and working alongside those leaders to help them build sustainable models of healthy, active lifestyles (as opposed to dependency models) and to help them build connected, engaged communities; work with others in partnership; and learn as you go. We are seeing clear echoes of this in the plan.

If we had to add anything to the plan, it would be around adding some more focus on to play, active recreation and sport (PARS) initiatives, similar to the focus given to art in the plan. Our Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa Fund can help in this regard.

### 3. Our environment – objectives

- Restore, enhance, and protect our natural environment in partnership with our community
- Respond to the challenge of climate change
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- Reduce the waste stream
- A water sensitive community
- Stormwater is managed sustainably.

**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Environment* in this section?**

Very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Sport Auckland supports the plan around Our environment, specifically the initiative to Continue to endorse Electric Island Waiheke in its goal to support Waiheke to become fossil-fuel free by 2030 including the provision of electric vehicle charging stations and alternative sources of power generation. What we would like the board to consider is to consider alternative transport options which are also healthy. Sport Auckland would like to say that we are thoroughly in support of the plan to allay challenges related to Transport through growing alternative modes of transport like cycling, scootering, and walking.

#### 4. Our facilities and open spaces – objectives

- Improve the open space network on the island
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#### **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our facilities and open spaces* in this section?**

Very well

#### **Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Sport Auckland supports the local board planning behind this pillar, specifically the planned push to improve recreational facilities at the Onetangi Sports Park. We would like to suggest that there be a focus on active recreation in the development of said recreational facilities. We look forward to the adoption of the refreshed Waiheke Sports Strategy which will address the facility needs of the growing number of sports clubs and players and Sport Auckland would welcome the opportunity to work with the local board to accomplish the objectives mentioned in the refreshed strategy.

Sport Auckland also supports the embrace of Te Ao Maori in the overall plan, but specifically the facilities and open spaces.

#### 5. Our places – objectives

- Planning that enables local placemaking
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#### **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Places* in this section?**

Very well

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Sport Auckland supports the plan, specifically the safe, fit for purpose and environment friendly transport infrastructure. What we would like the board to consider is alternative

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**7. Do you have any other feedback on our proposed Local Board Plan, including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcome aspirations?**

Sport Auckland supports the local board plan on the Maori outcomes , and we would like to offer our support towards this. We have begun working with O Wairoa marae and Te Tuhi to grow play and physical activity in a culturally safe environment which is aligned with the objectives of Kia Ora te Rangatahi and Kia Ora te Hononga. We have taken a lead in bringing marae to sport clubs to actively advocate for Maori inclusivity in sport clubs.

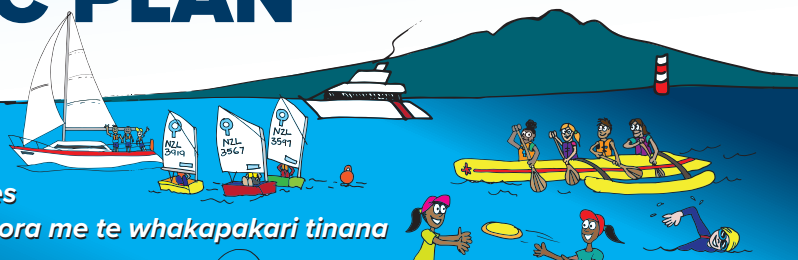


# STRATEGIC PLAN 2020 – 2024

## OUR PURPOSE

To inspire our communities to live healthy active lifestyles

Hei whakaawe i o tātou hapori kia whai i te ara o te hauora me te whakapakari tinana



## OUR FOCUS – To work in areas of need

### OUR CULTURE & VALUES

E whakamana ana mātou i ētahi atu

#### WE EMPOWER OTHERS

Through listening to the needs of our whānau and community we are better informed to offer support to enable healthy active lifestyles.



Kua honoa mātou

#### WE ARE CONNECTED

Success is created when we listen, share knowledge and learn from our community members and each other.



E ngākaunui ana mātou

#### WE ARE PASSIONATE

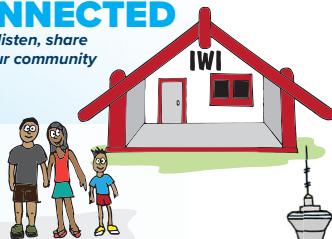
We are humbled and energised to support our whānau and community to live healthy active lifestyles.



Ahako ko wai, he whānau kōtahi tātou

#### WE EMBRACE DIVERSITY

When we understand and embrace diverse and cultural differences we are better positioned to serve the needs of our whānau and communities.



### GOAL 1

#### INCREASED OPPORTUNITIES

for quality play, sport and active recreation for our tamariki and rangatahi



### GOAL 2

#### BUILD COMMUNITY CAPABILITY

Through partnering and supporting community organisations that provide quality play, sport and active recreation

### GOAL 3

#### ENABLE HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

By ensuring our Green Prescription and Active Families participants continue to live healthy active lifestyles beyond graduation





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### Your feedback

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Quite well

**Tell us why**

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#### How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our People* in this section?

Quite well

#### Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?

Greater worker accommodation and accessible housing really important. Why cannot Air bnbs be more regulated - they add little apart from tourism, are detrimental to healthy communities as users have no connection/interest in this.

Emergency response and Civil Defence - could we organise to have a one-sheet list of emergency procedures in every home - where to go, what to do, phone numbers etc so that visitors are also covered.

Community training in Civil Defence/ ie an integrated programme facilitated with residents' associations/

### 3. Our environment – objectives

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#### How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Environment* in this section?

Quite well

#### Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?

is there hot composting available for residences for meat etc that can't go into regular composting?

Stormwater always a problem - more education perhaps on why/how to manage it better for householders?

Tighter controls needed on tree removal - starting from a 'no you can't' unless exceptional circumstances.

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our facilities and open spaces* in this section?**

Very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

#### 5. Our places – objectives

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Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

As much pushing as possible to gain more autonomy over what happens on the island ie would the marina have happened if there had been more local consultation in the beginning?

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**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

absolutely agree with controlling tourism etc and presenting Waiheke as an arts destination etc - not just vineyards

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- 1. How well do you think our plan reflects the needs and aspirations for our community for the next three years?**

I don't know

#### Tell us why

Its pretty vague and I assume it holds nothing earth shattering



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#### How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our People* in this section?

Very well

#### Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?

Water supply security for Waiheke residents in summers

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#### How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Environment* in this section?

Very well

#### Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?

The board needs to be strong and vocal advocate to preserve funding of the above environment priorities. It is clear that Mayor Brown has found easy targets for his red pen in environment grants/funding. I expect this to be fought against vigorously by both board members and Cr Lee.

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#### **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our facilities and open spaces* in this section?**

Quite well

#### **Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Solutions must be found for Rangihoua. All sections of the reserve need a properly funded and effective pest plant control plan. Methodology needs to cast aside ideological considerations (ie. opposition to using herbicides). This reserve risks becoming an exacerbator of weed spread to neighbouring lands.

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Economy* in this section?**

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**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

I support Pam Oliver's thoughts on having water suppliers prioritise local residents over tourist BnBs should water shortages arise in summers.

**7. Do you have any other feedback on our proposed Local Board Plan, including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcome aspirations?**

Iwi must be consulted thoroughly on pest control on Rangihoua. This means both Ngati Paoa Trust Board and Ngati Paoa Iwi Trust. This should be urgent!



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Very well

#### Tell us why

It covers all of the issues that are important to me.

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Very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Resilience is critical on an island.

Māori do more than some government institutions to mitigate environmental and social issues on Waiheke and in the greater Hauraki Gulf and deserve every encouragement. There's the historic dispossession thing too of course, that should be recognised.

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Places* in this section?**

Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

The Waiheke Local Board Plan 2023 should do more to address the housing shortage on Waiheke.

Amongst Waiheke Islanders this is possibly our most discussed social barrier, and should have at least a mention in the Summary document.

The framework outlined in the Waiheke Local Board Housing Strategy 2019 - 2021 has set some good groundwork and it's good to see it referenced in the Waiheke Local Board Plan 2023 (page 13).

In addition to refreshing the Housing Strategy there should be an undertaking to implement as many of the initiatives already identified as possible within the next three years.

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Quite well

#### Tell us why

We need to find resilience from outside pressures, but also need to advocate stronger for safety on the roads, active transportation, and an understanding that more and more people are bringing bicycles to Waiheke - which has very little infrastructure. Community, environment, Hauraki Gulf, business - these are things that more people on Waiheke can agree upon.



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#### Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?

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#### How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Environment* in this section?

Quite well

#### Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?

I didn't see an emphasis on composting. There needs to be a facility on the island where household food scraps are collected and hot composted, then sold back to the public. This is sorely lacking on Waiheke. So many nutrient inputs are lost by missing this important collection, on an island where the topsoil is being washed into the ocean at a dramatic rate.

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Very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

In addition to cycleways, there needs to be cycle routes on the road, in addition to cycle parking at obvious places. Sign posts are not enough! This is mentioned in the plan, and mentioned again and again, but nothing tangible has happened within the past five years. Also - the Esplanade! When will this be blocked off to cars?

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I'm interested in an expansion of the plans you have for 'local place making'.

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Something needs to happen. Plans are well and good, and fine if they are aspirational, but action needs to take place! I'm reading about the same issues on the island as I was six years ago, that I was hearing were discussed by community groups ten years before that. Surely Local Board has some teeth, or ability to enact change? If not, why the plan?



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**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

I have lived on Waiheke Island for 25 years and have been shocked by the desecration of the wetlands. The wetlands play an important part in filtering silt and sediment and providing a habitat for birds and other native creatures. I no longer see the birds that used to inhabit many wetlands, in particular herons. Wetlands should be restored and enhanced as they will play an important role in climate change. We should be building with the environment not dominating it and destroying it. It's so sad.

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When we first arrived on Waiheke, the ferries were reliable, and running to schedule. The ferries ran every half an hour for a while, which was wonderful. We didn't have to rush and knew they were always on time. The ferry situation over the past years has been abysmal and stressful since owned by a large company. If I have a medical appointment on the mainland, I now catch an earlier ferry to ensure I arrive on time. On occasions, family visiting for the weekend have been unable to get on the ferry and, at one time, could not get on two consecutive ferries. This is appalling, and now the fares have gone up. This situation urgently needs rectifying and ideally should be taken over by the government.



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### Your feedback

- 1. How well do you think our plan reflects the needs and aspirations for our community for the next three years?**

Quite well

**Tell us why**



**Activity areas**

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- Advocate for affordable ferry services and service elements such as accessibility, reliability, connectivity, and fare structures.

**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our People* in this section?**

Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

**3. Our environment – objectives**

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- Stormwater is managed sustainably.

**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

#### 4. Our facilities and open spaces – objectives

- Improve the open space network on the island
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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our facilities and open spaces* in this section?**

Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

#### 5. Our places – objectives

- Planning that enables local placemaking
- Safe, fit-for-purpose and low carbon environmentally friendly transport infrastructure
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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Places* in this section?**

Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

**6. Our economy – objectives**

- Economic development on Waiheke is environmentally, economically and socially sustainable
- Our visitor industry is managed sustainably
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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Economy* in this section?**

Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

**7. Do you have any other feedback on our proposed Local Board Plan, including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcome aspirations?**



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**Your Local Board:** Waiheke

### Your feedback

- 1. How well do you think our plan reflects the needs and aspirations for our community for the next three years?**

Quite well

#### Tell us why

The only thing missing is to address the disruption caused by unfettered helicopter flights and landings.

## Activity areas

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#### How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our People* in this section?

Quite well

#### Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?

The people of Waiheke have consistently protested against unfettered helicopter flights and landings for years. The Local Board should advocate with Auckland Council to give effect to their wishes.

### 3. Our environment – objectives

- Restore, enhance, and protect our natural environment in partnership with our community
- Respond to the challenge of climate change
- Improve conservation of our marine and coastal environment
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- A water sensitive community
- Stormwater is managed sustainably.

#### How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Environment* in this section?

Quite well

#### Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?

Auckland Council hasn't given effect to the NZ Coastal Policy Statement in the Hauraki Gulf. The Local Board should push them to do so, including by contacting the Minister for the Environment to request it.

#### 4. Our facilities and open spaces – objectives

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- Improve our community’s wellbeing by providing quality arts, recreational and community facilities
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- Maintain our track network and explore opportunities to develop new pathways, tracks and cycleways.

**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our facilities and open spaces* in this section?**

I don't know

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

#### 5. Our places – objectives

- Planning that enables local placemaking
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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Places* in this section?**

Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

**6. Our economy – objectives**

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- Advocate for harmonisation of funding for art galleries across the region

**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Economy* in this section?**

Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

I agree with the Local Board's advocacy for Waiheke as a sanctuary in the Gulf and request that they address the excessive noise from helicopter flights and landings in order to help achieve that.

**7. Do you have any other feedback on our proposed Local Board Plan, including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcome aspirations?**



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**Your Local Board:** Waiheke

### Your feedback

- 1. How well do you think our plan reflects the needs and aspirations for our community for the next three years?**

Very well

#### Tell us why

Overall the plan is comprehensive, sufficiently ambitious and covers the essential activities to meet a vision of an Island Sanctuary in the Gulf. How easily it can be achieved given the resources and funding available will be challenging and will rely on substantial community engagement and involvement.



## Activity areas

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#### How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our People* in this section?

Quite well

#### Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?

Engaging with and supporting the community groups around the island is important to achieving the plan and to building a resilient and connected community, especially with the issues of climate change before us. The Eastern End of the island is remote and communities there are vulnerable to isolation in the event of a severe weather events or emergencies/disasters. Work is needed as a priority to build and resource a comprehensive emergency management plan for that area, in consultation with the local community, along with improving resilience of the roading and power infrastructure.

### 3. Our environment – objectives

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#### How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Environment* in this section?

Quite well

#### Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?

The development of the island emergency management plan is very important as part of the response to climate change on Waiheke. It would be important to see there is an explicit plan to deal with substantial fire on the island as the potential for severe droughts is increasing.

The severe impact of a major fire on the island that threatens communities is highlighted by the recent events overseas, which also show the vulnerability of island communities such as ours. The bush may look green and lush but it is mainly kanuka and manuka which are highly flammable species.

#### 4. Our facilities and open spaces – objectives

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#### **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our facilities and open spaces* in this section?**

Very well

#### **Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

The overall plan is good and strongly agree with the importance of building the connected network of walking tracks around the island and safe cycleways.

#### 5. Our places – objectives

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#### **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Places* in this section?**

Very well

#### **Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Strongly support the need for a focus on social and affordable housing. Believe we need to address the need for affordable accommodation for the service and hospitality workforce if these are to be backbone contributors to the Waiheke economy. Addressing the cost of the ferry service and its inclusion in the Auckland public transport framework may be a partial solution if it reduces the cost of travel for workers to and from the island.

**6. Our economy – objectives**

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- Advocate for harmonisation of funding for art galleries across the region

**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Economy* in this section?**

Very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

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**Your Local Board:** Waiheke

### Your feedback

- 1. How well do you think our plan reflects the needs and aspirations for our community for the next three years?**

Very well

#### **Tell us why**

Its very comprehensive

**Activity areas**

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our People* in this section?**

Very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?****3. Our environment – objectives**

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Environment* in this section?**

Very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

You have to make a start , this documents covers the intensions very well.

As to whether the local board can have effective input into those areas remains to be seen.

**4. Our facilities and open spaces – objectives**

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our facilities and open spaces* in this section?**

Very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

**5. Our places – objectives**

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Places* in this section?**

Very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

If the board can have that much influence on what actually happens is doubtful. Local boards are like larm ducks when it comes to actually getting major projects started.

**6. Our economy – objectives**

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Economy* in this section?**

Very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Lowering visitor numbers unfortunately cannot be a mandate to easing the pressure on our infrastructure.

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### Your feedback

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Very well

#### **Tell us why**

It includes the 5 key areas important to the community

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#### How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our People* in this section?

Quite well

#### Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?

To ensure emergency preparedness I would like to see the emergency services being more engaged with the rural community on the island (Eastern end) which would be welcomed by residents to share info about driveway access, water supplies as we are a 30+ min drive from services at the western end of the island.

### 3. Our environment – objectives

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#### How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Environment* in this section?

Quite well

#### Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?

Closer relationships with Akld Transport on road maintenance, and ensuring run-offs are designed to reduce potential slips. The rural community (eastern end) is isolated when slips, or trees create roads to be impassable.

#### 4. Our facilities and open spaces – objectives

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#### **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our facilities and open spaces* in this section?**

Quite well

#### **Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

I would like to see more visual recognition and history of mana whenua - stories to share of special places, sacred to tangata whenua - storytelling brings the community together. The Mataitai ferry building has the story of early days of Aucklanders coming to Waiheke but nothing earlier in history.

#### 5. Our places – objectives

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#### **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Places* in this section?**

Quite well

#### **Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Public transport network begins/ends at Onetangi for eastern end residents. There is nothing beyond Onetangi. A park and ride option would be great as currently some who can, rent a carpark at Mataitai but this option will likely become more contestible and out of reach for some. This would be a great asset for eastern end residents to reach the ferry or do on-island business without needing to drive beyond Onetangi.

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Economy* in this section?**

Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

We are well known for wine and restaurants - not so for our bio-diversity and bush walking. As Te Korowai builds the predator-free initiative, we should be keeping pace with promoting there is more to Waiheke than wine and food.

**7. Do you have any other feedback on our proposed Local Board Plan, including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcome aspirations?**

Emergency planning - particularly preparedness for fire is essential - kanuka and manuka being the two top trees listed under the Fire Service as being not good to have close to housing - making the residents aware of the need to be applying good maintenance in their own properties and having a plan. Powerlines being a treat in storm conditions to ignite fire - ensure Vector are being proactive in their maintenance plans - the fire in Hawaii is a sobering reminder of what strong winds and fire can do to an island,



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### Aktive

**Your Local Board:** Hibiscus and Bays

### Your feedback

1. **How well do you think our plan reflects the needs and aspirations for our community for the next three years?**

Quite well

**Tell us why**

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our People* in this section?**

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Environment* in this section?**

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

**4. Our facilities and open spaces – objectives**

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our facilities and open spaces* in this section?**

Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Places* in this section?**

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## AK Have Your Say

### Aktive Submission

# Waiheke Local Board Plan 2023

## Overview

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Waiheke Local Board Plan.

Aktive's vision is Auckland – the world's most active city: Tāmaki Makaurau – te tāone ngangahau rawa o te ao.

We provide leadership to the Auckland region that encourages, enables and inspires Aucklanders to lead more active lives through play, sport and active recreation. As both Sport NZ's and Auckland Council's strategic partner in Auckland, this means investing in organisations and projects that will get more people active, with focuses on tamariki, rangatahi, and identified communities.

We work closely with our System Build Partners, including Sport Auckland, to connect, support and collaborate with organised sport bodies, clubs, schools and community groups in the strategic direction, planning and delivery of programmes and facilities.

Aktive recognises the key role that Local Boards play in the delivery of play, recreation and sport across Tāmaki Makaurau. Local Boards are essential in creating communities where people want to live, work and play and they have a significant impact on the health and wellbeing of Aucklanders through governance and decision making on parks and open spaces, community facilities, grants and support, community leases and many other aspects.

## Key Feedback

1. The draft Waiheke Local Board Plan clearly identifies the importance of community facilities and open spaces in health and wellbeing outcomes for our communities.
2. We fully support a targeted rate to improve and develop community facilities, such as a future aquatics facility.
3. We fully support youth having a voice in the community but urge the Waiheke Local Board to have stronger emphasis on play and a clear direction to provide opportunities for tamariki and rangatahi, not just at playgrounds, but through all community spaces.
4. We request the Waiheke Local Board add advocacy items to:
  - a. Advocate to the Governing Body for more investment into the Sport and Recreation Facility Investment Fund
  - b. Advocate to the Governing Body for more investment into the Regional Sport and Recreation Operating Grant.

## Waiheke Local Board Plan 2023

Aktive commends the vision shown in the Waiheke Local Board Plan and the clear priority that has been placed on ensuring that our communities have opportunities to access community facilities and open spaces to empower them to live healthy, active lives.

**Does the Local Board Plan reflect what you want for this community over the next three years?**

The Waiheke Local Board Plan does a good job at identifying the importance of our community facilities and open spaces and supporting our community organisations to be able to deliver health and wellbeing outcomes.

We acknowledge that the role of a Local Board is particularly challenging in that Local Boards need to deliver a wide range of facilities and services without the necessary budget to support their visions. We ask the Waiheke Local Board to be very direct in your prioritisation of what is important to the community so that you can make a difference in a number of spaces as opposed to spreading your support too widely.

## Sport and Recreation Facilities and Open Spaces

We agree that community facilities and open spaces are important to the community's wellbeing and cohesion and that they are essential in ensuring that our communities can stay active and healthy.

We fully support the objectives of:

- *Improve our community's wellbeing by providing quality arts, recreational and community facilities.*
- *Improve the open space network on the island.*

And the key initiatives to:

- *Progress recommended actions within the Waiheke Local Parks Management Plan and the Rangihoua Reserve and Onetangi Sports Park Reserve Management Plan once adopted.*
- *Implement the Tawaipareira Reserve and Little Oneroa Reserve Concept Plans.*
- *Maintain the Waiheke walking track network and investigate retreat or rerouting where ongoing issues are likely.*
- *Explore opportunities to develop new pathways, tracks and cycleways in accordance with the Waiheke Pathways Plan and in conjunction with the Waiheke 10-year Transport Plan.*
- *Continue to support local organisations with the development of a community swimming pool and consider consulting our community on a targeted rate if required.*
- *Develop a strategy to improve recreational boating related infrastructure and facilities.*
- *Implement the Waiheke Be Accessible Plan as resources become available to ensure facilities are accessible to all.*

The draft Plan references refreshing the Waiheke Sports Strategy, however it is not obvious whether this document currently exists. Such a Strategy should enable you to make informed decisions when supporting the development of both council and non-council owned facilities. We can provide you with guidance on how to go about this process including providing you with some examples of successful Sport and Recreation Plans that other Local Boards have developed.

We support the implementation of a targeted rate to deliver community facilities particularly the long planned and awaited aquatics facility.

## Community Organisations

We fully support the objective of:

- *A resilient and connected community.*

And the key initiatives to:

- *Support local initiatives that enhance connection and diversity, reduce isolation, and promote community development.*
- *Support community-led activities, volunteer groups and projects that build community wellbeing and participation.*

Sporting organisations are integral to the health and wellbeing of our communities. We know that participation in sport brings 74.3 million hours of meaningful, positive social interaction to Aucklanders each year<sup>1</sup> and that sport and recreation operating spend has a direct and significant correlation with participation levels<sup>2</sup>. If the Waiheke Local Board is able to continue their history of investing to grow the capability and capacity of sporting organisations then this will lead to positive outcomes for the entire community.

<sup>1</sup> ACW Auckland City Report 2019, Portas Consulting. Available at: <https://aktive.org.nz/resource-hub/insights-research/>

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## Play

We acknowledge the one key initiative on play in the plan:

- *Implementation of Te Aranga Design principles in park, playground, and green space upgrades.*

We also acknowledge that the draft Plan identifies youth as having a key voice in the area, however we do request that the Waiheke Local Board Plan looks to include more direct references to catering for tamariki and rangatahi through the inclusion of play through the community, local spaces and open places. We know that young people often are overlooked when it comes to provision of services and facilities.

While Waiheke, on average has a lower proportion (15.9% to 20%) of its population under the age of 15 than the rest of Tāmaki, this is still almost 1,500 people who often do not have a voice in the community, that we want to ensure are prioritised in all aspects of planning because these will be the future users of these facilities and leaders in the community.

We emphasise play because it has a significant impact on a number of aspects of young people's lives, according to Sport New Zealand research<sup>3</sup>, its benefits include:

- being physically active in a fun way that develops fundamental movement skills
- encouraging self-directed creativity and innovation
- improving social and emotional connections
- improving a young person's understanding of their relationship with the physical environment
- improving resilience, independence and leadership by determining their own outcomes
- aiding better decision-making based around elements of challenge and risk.

## Advocacy

We strongly support the advocacy items to:

- *Advocate to the Governing Body for sand-carpeting and lighting at Rangihoua Reserve / Onetangi Sports Park.*

We ask the Waiheke Local Board also consider advocacy items such as:

- Advocate to the Governing Body for more investment into the Sport and Recreation Facility Investment Fund. This is a key regional fund that will enable facilities to be developed that aren't owned by Council and that have a significant impact on physical activity and health for our communities.
- Advocate to the Governing Body for more investment into the Regional Sport and Recreation Facility Operating Grant to enable communities to deliver facilities and lessen the burden on council.

## Conclusion

Active supports the work of the Waiheke Local Board in creating opportunities for communities to lead active, healthy lifestyles, and we thank you for your commitment to play, recreation and sport as an integral part of life in your community. We also support a continuing and close connection between the Waiheke Local Board and Sport Auckland in meeting the needs of our communities.

As noted earlier in this submission, Active and Sport Auckland would greatly appreciate you referencing the critical nature of the Sport and Recreation Facilities Investment Fund and the Regional Sport and Recreation Facilities Operating Grant within the Waiheke Local Board Plan. Active is working with Councillors to ascertain options for increasing the Sport and Recreation Facilities Investment Fund because simply retaining the existing fund level will not be enough to accommodate the demand that exists today, let alone into the future.

As part of these same discussions, Active is advocating for the retention of the Regional Sport and Recreation Facilities Operating Grant. This funding is critical to so many sport and recreation facility providers. Without it, costs to users will increase and / or facilities will be forced to close or significantly reduce operating costs which will have an

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<sup>3</sup> Importance of Play 2017. Sport New Zealand. <https://sportnz.org.nz/media/1654/sport-new-zealand-play-principles-nov-2017.pdf>

impact on service levels. We are happy to support your Local Board support staff in preparing some further detail for inclusion in your Plan, if you are willing to do so.

We once again thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the Waiheke Local Board Plan development process. If you have any questions, or if we can help with any of your ongoing planning, please do not hesitate to contact us.



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**Your Local Board:** Kaipātiki

### Your feedback

1. **How well do you think our plan reflects the needs and aspirations for our community for the next three years?**

**Tell us why**

## Activity areas

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- A resilient and connected community
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- Enhance Māori wellbeing and potential
- A flourishing arts sector that celebrates our unique island identity
- Youth are valued and have opportunities to thrive
- Advocate for affordable ferry services and service elements such as accessibility, reliability, connectivity, and fare structures.

**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our People* in this section?**

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

### 3. Our environment – objectives

- Restore, enhance, and protect our natural environment in partnership with our community
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- Improve conservation of our marine and coastal environment
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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

On Rakino we have an issue with dogs at certain times of year. This is because over spring/summer/autumn bach owners return in droves with their dogs, and Rakino is one of the few gulf islands where boaties can come ashore with their dogs. There are some areas where dogs really need to be leashed at all times or excluded. This is because we have nesting/moulting korora at certain times of year as well as shore birds like oyster catchers, shags, and herons. We even briefly had dotterels.

Last summer there was an upsetting incident where a dog killed a healthy penguin, but the dog owner was never identified. It is unlikely to have been the first incident if some of the anecdotal evidence I heard is anything to go by. Many of us do not believe our signage with regard to dogs is adequate, or that dog owners understand the risks to our indigenous fauna.

Non dog owners also tire of the dog faeces that litter the island at busy times. Better dog control would benefit everybody, but especially our birds.

**4. Our facilities and open spaces – objectives**

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- Maintain our track network and explore opportunities to develop new pathways, tracks and cycleways.

**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our facilities and open spaces* in this section?**

Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

I'm very relieved to see we will finally be getting a new Hall on Rakino, but permission for the community to do some interim repairs to it would be much appreciated.

**5. Our places – objectives**

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Places* in this section?**

Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

The burgeoning number of heli-pads without community consultation continues to be of concern, both on Waiheke, and Rakino.



**6. Our economy – objectives**

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Economy* in this section?**

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

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Not very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Rakino, which is a pest-free Island, needs to have cats banned and dogs controlled. Rare birds such as Spotless Crane are being killed by out-of-control pets.

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our facilities and open spaces* in this section?**

Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

It's good that Rakino Hall will be rebuilt, but we need it repaired in the meantime; it's an important venue.

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Economy* in this section?**

I don't know

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

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Advocate to stop the unfettered and excessive helicopter flights and landings".

Encourage boating activities by maintaining existing boat launch ramps and road access for trailers to the beach ie Matiatia ramps and road off Korora Road leading to Onera beach .



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### Waiheke Community Housing Trust

**Your Local Board:** Waiheke

### Your feedback

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Not very well

**Tell us why**

**Activity areas**

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our People* in this section?**

Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

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Quite well

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The minimal 2 line reference to housing is very disappointing given the disastrous lack of affordable rental housing on the island. The 2019 Housing Strategy (attached) was an excellent and aspirational document. However there is no evidence of any progress made since then towards achieving any of those admirable goals. Even worse there is no feedback or commentary on any work the Board or Council has actually done in the housing arena.

My feedback is that the Board needs to advocate persistently and in the strongest possible terms to Council to take urgent and meaningful action - on ALL the strategies contained in the 2019 document - to address the alarming rental housing situation on Waiheke.

## Waiheke Local Board Housing Strategy 2019 - 2021

Vision

Waiheke Island will develop into the future as a thriving, inclusive community that is economically and environmentally sustainable. All Waiheke residents can access safe and healthy housing that meets their needs and gives them security of tenure.

Strategies

Provide strategic input into the Waiheke Area Plan, Hauraki Gulf District Plan review, Auckland Unitary Plan, Local Parks Management Plan and any other appropriate planning documents with a view to addressing housing issues on Waiheke

Positively influence housing accessibility on Waiheke by advocating for new policy streams and housing initiatives to local and central government and through involvement with LGNZ

Support appropriate community-led initiatives focusing on housing issues and be responsive to the needs and aspirations of mana whenua and mataawaka Māori

Promote relevant council housing-related programmes

Initiatives

Ensure the Waiheke Area Plan includes potential future scenarios for the island's population, particularly those that address the needs of marginalised groups, seniors and key workers

Analyse affordable housing and social housing models, infrastructural support and options appropriate for Waiheke to be considered for local board action

Investigate New Zealand planning provisions and worldwide exemplars that address future housing needs in tourist communities and understand how they have been resolved

Work with the governing body to advocate for better protection for tenants and landlords including longer periods of tenure

Request a new council property policy defining social housing as a 'service use'

Facilitate local initiatives to develop an aged care facility for rest home level care, dementia care and respite care options on Waiheke

Progress the Waiheke Local Board 2016 Social Housing Initiative at 6 Belgium St / 7 Waitai Rd or at an alternative site, including on council land

Support the development of emergency housing initiatives on Waiheke

Promote council's Retrofit Your Home Scheme and other existing initiatives to support improved housing quality

Promote council's Ecodesign Advice Service

Explore plan changes which support development of non-permanent small-scale houses

Advocate for a change in emphasis in appropriate planning documents from provision of visitor units to provision of permanent minor dwellings

Work with LGNZ Housing Committee on developing Housing Policy for councils in line with the four wellbeings

Request that council revisits the former Housing Bonds Scheme and advocates for council to underwrite and support Community Housing Initiatives

Support local housing organisations to develop options for affordable housing for seniors

Support housing quality improvement programmes that lead to better health outcomes



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Very well

#### Tell us why

It covers ther diverse demographics of our community and the environmental needs for futuire development

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The increasing number of joy riding helicopters now flying over Waiheke and I emphasise here - Onetangi Forest and Bird and flying low. How can this fast growing use of helicopter air travel and sightseeing benefit our environment and our community. Unless tighter controls are put on this activity and the growth in private, privileged helipads there is going to be an accident. Also this activity does not sit with the aims and needs of living on Waiheke and protecting the island. The arrogance of this helicopter travel and helipad increase in numbers just comes across as nonsensical. It also totally contradicts aims as mentioned in this draft plan for: "Safe, fit-for-purpose and low carbon environmentally friendly transport infrastructure".



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Waiheke is an excellent arts destination but that many of our arts facilitiers are not supported by rates money paid by Waiheke residents seems extremely unfair and shortsighted.

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**Coastal Custodians - <https://coastalcustodians.org/>**

**Your Local Board:** Waiheke

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Quite well

#### **Tell us why**

Broad coverage of key issues from infrastructure to environment and culture

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The focus on "Culture" is commendable but without a focus on "Country" as in the environment. we will have no Community

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#### How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Environment* in this section?

Not very well

#### Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?

Waiheke is arguably one of the most weed-infested islands in the world. Yet, it has the means and the community passion to fix this growing problem if Council and DOC were to make it a significantly greater focus and to allocate more funds to a strong strategic rescue from the rapidly advancing weed problem. Ironically the work on vermin, which is seeing a 30% plus increase in bird life when coupled with the changes in the weather is seeing more weed seed being spread across the island and more weeds taking over vast areas of council, DOC and private land.

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Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Waiheke environment, when freed from vermin and weeds, would be the envy of the entire globe as the first urban/rural island to achieve such a great objective. It is not just about the sea. Focus on the land’s wellbeing as well.

**7. Do you have any other feedback on our proposed Local Board Plan, including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcome aspirations?**

Do all you can to expedite positive environment preservation projects with an emphasis on private/public/iwi combined collaboration that is not mired down in bureaucracy or cultural procrastination.



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**Your Local Board:** Waiheke

### Your feedback

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Not very well

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Not very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

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Ko Nga Pona Toru a Peretu raua ko Kohukohunui raua ko Te Moengahau-o-Tamatekapua ōku

Maunga

Ko Te Marae o Tai raua ko Te Waitemata raua ko Ti kapa ōku moana

Ko Ngai Tai Ki Tamaki raua ko Waiohua ōku iwi

Ko Vanessa Reynolds ahau

I acknowledge the tūpuna recognised in the mihi of the Waiheke Local Board, including the Ngai Tai tupuna Taikehu, my own son’s namesake, and the Tainui tohunga Rakataura, also known as Hape.

My brief submission is firstly to acknowledge the local board and their efforts to strengthen outcomes for Māori and the environment within the board area. In essence, my submission is to encourage a greater sense of cohesion with the board’s planning efforts.

I encourage the board to place a strong focus on recognition of the multiple and overlapping histories and ancestral connections of Waiheke and the wider rohe, ensuring the ability for broad reaching kaitiakitanga and cultural values to be recognised.

It has concerned and saddened me over my more than 20 years living on the motu that there has been an apparent focus of the board on particular iwi groups at the expense of others. I have been fortunate to see this change somewhat in recent times and I acknowledge the members of the current board who have made efforts in this area. Both government and local government hold a critical role in maintaining neutrality in these matters. I urge you to

consider how the messaging in official planning and documents can serve to inform perspectives, and serve as reference points into the future.

I encourage the board to find a way to honour historical associations whilst upholding today's statutory responsibilities. The whakapapa of this rohe holds many interwoven layers, and I encourage the consideration of a historical wānanga for the purposes of further education of the board and the community. This will provide invaluable understanding of those that hold ancestral connection to Waiheke and the wider area.

I encourage neutral engagement with all iwi recognised as mana whenua in a statutory manner as this will benefit the Māori and environmental outcomes. Working together with mātāwaka and drawing on multiple resources provides the best benefit for our taiao.

I would hope to see a comprehensive plan across the multiple iwi to ensure all objectives are being met, and that programmes being funded or supported are not at cross purposes with the objectives of each iwi, or are not doubling up on resources.

I would encourage that whilst the board focuses efforts on Waiheke given this is the key area of habitation and rates revenue, that the plan includes more recognition of the wider rohe and the interconnection of the extended motu and moana. These motu and moana are Nga Poito o te Kupenga a Toi o Huatahi/ Taramainuku, and as such the mauri of one impacts the other.

As mana whenua, I feel fortunate to own a significant landblock of 8.5 hectares with my husband, where we have continued to operate a vineyard. Owning this property since 2021 has been very eye opening, and has raised my own awareness of a lack of cohesion between landowners, business operators and council with regard to the use of agrichemicals. As kaitiaki our own focus on ki uta ki tai and our movement towards organic viticulture from our location high on Trig Hill Rd is somewhat of a no brainer, yet these efforts will be completely redundant if other landowners/ business/ council further downhill/ downstream are not engaging in the same principles or at least provided with the support and forum to have the required conversations.

Thanking you all for your time and efforts.

Nga mihi nui,

Vanessa Reynolds



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### Big Street Bikers

**Your Local Board:** Albert-Eden

### Your feedback

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**Tell us why**

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our People* in this section?**

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

**3. Our environment – objectives**

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Environment* in this section?**

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- Maintain our track network and explore opportunities to develop new pathways, tracks and cycleways.

**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our facilities and open spaces* in this section?**

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**5. Our places – objectives**

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Economy* in this section?**

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

**7. Do you have any other feedback on our proposed Local Board Plan, including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcome aspirations?**

Please see attached



## Big Street Bikers feedback on the draft Waiheke Local Board plan 2023

Thank you for the opportunity to give feedback on the draft Waiheke Local Board Plan 2023.

### Introduction

Big Street Bikers (BSB) is an Auckland-based company with social enterprise accreditation from the Ākina Foundation. BSB is working to increase the access to and use of e-bikes in Aotearoa. We provide secure parking, wayfinding, and charging facilities called Locky Docks that are a free public amenity delivered at no cost to ratepayers.

We work in partnership with mana whenua, community groups, businesses, councils, local boards and government agencies to offer people more transport choices and to promote active and public transport modes. Locky Docks promote the uptake of people riding by removing the security concerns associated with parking bikes at transport hubs, town centres, community facilities and key destinations. There has been a noticeable increase in bike thefts acting as a deterrent to using a bike for short trips.

Big Street Bikers is rolling out a network of Locky Dock stations across Tāmaki Makarau as part of a country-wide programme. The capital expenditure and recurring operational expenditure associated with the delivery and operation of the Locky Dock network is funded by Big Street Bikers through partnerships with Waka Kotahi, Mercury and the sale of third-party advertising content.

Infrastructure investment that gives locals the opportunity to switch short expensive car trips to an easy bike ride is one of the most effective ways of reducing household transport costs for residents. Everyone benefits from a transport system that supports an urban lifestyle where short trips by bike, micro-mobility or on foot are the norm. More trips by active transport leads to cleaner, safer, more business friendly streets, and more resilient communities.

### Feedback on the Local Board Plan

Big Street Bikers commends the Waiheke Local Board for its commitment to safe, fit-for-purpose and low carbon environmentally friendly transport infrastructure.

We would like to suggest that the Local Board include in the final plan the initiative to **deliver a network of secure bike parking, wayfinding and charging stations**. This is complementary to the Local Board's advocacy to Auckland Transport to deliver Waiheke







10-year Transport Plan and support for alternative modes. The network will help promote and encourage the uptake of active transport on Waiheke.

As discussed with the Local Board, with the funding Big Street Bikers currently has available it will be possible for the local board to achieve a local network of secure bike parking over the next couple of years. Big Street Bikers welcomes the Local Board's advocacy to Auckland Transport for appropriate use of the road corridor for secure bike parking, wayfinding and charging stations.

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### Your feedback

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Not well at all

#### **Tell us why**

because its your plan not the peoples

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**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

too many leading questions

### 3. Our environment – objectives

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no confidence there will be any money to do any of this

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### Protect our Gulf

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Feedback provided on attached.

14 August, 2023  
Via email



Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Feedback on Waiheke Local Board Plan 2023

Here is our feedback to the Waiheke Local Board plan in these challenging times. We are an environmental group that looks out for the environment and peoples of the Hauraki Gulf and are based on Waiheke Island. We appreciate the work that has gone into the plan and the opportunity to provide feedback.

Given the shortage of funds and the fact the majority of decisions are made elsewhere in Council and government, a key feature of the local board plan is advocacy. There is no mention of this role in *Carrying out the plan* and we feel this should be added and that the local board has a key role in advocating for how any council initiatives or consenting regimes or work programmes are carried out on the island.

We fully support the Māori outcomes and working with local Iwi and the marae. We are, however, concerned that environmental outcomes are, and can be held by all residents and those who engage with Waiheke. There needs to be a mechanism for these different environmental voices to be heard and for their concerns to be taken seriously and be mentioned within the plan.

We would like to see better engagement with community groups to lead low carbon initiatives and a reorienting of what it means to be low carbon. For example – better stormwater management and better consenting decisions which do not result in flooding of other properties is also a low carbon initiative. Better support of community organisations and an easier funding process for things like housing initiatives and community gardens would also support low carbon outcomes by building community resilience and sustainability.

In terms of *Our People* we would like a low vaping policy added to the low alcohol policy, given the huge uptake of vaping products in our youth and, while this has been touted as a cessation tool for smoking, evidence is increasingly showing that vaping is leading to health issues and young people are taking up smoking after having used vape products.

We welcome the support mentioned for youth, and feel there needs to be support and prioritisation for youth initiatives, activities and mental health to support young people to engage with other young people both on and off island. Fair ferry fares will contribute to this but there are a number of children and young adults who have been left behind. The Surfdale Hall was turned over for the benefit of developing youth initiatives in 2016. There is little in the plan on how to continue this work, and encourage and support and motivate young people which is a particular challenge on the island, possibly made worse by the fact they are finding it increasingly difficult to find seasonal jobs as they compete with people on working holiday visas. While there is a myriad of activities that adults can join in for low cost, this is not the same for our young people whose families can struggle to meet the costs of participation in extra curricular activities. We would really like to see a youth co-ordinator who can follow up with young people, develop programmes suited to youth and young adults and also be a point of contact for them as they navigate their way into an increasingly unsettled future, and seek work.

We appreciate the environmental advocacy initiatives under *Our Environment* particularly an end to bottom trawling and an increased presence of Harbourmasters. Also the work on protection of the Gulf and support of the marine reserves. Given the lack of monitoring of boats which get rid of waste into the different bays, the soon to be constructed marina which will create more marine traffic, we welcome an additional focus for Harbour Masters in monitoring boatie waste, management of the sea areas particularly on the popular swimming beaches of Onetangi, Oneroa, Palm Beach with the possibility of designated corridors so that boats cannot pull up anywhere on the beach or endanger swimmers. This is particularly relevant to sealegs which drive onto the beaches. At the same time, Perth has shown significant issues with wildlife fatalities and amputations from motor propelled boats travelling too quickly around their marina. The advocacy should therefore include monitoring of speeds in and around the proposed marina. We would also like to see support for cat management initiatives as cats are increasingly seen as a threat to native wildlife. Even keeping your cats at home at night, while letting them roam during the day would be a step towards protection of vulnerable species.

We are concerned that Te Korowai is going into its second rat pilot and that this project continues to suck up significant Auckland Council funds. At the same time there is a lack of biodiversity strategy for Waiheke. This needs to be signed off with urgency so that measures which support thriving biodiversity can be funded. We are interested in how the resources allocated to Te Korowai match up against that given to other community groups and are concerned that this funding is not disbursed equitably, or that other outcomes which are equally useful are neglected or run without resources. Furthermore we struggle to understand why a second rat pilot is going ahead when the objective is eradication. While the stoat project has generally been successful, the rat project is both problematical and there needs to be some understanding of what the exit strategy is rather than continued support of a project that may not have legs over the longterm.

We feel that support structures for an electric ferry is a red herring, given the fact these ferries are not yet present. If they are present then the business that brings them in and Auckland Transport can have a conversation at that point. While we recognise that there is an advertising value in having recharging stations for cars on the island, these are underutilised and are starting to take up valuable car parking spaces. We suggest that most people charge their cars at home, and there are sufficient recharging stations currently on the island to service the current and future need.

In terms of beaches, we note the visible deterioration in water quality at Kennedy Point beach with increased sedimentation, increased mangroves, and turbidity, as well as the documented detritus from the marina construction. Shelley Beach has also had issues with seaweed, Onetangi had red flags at both ends of the beach for the first time last year, interesting given the fact there are two new storm water pipes feeding into this bay. We continue to be concerned that the catchpits for these pipes are not emptied and properties continue to be consented with too high levels of impermeable surfaces which result in greater volumes of water going into the sea. Advocacy for any of the above: stormwater management on public and private sites and consenting processes would be warmly welcomed. In addition we support initiatives mentioned in the plan which address natural stormwater management.

In terms of transport we support multi-modal transport options, use of public transport and and for AT to contract the operations of the Waiheke Ferry, and their full integration into the PT network as per the draft Regional transport plan. In addition, any changes at Matiatia need to recognise the interests of all users and prioritise the needs of locally run businesses as far as possible. We are concerned that Fullers Hop on Buses are now parked in the keyhole which creates an unfair advantage for this company over other providers, particularly when it was understood that these buses were given the area near Harbourmasters to load and unload passengers. We are also

concerned that the last iteration of the plan fails adequately to address stormwater, and note that it is the lack of permeable surface consented at the property above Matiatia, which has caused flooding of the keyhole in both 2017 and 2023.

Lastly we support initiatives to addressing housing needs and note that Papakainga housing has not been mentioned in the plan and would like this added, particularly as there are Māori housing initiatives which could benefit from funding. We would also like to see continued advocacy from the local board to retain the properties on Waitai and Belgium street as these are ideal for public use – either in terms of health facilities, educational facilities, or housing and should not be sold unless these other advocacy items have been addressed.

In terms of the local economy, it is important that Council contracts are delivered locally by local providers who are not pushed out by off island initiatives and businesses. An advocacy item is for the local board to ensure that social procurement criteria feature prominently in all contracts and that priority is given where possible to locally based businesses. A recent contract for animal pest management was recently awarded to an off-island company in spite of a local company tendering for the same contract. We achieved successful social procurement contracting criteria for the transfer station, and this needs to be carried through other contracts.

There is insufficient detail in the budget lines. It would be particularly interesting to understand how resources are spent across services. In terms of noted absences, we would like some mention of advocacy for the CAB which provides an essential service on Waiheke and is reliant on Council premises.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit to this plan. The new playground at Little Oneroa is lovely, as is the skatepark.

What is particularly important is that every initiative and project on the island needs to be put through a climate emergency lens particularly as this relates to changes to infrastructure. More authority and support needs to be given to existing community projects that already contribute to community resilience now and into the future. We would also like to see greater advocacy around the consenting process so that initiatives which compromise the marine and terrestrial environment are subject to more stringent consenting processes and appreciate it when the local board speaks out against initiatives which compromise our environments and livelihoods now and into the future.

Kind regards



Shirin Brown  
Chair, Protect our Gulf





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Quite well

**Tell us why**

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our People* in this section?**

Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

### 3. Our environment – objectives

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our facilities and open spaces* in this section?**

Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

**5. Our places – objectives**

- Planning that enables local placemaking
- Safe, fit-for-purpose and low carbon environmentally friendly transport infrastructure
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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Places* in this section?**

Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

**6. Our economy – objectives**

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- Advocate for harmonisation of funding for art galleries across the region

**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Economy* in this section?**

I don't know

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

**7. Do you have any other feedback on our proposed Local Board Plan, including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcome aspirations?**



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Very well

#### **Tell us why**

It deals with our most pressing issues, i.e. ferry/public transport.

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our People* in this section?**

Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Get the Waiheke ferries under Auckland Transit please.

**3. Our environment – objectives**

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Environment* in this section?**

Very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Lessening land fill

**4. Our facilities and open spaces – objectives**

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Quite well

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**6. Our economy – objectives**

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Economy* in this section?**

Not very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Spread more of the wealth.

**7. Do you have any other feedback on our proposed Local Board Plan, including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcome aspirations?**

Rents are getting WAY out of hand.





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Quite well

#### Tell us why

The plan reflects the communities values and aspirations - all of which have been well canvassed over the years - recognising the island as fully integrated into the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park, a place where environment, the health of tikapa moana and a strong/resilient, sustainable community are vital as well as partnering with mana whenua and valuing our arts.

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#### How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our People* in this section?

Quite well

#### Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?

1. Resilience needs greater definition or a separate objective re climate change mitigation - i.e. carbon neutral objective which is as vital to people as well as environment - maybe add to 1st bullet point, e.g., "a resilient and connected community with skills to mitigate and adapt and respond to climate change and emergencies".
2. Advocacy for importance of volunteers in our community - decline in available volunteers is of concern.

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#### How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Environment* in this section?

Quite well

#### Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?

Other objectives might include:

1. Weed free
2. Improve responsible pet ownership behavior

3. Improve conservation of our intertidal areas/waterways and wetlands

#### 4. Our facilities and open spaces – objectives

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our facilities and open spaces* in this section?**

Very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Like to see specific mention of mana whenua e.g. iwi, especially mana whenua ngati paoa.

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Places* in this section?**

Very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

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### **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Economy* in this section?**

Quite well

### **Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Maybe emphasis on advocating for 'local' control of our economy - my concern is the big corporates set economic values/objectives, e.g. Fullers/Council Controlled Organisations.

## 7. Do you have any other feedback on our proposed Local Board Plan, including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcome aspirations?

Do we need to set aspirational achievement goals, e.g. weed free by 2050; predator free by 2050; wetland restoration by ...; 30% of our coastal tikapa moana waters protected.

Community engagement crucial to the goals/aspirations mentioned above, therefore more LB sponsored workshops/hui in collaboration with marae/trusts/NGO. As we have more 'intermittent' residents (not fully part of our community) the LB may need to address "how to improve volunteer recruitment in this changed demographic" or even remuneration to ensure essential services e.g. emergency/1st responders can be maintained.



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Quite well

#### Tell us why

'Maori - must mean mana whenua of Waiheke Ngati Paoa

- Need to work with co-governance with Ngati Paoa to achieve the objective proposed.

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our People* in this section?**

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

[Respondent did not select an option under 'How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of Our People in this section?']

I like to see more focus on conservation and protection of Waiheke, its natural, spiritual and eco-system environment including the seashore, reducing use of underground water, better rules regarding rubbish - carry on/carry off - less focus on [illegible word - perhaps 'business']. Waiheke Island is not a business, it is a place where we live in partnership with nature.

### 3. Our environment – objectives

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Environment* in this section?**

Not very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

[In response to the 3rd bullet point 'Improve conservation of our marine and coastal environment']:

Stop selling public space.

No mention of tourist [illegible word] rubbish pollutes the place.

No mention of [illegible word] underground water.

We need subsidy to collect more water now the global planet is on fire.



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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our facilities and open spaces* in this section?**

Not very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

What about roads/need maintenance, reducing speed is important, car traffic reduced, public transport promised to visitors/not rented cars or bring your own transport.

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**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Why do we want to develop Matiatia - sacred site - Matiatia should be owned by Ngati Paoa - operate - own [illegible word] place to welcome manahiri.

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Not very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

How do you define arts - who's definition.

What about a place of healing, recovery, spiritual development.

Place of creativity, place of learning and creative development.

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Need a greater Maori voice on local board [illegible word].



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Very well

#### Tell us why

I think the board is doing a good job to the very best of their ability.

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our People* in this section?**

Very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

I feel the board listens to my concerns.

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I don't know

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Very well

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### Your feedback

- 1. How well do you think our plan reflects the needs and aspirations for our community for the next three years?**

Quite well

#### Tell us why

I am happy to see climate change front and centre.

Protection of the environment - becoming pest free is imperative.

Restoration of the marine environment needs urgent scrutiny.

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Very well

#### Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?

Add - specify the action around climate change.

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#### How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Environment* in this section?

Very well

#### Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?

Excellent. I hope a Marine Reserve will be placed around Matiatia to Oneroa to Palm Beach to allow species to recover.

Oyster and mussels have now gone in last 10 yrs.



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Very well

#### **Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Protect and maintenance of reserves.

A warm swimming pool - for elderly residents.

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"Place making" needs explanation.

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**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Explain "harmonisation"

**7. Do you have any other feedback on our proposed Local Board Plan, including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcome aspirations?**

More Maori representation on Board.

More visible art in village and other centres.



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### Your feedback

**1. How well do you think our plan reflects the needs and aspirations for our community for the next three years?**

Not very well

#### Tell us why

Its a very tough job you have and thank you for all your good work BUT..... I am generally in agreement with Project Waiheke Forever.

I congratulate you on some inroads you have made in raising awareness and getting the media onto issues, e.g. Fullers ferries, the 6 bullet points under Our People express such wide, unspecific values and aspirations which no-one would argue with; it falls into the category of 'all talk and no action'. This really applies to all questions.

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Not very well

#### **Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Advocate and support while well meaning is simply not strong enough to deal with the urgent needs of inequity, climate change, child poverty, transport, housing, Maori, youth, sustainable tourism and living standards.

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#### **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Environment* in this section?**

Not very well

#### **Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Our infrastructure and environment along with threats of sea level rise, flood and drought are just not able to cope with the number of people and their 'stuff' coming here. A push for some work on the numbers who can sustainably live and visit would be a start. The amount of excavation and landfill going is NOT sustainable.

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#### **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our facilities and open spaces* in this section?**

Quite well

#### **Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

These facilities and open spaces seem to be working well provided numbers and maintenance can be kept sustainably.

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- Advocate for delivery of our 10-year Transport Plan and a review of the bus network
- Advocate for any available council property being considered for health facilities and affordable housing purposes.

#### **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Places* in this section?**

Quite well

#### **Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

The electric buses are a great flagship for the island, bring on the electric ferries! No more double deck buses. Far too scary for pedestrians and cyclists - they make a wind.

**6. Our economy – objectives**

- Economic development on Waiheke is environmentally, economically and socially sustainable
- Our visitor industry is managed sustainably
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- Strengthen our economy in keeping with the island’s character and our need to increase our resiliency
- Enhance Māori wellbeing and potential
- Advocate for harmonisation of funding for art galleries across the region

**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Economy* in this section?**

Quite well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

I agree with all the points made by Project Forever on this point.

**7. Do you have any other feedback on our proposed Local Board Plan, including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcome aspirations?**

No more building permits should be issued to projects close to the coast, on top of cliffs or if major excavation is required. Begin keeping a register with SeaLink of the number of trucks and cars arriving and leaving the island with a view to control numbers. Work towards sorting the traffic problem at the junction of Wharf and Belgium Roads. The 30km zone needs to be extended to the Causeway with a speed camera on the corner. Also the problem of too many pedestrians who run out of footpath at the end of the bridge at 50 Wharf Road where I live. It needs a speed bump or a safe pedestrian crossing.

I cross Wharf Road by foot frequently. the other day when I crossed with plenty of room in front of an approaching car, the driver behind that car suddenly put his foot down to overtake the lead car. If I'd been a few seconds later crossing I would have been collected at speed.



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**Your Local Board:** Waiheke

### Your feedback

- 1. How well do you think our plan reflects the needs and aspirations for our community for the next three years?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

## Activity areas

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### 2. Our people – objectives

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#### How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our People* in this section?

I don't know

#### Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?

A pump track/bike area in Alison Park

Infrastructure for safe cycling

Support of community building projects

Support of the arts

### 3. Our environment – objectives

- Restore, enhance, and protect our natural environment in partnership with our community
- Respond to the challenge of climate change
- Improve conservation of our marine and coastal environment
- Reduce the waste stream
- A water sensitive community
- Stormwater is managed sustainably.

#### How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Environment* in this section?

I don't know

#### Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?



**4. Our facilities and open spaces – objectives**

- Improve the open space network on the island
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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our facilities and open spaces* in this section?**

I don't know

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Pump track in Alison Park for bikes

Make Little Oneroa creek safe (water)

**5. Our places – objectives**

- Planning that enables local placemaking
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### Project Forever Waiheke

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**Tell us why**

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Economy* in this section?**

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Kia ora ano Local Board members,

We’re pleased to send you detailed input on the Draft Local Board Plan from Project Forever Waiheke. We thank you for all the work that has gone into this thoughtful and comprehensive draft Plan. In providing our feedback, PFW acknowledges that the Local Board has taken into account and attempted to balance the needs, wishes and hopes of diverse resident interests.

As previously, we’re emailing this input to you all directly, because it is unclear who will be reviewing the community input into the draft Local Board Plan, who determines what is critical feedback, and whether such feedback will reach the Board itself.

For convenience and simplicity, we’ve provided suggested changes to the actual text of the Draft Plan, to reflect what we view as important omissions in the current Draft. We believe that the suggested amendments are self-explanatory in most cases, but we’ve included explanatory notes for some point.

Our requested revisions are all related to issues for Waiheke’s development that residents have attributed, in PFW’s research projects, to overtourism impacts on Waiheke social and natural environments.

Each of our suggested amendments is intended, and phrased, to supplement the existing phrasing in the Draft Local Board Plan. Where relevant, we have included recommendations from the Draft Waiheke Destination Management Plan (as included in the May 2023 Local Board meeting agenda).

Nga mihi

Pam Oliver, Peter Wills, Denise Wiremu, Robin Kearns

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Kia ora Cath and team,

Project Forever Waiheke will be sending formal feedback on the draft Waiheke Local Board Plan next week through the online channels.

However we are sending this feedback to you all directly, because it is unclear who will be reviewing the community input into the draft Local Board Plan, who determines what is critical feedback, and whether such feedback will reach the Board itself.

We are concerned to discover that the resolution made by the Local Board at the May 2023 Local Board meeting and recorded in the minutes, in response to PFW's deputation on water supply, has been significantly eroded in its intent, by being differently phrased in the draft Local Board Plan.

The resolution in the May LB mins was to:

1. include a feasibility study for prioritisation of residential water supply within the draft Waiheke Local Board Plan

However, the statement in the draft LB Plan has changed (without explanation) into:

Complete a feasibility study into the equity of year-round access to adequate potable water supply for Waiheke Island residents

The equity of water supply for residents is not at issue, and does not need to be further investigated. The equity issues in terms of residents' rights to priority water supply are already established by the UN declarations and conventions that NZ is signatory to, as clarified in the NZ Human Rights Commission's endorsement of those re water supply, and as fully set out in our deputation - attached here again.

What we need now for Waiheke is a study on feasibility in terms only of how (not whether) those obligations of Auckland Council will be implemented - and Section E p 5 of our deputation document clarifies that.

We request that the original intent, and phrasing, of the resolution made at the LB meeting be reiterated in the draft Local Board Plan.

In the interests of transparency and community information, can you please also clarify for us what the process is for undertaking the review of community input into the draft Local Board Plan, who will be undertaking that work, and how that process is accountable to the community.

Many thanks

Pam

For the Project Forever Waiheke Working Group

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### Forest & Bird, Hauraki Islands Branch

**Your Local Board:** Waiheke

### Your feedback

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#### Tell us why

Please see attached submission

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our People* in this section?**

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

**3. Our environment – objectives**

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- Stormwater is managed sustainably.

**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Environment* in this section?**

Very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

Please see attached submission

**4. Our facilities and open spaces – objectives**

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our facilities and open spaces* in this section?**

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Economy* in this section?**

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

**7. Do you have any other feedback on our proposed Local Board Plan, including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcome aspirations?**

Please see attached submission, which has also been emailed to the Waiheke Local Board



## Forest & Bird

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### Submission on Waiheke Local Board Plan.

14 August 2023

To: Auckland Council

Submitted online and emailed to: [waihekelocalboard@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:waihekelocalboard@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)

#### 1. Submitter details

Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Inc. (Forest & Bird)  
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#### 2. Trade competition declaration

Forest & Bird would not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

#### 3. Hearing options

We wish to be heard in support of this submission.

### INTRODUCTION

Forest & Bird is New Zealand's largest and longest-serving independent conservation organisation, with over 100,000 members and supporters. Its mission is to be a voice for nature, on land, in fresh water, and at sea, on behalf of its members and supporters. 50 branches throughout New Zealand carry out community conservation projects and advocate for nature, much of the work being carried out by volunteers. Forest & Bird has nine branches and three major projects in the Auckland region alone. In support of the society's objectives, it has been involved in resource management and other statutory processes at the national, regional, and district level. It routinely submits on regional and district plan provisions, reserve management plans and non-statutory plans, including Local Board Plans on matters relating to biodiversity, landscape and natural character.

The Hauraki Islands Branch carries out a range of activities, including environmental advocacy, community education and events, and management of three Reserves on Waiheke Island by staff, contractors and volunteers. The branch covers the Hauraki Gulf Islands, with most activities occurring on Waiheke Island.

### COMMENTS AND SUBMISSION POINTS

#### TŌ TĀTOU TAIAO/OUR ENVIRONMENT

**Aspirations and Key Initiatives**

Pages 15 and 16 of the plan include a wide range of laudable aspirations for the protection and restoration of tō tātou taiao/the natural environment for Waiheke Island and the wider Hauraki Gulf. We support all of these, and we also strongly support all of the Key Initiatives included in the table on pages 16/17.

Reference is made to “volunteer groups” at various points in the plan, including para 3 p.15 but no mention is made of legally-constituted community organisations which play an active role in conservation on the island and wider Hauraki Gulf, including Waiheke Resources Trust and Forest & Bird. There is reference to Te Korowai o Waiheke but reference should also be made to other organisations as key agencies involved in protecting and restoring Waiheke Island’s biodiversity.

**Advocacy**

The following advocacy points are strongly aligned with Forest & Bird’s Arohatia Tīkapa Moana/Love the Gulf campaign, and are strongly supported

- the nineteen protection zones as outlined within Revitalising the Gulf: Government action on the Sea Change Plan
- an end to bottom contact fishing such as dredging, bottom trawling and Danish seining
- initiatives to prevent sedimentation of the Hauraki Gulf
- ecosystem based management of fisheries within Tīkapa Moana
- the Hākaimangō-Mātiatia (Northwest Waiheke) Marine Reserve.

We would wish to support and where possible assist the Local Board’s advocacy work to implement marine protection strategies.

Whilst supporting the remaining advocacy measures we would also wish to see strong advocacy to the Governing Body and Auckland Transport to improve plant pest management along road corridors and in reserves, and in a manner which protects indigenous fauna such as our native forest gecko from mowing and mulching. We also wish to see greater emphasis on promotion of responsible pet ownership to reduce threats to biodiversity. These should be added to the list.

**Promoting a Co-ordinated approach**

At several points in the plan (e.g. p15, third paragraph) it is acknowledged that there is a need for better collaboration and partnerships between the (sometimes disparate) interests on the island. This needs to be based on a shared understanding of values and priorities and common goals, and building a community which is connected with nature and each other.

Of priority should be the need to articulate and combine māturanga Māori with science based knowledge to provide an overarching bi-cultural strategy for restoring the mauri of Te Taio/natural ecosystems, particularly for terrestrial, coastal and freshwater ecosystems on Waiheke Island. This should provide a framework for effective collaboration and action which avoids cultural appropriation and empowers our whole community to build strong societal relationships to address declines in biological and cultural wellbeing. The strategy could complement the work of Sea Change, the Waiheke Marine Project and the Friends of the Hauraki Gulf in the marine environment, and draw from the work carried out to develop a land-based Biodiversity Strategy for Waiheke Island several years ago, which needs to be brought to fruition.

This will not be a simple task. However we believe that the Local Board has an important role to play in this process as a facilitator and catalyst to mobilise and direct resources where they will be most efficiently and effectively used, and convince us all that we are contributing to a bigger picture. This would enable greater use of the energies, knowledge and expertise available on the island and funding sources within and beyond Auckland Council.

The Board should take the lead by establishing a working group to navigate a pathway forward and prioritise short term and long term actions. Forest & Bird would wish to be represented on this group alongside other conservation groups on Waiheke.

### **Flagship Biodiversity Projects**

We note that the plan generally signals the Board's high level intentions rather than providing commitment to funding or giving priority to specific environmental projects, or identifying any specific and tangible flagship projects which the Board intends to bring to fruition. Such flagship projects have been an important component of previous Local Board Plans and have helped to bring the plans to life.

Whilst understanding the difficulties arising from the decline in Auckland Council funding and future financial uncertainties for the Local Board, we would like to see at least some tangible and urgent projects included. In particular:

- *Facilitating the attempted self-reintroduction of korimako/bell bird and kakariki on the island.* We should not be waiting for the outcome of the long term rat eradication programme before taking action on this. Forest & Bird would wish to be directly involved in this project.
- *Removal of barriers to native fish passage.* We would like to see at least one priority catchment identified for progressive removal of barriers to fish passage, as a stimulus to wider action. The Rangihoua catchment is a clear and urgent example, with a remnant population of banded kōkopu stranded in the upper catchment and much of the catchment under the direct control and management of Auckland Council/Waiheke Local Board and sympathetic landowners.
- *Identifying and protecting habitat used by or suitable for tūturiwhatu/New Zealand dotterel and kororā/little blue penguin.* Whilst this may form part of the proposed survey of shore bird habitat both species have a high profile which deserves specific and immediate attention. As decision makers on the Kennedy Point Marina proposal Auckland Council should be urgently gathering the information required to prevent a repeat of that sorry outcome for kororā/little blue penguin.

SUBMISSION ENDS



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### Waiheke Ratbusters

**Your Local Board:** Waiheke

### Your feedback

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**Tell us why**



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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our People* in this section?**

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our facilities and open spaces* in this section?**

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Economy* in this section?**

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

**7. Do you have any other feedback on our proposed Local Board Plan, including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcome aspirations?**

Please see uploaded feedback document.

**Submission from Waiheke Ratbusters into the Waiheke Local Board Draft Plan 2023**

12/8/2023

**INTRODUCTION of our Community Group**

The Waiheke Ratbusters are a dedicated group of volunteers sponsored by Auckland Council who give up their time to monitor biodiversity and control rodents on over 50 public reserves and walkways across our island. Since 2014 our volunteers have laid out ink cards in tracking tunnels to collect 'critter footprints'. These are analysed to detect numbers of visiting mice, rats, hedgehogs, weta and lizards to monitor project progress. Whereas once we had rats tracking through 60-100% of these tunnels in just 1 night, we now in these same locations have rat indexes of 5-10% on average, many on 0%. These same volunteers then replenish the bait in traps and bait stations and return to retrieve any old bait a month later. We 'blitz bait' 3 monthly in a coordinated effort with Rocky Bay Ratbusters, Whakanewha Regional Park and other groups and large landowners. Since 2019 Ratbusters is also supporting many passionate neighbourhood and community groups to monitor, bait and trap to best practice standards meaning we are now a 500-plus team of volunteers.

**COMMENTS AND SUBMISSION POINTS****TŌ TĀTOU TAIAO/OUR ENVIRONMENT**

Waiheke Ratbusters is generally supportive of the wider Aspirations and Key Initiatives and the table (pg 15-17).

We fully support the statement 'Community education and volunteer programmes have a crucial role to play'. As a community group with over 500 active volunteers and many more supporters, not far short of 5% of our island has a direct connection to our project. As well as protecting our Reserves, Public walkways, and neighbourhoods from rats we provide an opportunity for volunteer 'feel good factor'. Giving back to your community, enjoyment in the great outdoors, exercise, and mental health benefits are so important for all of us. Connecting with your community has become increasingly important in the somewhat challenging times we find ourselves living in.

Reference is made to "volunteer groups" at various points in the plan, including paragraph 3 pg15 but no mention is made of community organisations that play an active role in conservation on the island and wider Hauraki Gulf such as Waiheke Resources Trust and Forest & Bird to name a few larger ones. The only NGO mentioned by name in this section is Te Korowai o Waiheke. The perception of imbalance needs to be avoided by including references to these other organisations as well.

We note that the plan generally signals the Board's high-level intentions rather than providing any commitment to funding or giving priority to environmental projects, or identifying any specific and tangible flagship projects which the Board intends to bring to fruition. For example, with urgency is a Rangihoua Wetland restoration plan that includes viable safe fish passage, revegetation and accompanying pest control. Currently, pest control in this high-value area to protect our precious wetland birds such as banded rail, Pateke, and Bittern is all done almost exclusively by volunteers. More funding, and certainty around funding, is needed for efficient project planning, to properly support volunteers, and ensure endemic protection. This Rangihoua area is under direct control and management by Auckland Council/Waiheke Local Board.

It is absolutely vital that while we wait for a potential long-term rat eradication from Te Korowai o Waiheke that those on the ground currently controlling rats and other pests are supported.

Community buy-in will be essential for a successful Predator Free Waiheke. These local community groups are experienced in our unique island environment and will be needed beyond any successful eradication for biosecurity or if unsuccessful, to continue pest control. Most importantly we need to protect those endemic species we have on Waiheke and aim to enhance their numbers and environment and potentially look towards what we can reintroduce meanwhile. Action is needed now. Waiheke Ratbusters would support the attempted self-reintroduction of korimako/bellbird or kakariki and would offer support to key organisations likely to be involved in this such as Forest & Bird. This could provide another LB 'showcase project'.

Thanking the Local Board for all your community support

*Ngā mihi*

*Sally Horwood, Project Coordinator  
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**Waiheke Ratbusters**

Community Conservation Project

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### Wildlife at Waiheke

**Your Local Board:** Waiheke

### Your feedback

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**Submission from Wildlife at Waiheke (W@W) community group into the Waiheke Local Board Draft Plan 2023**

12/08/2023

**INTRODUCTION of our community group**

Wildlife at Waiheke (W@W) is a community-led conservation project, monitoring and trapping multiple pest species to protect and enhance Waiheke Taonga. This ground-based work is in localised key areas of high biodiversity aiming to ensure the survival of species such as Ōi, kororā, nesting kaka and our many precious wetland birds such as Pateke, Banded Rail and Bittern. We are a core group of 6 experienced contractors and volunteers who have wide support of the island population, other community groups and a high profile on social media. W@W is an integrated project actively collaborating with many other conservation projects such as Waiheke Ratbusters, Hauraki Gulf F&B, Te Korowai o Waiheke and Waiheke Native Bird Rescue. Previously the project was funded by Auckland Council for 3 years, this ceased in 2022 so now we operate mostly voluntarily. We are though appreciative of \$4,000 of funding from the Waiheke Local Board. Thank you.

**COMMENTS AND SUBMISSION POINTS - TŌ TĀTOU TAIAO/OUR ENVIRONMENT**

Our W@W group is generally supportive of the wider Aspirations and Key Initiatives Pg 15 and 16 and table Pg 16-17.

We fully support the statement 'We acknowledge the importance of our natural environment to Māori and will work with mana whenua and mātāwaka to achieve our combined environmental aspirations'. We need to go further than this. Matauranga Maori need to be brought to the forefront of all environmental work. Local Board is needed to support a pickup or refresh of the Waiheke Biodiversity Strategy Plan that stalled around 2021. An overarching mandate to promote a coordinated approach to protecting, restoring, and enhancing our natural environments is essential. A blueprint, if you like, but a framework based on Te Ao Maori. From there we each know the role we have to assist as a piece in the jigsaw. This would enable the 'coordinated approach' talked about in your document.

We also fully support the statement 'We will foster partnerships and collaborative relationships with volunteer groups committed to protecting, restoring, and enhancing our natural environments such as wetlands, native bush, coastlines and marine environments'. This is great! Currently, financial times are challenging, but increased funding support is needed for local community pest control groups. These groups suffer fatigue from the uncertainty surrounding their projects and could do so much more if they had more. Importantly though funding has reduced, their workload has increased in the last few years as they help Te Korowai o Waiheke and answer the public's enquiries and passion as a result of the increased profile of pests on our island. A plan to address this inequity is needed.

Improvements we would recommend in this section would be to name those many community organisations referred to as "volunteer groups" at various points in the plan. Those groups that play an active role in conservation on the island and wider Hauraki Gulf, such as Waiheke Resources Trust and Forest & Bird are the larger ones amongst many others. The only NGO mentioned by name in this section is Te Korowai o Waiheke. The perception of imbalance needs to be avoided by including references to these other organisations as well.

Wildlife at Waiheke would like to see more specificity around projects that Local Board will get behind to support rather than just high-level intentions. 'Flagship Projects' are important for motivation, measuring success and allowing LB to show off their input through tangible successes. Also, an ideal opportunity for Local Board to show where its funding went! For example, identifying and protecting

habitat used by or suitable for tūturiwhatu/New Zealand Dotterel and Kororā/Little Blue Penguin. The proposed survey of shore birds is mentioned but these particular iconic species deserve specific attention. Any surveying results need to be made available to all those community groups that protect and enhance these areas and funding needs to accompany this surveying to ensure the protection of these Taonga species. It is one thing to know where these species reside but completely another to ensure their survival. Wildlife at Waiheke would fully support Forest and Bird with this predator control.

What ground-based community pest control projects require is some action, support and certainty of funding to protect and enhance what special endemic species Waiheke has before we lose it while awaiting pipeline dreams of eradication.

W@W would like to thank the Local Board for supporting our project.

Nga mihi

**W@W**

The Wildlife@Waiheke Team

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*Please note that this is a team of hardworking volunteers passionate about our island's biodiversity. We are busy monitoring and trapping and hence may take some time to respond to emails.*



## Waiheke Local Board Plan

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### The Tree Council

**Your Local Board:** Waiheke

### Your feedback

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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our People* in this section?**

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

**3. Our environment – objectives**

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- Respond to the challenge of climate change
- Improve conservation of our marine and coastal environment
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- A water sensitive community
- Stormwater is managed sustainably.

**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Environment* in this section?**

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

**4. Our facilities and open spaces – objectives**

- Improve the open space network on the island
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- Maintain our track network and explore opportunities to develop new pathways, tracks and cycleways.

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**5. Our places – objectives**

- Planning that enables local placemaking
- Safe, fit-for-purpose and low carbon environmentally friendly transport infrastructure
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**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

**7. Do you have any other feedback on our proposed Local Board Plan, including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcome aspirations?**

Please see uploaded supporting file for feedback.

**Submission – Waiheke Local Board Plan 2023  
by The Tree Council**

14 August 2023

**From: The Tree Council**

**Contact:** Dr Mels Barton, Secretary  
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021 213 7779  
[info@thetreecouncil.org.nz](mailto:info@thetreecouncil.org.nz)

Thank you for the opportunity to present The Tree Council's submission on the proposed **Waiheke Local Board Plan 2023**.

This submission is made by The Tree Council, an independent, voluntary organisation, a non-profit incorporated charitable society which has been serving the Auckland community since 1986 in the protection of trees and as advocates for the significant benefits and services that our trees and green spaces provide.

**Climate Action**

*The Tree Council comment:*

- *We support these objectives and initiatives regarding enhancing tree cover within the local board area. We applaud the fact that one of your plan objectives is to implement the grow stage of the Waiheke Ngahere (Forest) Strategy to increase canopy cover, retain significant trees and improve Waiheke Island's carbon footprint and encourage carbon sequestration.*
- *We are delighted to see recognition of and your support for the important role mana whenua and community groups play in working to enhance biodiversity and undertake tree planting.*

**Our Environment**

*The Tree Council comment:*

- *We acknowledge your awareness of the unique and diverse environment of Waiheke Island and the importance of environmental management.*
- *We urge you to oppose all consents proposing to remove trees in Significant Ecological Areas and Scheduled Notable Trees on both private and public land as these are so important to retain for future generations.*
- *If you have kauri in any of your local reserves you should consider getting them urgently*



*tested for kauri dieback and if found to be positive then you should consider getting them treated to keep them alive. Kauri dieback has an almost 100% mortality rate so all infected trees will die without treatment. We recommend you work with the Kauri Rescue Trust for the best way to approach this problem. There is an urgency as trees in which the disease has progressed too far will not survive even after treatment, so the earlier this happens the better. Kauri are carbon sinks, we need to keep these trees alive as long as possible.*

*In addition we would like to see specific support, including financial support, for the following initiatives to protect and enhance existing tree cover:*

- *Practical support and (for eg legal) advice for private landowners wishing to provide permanent protection for their trees eg via covenants &/or scheduling to enable protection of existing tree cover on private land to be optimised as most of the mature trees in Auckland are on private land with no legal protection.*
- *Grants for private landowners to maintain Scheduled Notable Trees on their property*
- *Provide permanent and visible physical labels for all Scheduled Notable Trees in the local board area to enable the public to see that this tree is legally protected and tell the stories of our natural heritage.*
- *Look for opportunities to schedule additional mature trees and encourage Council to undertake Plan Changes to the Unitary Plan to regularly add new trees to Schedule 10 (Notable Trees).*
- *Look for opportunities to raise awareness of the value of Scheduled Notable Trees by organising events to celebrate them such as guided walks, community picnics, heritage talks.*
- *We would like to see specific support, including financial support, for mana whenua, local communities and groups undertaking the following types of initiatives within the local board area:*
  - *water quality testing*
  - *monitoring of beaches*
  - *treatment of diseased kauri trees on local parks and private land*
  - *monitoring for myrtle rust*
  - *weed control*
  - *pest control*
  - *protection of rare birds eg dotterel*
  - *restoration planting*
- *Public education on issues affecting biodiversity such as:*
  - *kauri dieback, myrtle rust*
  - *weeds*
  - *animal and insect pests*
  - *other biosecurity threats*
  - *control of dogs in sensitive areas*
  - *conflicting uses eg vehicles on beaches*
  - *rules for marine reserves*



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I don't know

**Tell us why**

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- Overall the plan is a lot of words. 36 pages of support and advocacy, but no SMART goals i.e. plant xx native trees a year or weed control of xx ha
- You only mention compliance twice and on page 25 it says "adequate funding and resource to ensure the bylaw and consent compliance teams can respond to Waiheke and inner gulf islands' requests and complaints". Compliance deserves more focus in Waiheke and to be active - rather than waiting for residents to compliant. And even when residents complaint to Council compliance team, we are told that "we can't expect a perfect implementation of the rules" or we are simply ignore.

Holiday homes need regulations and enforcement. Airbnb, Bachcare, BeMyGuest etc are renting out homes with unconsented rooms. Real state agents are selling homes with unconsented rooms. The information is available online for the Council to actively monitor this: how many rooms are consented vs how many rooms they advertise - to ensure septic systems are suitable.

Holiday homes are a business and should be treated like one with certificates for maintaining their septic systems and regular inspections - same as a restaurant.

The smell we had recently due to algae in the marine water demonstrates that there is an excess of nutrients in the stormwater (septic system have failed/are old and people are discharging their wastewater directly to the environment). In summer, you can even smell poo when walking around in Palm Beach. Therefore, I'd like the board to advocate for the council to publish a register of how many rooms/sqms are consented for each property. This information is available to Council and should be free - same as with rates information online. And it won't replace the LIM report nor the council files. but quickly everyone can see if a home complies at least with the number of rooms consented.

- Be bold with climate action and protection of biodiversity!

For example:

- o Ban (advocate Council to ban) outdoor fireplaces. Wood burners are already banned for interior use; they harm human health. They also harm you when you breath their smoke/particulars outside. I smell smoke when I walk around the Oneroa shops in the morning, discharge probably coming from the restaurant. I smell smoke when I go to zumba at Palmy beach hall on Sunday morning. It is worse on humid/raining days - with no wind.
  - o Ban (advocate Council to ban) artificial grass.
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- "Waiheke becoming a predator free island" on page 16: Ban dogs and cats, at least new registrations and specially tourists dogs and cats. Be bold!
  - Page 17 "Install public rubbish bins in tourism/visitor areas to provide for landfill, recycling, and organic compostable separation and, as practicable, reduce public litter collection sites at other locations". Install them in bus stops and near schools please. Not just for tourists.
  - Page 20 " limited regional budget to support significant projects such as a community swimming pool Understanding the changing needs of our community." Advocate for / introduce a tourist levy - similar to \$15 visitor levy for Stewart Island to be phased in by 2025 | RNZ News for a small community to pay for its own facilities and continue to host the more than 900,000 visitors each year
  - I oppose the targeted rate "Continue to support local organisations with the development of a community swimming pool and consider consulting our community on a targeted rate if required". Why would you ask residents to pay more rates, when the investment in our infraestructure (including natural assets) is to support tourism in the island? Tourism needs to contribute more / give back more to the community.
  - Page 23 "narrow roads and unsafe access in some areas for pedestrians, cyclists and other users e.g. mobility scooters"... "providing transport options that encourage active transport modes to align with our climate change goals". Establish regular days for biking / micro-mobility only. Many cities around the world have these days to enocurage residnets and tourists to get out of their cars. See example of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil, every Sunday the main road along the coast in the city closes to traffic in the morning for people to skate, bike, walk, exrecise, push a pram and play on the street. This could be a great eco-tourism initiative and will be inclusive. It is much safer to bike/skate or push your wheelchair on the road with no vehicles. Cars and buses take an alternative route for that day.
  - Page 25 "funding support for the implementation of a helicopter activity plan change in the Hauraki Gulf Island District Plan". Please do more: the noise, the emissions, the lack of privacy - they fly so low they can see us in our backyards! and they don't represent sustainable-tourism nor the pristine image you want to potray of the island.

- Page 26 "Waiheke's economy lacks diversity making it vulnerable to any downturn in activity in its main employment sector". We had Covid, now severe weather events are going to impact tourism that heavily relies on natural assets and good weather, and demographics are changing - young people drink less wine than baby boomers. Businesses need to wake up! I don't support more rate/tax payers money subsidizing tourism - we already pay for the infrastructure with DOC and councils being the largest investor in tourism infrastructure in NZ, not the private sector. We already paid for Covid support. The board should advocating for "funds for visitor infrastructure." from other sources than public funds - page 28.
- Lastly "advocate for affordable reliable ferry services". I am very happy with the ferry as a commuter. They are reliable and my monthly pass or the 40 trip pass is good value. I don't want rate/tax payers to subsidise visitors' ferry tickets. I feel there is a lot of misinformation about ferry services and the noise is coming from tourism businesses. the Board should advocate for community card holders and children to have discounted fares, not for visitors and bach owners to have cheaper fares.



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Not very well

#### Tell us why

too much emphasis on commerce and business, not enough on people living here and the environment

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nice objectives, but how are they going to set into practice?

the identity of Waiheke is changing into "the rich peoples island", who come here with helicopters that disturb our peace and wildlife. RThe REAL Waihekeans don't want that.

The ferry tickets get more expensive by the day and nobody does anything about it. Fullers can do what they want and even wreck our island with their idiotic doubledecker buses

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Not well at all

#### Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?

houses being built on cliff sides, wetlands being dried... not good for the environment

I'm flabbergasted as to where the rich people are allowed to build their houses ! On cliff sides, wetlands... And nobody ever lives in these mansions, they are occupied - if at all - for one week a year over the summer holidays and young people working for minimum wages can't find places to live in. It's despicable !



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Not very well

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cycle ways are appalling and not kept in good shape, there are not enough cycle and walking tracks there should be walkways through the 'gated communities', actually there should be no gated communities at all. How can some rich people fence off vast areas and not allow any of the people living on Waiheke to go there ?! It's despicable!

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hundreds of houses staying empty for 50 weeks a year when young people cannot find places to rent - not fair affordable housing ? HA HA, it does not exist on the island. Sustainable living ? Great, let's build more houses that stay empty and seal up more land with concrete driveways, lay more wetlands dry etc., there is nothing sustainable on this island!

**6. Our economy – objectives**

- Economic development on Waiheke is environmentally, economically and socially sustainable
- Our visitor industry is managed sustainably
- Waiheke is recognised as an arts destination
- Strengthen our economy in keeping with the island’s character and our need to increase our resiliency
- Enhance Māori wellbeing and potential
- Advocate for harmonisation of funding for art galleries across the region

**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Economy* in this section?**

Not very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

we don't need more rich people destroying our island with their helicopters, super yachts etc. as I said before, business and tourism get too much support to the detriment of our island. Greed and making money with vineyards etc. for the rich-listers destroy our island

**7. Do you have any other feedback on our proposed Local Board Plan, including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcome aspirations?**

restrict cars, especially big Utes, which destroy the roads, no double-decker buses

Yes: no more houses for people if they don't live in them full time, less cars allowed on the island, especially tank like Utes. no doubledecker buses, recycling facilities, banning helicopters flying over our houses, building affordable housing for young people, no more vineyards.





## Waiheke Local Board Plan

Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.

### Civic Trust Auckland

**Your Local Board:** Waiheke

### Your feedback

1. **How well do you think our plan reflects the needs and aspirations for our community for the next three years?**

**Tell us why**

## Activity areas

The draft local board plan focuses on five key areas of activity: Our people, Our environment, Our Facilities & Open Spaces, Our places, Our economy. Let us know if you agree or disagree with how we propose to meet the community's needs for these areas.

### 2. Our people – objectives

- A resilient and connected community
- A supportive society, where people feel there is care, respect and all people are valued
- Strengthen collaboration and partnership with Māori
- Enhance Māori wellbeing and potential
- A flourishing arts sector that celebrates our unique island identity
- Youth are valued and have opportunities to thrive
- Advocate for affordable ferry services and service elements such as accessibility, reliability, connectivity, and fare structures.

**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our People* in this section?**

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

### 3. Our environment – objectives

- Restore, enhance, and protect our natural environment in partnership with our community
- Respond to the challenge of climate change
- Improve conservation of our marine and coastal environment
- Reduce the waste stream
- A water sensitive community
- Stormwater is managed sustainably.

**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Environment* in this section?**

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

**4. Our facilities and open spaces – objectives**

- Improve the open space network on the island
- Implement the Tawaipareira Reserve and Little Oneroa Reserve Concept Plans
- Improve our community’s wellbeing by providing quality arts, recreational and community facilities
- Embrace Waiheke’s rich Māori identity and cultural history
- Maintain our track network and explore opportunities to develop new pathways, tracks and cycleways.

**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our facilities and open spaces* in this section?**

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

**5. Our places – objectives**

- Planning that enables local placemaking
- Safe, fit-for-purpose and low carbon environmentally friendly transport infrastructure
- Sustainable living and healthy homes
- Mātiatia is redeveloped in consultation with mana whenua, and subsequently with the community and other stakeholders
- Advocate for delivery of our 10-year Transport Plan and a review of the bus network
- Advocate for any available council property being considered for health facilities and affordable housing purposes.

**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Places* in this section?**

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

**6. Our economy – objectives**

- Economic development on Waiheke is environmentally, economically and socially sustainable
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**7. Do you have any other feedback on our proposed Local Board Plan, including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcome aspirations?**

See attached



## **Submission of Civic Trust Auckland**

### **Draft Local Board Plans - all**

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### **Introduction**

Civic Trust Auckland (CTA) is a non-profit public interest group, incorporated in 1968, with activities and interests throughout the greater Auckland region

The aims of the Trust include:

- Protection of natural landforms
- Preservation of heritage, in all its aspects
- Encouragement of good planning, for the city and region.

We are on Council's list of regional stakeholders and we have previously provided submissions on Local Board plans, as well as on many other Auckland Council plans. Some matters that we have advocated for are now in place, such as smoke-free parks and public open spaces, more resource recovery centres and public education about waste reduction, especially as regards plastic bag use, and Local Boards holding their monthly meetings at varying times.

Other matters are partly in place but we feel the need to submit on them again, including improved public transport: bus, rail and ferry services, better provision for walking and cycling, involving the community more in decision making as well as supporting them as volunteers and improved Local Board engagement with the community, perhaps through a regular clinic at varying times of the day.

CTA has a particular focus on the Environment and Climate Action parts of the Local Board plans.

CTA greatly appreciates the work of Local Boards, and recognises that they know their local communities and are focused on the needs of those particular communities, as well as responding to Auckland Council plans. We are aware of the reduced amount of funding Local Boards have been allocated. We support in general the initiatives in the draft plans. We have highlighted some areas of particular support and particular concern, first making some general points about all Local Board plans as well as particular points for a number of Local Boards, in alphabetical order according to the names of those Local Boards. When quoting from Local Board plans, we use *italics*.

## **All Local Boards**

### **Climate Action**

All the plans address climate action and emissions reduction. We support all Local Boards in the importance they have placed on climate action and commend those that have their own Climate Action Plan, especially those that put them in place even before Auckland Council formulated its Climate Action Plan, such as Puketāpapa. As stated in the Upper Harbour Draft Local Board Plan: *“We recognize that climate change is a complex issue that will require collaborative effort from all of us”* (page 10). The Kaipātiki Local Board articulates that “Climate impact is a key consideration for all decisions made.”

The plans address similar concerns:

- lack of knowledge about how to live low carbon lives
- community preparedness for impacts of climate change
- additional barriers for migrant and ethnic communities
- lack of access to reliable public transport
- road safety concerns, particularly in rural areas
- coastline erosion, sea level rise and flooding
- low tree canopy cover and lack of greenspace to match the rate of urban development and intensification • vegetation, soil and biodiversity loss (urban development, transport, pollution)

We support climate actions across the Local Boards such as

- establishing / supporting EcoNeighbourhoods
- implementing local Urban Ngahere (Forest) Action Plans
- implementing Shoreline Adaptation Plans, especially in collaboration with a neighbouring Local Board
- local waste minimisation, resource recovery initiatives and public education about waste reduction.
- the planting of more trees by Local Boards and support for the community to plant trees
- ensuring Local Board assets will be resilient to the impacts of climate change or severe weather, and reinstating any assets lost or damaged as a result of storm events
- implementing low carbon practices when upgrading or developing Local Board assets
- developing community-led emergency preparedness plans and
- working alongside the community in response to flood events

Furthermore, we support those Local Boards such as Aotea-Great-Barrier that have their own local Emergency Response Team to lead emergency preparedness, response and recovery, and those advocating, as the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board articulates: *“Advocate to and work with Auckland Emergency Management and wider council departments to support community networks and connections that help people to fare better and respond to emergencies and the impacts of climate change”* (page 16).

We are hopeful that communities know about their local Climate Action Plan or are able to find it online or elsewhere.

### **Māori Outcomes**

As stated in all the Local Board plans, *“Māori identity and culture are Auckland’s unique point of difference in the world.”* CTA endorses all the plans listing strong Māori initiatives that build whānau wellbeing and strengthen resilience, such as practicing te ao Māori guardianship (kaitiakitanga) principles led by mana whenua and incorporating mana whenua identity and culture into the design of developments. We support dual naming of parks and other sites to reflect Māori heritage.

We note that the Manurewa Local Board has the highest proportion and highest number of Māori residents across all the Local Boards and that, appropriately, they include in their plan a particularly strong and high number of listed Māori outcomes, including for Māori youth.

### **Places**

All Local Board Plans have included the following in their draft plans under Local Planning and Development:

*“We support local town centres and communities to thrive by developing town centre plans and development, supporting Business Improvement Districts (BIDs), heritage plans and initiatives.”*

Local boards, sometimes with input from local heritage organisations, arguably have the best understanding of their local heritage and therefore have an important role in its identification, protection and enhancement. We strongly support local boards identifying and assessing the heritage items and places in their area, making use of local knowledge and skills to do so, and consulting with stakeholders in working to preserve and enhance their built and natural heritage.

We observe that the Waitemātā Local Board lists particular heritage buildings in its draft plan, and it seems that only two other Local Board do so (Orakei Local Board – Remuera Library, Waitākere Ranges – Waikumete Cemetery, the rail station house and Playhouse Theatre). We know that communities value their heritage buildings and we know that many of them remain unidentified and unprotected, so we encourage Local Boards to include the identification, protection, enhancement and restoration of built heritage as key initiatives in their plans.

CTA supports local boards to advocate and provide for local board input for improved outcomes for heritage in Council planning documents for the region’s collective heritage.

CTA supports the creation and maintaining of a regional cultural heritage database to provide information to landowners, resource consent applicants and other interest groups. We encourage Council and community groups sharing collective information for the purposes of heritage identification.

CTA encourages all Local Boards to investigate incentives for enhancing low quality designs and to encourage any design solutions that might assist in this. We support Local Boards advocating to the Governing Body for the creation of the position of City Architect.

We support Local Boards reviewing their community-leased buildings, approach and fees to make best strategic use of those spaces.

We support the intention of the Local Boards which are looking at partnership opportunities with local schools, churches, and other organisations to make their spaces available for community use and to ensure programmes and initiatives are coordinated to fill any gaps and to avoid duplication. Schools in particular are a valuable resource for all communities, both their facilities and their populations.

We support the Local Boards working with Kāinga Ora to help provide park and community facility assets, as well as integrate their housing developments with the character of the area, ensure that developments are well planned and that the transport and other infrastructure works well.

## **Environment**

Many of the Local Boards in their plans recognise and celebrate their environmental volunteers who have restored, protected and cleaned up areas over many years and continue to do so. This includes community-led pest control and biodiversity projects. The support of Local Boards for such work is important.

Also important are the actions of those community groups which work to identify and protect built heritage, which is recognised by the Ōrākei Local Board in its intention to work with the Remuera Heritage Society (amongst others) to preserve heritage character in the area (page 25).

Local Board support, including funding initiatives such as planting, pest control, stream and water quality enhancements, and waste minimisation projects is important for healthy ecosystems and sustainability.

Some Local Boards contain Special Ecological Areas within them and we support their work in this regard.

CTA supports the daylighting of streams to divert them from pipes back to the surface, as the Manurewa Local Board and others are planning to do, including Waitematā Local Board with the Waipapa Stream.

We support the use of electric vehicles and the installation of charging stations.

All Local Boards recognise the importance of parks and open spaces in their area and we support those that plan to acquire open space where possible, such as through large-scale developments, and to improve existing parks space through land exchanges, reconfiguration and improving linkages and connections.

We support management plan for local parks, reserves and other open spaces. However, care may need to be taken so that an omnibus management plan does not mean that unique aspects of certain spaces are not protected. Some spaces may need their own separate management plan.

We support more tree planting throughout the city, and, in general, oppose the removal of already planted trees. This includes the removal of exotic trees from the maunga that are demonstrably valued by the people of Auckland. We submit that trees already planted be allowed to live out their natural lives and that any succession planting, where appropriate, should focus on natives.

We suggest that small local projects involving the community, particularly new migrants and/or those for whom language is a barrier, could be to beautify/make use of small areas, including on land which is awaiting development, for planting or for art installations.

## **Transport**

As mentioned in the Devonport-Takapuna Draft Local Board Plan (page 25), *“Local Boards have an advocacy role when it comes to many transport projects.”* All the plans address transport issues, particularly public transport, and they advocate for efficient, affordable and convenient public transport, which CTA has previously advocated for and supported.



CTA supports the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu and Otara-Papatoetoe Local Boards in advocating for free public transport. CTA has suggested in previous submissions that a trial of free transport be held. As pointed out by several Local Boards, transport in Auckland accounts for nearly half of the city's greenhouse gas emissions. Some Local Boards also mention car-dependency and congestion.

We also support safer speeds, especially around schools, traffic calming, road safety and pedestrian and cyclist priority, including cycleways and greenways to encourage healthy activity and less care use, as is advocated for by most, if not all, Local Boards. We caution that when considering implementation of the relevant infrastructure, including bicycle parking, there should be full consultation with affected people, primarily being the residents and/or businesses in the area under consideration. Streetscape character should not be compromised. We suggest that there is already sufficient infrastructure in place for bicycle parking, partly because some Local Board areas have already provided specific bicycle parking and partly because most cyclists like the ability to park very close to where they are going and are happy to use a pole, fence or tree to chain their bike to, and in our experience, this is workable for everyone (in contrast to e-scooter parking). We consider that the negative effect of placing any transport infrastructure in the public realm needs to be recognised and minimised.

CTA encourages Local Boards to support our advocacy to Auckland Council for a Public Transport champion. This could be a youth role and it could involve the telling of good stories about public transport. In our view, many more people would use public transport if they could see other people like themselves using it on a regular basis and get to know more about HOP cards (and the imminent introduction of the use of credit cards to pay for public transport), that public transport can accommodate the frail and disabled, and that there is, in fact, often a bus stop not too far from their house and/or place of work.

We support the Local Boards that are advocating for more bus shelters in their area. In our view, a shelter in addition to a seat at a bus stop is an essential part of the public transport infrastructure, for protection from both sun and rain. Future designs should consider the potential for the seat and the people waiting at the bus stop getting wet from driving rain, as is the case with some of the current shelters.

### **Community Engagement with Local Boards**

The Devonport-Takapuna Draft Local Board Plan under "Challenges" states: "*Low levels of participation and understanding of what local boards do, which weakens local democracy and decision making*" (page 14) and also under "Challenges" the Franklin Local Board includes: "*Limitations to understanding the board's role and mandate, and its influence in regional and national decision-making*" (page 21). The Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board will advocate for "*Auckland Council to communicate in a way that is accessible to all our community leading to a better-informed community and improved engagement with the council*" (page 15).

In our view, engagement with the community is an issue for all Local Boards, as well as the wider Council. We have observed that many members of the community still do not know much (if anything) about local boards, and a very small percentage of them actually engage with their local board. Furthermore, some people find it difficult, for various reasons, to approach their local board and/or to be listened to. We commend those Local Boards which have made their members available through regular open meetings to members of the public, especially those that are at varying times of the day to cater for the availability of different members of the community. We suggest that time could usefully be made available within Local Board workshops for members of the community dealing with certain issues to engage more thoroughly with board members and staff than is possible in public forum appearances at local board business meetings.

The Local Board plans outline what Local Boards do, who the members are and where they are based, so if people in their area read the plans, they would have a better awareness about Local Boards. If all libraries held copies of the relevant Local Board plans in their final version, this would assist in more people becoming more aware of Local Boards.

We suggest that Local Boards share with other Local Boards what has worked in terms of public engagement for them. An idea from a member of the Puketāpapa community is that Local Board members hold their clinics or engagement (where practical) “on the street,” which could mean in a park or square which is used well by the public. We note that when Local Board candidates are campaigning for election, they tend to go to where the people are, and we suggest that this could be part of the answer, rather than expecting the people to come to where they are. We know that many people do not know where their Local Board office is. If practicable, Local Board members could now and again set up tables, chairs and coffee on the footpath outside their office.

We also note that a key initiative of the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board is: *“Community conversations – enabling communities we hear from less to engage more comfortably and on their terms”* (page 15), so perhaps their ideas could be shared with other Local Boards. We also see that this Local Board will *“Advocate for accessible and easy to use engagement methods that suit our residents for both local and regional consultations”* (page 16).

We encourage local board members (and future candidates) to retreat from political affiliations. In our experience, alignment with a political group creates an impediment to good governance and working effectively for the community. Community groups tend to be apolitical and their members tend to work well together. The political affiliations of Local Board members can act as a barrier to community engagement – as well as a barrier for members to engage with and cooperate with each other.

### **Albert-Eden**

We support the Carrington residential development and the way it has developed, including working with the iwi involved, and we also support the bid by the Pt Chev Social Enterprise Trust for there to be a community wellbeing hub incorporated into Building One on this site. We are disappointed that one wing of this building is to be demolished, due to the roading design.

We strongly support the Local Board’s key initiative to: *“Provide feedback on resource consents and planning processes to ensure good design outcomes are achieved and significant views of the maunga (volcanic cones) are protected through the volcanic viewshafts and height sensitive areas in the Auckland Unitary Plan”* (page 12).

CTA strongly supports the establishment of the Waiōrea Community Recycling Centre (opened on 11 August), which seems to be a shared facility between the Albert-Eden and Waitemata Local Board areas, and supports the promotion by these two Local Boards of the facility. We suggest that libraries in all Local Board areas could be a place for dropping off small items such as used batteries (battery collection being something that has taken place in Wellington libraries for some years).

CTA supports this Local Board including as one of the objectives of its plan: *“The history, identity and character of our neighborhoods are celebrated”* and that a key initiative is: *“Protect and celebrate our historic heritage by being good stewards of the assets we own and supporting others to care for theirs”* (page 29). Supporting others could be seen as both support for the people in their Local Board area as regards historic heritage that is privately owned, and supporting other Local Boards to care for historic heritage that are their assets, as well as other Local Boards supporting the protection of other historic heritage sites.

We support the Albert-Eden Local Board for the following (page 31):

- *“Renewal funding for seismic upgrades for heritage assets*

- *Support the Tūpuna Maunga Authority in their aspiration to have the maunga recognised as UNESCO World Heritage site*
- *The Auckland Unitary Plan reflects the importance of built and natural heritage and the contribution that heritage makes to the identity, history and story of Tāmaki Makaurau and its people”.*

We endorse this Local Board’s plan to carry out an audit of the parks in their area to identify where they can get better use, to activate them more and to see if there is the right mix of uses for the future.

A photo of Rocket Park in Mount Albert is featured in the Albert-Eden Draft Local Board Plan. This park no longer functions as it was intended. It was originally a park where children with disabilities could use special equipment such as a Liberty Swing for wheelchairs. We understand that the swing is no longer there, and we submit that it be reinstated, along with the other original equipment for this special park.

We support the Local Board’s intention to *“Encourage green business practices and share information on existing resources such as Sustainable Business Network and Climate Connect Aotearoa”* (page 35).

### **Aotea-Great-Barrier**

This Local Board’s plan states that *“Our community is also incredibly conscious of remote living and the carbon impacts of freighting supplies to the island”* (page 11). The island is very different from the mostly urban areas of Auckland and has some different issues to deal with, which perhaps the rest of the city does not recognise.

CTA supports this Local Board’s intention to *“advocate to the Governing Body for continued staff support to investigate a visitor levy to respond to the impacts of tourism”* (page 14), like the levy that has been introduced to Rakiura / Stewart Island.

The Aotea-Great-Barrier Local Board has been progressing solar power upgrades of council and community buildings and electric chargers, as have several other Local Boards, and we encourage more area to do this, and for Local Boards to learn from each other in this regard.

Another aspect that perhaps other areas could learn from is the island’s *“bespoke approach to education through our Lifelong Learning Strategy, especially for our tamariki and rangatahi with a new early childhood education centre and established Aotea Learning Hub”* (page 13).

We congratulate the island on being designated as an International Dark Sky Sanctuary.

An aspect of the island that needs recognition by Auckland Council is that *“Climate change has led to warmer waters and the arrival of exotic marine pests such as Caulerpa, Asian Paddle Crab, Sea Squirt and Mediterranean Fan worm”* (page 16). We support the Local Board’s call for tighter protections for their coastal waters.

We congratulate this Local Board on its innovative low carbon initiatives, such as Anamata’s Resource Recovery Centre and AoteaOra Trust’s Off the Grid events (page 16) and agree that these should be showcased globally and there should be trials of new sustainable systems. The landfill on the island has closed, which presents a different situation than all other Auckland communities.

We support this Local Board in advocating to central government and the Governing Body to encourage manufacturers to commit to product sustainability (page 17) and encourage other Local Boards to do the same.

We also support this Local Board to:

- *“Advocate to central government and the Governing Body to abolish bottom trawling and dredging in the Hauraki Gulf and to encourage sustainable fishing as directed through Sea Change - Tai Timu Tai Pari*
- *Advocate to central government and the Governing Body for the prohibition of marine dumping” (page 17).*

Aotea-Great-Barrier does not have any public transport and we support the Local Board’s key initiative to *“Investigate a community-led public transport system”* (page 19).

We also support them to advocate to technology providers for stronger connectivity options (page 20).

### **Devonport-Takapuna**

We support collaboration between Local Boards on many matters and so are pleased to see that this Local Board is collaborating with the Kaipātiki Local Board *“on the reduction of litter, sediment, and industry pollutants to improve the water quality of streams and ponds in the catchment of the Wairau Estuary”* (page 11).

This Local Board (and many others) is supportive of the work of environmental groups and environmental education. Amongst other environmental initiatives, we support their aim to *“Prioritise funding and support zero waste initiatives that promote a circular economy”* and the *“focus on native and ecologically appropriate planting and the principle of having the right tree in the right place”* (page 12). Regarding the trees, we would caution that the wrong tree in the wrong place (in any Local Board area) does not necessarily get removed but that it is allowed to live out its natural life, or there is consideration given to transplanting the tree. We understand that there is modern machinery that enables the transplanting of large trees. Perhaps Local Boards, including this one, could advocate to the Governing Body and/or central government for investment in one of these machines.

We see that this Local Board’s intention of *“Working with our neighbouring local boards on joint environmental initiatives to increase the impacts”* (page 18) is something that all Local Boards could do – and we know that many of them are.

We are pleased to see amongst the objectives in this Local Board’s draft plan: *“Natural and built heritage are conserved and both colonial and Māori history and significant places are valued, promoted, and celebrated”* (page 19).

We support this Local Board to *“Advocate to the Governing Body for additional funding to renew our heritage asset portfolio and enable greater protection for our heritage assets”* (page 20).

We also support this initiative (and other similar ones of other Local Boards): *“Utilisation of regional funding to retrofit assets and upgrade them with solar energy saving measures”* (page 22).

On page 25 it is stated that there is: *“Limited capacity for bikes on ferries, zero capacity for bikes on buses, and the absence of infrastructure for active travel modes on the harbour bridge is a constraint on reductions to transport emissions.”* We note that there is not quite zero capacity for bikes on buses, as fold-up bikes can be taken on buses: *“For safety of the passengers on board of buses only compact folding bikes and scooters are permitted on board, and must be folded down before boarding ([at.govt.nz](mailto:at.govt.nz)).”*

We would encourage the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board to advocate for bike racks on buses that go across the Auckland Harbour Bridge.

**Franklin**

We support this Local Board's initiative to *"Identify opportunities to reduce Franklin's mowing footprint by replacing lawn with trees"* (page 15) and the other Local Boards that have this same initiative.

We support their advocacy for *"Provision of fit for purpose public transport services that enable underserved communities to access Auckland's public and active transport networks and community service hubs, e.g. through 'AT Local' services or new bus routes"* (page 19).

Franklin, being a rural community, includes in its draft plan, which does need to be recognised by other areas: *"Auckland climate action is focussed on reducing carbon largely by reducing the use of private vehicles but does not constructively support rural residents and farmers in taking action, such as emission reduction"* (page 25).

We support this key initiative: *"Advocate for investment from Auckland Transport and central government in local initiatives that encourage and incentivise modal shift (from private vehicles to active or public transport) or shorten the commute for those reliant on private vehicles (by improving access to public transport)"* (page 26).

We support the following (pages 26 & 33):

- *"Require all public space projects in urban/future urban areas to actively contribute to increases in tree canopy cover and more green infrastructure."*
- *"Advocate for a change of policy and process so that new developments deliver 'urban lungs' i.e. areas to be planted with semimature trees to improve air quality, to lower surface temperatures and to absorb and filter rainfall."*
- *"Increased ferry capacity at Pine Harbour, Beachlands, to address local population growth, acknowledge east Auckland congestion issues and offer off-road commuter options."*

**Henderson-Massey**

We support this Local Board in the following:

- *"Working with Waitākere Ranges and Whau local boards to take a 'west Auckland' approach to strengthen our capacity"* (page 14)
- *"Continue to prioritise parks and play spaces that are inclusive, accessible to all, and support whānau-focused gatherings and activities"* (page 20)
- *"Progress opportunities for neighbourhood path connections, guided by the Connections Plan"*
- *Prioritise transport projects that improve safety and health and contribute to climate action and social outcomes"*
- *Support initiatives that help remove barriers to cycling e.g. access to a safe affordable bike and learn to ride programmes"* (page 22).

**Hibiscus and Bays**

On page 12 of this Local Board's plan, their Climate Plan actions are well detailed.

CTA supports this key initiative: *"Take a more proactive approach to ensuring that the different voices in our community are heard to inform our local board decision-making"* (page 16).

We particularly like the way this Local Board has articulated its appreciation for local volunteers: *"Our committed and skilled environmental groups we support have long established histories and have been award winners for their professionalism and work"* (page 19).

This challenge is one that other Local Boards may also face: *"There is increasing demand for council services to be available online, and 24/7 whilst recognising that at other times residents are more comfortable with a face-to-face service provision, all within budget constraints, which will require better integration of locally delivered services with regionally provided online services"* (page 22.)

We are pleased to see this opportunity expressed: *"The rapid increase in residents working from home reduces congestion and adds value to the local economy by keeping commuter spending local"* (page 25).

CTA supports the following: *"Advocate to Auckland Transport to better accommodate the integration of public transport vehicles, major bus stop and park and rides, with micro mobility and bicycles, to enable people to use these modes to connect with their public transport journey"* (page 26).

We would encourage this Local Board to also advocate to Auckland Transport for bike racks on buses.

**Howick**

This Local Board has a strong focus on youth, as do many of the others.

We note the following key initiative: *"Support the Tūpuna Maunga Authority to protect and enhance Ōhūiarangi / Pigeon Mountain"* (page 20). We do support protecting the maunga but we do not support the removal of trees from any of the maunga in Auckland. It is our position that particular trees that are not wanted on the maunga should live out their natural lives and that replacement planting of other species can be planned for.

We support this Local Board in its intention to advocate to local schools to *"make sustainability, environmental responsibility and waste management part of school values"* (page 20). These values, across Auckland schools should, through school students, extend into the community and become embedded in future generations.

We support this key Initiative (which is shared by other Local Boards): *"Promote healthy living and sustainable lifestyles by supporting community-led initiatives, such as vegetable gardens, and by encouraging and educating the wider community of the benefits of growing your own food"* (page 22).

We support this special initiative and are of the view that it would have region-wide use: *"Establish a sensory playspace that contains areas and equipment that provides stimulation of the senses for children with visual impairment or developmental disorder"* (page 22).

CTA supports this advocacy to Auckland Transport, which could be replicated in other Local Board areas, where appropriate, for:

- “feeder bus services or other innovative on demand services that will enable the community to access the existing bus / ferry networks
- more bus services to serve all areas of the local board
- provision of more ferry and train services” (page 26).

The following is important for all Local Boards: *“Advocate to the Governing Body to: ensure adequate infrastructure is in place before approving housing intensification”* (page 26).

We support the following key initiative: *“Continue to provide operational funding support for the Howick Historic Village”* (page 28).

We support the protection of historic landscapes and in this regard, support efforts to protect in the Unitary Plan the views from Stockade Hill.

### **Kaipātiki**

As with other Local Boards, this one is looking at solar energy, and we support their particular initiatives to: *“Investigate installing solar on facilities with significant solar potential, including: Birkenhead Pool and Leisure Centre, Kaipātiki Local Board Office, Glenfield Pool and Leisure Centre”* (page 14).

We feel that the following key initiative could be adopted by all Local Boards: *“Seek feedback from our student and children’s panels to inform our decisions with a child-lens”* (page 17).

CTA supports the Kaipātiki Local Board’s advocacy to the Governing Body:

- *“to protect and celebrate our built and cultural heritage”* (page 18), and
- *“for the ability for local boards to have direct decision-making authority to make temporary changes to dog access rules to mitigate environmental or social problems, and request the opportunity to be included in the next round of dog access revision hearings Governing Body”* (page 23).

We also support this Local Board advocating to central government:

- *“to reinstate legislation that provides general tree protection”* (page 23), and
- *“for urban planning legislation to adequately protect special ecological areas Central Government”* (page 23).

We see that the challenge expressed by this Local Board that *“An increased number of schools are restricting public access to their grounds outside of school hours which is impacting informal community recreation opportunities”* (page 25) could provide the opportunity to talk to other Local Board about this problem and possible solutions.

We support the following key initiatives, which could be the same for all Local Boards:

- *“Consider climate impact when developing places and spaces, to reduce or avoid emissions and adapt to climate change, including avoiding areas or activities that are vulnerable to climate risks such as drought, extreme rainfall, coastal flooding, and heat*
- *Prioritise investment in assets that are well positioned, multi-purpose, and with good transport links, to reduce its carbon footprint”* (page 27).

We also consider that all Local Boards would similarly advocate for and support the following:

- *“the development of a quality compact, urban form that supports low carbon, resilient development, while ensuring adequate infrastructure to support it*
- *the uptake of sustainable design and construction that will be resilient to the impacts of climate change, including council projects, and encourage residents and businesses to use eco-design and water sensitive design practices” (page 28).*

We think that all Local Boards would want this for their area: *“Advocate for increased resource for compliance enforcement teams so they can respond to all requests and complaints received in the Kaipātiki area” (page 28).*

We support cheaper fares, more frequent ferries, and more buses going to more destinations, more directly (page 29). We view the harbour as an underutilised resource which does not need the sort of maintenance that roads and rail do. We also support electric buses and ferries for Kaipātiki (page 32).

This matter seems to need to become more widely known within Auckland Council: *“Advocate for policy and funding changes to reduce the use of the ‘chip seal’ road resealing method on suburban roads” (page 32).*

We find it useful to have this pointed out: *“Increase in working from home means more of our people are based locally during working hours which can help ease congestions at peak times, enable access to skilled work without the need to travel as frequently, and help increase spending in our town centres” (page 35).*

### **Māngere-Ōtāhuhu**

This Local Board sees as an opportunity, which we think other Local Boards could embrace as well: *“Identify areas where community groups are better placed to deliver services and projects that are currently delivered by council” (page 14).*

CTA supports the **Māngere-Ōtāhuhu** Local Board to:

- *“Revive the Māngere Gateway Heritage plan to enhance Stonefields and promote and regain heritage values (page 17).*
- *Partner with mana whenua to protect significant historical sites and waterways that host an abundance of native plants and animals*
- *Work with Kāinga Ora to encourage tree planting in their housing developments” (page 18).*

CTA supports the entire advocacy list of this Local Board, on page 18 of their draft plan, which focuses on protecting and enhancing their natural environment, including active management of high-value biodiversity features in their area, and achieving zero waste and zero dumping.

### **Manurewa**

The Manurewa Local Board highlights the lack of equitable funding for their area over the last 13 years, and we support them in their advocacy to the Governing Body to confirm its commitment to achieving funding equity for local boards, and to *“Look at ways to achieve funding equity for the most underfunded boards in the shortest timeframe possible with a priority focus on Manurewa, then other southern local boards” (page 23).*

As with some other Local Boards, the lack of decent public transport options is noted. We support their advocacy to increase the frequency, connectivity, and capacity of public transport



services in their area (page 15), and, as with all Local Boards, suggest that car pooling is another option that could be promoted and supported by them.

This Local Board (as with all others) intends to enhance the urban ngahere. They point out that *“there is only so much that can be done on council-owned land.”* We support their call for legislative measures that *“could include adding protection and enhancement of urban ngahere to environmental targets and making it easier for local authorities to protect trees on private land”* (page 16).

We support this Local Board (and the others which have this initiative) in the installation of more solar panels across their community facilities in partnership with power companies. The Manurewa Local Board will encourage households to do this too (page 18), and other Local Boards could encourage the households in their areas to do likewise.

CTA supports this Local Board to *“Advocate to Auckland Transport to increase the frequency and capacity of trains and buses to and from Manurewa and Clendon town centres, linking more of our communities to public transport hubs”* (page 18).

We note the establishment of the Manurewa Community Recycling Centre at the Beautification Trust and their support of the pop-up Repair Cafes operating at the Trust and at Nathan Homestead. We support them to *“continue to advocate for a southern resource recovery park as part of the Auckland Resource Recovery Network”* (page 25).

We are pleased to note under Opportunities: *“increase awareness of the notable tree schedule to protect more of our trees”* and *“using nature-based solutions for flood management”* (page 26), and we support the key initiative to *“Replace every tree removed from the streetscape due to damage, storms and accidents within one year”* (page 27). This practical and clear action could be adopted by other Local Boards.

We also support the following: *“Promote the integration of natural ecosystems into the existing built form, which may include the construction of raingardens, living roofs and swales, mass tree planting, remediation of existing or contaminated soils, rehabilitation of watercourses and wetlands, and opening up buried watercourses and restoring them to more natural conditions (stream daylighting)”* (page 27).

### **Maungakiekie-Tāmaki**

We liked to see the use of different languages in this Local Board’s draft plan in addition to English and te reo.

CTA supports the following advocacy to the Governing Body of the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board:

- *“to ensure appropriate mechanisms are implemented to limit development where infrastructure cannot support increased pressure from planned growth”* (page 21)
- *“for appropriate staffing resources to enable quality advice for good decision-making, particularly planning, to utilise increased local board decision-making and ensure local services are cost effective and fit-for-purpose”* (page 29)
- *“to increase the regional demolition fund. To maximise the use of our open spaces and oversubscribed maintenance budgets, local boards can look to reduce underutilised and aged buildings on reserves. Regional support will help local boards to realise these strategic long-term opportunities”* (page 29).

Regarding the last one, we caution that these buildings first need to be accessed, especially for heritage and community values.

## Ōrākei

This Local Board's intention to use methods such as digital signage, e-newsletters and social media as a way to improve communication with the community could be considered by other Local Boards.

We support the idea to *"Advocate to businesses and philanthropic organisations to seek funding partnerships for community services"* (page 14), which perhaps other Local Boards could also adopt.

We are pleased to see the inclusion in the draft plan of *"Delivering the Pourewa Valley Integrated Management Plan will support the restoration of this significant urban forest"* (page 16).

We strongly support the following (the second of which is also advocated for by other Local Boards):

- *"Continue funding for the Eastern Bays Songbird Project in their valuable work creating and maintaining a sanctuary for wildlife in the Eastern Bays area"* (page 17)
- *"Advocate for a sponge-city approach which promotes water-sensitive design and enables bluegreen networks to manage flooding"* (page 18).

The Ōrākei Local Board states that *"Seismic restoration of Remuera library is undertaken"* (page 23) and we strongly support the restoration of what is not only a heritage building but a community asset.

The Ōrākei Local Board states in its draft plan that theirs is *"an area rich in history. We can use our wonderful built heritage and local history to engender pride in our area and to help protect this valuable heritage"* (page 25). We appreciate the Local Board's acknowledgement of their built heritage and also of the Remuera Heritage Society (page 25).

We support the Local Board advocating to the Tūpuna Maunga Authority to *"protect the War Memorial Seat and daffodil commemorative garden, and for effective pest control on Ōhinerau / Mt Hobson"* (page 27).

CTA also supports the Local Board advocating to the Governing Body, central government and developers *"to ensure the unique character and heritage of our area is retained as development occurs"* and we support the Local Board *"monitoring and assessing proposed legislation that may increase intensification that may have an effect on our infrastructure and character"* (page 27).

## Otara-Papatoetoe

This Local Board articulates (as many other Local Boards do, and with which CTA agrees) that it should be the local people who decide what the priorities in their area are: *"Your input on what we need to prioritise for the next three years will help us greatly with this challenge"* (page 3).

Regarding the Local Boards intention to *"Develop a multi-park management plan that manage the use, development and protection of all parks, reserves and open spaces in the area"* (page 21) we would say that the different types and characters of parks need to be considered when developing such a plan or plans.

On page 3 it is stated that *"Public transport hubs and facilities including Manukau Bus and Train Stations, Puhinui Station Interchange, and the Southern Line train provide opportunities for connectivity and public transport use for both residents and visitors"* and the Puhinui Station to attract visitors to the area is a key initiative. As CTA detailed in our submission on [Auckland Council's Future Development Strategy](#):

“This station is an important part of the city’s infrastructure. As Puhinui Station connects to the wider public transport network, you can travel to and from Auckland Airport from anywhere in the city. The bus operates every 10 minutes from 4.30am to 12.40am, 7 days a week and there is a train from Puhinui Station to Britomart every 15 minutes. However, this AirportLink service is not clearly signposted at the airport and we understand that it is used very little. The facility to use public transport without needing a HOP card, as planned within the next 12 months, should help in this regard, but the AirportLink service needs more publicity. For example, the staff at the airport who monitor cars that arrive at the domestic terminal to pick up incoming passengers could hand drivers brochures that describe this service, so people can use it next time.”

We would encourage this Local Board to advocate to AT to publicise this important part of the public transport network.

### **Papakura**

We support this Local Board to: *“Continue work on a heritage trail featuring sites of significance in Māori and European local history, acknowledging Ngāti Tamaoho’s cultural indicators along the southern path overlooking the Manukau Harbour”* (page 8) and we support their aim to highlight and celebrate the area’s history and heritage.

We are pleased that the Manurewa Community Recycling centre is in place and that the Papakura Local Board describes the circular economy that will *“reduce costs and reduce carbon footprint”* (page 11).

We support this Local Board’s advocacy in the following areas of public transport (pages 29 & 30):

- *“Developing AT Local (on demand shared public transport service) in parts of Papakura Local Board area to increase public transport use.*
- *Great South Road –moving the cycle lane to an off-road shared pathway and converting the existing cycle and parking lanes into a combined T2 bus lane.*
- *Increased operating hours of southern train and public transport connections to airport and other employment nodes.*
- *Extending public transport routes to Ardmore and Bruce Pulman Park.”*

We also support the advocacy for *“an increase in the standard street width requirement in new developments”* and *“developers /body corporates to cover ongoing maintenance of green space and enhanced tree canopy in new developments”* (page 30).

### **Puketāpapa**

We congratulate the Puketāpapa Local Board for developing their [‘Becoming a Low Carbon Community’ Action Plan](#) action prior to Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland Climate Plan. We would like to see the “local climate champions” mentioned in this plan become more visible and for other Local Boards to adopt this idea.

We support the Local Board’s aim to *“Use existing community hubs, such as the library, to increase community understanding of climate change and promote local climate action initiatives”* (page 16). Schools and libraries are an excellent resource for educating the wider public on climate change.

**Rodney**

This Local Board states that its residents *“often feel marginalised from Auckland Central and generally do not feel heard by decision makers”* (page 14). We are not sure how the Local Board will address this, but making other Local Boards aware of it should help.

CTA supports the following advocacy by this Local Board to the Governing Body:

- *“for Kawau Island to become pest free, with the support of the community, iwi, the Department of Conservation and stakeholders”* (page 20)
- *“for more investment in regional parks in our local board area and resourcing for service provision, such as with service centres, to meet the pressures of population growth and tourism”* (page 24).

The draft plan states that *“Our large geographical area and low population makes providing public transport difficult”* (page 30). We suggest that with the good community connections described in the draft plan, where *“people look out for each other and feel supported”* (page 3) that carpooling would be a good option that could be promoted and supported.

CTA supports the following advocacy to Auckland Transport:

- *“for the use of the existing rail network to be used for commuter transport to service the North West.”*
- *“for further improvements and the expansion of Rodney bus services particularly in new development areas including park-and-rides, dedicated bus ways, additional routes and stops, weekend services on busier routes, higher frequency on busy routes and greater safety for bus drivers”* (page 31).

**Upper Harbour**

We support the Upper Harbour Local Board to *“Advocate for accessible, multi-lingual, and easy-to-use engagement methods that enable our diverse residents to participate in both local and regional consultations and engagement processes”* (page 14).

We appreciate that this Local Board has articulated (under Challenges): *“Cost implications of restoration and conservation of our natural environment balanced against the cost of doing nothing”* (page 16) and the huge risks that climate change poses to the environment and people, also the negative impacts of intensification and population growth. In our recent submission on Auckland Council’s Future Development Strategy, we cautioned against too much growth too fast, and that it is preferable to stage intensification, and certainly not to do so in areas that were exposed to potential hazards.

We agree that *“Reducing carbon emissions as individuals can be difficult”* and that *“Communities need support and opportunities to make changes and live more sustainably”* (page 16). We are of the view that Local Boards are making positive differences as regards education about climate change and they can learn from each other’s problems and initiatives, and support each other.

**Waiheke**

Waiheke is an island sanctuary in the Gulf, as articulated in this Local Board’s draft plan on pg 3.

We commend this Local Board for *adopting “even bolder climate goals through its Waiheke Local Climate Action Plan which includes the aim of achieving a net positive carbon footprint by 2040”* (page 11). This could be a model for other Local Boards.

We recognise this key initiative as important: *“Complete a feasibility study into the equity of year-round access to adequate potable water supply for Waiheke Island residents”* (page 13).

We support this opportunity: *“Waiheke becoming a predator free island”* (page 16) and see the importance of public messaging and the work of predator-free groups.

We support the creation of wildlife corridors (including new and restored wetlands), kauri sanctuaries and seabird and shorebird breeding colonies across the islands, as well as stream restoration projects and academic and citizen science programmes to help understand and support the health of the aquatic environment (pp 16 – 17).

CTA strongly supports advocacy for *“an end to bottom contact fishing such as dredging, bottom trawling and Danish seining”* (page 18).

We also support advocacy to Auckland Transport for a designated Harbourmaster on Waiheke to be sufficiently empowered to address the increasing numbers of abandoned or derelict boats degrading the island’s marine environment.

CTA also supports this Local Board’s key initiative to *“Implement the Waiheke Be Accessible Plan as resources become available to ensure facilities are accessible to all”* (page 21).

### **Waitākere Ranges**

The people of this Local Board area (as with others in the outer areas) often travel long distances to access work and education opportunities. We see that park and ride is an important way of connecting to public transport services (page 12) and that there is anticipation of the benefits that the City Rail Link will bring, as it will mean a 30-minute trip to get into the city.

We support this Local Board’s advocacy in *“Trialling a rural bus service to give our residents and visitors access to public transport”* (page 29).

We support the Local Board also advocating for improved access to broadband and mobile phone services (page 12).

The Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area is a place of national significance which is appreciated by many throughout Auckland, for whom it is a favourite place to visit. There are at least 27 volunteer environmental groups active in the area, recognised in the draft plan. We support the Waitākere Ranges Local Board in its focus on protecting, restoring and enhancing this special area, including making the area a dark sky viewing location (page 15).

CTA supports this key initiative and would like to see it adopted by other Local Boards: *“Ensure universal design for accessibility is embedded into all park development projects to enable everyone to access their local parks”* (page 25).

We also strongly support the following: *“Provide input into council plans, policies and project design, as well as the resource consent decisions relating to heritage”* (page 29).

### **Waitematā**

We support the Waitematā Local Board to *“Promote Waiōrea Community Recycling Centre, local waste minimisation and resource recovery initiatives”* (page 14), and we encourage this Local Board to do this in collaboration with the Albert-Eden Local Board.

We support this key initiative *“Local composting and community gardens network”* (page 14) and would like this Local Board to revisit the application of OMG (Organic Market Garden) to establish a community garden in the Bowen Ave part of Albert Park which has not yet gone ahead, having not received the support it needed.

Under “Our People,” the statement *“We celebrate our diversity and heritage and encourage equitable access to social, economic, environmental and cultural opportunities”* is inspiring (page 16).

We appreciate the following being articulated in the plan: *“We recognise the importance of treasuring and protecting our green spaces, heritage parks and trees”* (page 27).

Under Opportunities: *“Greater value for money through a partnership model which could leverage funding from other sources outside of Auckland Council”* (page 18) is something that other Local Boards could also consider.

We are pleased to see that the problem of air pollution and pollution from shipping is noted (page 21). Pollution as such is not articulated in other Local Board plans. We are also concerned at the proliferation of visual clutter, particularly in terms of lighting, signage and some unnecessary street furniture.

We support the following and consider that other Local Boards could adopt the same: *“Encourage, exemplify and promote the installation of ‘living’ green walls, rooftops, and assets in public buildings and private developments such as the Central City Library living roof, to improve air quality, green space, and biodiversity outcomes in urban environments”* (page 24).

We support the following, and again, encourage other Local Boards to do the same: *“Continue to reduce the use of agrichemicals in our parks and open spaces and advocate for agrichemical spraying to be phased out regionally”* (page 24).

We strongly support this advocacy: *“Auckland Council to advocate for changes to legislation and regulations to enable councils to introduce planning controls on how urban trees are assessed and protected. Auckland Council to simplify and better resource processes for identifying and protecting mature trees”* (page 25).

We encourage the Local Board to consider, when developing concept plans (e.g., Basque Park, Heard Park, 254 Ponsonby Road and Wynyard Point) (page 27) not only the views of the local community and others who will access these spaces but also whether any “revitalisation” works planned are necessary. CTA has previously submitted that Heard Park does not need a makeover, and that the money be better spent elsewhere. Indeed, a couple of paragraphs down (on page 27) in the draft plan it is stated, *“The cost of maintaining our assets and facilities is no longer affordable.”*

CTA strongly supports the key initiative to: *“Deliver seismic strengthening, restoration and modernisation of Leys Institute Library and Gymnasium to preserve as a heritage taonga for future generations”* (page 28).

Regarding the development of a Local Parks Management Plan (page 28), we caution that not all local parks are the same, and their diversity and special circumstances should be catered for.

We support this key initiative: *“Acknowledge the importance of Te Hā (pōhutukawa) and the whenua that sustains it and investigate opportunities to increase the status and protection of Dove Myer Robinson Park including the possible inclusion in the heritage schedules of the Auckland Unitary Plan”* (page 29).

Under “Our Places,” the Local Board states: *“The government’s proposed legislative changes in resource management and urban development enable more intensive development in the city centre and around our neighbourhoods. This creates a challenge to ensure our neighbourhood character and heritage is conserved within our urban landscapes. We will support quality design in new developments that embraces existing heritage to create the heritage of the future”* (page 32). CTA strongly endorses this statement, and also the following one: *“We want to increase understanding, protection and conservation of city centre heritage places, landscapes and*

*stories. Our city centre should actively recognise and celebrate Auckland’s historic heritage as a driver of positive change and placemaking” (page 33) and “Valued elements of heritage and special character in the local board area should be recognised formally and informally to assist with its protection and incorporation in the development of our urban landscapes” (page 34).*

We support the following key initiatives (page 36):

*“Provide feedback on resource consents and planning processes to ensure heritage sites and Special Character Areas are protected*

- *Ensure our heritage assets are restored such as Ewelme Cottage and Symonds Street Cemetery monuments*
- *Seek opportunities to promote and celebrate heritage places in Waitemātā including making digital content and place-based stories more accessible*
- *Reflect Māori heritage and whakapapa in our public spaces and facilities incorporating Māori design principles and artwork.”*

We also support this Local Board’s advocacy to the Governing Body as follows (page 37):

- *Advocate to the Governing Body to allocate adequate funds to restore and preserve its heritage buildings, including incorporating seismic strengthening where necessary, to ensure their ongoing usage.*
- *Advocate to the Governing Body to allocate adequate funds to continue identification and formal protection of heritage and character elements of the Waitemātā environment.*
- *Advocate to the Governing Body to retain the council’s Heritage Acquisition Fund to assist with the protection and adaptive re-use of significant heritage buildings in the local board area.*

CTA strongly supports the following initiatives (page 44):

- *Support the preservation of significant heritage buildings such as Carlile House, the former Fitzroy Hotel and St James Theatre.*

We also strongly support advocacy to central government for incentives to encourage the retention of heritage and character elements of the built environment (page 44).

CTA submits that an important addition to the draft plan is the recognition that significant parts of the landscape need protecting, particularly the Waitemātā Harbour and volcanic cones, and other heritage landscapes.

## **Whau**

CTA supports this Local Board advocating to central government for *“Legislation to protect a greater number of significant trees”* (page 23), which other Local Boards have also included in their draft plans.

We also support their concern for sustainable building initiatives and practices (page 23).

We strongly support the key initiative to: *“Ensure events and services are developed with accessibility considerations to support participation from residents with either physical or intellectual disabilities”* (page 25) and to *“Continue to prioritise and implement actions identified in the previous term to improve accessibility within key parks in the Whau, and do accessibility audits within additional parks”* (page 26).

We support the advocacy to *“Progress on the development of the Avondale-Southdown rail line to support freight movement Kiwi Rail Feedback on relevant policies and plans Central government Auckland Light Rail Group”* (page 31).

We strongly support the following initiative: *“Infrastructure and development that meets future growth, incorporates sustainable urban design principles, and is resilient to climate change, e.g. waste reduction, installation of stormwater retention tanks and permeable surfaces in housing developments”* (page 31).

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## Waiheke Local Board Plan

Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.

### Bike Auckland

**Your Local Board:** Waiheke

### Your feedback

1. **How well do you think our plan reflects the needs and aspirations for our community for the next three years?**

**Tell us why**

**Activity areas**

The draft local board plan focuses on five key areas of activity: Our people, Our environment, Our Facilities & Open Spaces, Our places, Our economy. Let us know if you agree or disagree with how we propose to meet the community's needs for these areas.

**2. Our people – objectives**

- A resilient and connected community
- A supportive society, where people feel there is care, respect and all people are valued
- Strengthen collaboration and partnership with Māori
- Enhance Māori wellbeing and potential
- A flourishing arts sector that celebrates our unique island identity
- Youth are valued and have opportunities to thrive
- Advocate for affordable ferry services and service elements such as accessibility, reliability, connectivity, and fare structures.

**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our People* in this section?**

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

**3. Our environment – objectives**

- Restore, enhance, and protect our natural environment in partnership with our community
- Respond to the challenge of climate change
- Improve conservation of our marine and coastal environment
- Reduce the waste stream
- A water sensitive community
- Stormwater is managed sustainably.

**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Environment* in this section?**

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

**4. Our facilities and open spaces – objectives**

- Improve the open space network on the island
- Implement the Tawaipareira Reserve and Little Oneroa Reserve Concept Plans
- Improve our community’s wellbeing by providing quality arts, recreational and community facilities
- Embrace Waiheke’s rich Māori identity and cultural history
- Maintain our track network and explore opportunities to develop new pathways, tracks and cycleways.

**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our facilities and open spaces* in this section?**

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

**5. Our places – objectives**

- Planning that enables local placemaking
- Safe, fit-for-purpose and low carbon environmentally friendly transport infrastructure
- Sustainable living and healthy homes
- Mātiatia is redeveloped in consultation with mana whenua, and subsequently with the community and other stakeholders
- Advocate for delivery of our 10-year Transport Plan and a review of the bus network
- Advocate for any available council property being considered for health facilities and affordable housing purposes.

**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Places* in this section?**

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

**6. Our economy – objectives**

- Economic development on Waiheke is environmentally, economically and socially sustainable
- Our visitor industry is managed sustainably
- Waiheke is recognised as an arts destination
- Strengthen our economy in keeping with the island’s character and our need to increase our resiliency
- Enhance Māori wellbeing and potential
- Advocate for harmonisation of funding for art galleries across the region

**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Economy* in this section?**

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

**7. Do you have any other feedback on our proposed Local Board Plan, including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcome aspirations?**

See Attached.

14.08.2023

## Draft Local Board Plans 2023 Feedback

### Who is Bike Auckland?

Bike Auckland is a non-profit organisation advocating for safer streets on behalf of everyone who rides a bike in our region - and everyone who would love to give it a go. But more than that: we believe that more people on bikes makes for a better city. Call it a virtuous cycle. Cleaner air, streets with birdsong, neighbours who know each other, elderly people staying active and healthy, children playing on quiet roads. Resilient, eco-friendly multi-modal communities which have long term sustainability. We can create this liveable city by investing in walking, cycling, and public transport. Investing now will save us more money in the future and that's the future we want to live in.

Our audience and members live and work in every local board area, all across the Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland region. This feedback is on their behalf.

### Our feedback

We know our members would like to see the following in their local board plans:

- Public transport and active transport modes given priority
- Accessibility for all kinds of disabilities
- Safe streets for kids to walk and cycle to school
- Vibrant town centres with well-designed, people-oriented public spaces
- Low traffic neighbourhoods

**Note:** People, Environment, Economy, Place, Community are all interlinked focuses and all can be benefited through more transport choice; allowing them to choose to walk, cycle, other micromobility, or use public transport.

**People:** Diversity includes people who are disabled or who experience mobility difficulties. 28% of Aucklanders do not have a license, and many more do not (or cannot) drive due to illness (seizures, fatigue, anxiety), vision impairments, medication, ADD, or age. These people need the choice to safely walk, cycle and take public transport to get around. Some people find that cycling is easier, and less painful for them than walking (especially if it's an E-bike), and cycling is often recommended by physios as a way to rehabilitate after illness or injury. Providing safe ways to get around by bike creates greater accessibility for this significant portion of our population, and for everyone when they are temporarily injured and are recuperating.

**Environment:** Cars create run off into our waterways. Giving people the safe option to walk and cycle more will lead to healthier waterways.

**Community:** When people walk and cycle for their transport they make more eye contact, say hello more, and generally become more connected with their surroundings. This leads to more connected communities, greater community cohesion, greater trust in neighbours, and less loneliness and isolation. This connectedness becomes powerful during times of emergency and can make stronger communities that support each other more and have greater resilience to bounce back from disasters. Bikes can also play crucial role as resilient and versatile transport modes during disasters, especially as they are small, and do not form traffic jams the way that cars do. [More on this here](#).

## Key initiatives

### Safe speeds

[Safe speeds](#) on residential streets, town centres, and [around schools](#). Permanent speed reductions to 30km/hr not only provide amazing safety outcomes, they are also our fastest and cheapest way of making a safe network for cycling. If our residential areas, schools, and town centres are 30km / hr it feels (and is!) much safer to walk and ride a bike, and many more people will begin to use these transport modes for their everyday local trips.

### Modal filters

Another cheap and fast improvement is use of modal filters in residential streets (such as planter boxes or bollards). Modal filters stop cars from cutting through but allow people using bikes, wheelchairs, and pushchairs to get through. Particularly for streets with a large amount of people driving through as a short-cut (rat running) modal filters can help to make the street safer, and quieter, and can also encourage locals to use their bikes and feet for short local trips.

## Protected Cycleways on main arterials

Arterial roads usually have higher traffic volumes, higher speeds, and more trucks and buses. Altogether this makes a formidable environment for riding a bike! They are also usually the most direct route to a destination! To give people greater transport choice, there needs to be protected spaces along our main arterials for people to cycle in. This can be done cheap and fast through the use of road reallocation and “pop up” materials like concrete tim tams or tall rubber. We know our members would like to see a network of safer streets sooner, and this means investing in infrastructure which is cheap and fast to roll out.

## Greenways

Include safe cycleways through parks, green spaces, and “[blue-green networks](#)”. These provide safe spaces for children and adults to learn to ride a bike and become more confident - they can also form amazing connections to schools, local shops, and public transport.

Safer speeds, modal filters, protected cycleways on arterials, and off road paths through parks all together will form an accessible, safe, efficient, and connected network safe places to ride a bike across our neighbourhoods. These would link people to schools, town centres, and public transport, making local trips by carbon friendly and active modes easier and more appealing.

We also want to see secure bike parking at train stations, transport hubs, town centres, and community facilities (eg. work with your local businesses to get a network of [Lockydocks!](#)), wayfinding to help people find their way around the existing cycleways, and support for community bike hubs and community events which include cycles

We’ve listed some specific transport projects we know our local members would love to see their local boards support. You can find them below in the list of specific local board area ideas.

## We would like local boards to advocate for Auckland Transport to:

- Align all projects and renewals with the [Transport Emissions Reduction Pathway \(TERP\)](#) and emission reduction goals
- Support the campaign to [Liberate the Lane](#) on the Auckland Harbour Bridge for walking, cycling, and wheeling
- Advocate for an [E-bike subsidy](#) to help more people replace their car trips with bikes! E-bikes are more accessible for a wider range of people
- Invest more from the financial budget towards walking and cycling. Our emissions reduction and vision zero targets demand a larger monetary allocation towards these modes
- Make streets safer by [reducing speed limits](#) to 30km/h [around schools](#), residential streets, and town centres
- Use modal filters to stop rat running and make residential streets safer and quieter
- Provide an accessible, safe, and efficient local network of pathways and cycleways throughout the region
- Advocate for a local version of Portland's Bike [Disaster Relief Trials](#) to prepare our communities and equip them to respond during emergencies
- Improve cycle and pathway safety, including lighting, physical traffic barriers, non-slip surfaces
- Improve the local public transport network and bus lane priority (bus lanes are often used by more confident cyclists)
- Support local initiatives to reduce emissions by encouraging more use of public transport (eg. secure bike parking at transport hubs, safe cycleways connecting to public transport hubs)

## Ideas for specific local board areas:

*In alphabetical order...*

### Albert-Eden Local Board

- Advocate for delivery of the [New North road and Symonds street upgrade](#)
- Advocate for a safe cycle connection along St Luke's road
- Support having a [community bike hub](#) in or near the Mt Eden area



- Ensure the [Pt Chevalier to Westmere Improvements](#) is delivered

## **Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board**

- Advocate for safe cycle connections from trails to airports and ferry terminals

## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board**

- Support the campaign to [Liberate the Lane](#) on the Auckland Harbour Bridge for walking, cycling, and wheeling
- Support safer speeds, cycle improvements, and raised pedestrian crossings in [Devonport Village](#)
- Support a protected cycleway along Bayswater Avenue (especially so the kids can safely cycle to school)
- Support a protected cycleway along Lake road to connect Devonport safely to Takapuna!

## **Franklin Local Board**

- Support local trail connections throughout the area
- Advocate for, and support, a safer Pukekohe town centre

## **Henderson-Massey Local Board**

- Support protected cycleways through the Henderson town centre
- Advocate for a safe cycle connection from the Henderson town centre to the North Western pathway
- Advocate for a safe cycle connection from Te Atatū town centre to the North Western pathway
- Advocate for improvements for Twin Streams paths ([Opanuku](#) and [Oratia](#)) – especially where they have been damaged by recent weather

## Hibiscus and Bays Local Board

- Advocate for a safe cycle connection from Whangaparāoa town centre to Shakespeare Regional Park
- Advocate for a safe cycle connection from Torbay and Browns Bay to the [Northern Corridor](#)

## Howick Local Board

- Support the safe cycleway which is part of the extension of the Eastern Busway project
- Advocate for safe cycleway connections to the Eastern Busway and the cycleway beside it

## Kaipātiki Local Board

- Support a safe cycle connection from Upper Harbour Drive to Albany Highway
- Support extension of the [Albany Highway](#) cycleway to connect South to the Glenfield road cycleway as was planned a long time ago!
- Advocate and support the continuation of the [Northern Pathway](#) to Westhaven
- Advocate for safe cycle connections to the Northern Pathway
- Support the campaign to [Liberate the Lane](#) on the Auckland Harbour Bridge for walking, cycling, and wheeling

## Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board

- Advocate for the [Waikaraka Cycleway](#) to connect all the way around Manukau Harbour to [Norana Esplanade](#) for greater transport choice (especially for people who live or work in Ōtāhuhu) and for a beautiful scenic ride
- Advocate to make the slippery paths in Norana Esplanade safer for people using bikes!
- Support a safe cycleway connection from Māngere Town Centre and the Airport all the way to Nga Hau Māngere Bridge (connecting schools along the way!)
- Advocate for a safe cycle connection from Ōtāhuhu to Sylvia Park

## Manurewa Local Board

- Pop up cycleways, such as using concrete tim tams to make a protected on road cycleway, are a fast and cheap way of creating a safe cycle network. Let this board know whether or not you support pop up cycleways for this area
- Support a safe, protected cycleway along Mahia and Roscommon roads
- Support and deliver a [walking and cycling bridge](#) over Papakura stream to connect Wattle Downs and Waiata Shores
- Advocate for an extension of the Southern Corridor further North to connect to the CBD (eg. along Great South road)

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board

- Advocate for the [Waikaraka Cycleway](#) to connect all the way around Manukau Harbour to [Norana Esplanade](#) for greater transport choice (especially for people who live or work in Ōtāhuhu) and for a beautiful scenic ride
- Advocate for safe cycle connections from the existing surrounding cycleways through Mt Wellington (eg. Waikaraka Cycleway, Eastern Busway cycleway in Panmure)
- Advocate for a safe cycle connection from Panmure through to the Glen Innes shared path (from which you can ride safely all the way to the CBD!)
- Advocate for a safe cycle network [through Onehunga](#) and connecting to Royal Oak roundabout
- Advocate to make [Royal Oak roundabout safer](#) for everyone (there are some glaring gaps in safety for people riding bikes!)

## Ōrākei Local Board

- Advocate for and deliver the Gowing Drive connection to Te Ara ki Uta ki Tai, the Glen Innes to Tāmaki shared path
- Support the completion of [Stage 4 of Te Ara ki Uta ki Tai](#)
- Advocate for a space for local mountain bike tracks and skills equipment
- Advocate to make the slippery boardwalks safer for people using bikes!

## **Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board**

- Support delivery of a local bike park
- Advocate for an extension of the Southern Corridor further North to connect to the CBD (eg. along Great South road)

## **Papakura Local Board**

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- Advocate for safe cycle connections to the Southern Corridor

## **Puketāpapa Local Board**

- Continue to support safe cycle connections throughout the area

## **Rodney Local Board**

- Support a safe cycle connection from the NorthWestern shared path through to the Kumeū town centre

## **Upper Harbour Local Board**

- Advocate for a safe cycleway along [Oteha Valley Road](#)
- Advocate and support the continuation of the [Northern Pathway](#) to Westhaven
- Advocate for safe cycle connections to the Northern Pathway
- Support extension of the [Albany Highway](#) cycleway southwards to connect to the Glenfield road cycleway as was planned a long time ago!
- Support the campaign to [Liberate the Lane](#) on the Auckland Harbour Bridge for walking, cycling, and wheeling

## Waiheke Local Board

- Advocate for safe, protected cycleways throughout the island!

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board

- Support safe cycle connections to public transport hubs
- Support safe cycle connections through Glen Eden and to the Waikumete stream
- Advocate for a safe cycle connection through to Kelston and New Lynn
- Investigate potential for cycle trails through the Waitākere area

## Waitematā Local Board

- Continue to support and implement the [City Centre Masterplan](#)
- Connect [Te Hā Noa](#) up to the rest of the Victoria Street cycleway; under current plans there will be a sad gap of a couple of blocks between them!
- Make sure [the Strand](#) has a safe connection for bikes to cross the bridge over the railway (to Tāmaki Drive / Quay st)
- Support safe walking and cycling connections around the [Karanga-a-hape station](#) and to the rest of the cycleway network
- Ensure the delivery of the [Great North road street improvement project](#)
- Support the [Waitematā Safer Routes](#) to get funded and delivered
- Support the campaign to [Liberate the Lane](#) on the Auckland Harbour Bridge for walking, cycling, and wheeling

## Whau Local Board

- Support the completion of the next section of [Te Whau Pathway](#)
- Continuing open streets events through the Avondale town centre (eg. regularly on Sundays when the market is on)
- Support safe cycle connections through New Lynn and Kelston
- Support the [New North road and Symonds street upgrade](#) (it connects along the top of Rosebank road)



## Waiheke Local Board Plan

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### Community Groups Feeding the Homeless Inc.

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**Tell us why**

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**Community Cat Coalition Inc.**

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The Community Cat Coalition Inc. is committed to the humane management of community (stray, unowned, 'street') cats across Auckland. Established by Bob Kerridge of the SPCA in 2009 to support the work of the many different individuals and groups caring for community cats and working to manage their numbers, CCC is now a registered charity and incorporated society which facilitates and finances around 2500 de-sexings (spay and neuter) of community cats each year, finds responsible homes for as many of these cats as possible, and works to educate the public about de-sexing as the most humane, effective, sustainable and socially-licensed long-term solution to both welfare concerns about too many unwanted cats and biodiversity concerns around cats as predators in urban/suburban areas.

We also work to improve public understanding of the different categories of cat, as defined in the Companion Cat Code under the Animal Welfare Act 1999. The community cats we desex and manage **are not feral** – by definition, feral cats live well away from areas of human habitation, have none of their needs met by people, and their population sizes fluctuate largely independently of companion or community cat populations. Most people never see a feral cat, certainly never in or near Auckland. Community cats are companion cats who have been abandoned, dumped, got lost, are very loosely owned and/or simply the product of people failing to desex their companion animals. They are variably socialised, but by definition they are not 'feral', which in this context does not mean 'hissy' - they have been bred for domesticity and depend on the community to meet their needs. CCC's work is entirely with community cats, not with feral cats. Unlike community and companion cats, feral cats may, in some sparsely populated regions, be defined as pests and be subject to pest management control. Humane community cat management around areas of human habitation (what we do) is an under-funded area of conservation focus and expenditure.

Amongst the introduced animals targeted by biodiversity initiatives, cats are unique in that they are also NZ's most popular companion animal - many people have a great deal of affection for them, and recognise the documented health and life-

enhancing benefits of their companionship, especially for the socially marginalised. The potential for managing community cats as CCC does and seeks to do more of, derives from this historic relationship and regard. In conjunction with initiatives promoting de-sexing of both companion and community cats, TNR, Adoption, and Colony Management programs humanely and effectively address the potential for predation of native fauna by community cats within urban areas, as well as any potential for their recruitment into cat populations within areas identified by Council as ecologically significant.

CCC is seeking recognition by Boards that progress towards the attainment of the biodiversity objectives of their Plans may be advanced by supporting the work of the Community cat Coalition Inc., and/or other groups engaged in this mahi.

Thank you for this opportunity to contribute to the Local Board Plans of 2023.

Community Cat Coalition Inc.



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**How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Environment* in this section?**

Very well

**Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

These points encompass well the main needs of the environment I think. I think environmental work can also occur in non-natural areas such as developed parts of the Island as it all ties in together.

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#### **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our facilities and open spaces* in this section?**

Quite well

#### **Tell us why and is there anything else you think we should include or consider?**

These seem like good objectives. Related to my previous paragraph, I would also really like to see rubbish and weeds managed better in the two gravel car parks in Matiatia.

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#### **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of *Our Places* in this section?**

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The wetland within the 'Urupa exclusion zone' in Matiatia may have scope for planting where bodies were unlikely to have been buried or cannot be located using ground surveying.

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The two gravel car parks in Matiatia I mentioned earlier have ongoing rubbish issues. So many cars, and people drop a lot of plastic etc. which is ending up in the wetland. Very serious issue. The closest bins are down at the wharf, but people may not see or use them even if there were any. The gravel car park near the water station starts to look like a Third World area, and I strongly urge Council staff who collect rubbish off the ground to collect rubbish from this area from time to time, as they do in places like the cemetery. I do a lot of restoration for WRT on the Council wetland below and the Forest and Bird reserve beyond, so seeing the expansion of the car park and proliferation of this new rubbish stream is especially concerning for me. Please help.