
Local Board Plan 2023

Waitākere Ranges Local Board

WRITTEN FEEDBACK

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Your Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

Your feedback

1. Funding challenges and community investment

Keeping in mind council's financial challenges, what can we do differently in the local area to achieve better outcomes?

I'm a Titirangi resident of 20+ years and feeling pretty frustrated and sad about the state of things out here. Until recently I thought I'd stay here forever but now I just want to leave. Our infrastructure is literally crumbling. Some of this is due to the 27 January floods but really that was only been a catalyst for it to happen quicker. It feels like every road is a dead end at the moment - literally in terms of our broken and closed roads and tracks, and also just in terms of places and opportunities to spend recreational time. Beaches are polluted. Parks and playgrounds are pretty much non-existent. The nearest place we can take our dog for a run off-leash is 5km away and not even in the local board area. We need suitable places for elderly neighbours to go for a walk not broken old footpaths on places like Tanekaha and Koh Roads, safe routes for kids to get to school on foot and via bus. There is no bus for Green Bay High School kids to get to and from South Titirangi, never has been. While it's great to see the road repair program is getting on in parts, it's only patch ups, and we look around at other suburbs all over Auckland with their parks, paths, trails, pools and facilities, and energy focused on post-storm recovery, and feel pretty neglected by council. I'd also like to see council and the council family including AT communicate with us in detail through the local boards. It was like a brick wall in the months after the floods, and while a little bit of comm's has started it's just a trickle and seems to just be to a select few get the info. Other councils manage it. It is possible. I don't want light reading about parks winning awards and craft markets at Matariki. I want proper news and updates.

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

I don't know

Tell us why

- 3. **Climate Action:** we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be “built back better” for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

It looks good in theory but I can't see anything in there to help Titirangi, Laingholm and similar areas get back on track not only post storm but in terms of long-term underinvestment.

- 4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

I think your balance has shifted too far. I am feeling disconnected from the ranges as a place to live. It's getting too hard.,Please use NETR for places where people are living amongst the nationally significant area. We are struggling with lack of infrastructure and end of life infrastructure, crumbling roads, limited transport options.

- 5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

I don't know

Tell us why

I don't really understand what that means in terms of real-life implementation.

6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

Yes I support this but in the context of addressing the balance between access and ability for residents to navigate around their suburbs.

7. **Our community:** we will focus on providing parks, facilities and services that are accessible and meet the needs of our diverse urban and rural communities; making arts, culture and creativity a celebrated part of living in the west; promoting Maori culture and identity so it is visible and valued.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

I don't know

Tell us why

With resources tight, please ensure you focus on areas for residents, not visitors to Waitākere. Help us first.

8. **Our places:** we will focus on making our town and village centres thrive; advocating for a reliable resilient and sustainable transport network; protecting and restoring the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area for current and future generations; and acknowledging the relationship of Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngāti Whātua to the area.

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Support in part

Tell us why

Glen Eden definitely deserves your attention and will make a big difference to people living and working there.

- 9. **Our economy:** we will focus on supporting: our main town centre and business area to be successful; sustainable local economic activity; fostering home-based businesses and working from home, as well as rural economic activities in the foothills.

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Support

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Focus on building equity - for example using low-cost broadband and IT solutions for the community, increase funding and support for those with low literacy to upskill and get better jobs. Encourage teens to stay in school and increase access for funding for alternative learning options like apprenticeships and trade.

Increase focus on building hyper-local communities.

Locals supporting locals campaigns to help others find the things they need within the local community... need a lawnmower borrow your neighbours. Need lemons source from the house down the street...

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No

Tell us why

Too much focus on Glen Eden, not enough on outlying villages. Need to provide hyper-local facilities and services to better support communities where they are and reduce travel. More local walks, places to go, things to do.

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Before committing to development assessment must be conducted to mitigate risk or increased infrastructure - for example the huge new developments on Crows Road but Birdwood and Crows are terrible roads and the local park has holes as big as a vehicle in it. Stop sprawling where we can't afford to invest in supporting infrastructure it just creates more slums. Support the villages that are already well established with better community facilities.

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Support in part

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We should reduce traffic in these areas and focus on building infrastructure where less impact will be felt. For example building footpaths in areas that are rural instead of expensive boardwalks that people have to walk too. For example Bethells is a complete mess in the weekends with the traffic that go there for a walk - why aren't their better areas in Swanson that can service this type of activity.

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What are we doing to build online communities? At the moment it's mostly volunteer based organisations. Instead we need frameworks for building online communities that translate into geographical areas - to support and connect locals.

What do each of the individual audiences need across the generations.

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There needs to be more coordinated effort to join up those who are willing to give their time to these activities. Where is the support for the locals that are clearing the waterways, getting rid of toxic weeds and clearing rubbish - support those that do it right instead of punishing those that do it wrong.

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I agree in part to supporting Te Reo Māori to enhance NZ's unique identity however due to our diversity the primary goal has to be literacy in English and in the 'kiwi' way rather than too much focus on Māori. By all means celebrate the occasions but we need to keep in mind that diversity is key and the pasifika community is a huge presence in Waitakere too.

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Repair roads and provide more parking and facilities at the Karekare beach.

Plant slips on public and on private properties urgently.

Greater support is needed for tourism and visitor accommodation.

Much of the flood and slip prone land in the valley will not be developable, land higher up on Lone Kauri Road has potential for greater density to compensate for loss of developable land in the valley. It is essential to sustain a functioning community population and an adequate rates base.

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Try to restructure the executing bureaucracy of Council to be more financially efficient (things just seem to cost too much).

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Yes

Tell us why

It sounds like a balanced approach.

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Support

Tell us why

I find it important in particular to make sure people can work from home in places like Bethells or Karekare

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It is very important to me to keep up the 'West'-flavour of our area with cultural and community activities to suit.



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Stick to the basics. You have NO legal obligations to Maori so stop wasting our precious resources on this racist nonsense and fix the roads, drains, pipes and everything else. you have lost the plot.

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In part

Tell us why

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

I do not believe that there is a man made climate crisis. It is a political stunt in my view and that view is held by a fast growing population. By all means cut the pollution of rivers and land, stop the landfills, more composting, waste conversion to energy fuel or whatever, but if

you really want to do something about global pollution have a chat to India, USA, China etc and stop bankrupting this country for the .017% of pollution that we contribute. Wake up, start acting like adults.

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

I agree that these areas should be looked after, but not by Maori or special interest groups.

5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

A lot of these 'diverse communities' are in fact very well off...esp the Maori elite. The ratepayer should not have to pick up the tab to fund them, they can well fund themselves.

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

again, fine with this but not controlled by Maori. keep race out of it, the best person for the job regardless of race and background.

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Do not support

Tell us why

Maori are a 70billion dollar industry, they can fund themselves. Plus it has been rammed down our throats for the last six years. I dont want to see it ever again. Do the job you were elected to do, fix all the core services that you have let run down, and then look at the nice to haves. We have a culture too you know, I am a 3rd generation New Zealander and at 76 yrs of age I have had my feet rooted to this soil far longer that just about all Maori. Stop denying my culture and that of another 84% of us and ram Maori down our throats.

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

Again, you are ramming a language down my throat I do not understand and neither does the other 97% of us. Grow up for pity sake. Woke socialism will be taking a dive at the next election and so will this drivel.

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Support

Tell us why

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You are all woke and out of touch. You have lost focus and allowed our roads and drains to collapse while you wallow in a socialist euphoria of imagined maori spirituality and language. We have had enough. this is our funding that you are wasting. go and get a real job somewhere but leave the running of our town to the people that know what is important and know how to get the best value for our ever increasing rate dollar. You are all a bloody disgrace.



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Focus on core issues

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In part

Tell us why

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4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

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Support in part

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Support in part

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Stop spending on things like drag queens in libraries and speed bumps in streets and go back to providing core services, rubbish collection, stormwater, wastewater and security.

Fire the publicity department and the employees that are not directly providing a service to the community. The council does not need all the support roles. Stop using contractors and bring the work back under the council umbrella for quality of control, cut the red tape. keep the compliance staff but loose those not directly contributing to our communities.

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

No

Tell us why

It is a lot of politically correct boulder dash that does not enhance the community and is ruining the city. Before Auckland city took over Waitakere council we had roads we could use and streets we could confidently walk on, now we are lucky not to be assaulted in our homes and money is going to contractors who so shoddy work while lining their own pockets.

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Do not support

Tell us why

Climate change is not a real problem that can be addressed, you have higher needs in the city than pampering to the world economic forum and other globalists.

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

You need to protect the humans first, then they will take care of the environment.

If you really want to help the environment remove all of the 5 G towers, they are causing noticeable die off around them.

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

We are one community, that thrives through its diversity, as soon as you start these programs you waste money you do not have and bring division creating even more hunger and crime amongst your people.

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Do not support

Tell us why

The people need to be looked after before the environment, studies show when you increase a populations wealth level out of survival they take care of the environment themselves.

Too many Aucklanders are below the poverty level and do not even own their own homes and thus are being charged exorbitant rents they can not afford.

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You do not have the means for this other than maintenance of parks and existing services.

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Do not support

Tell us why

This is again your pandering to globalists views if you fix the roads, the people will fix their transportation themselves. 10 - 20 minute cities are nothing but prisons.

There are already too many people living too close to each other for there not to be rampant violence and crime.

Point in case just today I had to have the police around regarding a neighbor trying to break my door down and almost succeeding.

Do what you can afford to without increasing the rates.

Fire the administration roles and spin doctors that do not add value

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Tell us why

None of your plans increase small business, this is just you bringing in the 15minute ghettos of the globalists and the rioting and violence you are generating by lowering incomes and increasing density with out the needed infrastructure will be on your heads.

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Do the basics without rates increases, trim down your beauratic beasts and bring the care of the city back to in house for quality and for savings.



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Do not support

Tell us why

Very Glen Eden focused. SWanson is growing as well. Would like to see some planning and development to support the Swanson area.

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Support

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Tell us why

The actions are so vague it's difficult to understand the intent.

3. Climate Action: we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be "built back better" for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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I don't know

Tell us why

7. **Our community:** we will focus on providing parks, facilities and services that are accessible and meet the needs of our diverse urban and rural communities; making arts, culture and creativity a celebrated part of living in the west; promoting Maori culture and identity so it is visible and valued.

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I can't understand or evaluate the plan because the financial summary doesn't include all the revenue (or at least I hope it doesn't). I can't comment on whether the scope of the plan is appropriate unless I know whether the budget is balanced. Please provide revised information before asking for comments.



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Speaking for Glen Eden, the key issue is traffic management. Dangerous excessive on street parking on streets compromising visibility (eg all along T intersections and bends in the road on Ambler Ave). We need yellow lines on both sides all along many streets. This is a very simple intervention. Dangerous intersection at the rail crossing and up to the lights at West Coast road due to poor design. Again, bit of paint to fix this. Cars are constantly almost crashing into each other. Terrible user experience for all users, pedestrians, cars and PT users at this intersection. This ultimately requires a more extensive solution including a separated crossing rather than a level crossing. I would have thought this is a regional priority for all level crossings from a safety perspective. If these are all AT issues rather than Local Board (likely), this just reinforces the redundancy of the Local Board and that funding is better allocated to AT to solve actual issues.

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

No

Tell us why

It's generous to call this a plan. It's screeds of waffle which essentially boils down to platitudes that are vague ambitions rather than any tangible plan to achieve concrete or measurable outcomes. Some 'plans' are basically statements like 'the community is happy and healthy' - well duh but what are the specifics and how will you achieve them? Honestly a bit of a joke.

3. **Climate Action:** we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be “built back better” for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

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Tell us why

Struggling to see where this is covered in the plan. The climate action section describes past work and current state, but no plan for future work?? These are all pretty obvious desired outcomes but what are you committing to do?

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I don't know

Tell us why

Again content is vague

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I don't know

Tell us why

Again content is super vague. What are specific actions and how will they be measured?

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

I don't know

Tell us why

Vague

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I don't know

Tell us why

Vague

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Support in part

Tell us why

Agree re level crossing issues at Glen Eden

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I don't know

Tell us why

Honestly how are we at the point where a local board is existing to support working from home....

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Think about costs being passed on by my Landlord- every time her costs go up I pay. Thanks

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No

Tell us why

Not sticking to core aspects

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Support in part

Tell us why

Practical engineering to solve issues shouldn't take into account non-scientific cultural waffle, otherwise, costs will sky rocket

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Do not support

Tell us why

Access to tracks and forests needs to be re-established

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Do not support

Tell us why

One people, one country. We can't be spending willy-nilly on all things

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Do not support

Tell us why

Elected representatives based on one person one vote Democracy rules must apply. Good ideas don't belong to certain groups or individuals

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Do not support

Tell us why

Maori groups are overly funded by Local and Central Govt. They must fund their own projects and see how desirable they actually are

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Support in part

Tell us why

No groups should receive special privileges over others. Apartheid comes to mind when 160plus races live in this ward

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Do not support

Tell us why

Let the market/economics decide if an approach is cost-efficient and worthwhile.

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Please consider Cost of Living on the Rate Payers



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Fix the POTHLES please!!!

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In part

Tell us why

Wildling Pine Trees about to fall on Power Lines on SUNNYVALE ROAD (up from McEntee Road) must be REMOVED!!!

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Tell us why

Wairere Road has some very dangerous blind corners that require the clay banks to be shaved back heavily.....EG the two 200m and 300m down from Duffy Road.

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Support in part

Tell us why

NOT enough is being done to support the Historical artifacts/buildings/contributions of the Early Settlers!!!

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Support in part

Tell us why

Politically Correct "woke" policy focus COMPLETELY IGNORES entire sections of the Community EG those of Scottish, English, Irish descent.

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Tell us why

More focus De-polluting Native Eel/Freshwater crayfish/Native micro Trout HABITATS please!! Urgent.

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Do not support

Tell us why

SO MUCH funding and focus is on supporting Maori Culture and Heritage, to the EXCLUSION of any other contributing Culture, that the Local Board Plan is completely Biased and unbalanced, it's effect is APARTHEID in New Zealand, completely RACIST.

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Do not support

Tell us why

There is ZERO acknowledgement of the enormous Hardwork/Contributions made, Building the Community by the Early Settlers!!!

WHY is that?????????????!

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Support in part

Tell us why

Rural Economic Activities have been largely ignored, more Farming Support PLEASE!

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Ultra LEFT Extremists have had TOO MUCH influence on the virtue signalling, Race Based, unbalanced Policies in the Local Board Plan. This completely UNDERMINES Public Confidence in EVERYTHING Local Authorities CLAIM they are attempting to achieve, and CREATES DIVISION in our usually warm and cooperative Community.



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Allow more community gardens to be developed, so people can grow their own food, reduce their living costs.

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Tell us why

I don't think the council understands what "accessible" mean - I am Deaf so cannot access many places or art / cultural events.

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Support

Tell us why

Local places ARE important. I am embarrassed with Glen Eden presently. It is a dump, nothing thrives there.

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As above - fix up the embarrassing town centre

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Stick to the basics ,ditch the food scraps collection and give people there own compost bins,im being charged for something i dont use or want!!

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Do not support

Tell us why

Why should it matter what culture you are we should all be doing our part

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Do not support

Tell us why

Tell me why is maori culture so important ,if they hadnt of killed of most of the bird population the waitakeres would be amazing!

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Tell us why

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Same old rubbish we are caught in the past,



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Stricter monitoring of projects so costs such as Titirangi toilets and Lopdell steps don't blow out to egregious levels.

More synergy with other boards.

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In part

Tell us why

Agree especially with:

Need more electric car charge points, especially one in Titirangi

Support for dark sky location, happy to stop lighting Foster bay, Huia at night

Support for heritage projects that strengthen sense of place and identity

Support for Ecofest and especially Love Your Neighbourhood fund, as this was the only way our community could take on storm clean up in Huia Bay and it was hugely successful for community building as well as clean up (see photo below)

Support volunteer community environmental groups

Support for local halls is essential - they are essential to fabric of community life

Fibre broadband development for teleworking

Don't agree/changes suggested:

No more hard structures in track development. Open the rest of the tracks as they are

When building back better, ensure the Waitakere Ranges remains as accessible as possible to all Aucklanders. Don't use climate events as an excuse to close off even more of it

In arts facilities, include a specific line item of "fund the development of community arts and heritage facilities, eg Shadbolt House

Support more community orchards and gardens in local parks/reserves, for food resilience

Do not enforce new septic systems on properties with good quality, functional systems as there is too much upfront and ongoing cost and red tape involved with resource consents and monitoring. Many systems are working fine. Deal with those that aren't.

Rural feeder bus service is a waste of time. Been tried before and failed

Monitor The Trusts development of new entertainment facilities to ensure they actually meet the wishes of the community. Many past attempts have been pathetic.

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Support in part

Tell us why

see comments above

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Support in part

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Tell us why

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Introduce a temporarily reduced rates levy on unoccupied commercial space to assist space owners re-letting. Consider other initiatives to attract small to medium commercial enterprises

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In part

Tell us why

Transport connectivity seems a bit low in priority.

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Support in part

Tell us why

No indication of increasing pest animals and plants control or assisting private regeneration and pest control

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Support in part

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Just a touch vague

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Tell us why

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I don't know

Tell us why

Glen Eden is now a horror to transit through but there are no opportunities if travelling West Coast Rd to the Sth of Waikumete. To make matters worse, the one carpark which was suitable for ark n ride has been lease out as a gas-guzzling ute sales yard discouraging visiting the GE shopping precinct. This bodes badly for the future and gives no confidence.

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We need to pay more.

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In part

Tell us why

I will never have public transport, yet I have to pay extra to fuel my only means of transport!.

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Support in part

Tell us why

We'll have to wait to see if it's true?.

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

I don't know

Tell us why

I've never heard of these 'plans'.

5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

So called 'diversity' has led to bloodshed, murder and mayhem!.

Just study history!.

Immigrants anywhere need to follow that age old truism.

When in Rome do as the Romans do.

We're thoroughly sick of having to adapt to alien cultures.

As an old Maori mate said to me some decades ago 'it's taken us 150 years to sort of get along with the British let alone with these other Immigrants we've been forced to take since 1970'. Needless to say he wasn't a fan of immigration!.

6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

It has to be done.

- 7. Our community:** we will focus on providing parks, facilities and services that are accessible and meet the needs of our diverse urban and rural communities; making arts, culture and creativity a celebrated part of living in the west; promoting Maori culture and identity so it is visible and valued.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

Don't go over the top.

- 8. Our places:** we will focus on making our town and village centres thrive; advocating for a reliable resilient and sustainable transport network; protecting and restoring the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area for current and future generations; and acknowledging the relationship of Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngāti Whātua to the area.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

Just words!.

- 9. Our economy:** we will focus on supporting: our main town centre and business area to be successful; sustainable local economic activity; fostering home-based businesses and working from home, as well as rural economic activities in the foothills.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

I don't know

Tell us why

I don't know!.

10. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan?

No.



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Your feedback

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Keeping in mind council's financial challenges, what can we do differently in the local area to achieve better outcomes?

Actually commit to doing something rather than vague statements - "Work with the Glen Eden business association on priorities for the town centre" What does this mean, have a chat over coffee with one person? Be specific about how you will go about this and by when.

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

No

Tell us why

It is too vague and contains almost no actual actions or outcomes

3. Climate Action: we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be "built back better" for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

Very important but words will get us nowhere

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

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Support in part

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Support in part

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Support in part

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

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How can I support a plan that is completely vague



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Greater focus on the environment.

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

In part

Tell us why

Too much focus on Maori and arts.

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

Not everyone is Maori, and this needs to be acknowledged.

6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

Strongly support.

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

I do not support the Maorification of the local park names. The parks are treasured community places and have dual heritage - both Maori and Kiwi. By adopting sole Maori names you are acknowledging Maori heritage above the settler heritage. Maori make up only a minority of the population in this area and you are robbing the majority of people of the heritage that they associate with these special places, on top of creating a lot of confusion for the sake of your virtue signalling. It is preferential racial treatment. The names should be dual and acknowledging both Maori and settler heritage, encouraging unity among New Zealanders, not racial preferentialism that only serves to separate people.

- 8. Our places:** we will focus on making our town and village centres thrive; advocating for a reliable resilient and sustainable transport network; protecting and restoring the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area for current and future generations; and acknowledging the relationship of Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngāti Whātua to the area.

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

I don't know

Tell us why

10. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan?



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Keeping in mind council's financial challenges, what can we do differently in the local area to achieve better outcomes?

Auckland Council must listen to local communities BEFORE making decision tat affect those communities. Decision making based on pre-concrived ideas by Council staff who do NOT understand local ussues creates discontent, and results in inappropriate, wasteful spending.

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

Yes

Tell us why

3. Climate Action: we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be "built back better" for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

The intentions and words are supportable, but history proves that the actions do not follow tge words "Built" would be a good start. Built back and built better are only dreams. How

about a community garden to support community resilience at Puha?? Oh, forgot!! Words not action from Auckland Council.

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

We support tge words, but need to see action. The closure of tracks for KDB cannot be supported by scientific evidence, so end tge Rahui, remove the CAN and let people use tge WRHA ad it meant to be enjoyed.

5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

Agai, the words are supported. But we have no confidence. Based on Auckland Council input yo date, that action will follow tge words.

6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

The words are supported. The actions to date demonstrate that these actions will BIT take place and the environment will continue to rapidly degrade.

7. **Our community:** we will focus on providing parks, facilities and services that are accessible and meet the needs of our diverse urban and rural communities; making arts, culture and creativity a celebrated part of living in the west; promoting Maori culture and identity so it is visible and valued.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

The words are supported, but when existing facilities are falling apart through lack of proper maintenance, the eords become hollow shells.

8. **Our places:** we will focus on making our town and village centres thrive; advocating for a reliable resilient and sustainable transport network; protecting and restoring the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area for current and future generations; and acknowledging the relationship of Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngāti Whātua to the area.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

The words sound good, but why should we have confidence based on historical efforts??

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

Support in principle, but tge money wasted on the Glen Eden road upgrades and cycle way makes in skeptical that further money will be prudently and effective Ely spent.

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Auckland Council 'consultations' that are actually only seeking feedback on bad or questionable decisions already made, must be abolished.



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I would like to see tax and planning incentives for retail and hospitality businesses with easier set up processes and consents

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

No

Tell us why

There is virtually no mention of Swanson at all which has a growing population and few hospitality options. AT also wants to divide the community because building an underpass at O'Neills Rd would be 'costly and disruptive' - their whole spiel is to discourage keeping the community together

3. Climate Action: we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be "built back better" for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

Transport especially road maintenance following climate events is a major issue currently

- 4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

Government support is needed to get the Waitakere Ranges properly opened with resilient access and proper infrastructure

- 5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

- 6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

The streams running through the area are polluted and do not look healthy. This needs a proper clean up as our heritage is hugely linked to businesses that were based along these streams

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

8. **Our places:** we will focus on making our town and village centres thrive; advocating for a reliable resilient and sustainable transport network; protecting and restoring the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area for current and future generations; and acknowledging the relationship of Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngāti Whātua to the area.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

Ignores Swanson village which could be so much more and needs to get more reflective of the rapidly growing multi-cultural community. Only place for a wine is the RSA. We need to be going more in a Hobsonville type direction with more hospitality options.

9. **Our economy:** we will focus on supporting: our main town centre and business area to be successful; sustainable local economic activity; fostering home-based businesses and working from home, as well as rural economic activities in the foothills.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

Swanson?? Don't let AT slice the community in half - more hospitality!

10. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan?



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Yes

Tell us why

3. Climate Action: we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be “built back better” for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

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Your Local Board: Whau

Your feedback

1. Funding challenges and community investment

Keeping in mind council's financial challenges, what can we do differently in the local area to achieve better outcomes?

Prioritise investments which support Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland's Climate Plan and it's important goal to reduce GHG emissions by 50% by 2030 due to the climate emergency we are in.

And to have a lower priority for investments which increase GHG emissions.

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

Yes

Tell us why

I like the areas of focus, especially working on the New Lynn Kelston cycling hub project, supporting initiatives to reduce barriers to active transport, looking after the Whau rivier and upgrading parks and reserves with shade, drinking fountains, toilets and accessibility.

3. Climate Action: we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be "built back better" for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

We are in a climate emergency, and supporting Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland's Climate Plan is important for the local board especially providing sustainable transport options.

- 4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

- 5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

- 6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

7. **Our community:** we will focus on providing parks, facilities and services that are accessible and meet the needs of our diverse urban and rural communities; making arts, culture and creativity a celebrated part of living in the west; promoting Maori culture and identity so it is visible and valued.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

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Your feedback

1. Funding challenges and community investment

Keeping in mind council's financial challenges, what can we do differently in the local area to achieve better outcomes?

Focus on the poverty!

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

In part

Tell us why

I mean you are getting there, but there are still things missing, especially with Maori engagement.

3. Climate Action: we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be “built back better” for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

We don't need to focus on this. There are more pertinent issues.

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

This is very important and you are addressing it adequately.

5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

You're not telling me enough on how this will be implemented.

6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

This is the least of our worries.

7. **Our community:** we will focus on providing parks, facilities and services that are accessible and meet the needs of our diverse urban and rural communities; making arts, culture and creativity a celebrated part of living in the west; promoting Maori culture and identity so it is visible and valued.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

We do need to focus on this and you are doing this well.

8. **Our places:** we will focus on making our town and village centres thrive; advocating for a reliable resilient and sustainable transport network; protecting and restoring the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area for current and future generations; and acknowledging the relationship of Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngāti Whātua to the area.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

Very happy with this being a priority.

9. **Our economy:** we will focus on supporting: our main town centre and business area to be successful; sustainable local economic activity; fostering home-based businesses and working from home, as well as rural economic activities in the foothills.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

To improve poverty, we need our economy improved.

10. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan?

More focus on Maori.



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Keeping in mind council's financial challenges, what can we do differently in the local area to achieve better outcomes?

Focus on small projects that are within the local board's sphere of immediate influence and leave wider issues (e.g. environment, economy) to wider council business. These are important and the local board should advocate for the area but shouldn't be dedicating its limited resources to these areas.

Concentrate focus on liveability and creating neighbourhoods we can be proud of: pedestrian and motorist safety, public spaces for whanau.

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

In part

Tell us why

My top priority is for the areas and streets my whanau and I live and move about in every day to be improved. I care about things like the environment and climate but believe council should be implementing citywide policies in these areas.

3. Climate Action: we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be “built back better” for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

Climate action is crucial provided it is done efficiently.

- 4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

This is a worthy area but doesn't feel like a top priority given limited resources.

- 5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

The best way of supporting our people within the local board's scope is to focus on improving the community and places (number 7 and 8 below) - would prefer this to be the board's focus as there are plenty of wraparound services already working hard to support people in the community.

- 6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

This has got to be a top priority - Glen Eden desperately needs a park/playground in the town centre - there is no centrally accessible (by walking) community space to encourage whanau to get outside, spend time in the community (and thereby support local businesses while there).

8. **Our places:** we will focus on making our town and village centres thrive; advocating for a reliable resilient and sustainable transport network; protecting and restoring the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area for current and future generations; and acknowledging the relationship of Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngāti Whātua to the area.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

This has got to be a top priority - Glen Eden in particular has been so under-invested in. It is falling further into ruin and the more it does, the less community cohesion we have as there is simply nothing to be proud of.

9. **Our economy:** we will focus on supporting: our main town centre and business area to be successful; sustainable local economic activity; fostering home-based businesses and working from home, as well as rural economic activities in the foothills.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

This should be a council-wide initiative if important, not down to local boards.

10. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan?



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'-Keep the weed bin drop off points in and around the Waitakere ranges.

-Open up low risk walking tracks so people can spend time walking in the bush. An easy win to help support peoples mental health.

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In part

Tell us why

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I don't know

Tell us why

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Support in part

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As a home owner in Piha whose house backs onto the Waitakere Heritage area I would really like to see the weed bin kept in the Piha domain (As well as other places in the Waitakere ranges) I think this is an easy win as we want to have a weed free property and stop the weeds moving off our properties and into the native bush.

Otherwise I dont see as much weeding being done as I would have much further to travel to remove of weeds and possibly pay for this myself.

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Support

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What a ridiculously complex process

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No

Tell us why

This format is ridiculous

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Do not support

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Important not to re do plans and waste money - the Glen Eden Town Centre Development has had many plans done in the past. These need to be looked at in conjunction with the Business Association before more money is spent on new plans

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

Yes

Tell us why

You have looked carefully at the priorities in the area, taking into account the reduced funding, the need to work with Te Kawarau A Maki, the intensification in Glen Eden, Climate change and the importance of the Waitakere ranges.

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Support

Tell us why

Important to do the repairs in the most sustainable way, some will say it is too slow, no use doing quickly and then having to do again. Important to have plans for each community in the face of climate events. Each area must be strengthened to take care of themselves. Communities cannot wait for 'someone to come', in an emergency those people will not come, communities must learn to be resilient and be supported to do so.

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Support

Tell us why

Work must go into coordinating all groups working in the Heritage area so all are working for the same purpose. Volunteers are limited. The Heritage area has many volunteers working, they all need to be working for a common purpose. Weed and Pest funding is important. Volunteers give their time, they need the resources to continue to do their job.

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Support in part

Tell us why

As your plan says there are many diverse communities, important that there are opportunities of all to celebrate together. Was sad that the Ethkick Football tournament was not continued. Events at Hoani Watiti should encourage other communities to attend. We should celebrate all the small communities in our area. Many small communities feel isolated, they need to be welcomed. Has there ever been an art exhibition where different communities can display their art and craft? This makes all feel part of the community.

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Important to continue to work on the contaminated lagoon areas. Money needs to be found for the priority of weeds and pests in the ranges.

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Tell us why

With the intensification taking place in Glen the need for more well-appointed neighbourhood parks is important. We have so many young people and all have to go out of our area for skate parks. The Local Boards needs to work with Trusts to find the funding for a skate park. For too long the young people have waited and waited. Everytime parents drive children to a skate park is another car trip. The Trusts have plenty of funding, this should be used for a skate park. The West is lacking this facility.

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Support in part

Tell us why

The rail crossing in Glen Eden is something that will have to be addressed. With the intensification taking place the traffic has become a real issue, the rail crossing is a disaster waiting to happen. We cannot keep putting this issue off and go on building more and more houses. The same applies to green space and trees. There has been no planning in the way Glen Eden is developing and this needs some urgent attention. I do not want to see another plan being developed and money wasted for the Town Center development. With the intensification streets are becoming blocked with traffic on each side of the road, this is causing tension. with residents.

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I have made comments about the Town Center, this a high priority. Libraries are part of local communities and must continue to be so.

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Support

Tell us why

Constant modifications to traffic in Glen Eden are messy.

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Dark sky thing seems a bit hopeful given proximity to Auckland

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Support in part

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Need more education and rules on pests especially cats. If you live in an ecological taonga...don't have a roaming cat! Cats likes dogs need to be controlled.

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No-one from Council asks about our septic tank. I maintain mine and have it certified but no one has ever asked me or my neighbours about it. I am 100% certain there are overflowing and unmaintained septic tanks. Council simply needs to ask residents to provide evidence of their certification that they are in proper good order.

Wilding pines are a problem and an erosion risk on our coastline. Some more resources needs to be put to this issue.

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We need a new public swimming pool. West Wave is too small.

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We need a bus out to Huia and more bus and bike lanes and more EV chargers.

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We need to make it more affordable for cafe owners to get alcohol licences to support the growth of their businesses and increase the vibrancy and attractiveness of our town centres. The Trusts model kills any initiative in this area without noticeable social return for the privilege of their monopoly.

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Diversify how you can support the community - maybe you can offer carpark spaces, negotiate with Auckland Transport for special access to services, if people are asking for funding for services that council could otherwise provide from it's existing resources then isn't an office at local board the same as funding a lease?

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Tell us why

You don't reach enough of the population

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Tell us why

I hope so. Haven't nailed it yet. Maybe it's actually impossible

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I don't think you're going to achieve all the things you want to because the system is fundamentally flawed. Chin up



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Focus on reduction of cars, car speed and parking. Make areas safer for walking. Promote more Public Transport

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STOP wasting money of feel good projects. EG, spending money to promote Maori culture. Those who want to embrace that culture will do so without funding from Council. For those who have no interest in that culture, it just creates anger at the waste.

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In part

Tell us why

I am all for spending on the environment, but will never support race based spending.

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Support

Tell us why

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Do not support

Tell us why

This creates separatism at a time we should all be united as one.

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Do not support

Tell us why

See my previous comment re wasteful spending based on culture.

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Do not support

Tell us why

Localised strip shopping is never going to compete with shopping malls. It is about time to give up on that ideology.

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Face up to and embrace realism over ideology



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At a high level I would say prioritise the practical issues that impact on quality of life. Just as an example the speed ramps in Swanson are important. The state of Scenic drive is critical. This causes frustration. This work could have been done during the long Christmas break.

Focus on the hot spots. There are places where traffic is so bad, and could be improved by relatively small changes. Maybe open up a Fix-it line for people to make suggestions or get staff out and about. I'd like to see people watching what happens at intersections where the removal of a left hand turn lane means traffic backs up and across roundabouts.

When money's tight prioritisation is key.

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Tell us why

The high level goals seem ok but I struggle to see how this will actually be delivered

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It's having the confidence that the right decisions about built back better will be made. Sadly, past decision making has been questionable

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Support in part

Tell us why

It's hard. Ensuring everyone gets a fair go but making us feel that we're all together.

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Tell us why

When I read this is, it seems so huge. To broad, I can barely begin to see the outcome. Yes, I've read the detail but sorry you lost me on this one. Too much, far too wide a focus.

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

I don't know

Tell us why

Well 9. Won't work unless all the other things are done. I keep coming back to transport.

10. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan?

Please, please, tidy up the aftermath of the Eva Panuka debacle. Henderson town centre is shabby and neglected. I'm not asking for regeneration or anything fancy just clear up this god awful concrete blocks and paint.



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Your Local Board: Henderson-Massey

Your feedback

1. Funding challenges and community investment

Keeping in mind council's financial challenges, what can we do differently in the local area to achieve better outcomes?

More money to allow people to walk in the waitakere rangers again

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

I don't know

Tell us why

3. Climate Action: we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be “built back better” for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

I don't care about climate change. The earth is bigger than you and I so let's just enjoy it best we can.

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

Keep the plans as is. Don't allow people to subdivide. Less foreign owners in the region. I was shut out of buying a property that should have remained in family hands

5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

Just let people be. If they want to connect, let them. Don't force it on people

6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

As long as it's not super restrictive

7. **Our community:** we will focus on providing parks, facilities and services that are accessible and meet the needs of our diverse urban and rural communities; making arts, culture and creativity a celebrated part of living in the west; promoting Maori culture and identity so it is visible and valued.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

I don't care for Maori cultures or parks.

8. **Our places:** we will focus on making our town and village centres thrive; advocating for a reliable resilient and sustainable transport network; protecting and restoring the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area for current and future generations; and acknowledging the relationship of Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngāti Whātua to the area.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

Trains good. All the other stuff is just soft woke speak

9. **Our economy:** we will focus on supporting: our main town centre and business area to be successful; sustainable local economic activity; fostering home-based businesses and working from home, as well as rural economic activities in the foothills.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

Again, what are you planning? Blanket statements like these are just gateways for you to push through whatever you want to.

10. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan?





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Your Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

Your feedback

1. Funding challenges and community investment

Keeping in mind council's financial challenges, what can we do differently in the local area to achieve better outcomes?

a different approach to Glen Eden town centre - better lighting and traffic plans. Restoring our waterways and wetlands to respond to climate change and a strong focus on improving local ecosystems especially in the Ranges.

Improved traffic options - introducing shared paths and bus lanes especially with all the new housing popping up.

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

Yes

Tell us why

It addresses key issues that are important to me and my family,

3. Climate Action: we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be “built back better” for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

No other alternative

- 4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

look strong with a restoration focus

- 5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

- 6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

I believe the plan is a start to addressing key issues in the Waitakere area

7. **Our community:** we will focus on providing parks, facilities and services that are accessible and meet the needs of our diverse urban and rural communities; making arts, culture and creativity a celebrated part of living in the west; promoting Maori culture and identity so it is visible and valued.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

8. **Our places:** we will focus on making our town and village centres thrive; advocating for a reliable resilient and sustainable transport network; protecting and restoring the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area for current and future generations; and acknowledging the relationship of Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngāti Whātua to the area.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

9. **Our economy:** we will focus on supporting: our main town centre and business area to be successful; sustainable local economic activity; fostering home-based businesses and working from home, as well as rural economic activities in the foothills.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

10. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan?



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Your Local Board: Henderson-Massey

Your feedback

1. Funding challenges and community investment

Keeping in mind council's financial challenges, what can we do differently in the local area to achieve better outcomes?

Spend money on the outer suburbs because it seems like we get scraps compared to inner suburbs

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

In part

Tell us why

3. Climate Action: we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be “built back better” for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

We need another pool. West wave only ain't enough

- 8. Our places:** we will focus on making our town and village centres thrive; advocating for a reliable resilient and sustainable transport network; protecting and restoring the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area for current and future generations; and acknowledging the relationship of Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngāti Whātua to the area.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

We need another pool

- 9. Our economy:** we will focus on supporting: our main town centre and business area to be successful; sustainable local economic activity; fostering home-based businesses and working from home, as well as rural economic activities in the foothills.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

We could do more and better

10. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan?

We need another pool. When we do get amazing things it's a one off or a "great idea" barely executed. IE snow in the park



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Your Local Board: Whau

Your feedback

1. Funding challenges and community investment

Keeping in mind council's financial challenges, what can we do differently in the local area to achieve better outcomes?

Adults need places to be. Simple pubs and venues. Not kid or family friendly. Just have places to catch up over a drink. It's too expensive to drive anywhere. We are trapped in the suburbs.

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

In part

Tell us why

3. Climate Action: we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be “built back better” for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

Restoring waterways is almost a moot point. How hard is it to get rid of the rubbish? What does supporting people to connect with the environment actually mean?

Why don't we build waterwheels again? Or have someone travel via Waka on the whau. What you have proposed seems too vague

7. **Our community:** we will focus on providing parks, facilities and services that are accessible and meet the needs of our diverse urban and rural communities; making arts, culture and creativity a celebrated part of living in the west; promoting Maori culture and identity so it is visible and valued.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

Please stop building parks. We don't need any more. Build pubs and restaurants the support live acts

8. **Our places:** we will focus on making our town and village centres thrive; advocating for a reliable resilient and sustainable transport network; protecting and restoring the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area for current and future generations; and acknowledging the relationship of Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngāti Whātua to the area.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

Build a cable car from Green Bay to the Titirangi shops

9. **Our economy:** we will focus on supporting: our main town centre and business area to be successful; sustainable local economic activity; fostering home-based businesses and working from home, as well as rural economic activities in the foothills.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

10. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan?



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Your Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

Your feedback

1. Funding challenges and community investment

Keeping in mind council's financial challenges, what can we do differently in the local area to achieve better outcomes?

Open the Waitakere Ranges. Let people walk on the whenua. Ask Te Kawerau a Maki to lift the Rahui.

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

In part

Tell us why

Provisions for a community fundraised skatepark in the Piha Domain need to be made. This has been blocked for too long.

3. Climate Action: we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be “built back better” for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

Allow the community to build a skatepark in the main hub near the playground.

6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

The people need the bush. Locking them out and criminalising them for walking in it when human movement is so low down on the list of correlation patterns with the pathogen spread is plain dumb and criminal itself. The surveillance money would be better spent on R&D and track upgrades.

7. **Our community:** we will focus on providing parks, facilities and services that are accessible and meet the needs of our diverse urban and rural communities; making arts, culture and creativity a celebrated part of living in the west; promoting Maori culture and identity so it is visible and valued.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

Love the place names changes!!! About time!

Toilets in Piha need to be keep open all night not closed at 9.

Forcing visitors and locals to go in the dunes is inhumane and gross. Why are they closed anyway?

8. **Our places:** we will focus on making our town and village centres thrive; advocating for a reliable resilient and sustainable transport network; protecting and restoring the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area for current and future generations; and acknowledging the relationship of Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngāti Whātua to the area.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

Is it the Heritage Plan that is stopping the Piha community from having a skatepark in their hub?

Acknowledgment of Te Kawerau a Maki should not mean the criminalisation of walking on the Waitakere Ranges.

9. **Our economy:** we will focus on supporting: our main town centre and business area to be successful; sustainable local economic activity; fostering home-based businesses and working from home, as well as rural economic activities in the foothills.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

I don't know

Tell us why

10. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan?

Please lift the closure on the Ranges. To walk up a stream, to be alone, to truly feel the beat of the earth has been taken from the Waitakeres. A disproportional and expensive reaction to very little science.



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Your feedback

1. Funding challenges and community investment

Keeping in mind council's financial challenges, what can we do differently in the local area to achieve better outcomes?

Concentrate on core business which, strangely it seems to the Council, means maintaining the infrastructure.

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

I don't know

Tell us why

It is 40 pages of waffle.

3. Climate Action: we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be “built back better” for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

Installing road bumps do nothing for climate change, in fact make the situation worse.

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

I don't know

Tell us why

5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

I don't know

Tell us why

6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

If you mean it.

7. **Our community:** we will focus on providing parks, facilities and services that are accessible and meet the needs of our diverse urban and rural communities; making arts, culture and creativity a celebrated part of living in the west; promoting Maori culture and identity so it is visible and valued.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

8. **Our places:** we will focus on making our town and village centres thrive; advocating for a reliable resilient and sustainable transport network; protecting and restoring the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area for current and future generations; and acknowledging the relationship of Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngāti Whātua to the area.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

I don't know

Tell us why

9. **Our economy:** we will focus on supporting: our main town centre and business area to be successful; sustainable local economic activity; fostering home-based businesses and working from home, as well as rural economic activities in the foothills.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

I don't know

Tell us why

No evidence you're doing this.

10. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan?



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Your feedback

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Keeping in mind council's financial challenges, what can we do differently in the local area to achieve better outcomes?

Listen to the communities needs... from the people who live here. We have not once seen the local board in piha come and listen to the community.

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

No

Tell us why

Nothing for Piha other than pest free stuff... Sandra Coneys husband getting paid by the community to execute works that are not a priority for our community members

3. Climate Action: we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be "built back better" for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

You have done nothing to support this in Piha

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

Again, what is in place by the local board for this???

5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

I don't know

Tell us why

6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

Again, local board is doing nothing in Piha for this

7. **Our community:** we will focus on providing parks, facilities and services that are accessible and meet the needs of our diverse urban and rural communities; making arts, culture and creativity a celebrated part of living in the west; promoting Maori culture and identity so it is visible and valued.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

Again, local

Board has done nothing in Piha for this. Our playground is constantly closed due to health and safety issues. Local board will not approve a skate park or even a pump track.

8. **Our places:** we will focus on making our town and village centres thrive; advocating for a reliable resilient and sustainable transport network; protecting and restoring the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area for current and future generations; and acknowledging the relationship of Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngāti Whātua to the area.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

Again nothing done in Piha for this

9. **Our economy:** we will focus on supporting: our main town centre and business area to be successful; sustainable local economic activity; fostering home-based businesses and working from home, as well as rural economic activities in the foothills.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

I don't know

Tell us why

10. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan?

Read the census and understand the demographics of Piha. The Local Board is so out of touch with Piha 2023 and what our full time living community is and stand for. It is not the 60's or even the 90's... we cannot continue to be left behind in our infrastructure, and facilities. Add to the current full time families residing here, we have tourists flocking in every weekend. The Local Board need to understand the impacts, and what the community is and our needs too... not just Glen Eden!



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Your Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

Your feedback

1. Funding challenges and community investment

Keeping in mind council's financial challenges, what can we do differently in the local area to achieve better outcomes?

Too much bureaucracy and consultants soak up the dollars that should be going into real community projects.

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

In part

Tell us why

Open up the Waitakere's. It's abhorrent how much access has been shut off to Aucklanders.

3. Climate Action: we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be “built back better” for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

People don't like public transport. It's unreliable and unusable for most. It's not part of there psyche and it never will be. Behaviour change is not going to change here. You'll dump all your money into something only a few will use. Balance is needed to ensure traffic frees up,

probably saving more on emissions from stationary cars than what would be saved by someone catching a bus.

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

Open up the Waitakere Ranges. 80-90% of tracks have been closed. If we can't access the bush, we can't teach our kids to love it.

The science of Kauri dieback is debatable. Again don't use it as an excuse to close access.

Maori have too much say, if it was up to them they'd just close it all. They are not kaitiaki, they don't protect anything, just shut us out with a Rahui.

5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

I don't know

Tell us why

6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

Yes to restoring biodiversity.

I however still can't believe Watercare got a consent to destroy 4ha of SEA protected land in Waima. I think this needs a review in the current climate emergency. Those costs must have blown out by now to be unwarranted.

7. **Our community:** we will focus on providing parks, facilities and services that are accessible and meet the needs of our diverse urban and rural communities; making arts, culture and creativity a celebrated part of living in the west; promoting Maori culture and identity so it is visible and valued.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

8. **Our places:** we will focus on making our town and village centres thrive; advocating for a reliable resilient and sustainable transport network; protecting and restoring the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area for current and future generations; and acknowledging the relationship of Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngāti Whātua to the area.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

Actually restore access to The Waitakeres. Currently 80-90% of tracks have been closed since 2018. Shocking kaitiaki if you ask me.

Do you know that the land Watercare want to destroy in Waima was once the site of a watershed battle where sovereignty of Auckland was ceded to Ngati Whatua? If we can't even acknowledge that I'm not sure we'll get anywhere.

9. **Our economy:** we will focus on supporting: our main town centre and business area to be successful; sustainable local economic activity; fostering home-based businesses and working from home, as well as rural economic activities in the foothills.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

Good to acknowledge work from home.

10. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan?

Open up access to the Waitakeres!



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Your feedback

1. Funding challenges and community investment

Keeping in mind council's financial challenges, what can we do differently in the local area to achieve better outcomes?

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

Yes

Tell us why

The plan addresses major concerns of economic, environmental and cultural development, in my view. It is good to see commentary on promotion of community volunteers to fill gaps, although I wonder how possible this is with limited resource to mobilise this resource?

3. Climate Action: we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be “built back better” for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

Support but it is still very obvious how fragile our roads and infrastructure is after storm events this year. We live on Huia road and the damage is major. On rainy days we often expect

we may not get home from work, school or sport - perhaps the road will be permanently damaged?

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

The development of the Waima Watercare site flies in the face of the rest of the good work in this plan. I'm sorry to see it missing from here as an exception to the overall direction of work of the local board.

7. **Our community:** we will focus on providing parks, facilities and services that are accessible and meet the needs of our diverse urban and rural communities; making arts, culture and creativity a celebrated part of living in the west; promoting Maori culture and identity so it is visible and valued.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

8. **Our places:** we will focus on making our town and village centres thrive; advocating for a reliable resilient and sustainable transport network; protecting and restoring the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area for current and future generations; and acknowledging the relationship of Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngāti Whātua to the area.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

While Glen Eden is an obvious focus area for continued development, Titirangi does have high numbers of visitors heading to Piha or other parts of the ranges during summer. The village needs redevelopment - it is aging and slippery for walking and doesn't make the most of the local scenery.

9. **Our economy:** we will focus on supporting: our main town centre and business area to be successful; sustainable local economic activity; fostering home-based businesses and working from home, as well as rural economic activities in the foothills.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

10. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan?



Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan

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Your Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

Your feedback

1. Funding challenges and community investment

Keeping in mind council's financial challenges, what can we do differently in the local area to achieve better outcomes?

I feel that all things considered the council does remarkably well.

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

Yes

Tell us why

All the aims are desirable and commendable, what can actually be achieved is doubtful.

3. Climate Action: we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be “built back better” for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

I don't know

Tell us why

The situation with the infrastructure in our area is very complex and recent weather events have added a huge burden that has to be dealt with. I do not feel qualified to comment.

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

The Waitakere Ranges are a treasure and anything that can be done to protect them is worthwhile.

5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

I don't know

Tell us why

Unable to adequately comment

6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

7. **Our community:** we will focus on providing parks, facilities and services that are accessible and meet the needs of our diverse urban and rural communities; making arts, culture and creativity a celebrated part of living in the west; promoting Maori culture and identity so it is visible and valued.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

I note that Libraries are not specifically mentioned. Our local Libraries provide an amazing service that benefits the entire community. I have found them to be welcoming and supportive when asking for help and the funding of Community Groups, to enable them to use The Meeting Room, is especially good.

8. **Our places:** we will focus on making our town and village centres thrive; advocating for a reliable resilient and sustainable transport network; protecting and restoring the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area for current and future generations; and acknowledging the relationship of Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngāti Whātua to the area.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

As a resident of Titirangi I would like to make greater use of the train from Glen Eden. Inadequate parking for train passengers is a major stumbling block for me.

9. **Our economy:** we will focus on supporting: our main town centre and business area to be successful; sustainable local economic activity; fostering home-based businesses and working from home, as well as rural economic activities in the foothills.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

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Your Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

Your feedback

1. Funding challenges and community investment

Keeping in mind council's financial challenges, what can we do differently in the local area to achieve better outcomes?

Regular and accountable keeping clear of culverts and drains. After the flooding event of Jan 27, an extraordinary display of the Council being caught out not doing regular maintenance and unbelievable display of inefficient and uncoordinated efforts to fix the blocked culvert issue was mind blowing. An incredible waste of having an array of contractors doing bits here and there, all to no avail.

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

No

Tell us why

Because there have been no initiatives that I can see to help make the community more self sufficient. We need lots more community orchards and gardens. Public buses to our area (Laingholm) are often empty and way too large for our small and windy roads. There have been many near misses.

3. **Climate Action:** we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be “built back better” for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

I miss concrete plans like where community gardens and orchards can be realized. We need regular road maintenance, not mopping up after the event. A lot of damage was done because of lack of maintenance or houses being build where they should not have been. Most of the damage in my area was man made, not climate change.

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

We need to do away with ALL poisons to control or eradicate pests. Allow and pay trappers to catch possums and rats for instance. Provide free rat traps to community. Remove fluoride from our water supply. It is a neuro toxin for goodness sake! Stop poisoning us!! People can buy fluoridated toothpaste. Period. Stop all spraying of "weeds". It is simply unacceptable practice in this day and age. Stop poisoning us and our environment. I do not pay rates to get poisoned. Look at alternatives. They are there!!

5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

Most groups do not cater for our present needs since this "pandemic". People are starting to look after themselves and each other because they feel totally let down by our government,

including local government. Examples of groups that really care for each other are VFF (Voices for Freedom) and PHA (Peoples Health Alliance). Same for the appalling indoctrination of our children re the transgender agenda. It is unacceptable and more and more people are pulling their children out of the school to keep them safe. Home schooling groups forming is what is happening as a result.

- 6. Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

Please see my comments under 4.

- 7. Our community:** we will focus on providing parks, facilities and services that are accessible and meet the needs of our diverse urban and rural communities; making arts, culture and creativity a celebrated part of living in the west; promoting Maori culture and identity so it is visible and valued.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

Keep ideologies out of our libraries. Trans people reading to kids is unacceptable and part of a wider agenda for all to see...

No spraying in or around parks, more planting of wild flowers in berms and allowing people to look after them themselves by planting what they like. Keep ideologies out of the Arts. It is about arts and artists, not the promotion of certain ideologies.

8. **Our places:** we will focus on making our town and village centres thrive; advocating for a reliable resilient and sustainable transport network; protecting and restoring the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area for current and future generations; and acknowledging the relationship of Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngāti Whātua to the area.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

No support for electric buses. They are virtue signalling and do nothing for our environment at the present stage of lack of infra structure. No support for light rail. It is an absurd idea and not going to make any difference to public transport. A waste of money.

9. **Our economy:** we will focus on supporting: our main town centre and business area to be successful; sustainable local economic activity; fostering home-based businesses and working from home, as well as rural economic activities in the foothills.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

I would like to see more support and use of the land for agriculture, free range chickens, orchards and market gardens for providing the local population.

10. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan?



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Your Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

Your feedback

1. Funding challenges and community investment

Keeping in mind council's financial challenges, what can we do differently in the local area to achieve better outcomes?

Stay focused on current issues and plans. Trying to change these to meet demand will incur delay and unnecessary cost.

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

Yes

Tell us why

It is sensitive to the features of Waitakere and address the unique issues of this local board boundaries.

3. Climate Action: we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be "built back better" for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

I like inclusion in the proposal to conduct research and would strongly support this in order to develop interventions unique to this environment and input into development strategies.

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

Yes very much this is area needs strong input. I like inclusion of Maroi in this as well.

5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

community is diverse, all cultures should be recognised and celebrated.

6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

Given recent events this is critical to sustainability of the Watiakere area

7. **Our community:** we will focus on providing parks, facilities and services that are accessible and meet the needs of our diverse urban and rural communities; making arts, culture and creativity a celebrated part of living in the west; promoting Maori culture and identity so it is visible and valued.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

This is an under represented area that make a significant contribution to quality of life. Major concerns with intensification and lack of consideration of community out comes.

8. **Our places:** we will focus on making our town and village centres thrive; advocating for a reliable resilient and sustainable transport network; protecting and restoring the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area for current and future generations; and acknowledging the relationship of Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngāti Whātua to the area.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

Support linking in community through transport from wider area, in order for the is to be effective requires a town centre that is accessible (Parking, PT ect) and delivers services people want and need (business development and support)

9. **Our economy:** we will focus on supporting: our main town centre and business area to be successful; sustainable local economic activity; fostering home-based businesses and working from home, as well as rural economic activities in the foothills.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

See previous comments on accessibility and business development

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Glen Eden Residents Association

Your Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

Your feedback

1. Funding challenges and community investment

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Stay focused on current issues and plans. Trying to change these to meet demand will incur delay and unnecessary cost.

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

Yes

Tell us why

It is sensitive to the features of Waitakere and address the unique issues of this local board boundaries.

3. Climate Action: we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be "built back better" for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

Support climate action given recent weather events. Research necessary to inform action plan

- 4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

- 5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

- 6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

7. **Our community:** we will focus on providing parks, facilities and services that are accessible and meet the needs of our diverse urban and rural communities; making arts, culture and creativity a celebrated part of living in the west; promoting Maori culture and identity so it is visible and valued.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

Community rely on local services and infrastructure such as parks and support community events by making facilities available.

8. **Our places:** we will focus on making our town and village centres thrive; advocating for a reliable resilient and sustainable transport network; protecting and restoring the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area for current and future generations; and acknowledging the relationship of Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngāti Whātua to the area.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

There is a need to invest in Glen Eden town centre to ensure the much needed business outlets and services are developed.

9. **Our economy:** we will focus on supporting: our main town centre and business area to be successful; sustainable local economic activity; fostering home-based businesses and working from home, as well as rural economic activities in the foothills.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

Support the need for economic development, however this will require investment into Glen Eden to support this.

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SCOW, Save Cornwallis Old Wharf, a registered nonprofit organization

Your Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

Your feedback

1. Funding challenges and community investment

Keeping in mind council's financial challenges, what can we do differently in the local area to achieve better outcomes?

Focus on repairing and improving basic infrastructure like fixing the roads, filling pot holes, getting local tracks and regional park tracks improved and reopened, clearing and repairing our drains and fixing our footpaths. See attached file

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

Tell us why

3. Climate Action: we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be "built back better" for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

The focus needs to be on ensuring our basic infrastructure will withstand the effects of climate change and this includes improving power supplies and telecommunications so they both withstand storm events. We oppose managed retreat and want our beaches such as

Cornwallis and Little Huia and roads protected from storm damage and sea level rise. See attached comments

- 4. Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

Instead of replanting rural areas, which are protected by the WRHAA, replanting should focus on areas damaged by slips especially along roads and local tracks. Without replanting these will become infested with weeds and will be susceptible to further slips. See attached comments

- 5. Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Tell us why

- 6. Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

Programs providing funds to local groups engaged in weed and pest control should be continued, prioritizing spending on groups doing the work, not on those coordinating.

Please continue membership in the Manukau Harbour Forum, focusing on water quality and ensuring West Aucklanders have continued access to the shoreline and harbour for recreation.

7. **Our community:** we will focus on providing parks, facilities and services that are accessible and meet the needs of our diverse urban and rural communities; making arts, culture and creativity a celebrated part of living in the west; promoting Maori culture and identity so it is visible and valued.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Tell us why

8. **Our places:** we will focus on making our town and village centres thrive; advocating for a reliable resilient and sustainable transport network; protecting and restoring the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area for current and future generations; and acknowledging the relationship of Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngāti Whātua to the area.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

We need basics such as footpaths. Please advocate with Auckland Transport for a footpath at Cornwallis and other communities that are asking for them. We need parking in the town hubs so we can access public transport (buses and trains). Please see attached comments

9. **Our economy:** we will focus on supporting: our main town centre and business area to be successful; sustainable local economic activity; fostering home-based businesses and working from home, as well as rural economic activities in the foothills.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Tell us why

10. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan?

Please see our comments attached.



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Your Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

Your feedback

1. Funding challenges and community investment

Keeping in mind council's financial challenges, what can we do differently in the local area to achieve better outcomes?

Fix the roads

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

In part

Tell us why

3. **Climate Action:** we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be “built back better” for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

7. **Our community:** we will focus on providing parks, facilities and services that are accessible and meet the needs of our diverse urban and rural communities; making arts, culture and creativity a celebrated part of living in the west; promoting Maori culture and identity so it is visible and valued.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

8. **Our places:** we will focus on making our town and village centres thrive; advocating for a reliable resilient and sustainable transport network; protecting and restoring the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area for current and future generations; and acknowledging the relationship of Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngāti Whātua to the area.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

9. **Our economy:** we will focus on supporting: our main town centre and business area to be successful; sustainable local economic activity; fostering home-based businesses and working from home, as well as rural economic activities in the foothills.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

10. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan?

**Comments by SCOW Save Cornwallis Old Wharf
on the Draft Waitakere Ranges Local Board Plan
August 2023**

Good evening, its good to see you all again.

For the record, I'm Bronwen Turner, a Cornwallis resident and treasurer of SCOW and you know Gillman Rae, also a Cornwallis resident and chair of SCOW.

We talked with you back in March after the storms and cyclone. We really appreciate you following up on our concerns about storm drainage and our lack of footpath in Cornwallis.

Much of what we will say tonight reiterates what we said in March and it starts with needing basic infrastructure.

Climate Change: A big section of the Local Board Plan is on Climate Action and to us that means starting with making sure our infrastructure is in good shape.

We need the Plan and Auckland Council to focus on these aspects of our infrastructure :

- Please work with Auckland Council to fix the slips along the roads, footpaths and tracks.

We're already getting far more traffic and visitors because people can't go to Piha and Karekare and this will only increase come summer. We need the roads fixed and tracks reopened, but fixed properly once, rather than a quick fix that needs repairing again in a short time and costing us more.

- Rather than reforesting rural land we would encourage you to make it an immediate priority to get slip areas replanted to reduce them slipping again or becoming infested with weeds.
- We desperately need pot holes filled along Cornwallis and Huia Roads.
- Storm drainage: Thanks for visiting Cornwallis and seeing for yourselves some of the problems we have. Council has done some things along the road but our problems haven't been fixed nor have the drains near the houses cleared. In fact in instances what Council contractors have done will only make things worse.
- Footpaths: We still want a decent footpath. Advocacy is a section in the draft Plan. One area where we want to support you in advocacy is to get Auckland Transport to allocate more money to building basic footpaths communities like Cornwallis are asking for.
- Parking for public transport: Cycling is never going to be a good option for the majority of residents out our way, but we could use public transport more from

places like Titirangi, Glen Eden and New Lynn if there's adequate parking. Please make sure these hubs continue to have safe, inexpensive parking available.

Other aspects of the Plan:

Environment:

We support your efforts to get the Natural Environment Targeted Rate spent more quickly especially on getting tracks improved and reopened and full implementation of the regional pest management plan. If not, the rate should be reduced permanently.

As you know the big priorities for SCOW are continuing to make grant funding available for our pest control activities and funding effective weed control activities especially on public land along roads and that surround private properties.

Manukau Harbour – we support your efforts on behalf of the Manukau Harbour and participating in the Manukau Harbour Forum. We support your focus on water quality and working with Watercare and Healthy Waters to reduce overflows into the harbour. Council should be spending funds it's collecting from residents with wastewater systems on environmental programs in our area or not charge us. (Watercare is already thinking about repermitting the Mangere Treatment Plant and we need the Local Board to be advocates for tightening the effluent standards for the plant and working with Watercare to find ways of reducing the volume of discharges into the harbour.)

The other big priority for us regarding the harbour (and the shorelone adaptation planning) is making sure West Aucklanders continue to have access to the foreshore and water of the Manukau for recreation, boating and fishing. Cornwallis Beach is an extremely popular, family friendly beach for West Aucklanders. The grassy picnic areas adjacent to the beach need to be protected from managed retreat. If not, where are people going to sit and picnic and play? Similarly the foreshore of Little Huia must be protected for fishing, kayak and boat access, not to mention protecting the road out to Whatipu.

We appreciate all your hard work advocating for us and the West especially within Auckland Council. We wish you all the best as you implement the Plan.



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Your Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

Your feedback

1. Funding challenges and community investment

Keeping in mind council's financial challenges, what can we do differently in the local area to achieve better outcomes?

Priorities are good.

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

Yes

Tell us why

Great priorities, to build resilience and care for the environment

3. Climate Action: we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be “built back better” for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

Great focus. Thank you

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

I share these values

7. **Our community:** we will focus on providing parks, facilities and services that are accessible and meet the needs of our diverse urban and rural communities; making arts, culture and creativity a celebrated part of living in the west; promoting Maori culture and identity so it is visible and valued.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

10. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan?

For me access to the Waitakere ranges walking tracks as soon as possible for mental and physical health, and ensuring the roads hold together is most important after Cyclone Gabrielle.



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Your Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

Your feedback

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Keeping in mind council's financial challenges, what can we do differently in the local area to achieve better outcomes?

More effort with advocating public transport solutions our west - as a night worker is like to be able to use the tran a busses to get home

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

In part

Tell us why

3. Climate Action: we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be “built back better” for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

7. **Our community:** we will focus on providing parks, facilities and services that are accessible and meet the needs of our diverse urban and rural communities; making arts, culture and creativity a celebrated part of living in the west; promoting Maori culture and identity so it is visible and valued.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

8. **Our places:** we will focus on making our town and village centres thrive; advocating for a reliable resilient and sustainable transport network; protecting and restoring the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area for current and future generations; and acknowledging the relationship of Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngāti Whātua to the area.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

9. **Our economy:** we will focus on supporting: our main town centre and business area to be successful; sustainable local economic activity; fostering home-based businesses and working from home, as well as rural economic activities in the foothills.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

10. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan?



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Your Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

Your feedback

1. Funding challenges and community investment

Keeping in mind council's financial challenges, what can we do differently in the local area to achieve better outcomes?

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

No

Tell us why

Open our Waitakere tracks and let us enjoy our beautiful region!

This is affecting our youth mental health no to allow them to get out and enjoy their outdoor!

3. Climate Action: we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be “built back better” for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

Instead of opening our beautiful countryside you are closing all our tracks and not allowing our families to enjoy the beauty of the Waitakere ranges

5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

Open the track to allow people to improve mental health and general health

6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

Open the Waitakere tracks

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

Open the Waitakere tracks

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

By closing all access to the Waitakere tracks your are pushing our youth to live on line, not allowing them to enjoy the outdoors.

The Kauri die back can be manage through education and was never 100% proven to be due to human behaviour only.

9. **Our economy:** we will focus on supporting: our main town centre and business area to be successful; sustainable local economic activity; fostering home-based businesses and working from home, as well as rural economic activities in the foothills.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

I don't know

Tell us why

10. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan?

Open the Waitakere tracks



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Keeping in mind council's financial challenges, what can we do differently in the local area to achieve better outcomes?

Open the tracks

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

In part

Tell us why

3. Climate Action: we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be “built back better” for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

There is no choice but for us to use cars out here...few e charging stations, poor public transport, no express routes into the city.

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

Predominantly our access to the wild is being blocked on no evidence. Phythoptera has been here for 1000'd of years, people for 100's the disease rife for only 50. Use evidence based work not blanket bans.

5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

We need to stop polluting the water....the sewage every time it rains is unacceptable. Spend less on playgrounds and more making the water safe to be in and allowing kids in the forest.

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

Need to address the violence.

9. **Our economy:** we will focus on supporting: our main town centre and business area to be successful; sustainable local economic activity; fostering home-based businesses and working from home, as well as rural economic activities in the foothills.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

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Since the 'Super City' of Auckland was established, Waitakere City has become the land that time forgot! Henderson and Glen Eden are in dire need of improvement and the local board/city/government needs to fast track to the year 2023 in terms of well thought out housing development, urban planning and design. What's been done thus far to Glen Eden is abhorrent. We desperately need green spaces for the community to enjoy and creative community projects developed such as community gardening and art installations. For a start, I'd like to see the awful concrete apartment towers in Glen Eden painted by some talented street artists so it looks cool and is not the most depressing place on planet earth for those that live there. I'd like for Waikumete Cemetery to be declared an arboretum and for it to be re-wilded. I long for the days when I would walk there and see pheasants and hear them calling, see Paradise Shell Ducks and watch Hawks fly overhead. Because of urban intensification and wandering dogs, feral cats/pest animals etc. the pheasants are now all gone. 100% heartbreaking!

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

In part

Tell us why

It depends on what the board actually intends to do and how much of what is in the plan is purely aspirational. I'll believe it when I see what the improvements to Glen Eden are.

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

Hmmmm, I urge the board members to take a stroll down Clayburn Rd in Glen Eden first. I cannot even walk down the pavement without risk of injury it's so decrepit. I wonder why we even bother to pay rates! Can you 'build back better' by removing all the ill devised pedestrian crossings, judder bars and sets of lights in GE as well? I think they've been put in place to assist cyclists and those on foot but speaking as a cyclist, they're pointless and costing people money as they cause damage over time to their vehicles. What would be extremely useful is a cycleway from Glen Eden to New Lynn down Great North Rd.

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

This is great, but I would like to see investment in other heritage areas in Waitakere too.

5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

I'm not really sure how the board will do this. I wrote to the board to ask them to support an issue the residents on my street are having with nuisance car parking which I'm contesting with AT and I've had no reply. Also, how will they benefit our well being? I want to feel safe. Glen Eden used to be pretty quiet but now I can't rest at night because of all the crime, sirens

and twats driving round in their loud boy racer cars. This does not make me feel connected, it just stresses me out!

- 6. Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

I want to be able to swim in the rivers!

- 7. Our community:** we will focus on providing parks, facilities and services that are accessible and meet the needs of our diverse urban and rural communities; making arts, culture and creativity a celebrated part of living in the west; promoting Maori culture and identity so it is visible and valued.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

Yes please! We want murals on buildings, art installations etc. etc.

- 8. Our places:** we will focus on making our town and village centres thrive; advocating for a reliable resilient and sustainable transport network; protecting and restoring the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area for current and future generations; and acknowledging the relationship of Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngāti Whātua to the area.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

Please put cycle ways in everywhere so we can cycle to the city.

9. **Our economy:** we will focus on supporting: our main town centre and business area to be successful; sustainable local economic activity; fostering home-based businesses and working from home, as well as rural economic activities in the foothills.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

Support 100% work from home. I'd like to see restrictions on how many of the same type of shop can open in one place. Glen Eden is full of vape stores, dollar stores, gyms etc. there are only a handful of decent unique stores, the rest are crap.

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Your Local Board: Henderson-Massey

Your feedback

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In part

Tell us why

(1)Asians..all Asians...has the plan mentioned anything about them? Just look around. I believe the Asian population living and moving in are major tax payers....(2) Peace and Order...Security and Crime prevention...I believe this should be in Capital letters in the agenda...(3) Fund wastage/efficiency - when I see our road getting fixed when there nothing wrong with it...I see corruption...in various forms. (I came from a corrupt country and I can smell corruption.

3. Climate Action: we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be “built back better” for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

Fund efficiency

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

Fund efficiency

5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

as mentioned...Plan for things that actually is closest to the Westies heart, mind and guts....Safety, security, food on the table

6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

7. **Our community:** we will focus on providing parks, facilities and services that are accessible and meet the needs of our diverse urban and rural communities; making arts, culture and creativity a celebrated part of living in the west; promoting Maori culture and identity so it is visible and valued.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Tell us why

8. **Our places:** we will focus on making our town and village centres thrive; advocating for a reliable resilient and sustainable transport network; protecting and restoring the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area for current and future generations; and acknowledging the relationship of Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngāti Whātua to the area.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Tell us why

9. **Our economy:** we will focus on supporting: our main town centre and business area to be successful; sustainable local economic activity; fostering home-based businesses and working from home, as well as rural economic activities in the foothills.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Tell us why

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Keeping in mind council's financial challenges, what can we do differently in the local area to achieve better outcomes?

Maintain storm water and streams - including around building sites. Assist areas on and around private properties.

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In part

Tell us why

3. Climate Action: we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be “built back better” for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

Open the tracks!!! They have been closed too long.

5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

Exactly how? More markets and community events would have a positive impact on the area.

6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

With so many people moving to the area (with new builds etc) we need infrastructure - a supermarket near Swanson! Large scale fruit & vege market to support local and offer more fresh & affordable options.

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

There isn't much going on really so it would be nice to have some more businesses in the area to boost economy. How to you intent to foster homebased business? I work from home so am interested.

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Keeping in mind council's financial challenges, what can we do differently in the local area to achieve better outcomes?

Keep contractors accountable. so many times we've seen things "fixed" to the poorest standard and then have to be fixed again over and over. Spending ridiculous amounts of money on a toilet block in the Titirangi village and it's so ugly and does not represent the creative community and always has one toilet closed for repairs! Who is accountable for this!!!

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

In part

Tell us why

Yes I think there is a lot that focus's on many factors affecting the community at present.

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

Fixing roads to a better standard especially after the floods.

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

I think this should be focused a lot on parks and public spaces. It's so hard for home owners to build, more common sense instead of blanket restrictions.

5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Tell us why

7. **Our community:** we will focus on providing parks, facilities and services that are accessible and meet the needs of our diverse urban and rural communities; making arts, culture and creativity a celebrated part of living in the west; promoting Maori culture and identity so it is visible and valued.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

Please actually engage with parents/whanau's that will be using the playgrounds etc often the playground designs are terrible and not at all what parents/children want or need for their spaces. Sun shades/water/all ages equipment or range of equipment from toddlers up, so many new playgrounds are just suited to older children like 8yrs up! Most playground users are younger!!

- 8. **Our places:** we will focus on making our town and village centres thrive; advocating for a reliable resilient and sustainable transport network; protecting and restoring the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area for current and future generations; and acknowledging the relationship of Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngāti Whātua to the area.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

Need to make town centers feel safe. Glen Eden and new Lynn do no feel safe. This is a big issue.

10. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan?

Open up the walking tracks, so many have been closed for years and are so over grown it's ridiculous



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Less traffic management measures that slow down traffic where it is not necessary. ie Glen Eden speed humps on West Coast Road.

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

I don't know

Tell us why

Nothing around roading specifically or supporting schools.

3. Climate Action: we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be “built back better” for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

I don't know

Tell us why

Nothing specific, but the general discussion about conservation is good.

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

Focus on maintaining ecological areas.

5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

Any plans for a swimming pool?

6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

9. **Our economy:** we will focus on supporting: our main town centre and business area to be successful; sustainable local economic activity; fostering home-based businesses and working from home, as well as rural economic activities in the foothills.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

Be interesting to see detail.

10. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan?

Not a lot of elderly



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Encourage mixed mode transport options

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

In part

Tell us why

The local board that has done literally nothing for improving cycling since the formation of Auckland City is planning to do little or nothing for safe cycling.

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

No consideration for improving car alternatives

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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Support

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

The board has achieved nothing advocating for a reliable resilient and sustainable transport network and appears to have little ambition to change this.

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

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Your feedback

1. Funding challenges and community investment

Keeping in mind council's financial challenges, what can we do differently in the local area to achieve better outcomes?

Make more park and rides to utilise trains.

Open up more recreation opportunities in the Waitakere Ranges.

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

In part

Tell us why

It seems to have a significant emphasis on making relationships with people and fostering Maori relations. I think given the recent storm events, more emphasis should be on infrastructure; cleaning streams, improving drainage, restoring access to the bush. Also alot of emphasis on building up Glen Eden but hardly any mention of other areas. Swanson as an example - with the bush tracks closed and lack of footpaths there isn't much opportunity for exercise.

3. Climate Action: we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be “built back better” for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

One comment made is "Outer areas have low or no access to public transport making park and ride an important way of

connecting to public transport services." However there is no action point about making more park and rides. I don't see clear action on climate change topics.

- 4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

I want to see advocacy for the opening of the Waitakere Ranges bush tracks. Not "enhanced" by severe track "upgrades" that require clearing more of the bush to widen the tracks and filling the bush with excessive gravel and stairs. The science does not show that foot traffic is a key vector of the slow-moving PA pathogen, and only some of the kauri dieback is caused by PA. The bush walks should be opened with rectification to boggy areas only. This will allow cheaper (to the Council) opportunities for recreation, and greatly improve wellbeing for the people living in the area. If we want future generations to care about the Waitakere Ranges, they have to experience it!

- 5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

There are more concrete issues to address, people should not be a key priority in the sense it is portrayed in this draft.

- 6. Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

Restoring and cleaning up waterways should be a very high priority.

- 7. Our community:** we will focus on providing parks, facilities and services that are accessible and meet the needs of our diverse urban and rural communities; making arts, culture and creativity a celebrated part of living in the west; promoting Maori culture and identity so it is visible and valued.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

I support turning waitipu into a park. I do not support 'community leasing' which is not explicit in this document, but means more cost to playcentres for example. I would like to have a wider consideration of what "accessible" means. For many people who have bad knees, hips, backs, and/or arthritis, a walking surface needs to be as natural as possible. Gravelled or concreted paths are actually inaccessible to these people. We need more natural surfaces (grass, dirt, bush tracks) for public health to reduce joint damage.

- 8. Our places:** we will focus on making our town and village centres thrive; advocating for a reliable resilient and sustainable transport network; protecting and restoring the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area for current and future generations; and acknowledging the relationship of Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngāti Whātua to the area.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

Lots of focus on Glen Eden but not on other areas. Please advocate against any 'beautification' of town centres like the debarcle that happened in Henderson.

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Tell us why

10. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan?



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Your feedback

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Keeping in mind council's financial challenges, what can we do differently in the local area to achieve better outcomes?

Overall a good plan. Disappointed to see no active plan for improving and restoring public access to the Waitakere ranges. The extent of track closures both due to Kauro dieback and then the storms has never been adequately funded or addressed. Our community is missing out on all the benefits that access to this wonderful place offers

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

In part

Tell us why

3. Climate Action: we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be “built back better” for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

Absolutely needs protection, but needs significant investment in safe public access.

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

Pleased to see efforts at water way protection and safe swimming beaches

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

Don't forget the biggest park, the forest. We need active plan to reopen tracks and access

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Support

Tell us why

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road maintenance, fix things that are broken before building new obstacles, clean berms, improve communication channels

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In part

Tell us why

too much envisage on a language nobody speaks nor understands. I understand it is important not to upset people but I believe there is too much focus on Maori

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Do not support

Tell us why

you cannot control nature, nor is there proven climate change. upkeep and improvement fine , when are you going to start on roads , waterways, footpaths, water run of all neglected at present

- 4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

renaming is one thing I don't support, as being the main focus, as secondary Ok , nOt as main name as nobody would know what is where and what it stands for, educate first before you change

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

- 6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

a lot more needs to be done , living next to 13 bethells rd rubbish dump is prime example of the council not knowing what to do and wasting a lot of money with no progress, or at least that is the way it comes across

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

new proposed bus route through Mcentee and north field is not wanted by the community only 1 person in favour, an Uber or taxi would be by far the cheaper option , or even start utilising the railway installed and install a new one over SH16 , stop relying on old systems installed over 100 years ago.

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

getting rid of noisy polluting industries in our township would be a good start, Light pollution , dust pollution , noise pollution , traffic dangers are not what what we wanted when going to live rural many years ago, there doesn't seem to be any control and the people on the LIGHT industrial area do and get away with whatever they do. council doesn't really care.

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

see above

10. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan?

protect nature by all means, look after the environment, stop polluters and start by educating people to take their rubbish home and look after what we have



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Keeping in mind council's financial challenges, what can we do differently in the local area to achieve better outcomes?

Prioritise stormwater management

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

No

Tell us why

We have real live issues with excess ground water, blocked streams and inadequate stormwater management so focus on those because we need to feel safe in our homes

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

We need to get more tracks open

5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

Your comments about diverse communities seemed to relate to Maori only. Focus on making is feel safe from flooding and storms before worrying about diverse communities

6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

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Support

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

No more of those ridiculous blue painted areas in Henderson and those crappy attempts to take car parks away.

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Keeping in mind council's financial challenges, what can we do differently in the local area to achieve better outcomes?

Focus more on cycling and walking improvements, open the roads and beaches out west. Karekare should not be resident only access... works have completed. Make an informed and evidenced based decision as to the removal of the rahui. There has been no evidence to date that this has had a meaningful impact on the spread of kauri dieback, all that has happened is people have lost a sense of connection with the Waitakere's. It's important for people to be able to visit, exercise and enjoy the ranges in full.

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

In part

Tell us why

3. Climate Action: we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be "built back better" for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

Closed roads, where possible, should be open to cyclists and walkers. The impact of walking and cycling is negligible and provides people with an option.

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

Make an informed and evidenced based decision as to the removal of the rahui. There has been no evidence to date that this has had a meaningful impact on the spread of kauri dieback, all that has happened is people have lost a sense of connection with the Waitakere's. It's important for people to be able to visit, exercise and enjoy the ranges in full.

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

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critical for people to understand why these places need to be protected and for people to see the value in them. They don't need to all be boardwalked at huge expense to re open. Open the tracks now.

- 7. **Our community:** we will focus on providing parks, facilities and services that are accessible and meet the needs of our diverse urban and rural communities; making arts, culture and creativity a celebrated part of living in the west; promoting Maori culture and identity so it is visible and valued.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

I don't know

Tell us why

- 8. **Our places:** we will focus on making our town and village centres thrive; advocating for a reliable resilient and sustainable transport network; protecting and restoring the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area for current and future generations; and acknowledging the relationship of Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngāti Whātua to the area.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

You don't go far enough for cycling. Make an informed and evidenced based decision as to the removal of the rahui. There has been no evidence to date that this has had a meaningful impact on the spread of kauri dieback, all that has happened is people have lost a sense of connection with the Waitakere's. It's important for people to be able to visit, exercise and enjoy the ranges in full. Access is critical for people to understand why these places need to be protected and for people to see the value in them. They don't need to all be boardwalked at huge expense to re open. Open the tracks now.

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I don't know

Tell us why

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Your feedback

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Keeping in mind council's financial challenges, what can we do differently in the local area to achieve better outcomes?

Support as much as possible what people are already doing to connect communities, build relationships with each other and our natural environments and protect and regenerate nature. People are already passionate and creating initiatives, and little bits of support can make big impact for capacity.

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

In part

Tell us why

I would like to see more concrete and explicit support for things that connect us to each other and to the natural world that keeps us well. Good protection for our nature areas, more wetlands, planting to support natural water management, water retention and processing and natural filtration.

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

I support the sentiment and the move towards more sustainable transportation etc. but I think there needs to be more focus on things like reserves, wetlands, riparian boarders that are nature's way of being resilient to these solutions. We need systems to deal with the impact of the built environment when the weather events come, but we need to Think beyond engineering. What we have already restored has made a massive difference recently, let's ramp it up. It doesn't cost heaps either.

- 4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

- 5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

The better people are connected to each other, the more capacity we have as a whole community to face the challenges ahead, and to thrive through creative responses to the things that disrupt our current ways of living.

- 6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

See above regarding my focus for this.

- 7. Our community:** we will focus on providing parks, facilities and services that are accessible and meet the needs of our diverse urban and rural communities; making arts, culture and creativity a celebrated part of living in the west; promoting Maori culture and identity so it is visible and valued.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

As before, the things that connect us up to each other and to the land that gives us life and health are so important.

- 8. Our places:** we will focus on making our town and village centres thrive; advocating for a reliable resilient and sustainable transport network; protecting and restoring the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area for current and future generations; and acknowledging the relationship of Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngāti Whātua to the area.

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Support

Tell us why

As above.

- 9. Our economy:** we will focus on supporting: our main town centre and business area to be successful; sustainable local economic activity; fostering home-based businesses and working from home, as well as rural economic activities in the foothills.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

Local thriving is good for us all. We shouldn't have to travel great distances to get our needs met.

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You are doing a good job, keep it up

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

Yes

Tell us why

3. **Climate Action:** we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be “built back better” for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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In part

Tell us why

3. **Climate Action:** we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be “built back better” for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

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Support

Tell us why

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

your library services are probably the best in Auckland with imaginative and committed librarians and must be supported and encouraged to the maximum extent

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Yes

Tell us why

extensive list of needs and aspirations which are all commendable. The growth will be the implementation with the limit on funds

3. Climate Action: we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be “built back better” for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

Waitakere will no doubt have similar stats to Nelson where over 80% of the slips related to human infrastructure needs [roads, driveways, etc] Some roads may have to be permanently blocked eg [Mountain Road]

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

Local board has in the past had good idea of the needs and has supported where it can. This is expressed again in the draft

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Tell us why

6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

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Support in part

Tell us why

The last time the Piha wetland was proposed the first thing done was some drainage!
Wetlands need a high watertable not low

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Tell us why

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Your feedback

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Higher rates.

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I don't know

Tell us why

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I don't know

Tell us why

Public transport is important to have and be improved.

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Support in part

Tell us why

The public parks should be open to the public.

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Support in part

Tell us why

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Support in part

Tell us why

All parks should be open to the public.

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Support

Tell us why

Dark sky location would be great.

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Forest and Bird Waitakere

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Become a much more united voice for the West with the other local boards. We shouldn't always be the "poor cousin" - from being last in line to get potholes filled to receiving the least amount of money for projects. Stand together with Whau, Henderson-Massey and for some things: with Rodney and let our voices be heard! Reverting back to a Waitakere City would be even better...

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

In part

Tell us why

The words in the document are all good, however not many are reflected in the actual "actions" in the delivery part of the plan. Please put your money where your mouth (words!) is!

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Support in part

Tell us why

I support locally led approaches to resilience -> but where is that reflected in the delivery?

I agree weed infestations create slips and landslides -> but where is that reflected in the delivery?

Advocate to Auckland Transport and Healthy Waters for large scale wetland creation/restoration to protect their assets (roads, stream banks, culverts)

Wetlands are four times better at carbon sequestration than forests. Why are we still draining them? Advocate for wetland protection and restoration.

Advocate for electric vehicle charging points powered by solar

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Support in part

Tell us why

Weed infestations and pest control should be high on the delivery list -> what is currently happening is not enough.

Endangered species like kokako should be actively managed with pest control -> seeking community buy-in for the use of 1080 for instance should be advocated for

Increase pride of place by highlighting the incredible biodiversity of our area through support of local conservation groups.

I understand the weed bins are expensive, but they are necessary. Investigate a more cost effective method. If that's not available, please bring back permanent weed bins. You can't expect people to voluntarily manage noxious weeds and then pay to get rid of them.

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Much more support for wetlands: advocate for buying flood-prone land, support revegetation.

Ecosystem services: trees as lungs is correct, but wetlands are the kidneys.

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Support in part

Tell us why

Support the Dark Sky idea

Support restoration of Piha wetland

Add Te Henga wetland for restoration, it is much bigger than Piha and of higher biodiversity value

Support investing in Waitipu to create a park, with community NFP partners

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Waitakere Ranges Protection Society

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Waitakere Ranges Protection Society feedback on the Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2023
13 August 2023

Re No 4. WaitākereRanges Heritage area

The Waitākere Ranges Protection Society (WRPS) acknowledges that latest State of the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area Monitoring Report 2023, was finally accepted by the Governing Body on 29 July 2023.

It is our understanding that this report does not fulfil its statutory mandate as a five-yearly monitoring report.

“Section 34 Council must monitor and report on certain matters relating to heritage area

(1) The local Council must monitor—

(a) the state of the environment in the heritage area; and

(b) the *progress made towards achieving the objectives*; and

(c) the *funding impact arising from activities to be undertaken specifically to give effect to this Act.*”

It is our opinion the report does meet these requirements for the following reasons:

1. There is no baseline or if there is, it is not referred to.
2. Monitoring data seems to be essentially missing from the report.
3. Any data mentioned is often taken from before 2018 and is sometimes mentioned as having begun but there are no findings.
4. There are no facts about vulnerable areas; why or where.

5. There is no list of key threats or pressures or the extent of weeds and pests. Recent control methods are mentioned but there is no data.
6. Changes are mentioned but with no explanation.
7. Inadequate funding is not mentioned.
8. Instead of monitoring data there are detailed descriptions of the qualities and characteristics of the area and the council systems and policy frameworks that manage it.
9. There is an mention of progressing the Deed of Acknowledgment with Te Kawerau ā Maki which was added when the Report was finally accepted but no details on how that is going to be progressed.

We are very disappointed and concerned that there are so many issues with the monitoring report and that those issues were not taken up by the WRLB and that the WRLB did not advocate to the governing body about these issues.

We point out that the WRLB has a statutory role as an advocate on behalf of its communities to the governing body.

We strongly request that the local board advocate for a more robust process going forward to ensure that the deficiencies of the recent process are not repeated and that more time and resource is allocated to the next report.

We also strongly request that the WRLB s advocate for some permanent dedicated resource/funding to be allocated to this report so it is not just seen as a five-yearly short project.

KEY THEMES

3. Climate Action

WRPS supports the WRLB:

1. to develop resilience plans and support the Waitakere Ranges Climate Action Plan
2. to deal with potential factors that increase the risk of slips such as how roads and drains are maintained and weed infestations in the road reserve causing land instability .
3. to build a better understanding of risk factors including characteristics such as its geology.

4. Waitākere Ranges Heritage area

WRPS supports:

1. The WRHAA as the guiding vision and the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area as an overarching theme in the plan.
2. The LB's acknowledgement that there needs to be integrated management across different parts of Council and Council controlled organisations (Auckland Transport, Watercare, Tātaki Auckland Unlimited) to facilitate coordination, cooperation and communication.
3. Maori Outcomes to progress the Deed Acknowledgement with Te Kawerau ā Maki and Ngāti Whātua.
4. The review of the LB's environmental programmes for efficacy and advocate for the NETR to both continue and return to previous levels
5. The review of LAPs

6. Quietness and darkness as heritage features and making the area a dark sky viewing location as a priority

WRPS notes with concern that there is a lack of focus on Kauri Dieback in the plan's advocacy section. Although there might have been some positive progress, the problem has by no means gone away and any lessening in attention and investment could be devastating. We request that the WRLB adds this to the plan and actively involves itself in decisions in this area.

FOCUS AREAS

Ecosystems services

WRPS supports the WRLB

1. To change policy to incentivise nature reforestation and look after ecological areas with weed and pest control programmes as well as the opportunity to return rural land in the eastern foothills to native forest to create a more diverse and resilient ecosystem .
2. To manage water in the west
3. Understand vulnerability to landslides.

WRPS notes with concern that there is no reference in the plan for tree protection. Although this situation is looking more hopeful at a national level, it still requires regional implementation. We also note with concern that the WRLB plan barely even mentions the word "tree". We request that tree protection is added to the plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback. We are available for further discussion.

Yours sincerely,

Anna Maria Fomison

President

Waitākere Ranges Protection Society



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work with communities and community groups together. build relationships and on the strengths each have to offer.

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Yes

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

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Support

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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Support

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Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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there's a lot to do to fulfil the aspirations of the plan. Resilience of all the communities, education of what extreme weather will do to their communities and the environment that we take for granted. It doesn't need to be flashy - and it needs to suit the communities it's aimed for



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Advocate for bus lanes provided by Auckland Transport to ensure buses don't get held up in general traffic.

Improve footpaths bringing them up to standard where they're not cracked and are level. There should be more shared paths along main routes to allow for safe cycling and scootering letting kids get about without being driven.

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

In part

Tell us why

Too much being spend (by AT) on car infrastructure (roads, lights, speed humps). This must be re-prioritised to bus lanes and shared paths to give people options other than taking the car.

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

Need to have bus lanes all along West Coast Road to New Lynn.

A free weekend bus to the west coast beaches would greatly help reduce car traffic on those vulnerable roads reducing the maintenance costs. The bus should have space for luggage as large as surf boards.

- 4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

Need to have people engaged in wanting to protect the Waitakere ranges. To do this the park and tracks need to be open.

Drought appears to be the main cause of Kauri dieback so we could expect to see more trees die when El Niño takes affect this year.

- 5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

People need safe options to travel about reducing the use of private vehicles. Bus lanes and shared paths must be installed to give people these options.

- 6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

More effort needs to be put to getting community involvement in tree planting, weeding and pest control.

Weeds are out of control (moth plant is appearing everywhere from Henderson to Glen Eden and into the Waitakere ranges).

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Support in part

Tell us why

Need to have bus lanes and shared paths so people can get to parks safely and without the need to take a private car.

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Support in part

Tell us why

I don't see this happening considering a Gull petrol station and now a 4x4 sales yard are allowed to set up in the heart of Glen Eden.

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Support

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More opportunities for cheap and cheerful interventions, community events, pop-up parks etc..

More governance over what goes where in terms of housing, shops etc...

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Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

More communication required on plans to re-open tracks in the waitakeres. More updates on the science behind the current approach for Kauri Dieback and whether all the expensive and intensive track work is really needed, especially in coastal areas where there are very few kauris.

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Support in part

Tell us why

More consideration needs to be given to what shops come in, maybe some incentives to diversify a bit. Glen Eden doesn't need any more bakeries or \$2 shops.

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Active

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In part

Tell us why

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Tell us why

10. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan?

AK Have Your Say Aktive Submission

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2023

Overview

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Waitākere Ranges 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 Waitākere, 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 Waitākere Ranges Plan clearly identifies the importance of physical activity health and wellbeing to our communities.
2. We request the draft Waitākere Ranges Plan includes more of a focus on built sport and recreation facilities through grants and advocacy.
3. The focus on sustainable facilities is commendable and should be a focus for a development of open spaces or facilities moving forwards.
4. The draft Plan Waitākere Ranges should have a stronger emphasis on play and a clear direction to provide opportunities for tamariki and rangatahi. While there are a number of key initiatives around planning for parks and ensuring everyone is catered for your Local Board area is younger than average with a population of over 11,000 people under the age of 15 at the last census and the importance of play, not just at playgrounds, but through all community spaces is important for these tamariki and rangatahi.
5. We request the 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 Facilities Operating Grant.

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Aktive commends the vision shown in the Waitākere Ranges 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 Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan does a good job at prioritising the health and wellbeing of our communities and supporting this through investment into facilities, open spaces and community organisations.

We acknowledge that the role of the 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 Waitākere Ranges Local Board 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

We support the Waitākere Ranges Local Board's strong focus on parks, open spaces and cultural facilities including the objectives:

- *Our parks provide opportunities for recreation and enjoyment by the surrounding local communities.*
- *Our libraries and facilities provide engaging spaces at the heart of the community.*
- *Plan for the future use and adaptability of parks in the face of climate change, growth and other pressures.*

And key initiatives to:

- *Investigate ways to improve the amenity of neighbourhood parks in Glen Eden, e.g. Clayburn Reserve.*
- *Developing Waitipu (the former Waitākere Quarry) as a park.*
- *Investigate partnering with community Ensure universal design for accessibility is embedded into all park development projects to enable everyone to access their local parks.*
- *Ensure our parks and park assets are well-looked after and cared for the benefit of the community, the environment, and the social, cultural and heritage value.*
- *Investigate the relocation of Bethells Beach Surf Lifesaving Patrol clubhouse in Te Henga Park, and United North Piha Lifeguard Service campground at Les Waygood Park.*
- *Continue to support a network of community places, such as community centres, houses and halls.*

We know physical activity brings \$372 million of healthcare savings for Auckland and contributes to 279 fewer deaths¹; has a positive link to improved educational outcomes, leading to an increased \$8.6 million of GDP growth for Auckland and that this investment and support of open spaces and recreational opportunities is essential to delivering these outcomes.

We would like to request that the Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan includes more of a focus on built sport and recreation facilities. The draft Waitākere Ranges Plan identifies that the Local Board's portfolio of leases includes recreation centres, sports clubrooms, community halls, and surf clubs. Support for these facilities as well as the development of new facilities, alongside the investment into open spaces is important for ensuring that our communities have a full range of opportunities to stay physically and mentally fit and healthy. It has been shown that participation in sport brings 74.3 million hours of meaningful, positive social interaction each year and there is evidence emerging that underspending on facilities leads directly to lower participation levels².

Supporting these community owned facilities can also have a significant impact on the need for delivery of council owned assets. If the Waitākere Ranges Local Board is able to offer support in the form of grants and advocacy, then this can have a sizeable impact on the capability of community groups and the bottom line of council budgets.

We see a key opportunity around sustainable development of facilities, parks and reserves in the Waitākere Ranges Local Board area. These facilities act as multifunctional spaces that not only provide opportunities for physical activity and community engagement, but also contribute to the overall resilience of our urban areas.

Facilities such as sports fields, playgrounds, golf courses and other open spaces, when properly designed and managed, can serve as valuable components of hazard mitigation strategies. They can be designed to act as detention basins capable of temporarily storing excess stormwater during heavy rainfall events. Built facilities can also

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

² ACW Auckland City Report 2019, Portas Consulting. Available at: <https://aktive.org.nz/resource-hub/insights-research/>

be designed with reduced embodied carbon construction and with sustainable operational principles, such as energy efficiency and water reduction.

Community Organisations

We fully support the objectives:

- *To enhance the health, wellbeing and resilience of local communities.*
- *We work effectively with neighbouring local boards as a voice for west Auckland.*

And the key initiatives to:

- *Identify and develop projects that meet community aspirations across local board boundaries.*
- *Provide community space, services and events that meet the needs of our diverse communities, are accessible to everyone and bring people from all walks of life together.*
- *Develop advocacy for regional issues that affect west communities.*

We see sport and recreation organisations as a key part of this mahi and know that participation in sport brings 74.3 million hours of meaningful, positive social interaction to Aucklanders each year³ and that sport and recreation operating spend has a direct and significant correlation with participation levels⁴. If the Waitākere Ranges 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.

Play

We acknowledge a number of key initiatives associated with play in the draft Waitākere Ranges Plan:

- *Ensure universal design for accessibility is embedded into all park development projects to enable everyone to access their local parks.*
- *Ensure our parks and park assets are well-looked after and cared for the benefit of the community, the environment, and the social, cultural and heritage value.*
- *Investigate ways to improve the amenity of neighbourhood parks in Glen Eden, e.g. Clayburn Reserve.*

As noted earlier, the Waitākere Ranges Local Board area has a younger population, on average, than the rest of Auckland (21.8% compared to 20% under the age of 15) and there needs to be a clearer acknowledgement of how important being physically active and incorporating play into everyday life, not just in playgrounds, is for our tamariki and rangatahi.

Play is an important aspect to acknowledge and plan for as, according to Sport New Zealand research⁵, 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 item to advocate for:

- *Regional investment in Waitipu to rehabilitate the former Waitākere quarry as a park.*

We ask the Waitākere Ranges Local Board to 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.

³ ACW Auckland City Report 2019, Portas Consulting. Available at: <https://aktive.org.nz/resource-hub/insights-research/>

⁴ ACW Auckland City Report 2019, Portas Consulting. Available at: <https://aktive.org.nz/resource-hub/insights-research/>

⁵ Importance of Play 2017. Sport New Zealand. <https://sportnz.org.nz/media/1654/sport-new-zealand-play-principles-nov-2017.pdf>

- Advocate to the Governing Body for more investment into the Regional Sport and Recreation Operating Grant to enable communities to deliver facilities and lessen the burden on council.

Conclusion

Aktive supports the work of the Waitākere Ranges 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 Waitākere Ranges Local Board and Sport Waitākere in meeting the needs of our communities.

As noted earlier in this submission, Aktive and Sport Waitākere 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 Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan. Aktive 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, Aktive 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. 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 Waitākere Ranges 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: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Funding challenges and community investment

Keeping in mind council's financial challenges, what can we do differently in the local area to achieve better outcomes?

Investing in infrastructure, facilities, local town center's and community partnerships are essential for our communities' health and wellbeing into the future.

I would like to see an equity lens placed over the reductions in service and provision so that the most vulnerable communities are not further marginalised

I support the local board focus on youth employment and working with Hoani Waititi Marae to support the economic wellbeing of rangatahi. I recommend the local board share learnings with The Western Initiative to not only support economic wellbeing, but cultural and social wellbeing outcomes for Māori and Pasifika people. Community led economic development is also a focus for the Māori Thought Leadership roopū.

The LB could look to local organizations for procurement for various services in order to generate jobs in the community.

The LB could sell it's golf course to cover investment in other infrastructure.

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

In part

Tell us why

- I'd like to see that all four elements of wellbeing are considered
- Māori outcomes to be more explicit and developed alongside Māori communities
- That you to emphasis the wellbeing of Pasifika populations

- That climate change outcomes and building community resilience are prioritised more
- I'd like to see that community led initiatives are carried out and community voices are heard

- 3. Climate Action:** we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be “built back better” for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

I support a locally-led approach to resilience.

I recommend the inclusion of localising food production and enabling communities to grow and sell kai on Council land where it can, and make better use of green space. With the current situation around food costs, the local board can advocate to Council to be more flexible with regulations to make it easier for communities to experience collective gardening and bring people together through kai.

I support actions to prevent and manage flooding risk and recommend learnings from Project Twin Streams be acknowledged here.

I support investment in public transport and infrastructure to support active modes of transport, such as cycling and walking

- 4. Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

I would like for ‘accessibility’ to be added in here as many of the amazing spaces and places to be active in this area, and connect with the taiao, are very difficult for our physically disabled community to access. And for those with out access to private vehicles.

5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

I support a focus on kai sovereignty to enhance health, wellbeing and resilience of communities, access to kai is a significant issue for families as the increasing cost of living has a deeper impact. We recommend the local board work with the Māori Thought Leadership roopu to support this action and as mentioned above, align to Mana Motuhake o te Kai.

6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

I support the opportunity to bring non-parkland owned by Council into the local parks network to make better use of our green spaces. We recommend partnering with community on the use of green spaces to develop food production sites such as mahinga kai, maara kai, vertical farming, including the sustainable management of the land and landscape in the eastern foothills.

7. **Our community:** we will focus on providing parks, facilities and services that are accessible and meet the needs of our diverse urban and rural communities; making arts, culture and creativity a celebrated part of living in the west; promoting Maori culture and identity so it is visible and valued.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

Work alongside Māori iwi, hapū and whānau to establish a strong Te Ao Māori lens around play

Develop alternative solutions to the provision of play and infrastructure required e.g. nature play in parks

Consider partnerships with community/neighbourhoods that can find innovative ways to enable play in their neighbourhoods e.g. temporary containers with equipment located at street level

- 8. Our places:** we will focus on making our town and village centres thrive; advocating for a reliable resilient and sustainable transport network; protecting and restoring the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area for current and future generations; and acknowledging the relationship of Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngāti Whātua to the area.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

I support actions to progress Te Kete Rukuruku under Māori outcomes and recommend the local board acknowledges this kaupapa as part of recognising and valuing the heritage of people, places and buildings. I applaud the local board for leading the way in only having Te Reo Māori naming on the signage of parks.

I am pleased the local board are advocating for a feasibility study to implement a shared path to connect New Lynn and Sunnyvale. This will allow communities to increase walking and cycling and have better connectivity to public transport and amenities. We are interested to know if the railway corridor can be investigated as an option, similar to the New Lynn to Avondale shared path.

- 9. Our economy:** we will focus on supporting: our main town centre and business area to be successful; sustainable local economic activity; fostering home-based businesses and working from home, as well as rural economic activities in the foothills.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

I support the development of co-working spaces in the more isolated area of the west coast beaches to allow for business' development in these localities

10. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan?



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Your Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

Your feedback

1. Funding challenges and community investment

Keeping in mind council's financial challenges, what can we do differently in the local area to achieve better outcomes?

I'd love to see more resources going into eliminating pest plants in Piha

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

Yes

Tell us why

3. Climate Action: we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be “built back better” for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

Would love to see the wetland area by the Piha schoolhouse receive the attention it needs to make it function properly

7. **Our community:** we will focus on providing parks, facilities and services that are accessible and meet the needs of our diverse urban and rural communities; making arts, culture and creativity a celebrated part of living in the west; promoting Maori culture and identity so it is visible and valued.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

8. **Our places:** we will focus on making our town and village centres thrive; advocating for a reliable resilient and sustainable transport network; protecting and restoring the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area for current and future generations; and acknowledging the relationship of Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngāti Whātua to the area.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

9. **Our economy:** we will focus on supporting: our main town centre and business area to be successful; sustainable local economic activity; fostering home-based businesses and working from home, as well as rural economic activities in the foothills.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

10. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan?

I would love to know that the West Coast gallery in Piha has the support that it needs to make it resilient in the face of an ever encroaching stream bank. The gallery is an amazing hub for positivity, art based healing and of course an income stream for many locals. If we lost this gallery space due to the stream bank no longer being able to hold the water back it would be a grave loss. Thanks.



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Your Local Board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Funding challenges and community investment

Keeping in mind council's financial challenges, what can we do differently in the local area to achieve better outcomes?

More funding and knowledge of civil defence because they help with all sorts of disasters including floods.

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

Yes

Tell us why

The fact that they listed lots of subjects and topics most people wouldn't have thought of.

3. Climate Action: we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be "built back better" for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

I love the fact that you want to work on support for future weather events!

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

By providing events and spaces to strengthen wellbeing

6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

Controlling pest-plants and pest-animals

7. **Our community:** we will focus on providing parks, facilities and services that are accessible and meet the needs of our diverse urban and rural communities; making arts, culture and creativity a celebrated part of living in the west; promoting Maori culture and identity so it is visible and valued.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

activating libraries with fun programmes and opportunities

- 8. **Our places:** we will focus on making our town and village centres thrive; advocating for a reliable resilient and sustainable transport network; protecting and restoring the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area for current and future generations; and acknowledging the relationship of Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngāti Whātua to the area.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

The fact that you have identified glen eden as a area of development.

- 9. **Our economy:** we will focus on supporting: our main town centre and business area to be successful; sustainable local economic activity; fostering home-based businesses and working from home, as well as rural economic activities in the foothills.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

I don't know

Tell us why

I donot have much intrest on the economy

10. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan?

Please do give more attention to civil defence, I love that you want to work on future weather events



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Your feedback

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Keeping in mind council's financial challenges, what can we do differently in the local area to achieve better outcomes?

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

In part

Tell us why

3. Climate Action: we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be “built back better” for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

8. **Our places:** we will focus on making our town and village centres thrive; advocating for a reliable resilient and sustainable transport network; protecting and restoring the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area for current and future generations; and acknowledging the relationship of Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngāti Whātua to the area.

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Tell us why

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Sport Waitakere/Healthy Families Waitakere

Your Local Board: Henderson-Massey

Your feedback

1. Funding challenges and community investment

Keeping in mind council's financial challenges, what can we do differently in the local area to achieve better outcomes?

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

Tell us why

3. **Climate Action:** we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be “built back better” for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

7. **Our community:** we will focus on providing parks, facilities and services that are accessible and meet the needs of our diverse urban and rural communities; making arts, culture and creativity a celebrated part of living in the west; promoting Maori culture and identity so it is visible and valued.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

8. **Our places:** we will focus on making our town and village centres thrive; advocating for a reliable resilient and sustainable transport network; protecting and restoring the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area for current and future generations; and acknowledging the relationship of Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngāti Whātua to the area.

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Support

Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why

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SPORT WAITĀKERE

Submission to the Draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2023

Purpose

The purpose of this submission is to express the views of Sport Waitākere (including Healthy Families Waitākere) in regards to the Draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2023.

Background

Investing in infrastructure, facilities, local town centres and community partnerships are essential for our communities' health and wellbeing into the future. We would like to acknowledge Waitākere Ranges Local Board in their past and present support of community initiatives around wellbeing, belonging and participation.

We congratulate Waitākere Ranges Local Board for continuing to advocate for recreation and open space, investing in Māori outcomes and helping people to thrive and be active. In particular, advocating for recreation opportunities and better use of green space, improvements to cycle ways and walkways, implementing The Greenways Plan, Waitākere ki tua Action Plan and a developing a Climate Action Plan.

Whilst recognising the significant challenges that Waitākere Ranges Local Board will face in the coming year, we would like to see more explicit attention and focus on prioritising:

- That all four elements of wellbeing are considered
- An equity lens is placed over the reductions in service and provision so that the most vulnerable communities are not further marginalised
- Māori outcomes to be more explicit and developed alongside Māori communities
- Ensuring the wellbeing of Pasifika populations
- Climate change outcomes and building community resilience
- Ensuring community led initiatives are carried out and community voices are heard
- Working collectively with Henderson Massey and Whau Local Boards to achieve Māori, Pasifika and climate change outcomes

We are happy to see that the local board has acknowledged sporting facilities, parks and open spaces in order to meet our diverse communities needs. However, sport and recreation is not overtly referred to in what the local board wants to achieve. Sport and recreation provides a place for community connection, fosters community leadership and can create a sense of pride and belonging, we would like to see actions in People, Community and Place.

We advocate for Waitākere Ranges Local Board to partner with the West Auckland Together Collective which is an innovative collaboration of community sector organisations that have a shared interest and passion in seeing the community thrive through improved social, economic, environmental and wellbeing outcomes.

We ask that Waitākere Ranges Local Board continue to support community sector organisations by maintaining funding, in turn the collective can continue to support communities and our most vulnerable.

We are excited to be able to submit our feedback to the Local Board Draft plan. Sport Waitākere has a long and rich historical relationship with the local board and we see huge alignment with what both entities are trying to achieve – the betterment of our community.

Below are a set of recommendations to support this kaupapa and bring sport, recreation and wellbeing, in particular Māori and Pasifika wellbeing, into the plan in a meaningful way that makes a difference in real and achievable terms;

Māori Outcomes

- We support the local boards relationship with Te Kawerau a Maki, Hoani Waititi Marae, Kohanga Reo and Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Hoani Waititi Marae We recommend the local board build a stronger relationship with Te Piringatahi o Te Maungaarongo Marae, affiliated with the Ngapuhi Iwi. Now is the time to further engage with more Iwi and Marae Groups who have connections to many Māori families and communities and have an interest in the Waitākere Ranges area.
- We would also like the local board to acknowledge other iwi who have an interest in the Waitākere Ranges area including Ngāti Whātua Orakei and Ngāti Whātua o Kaipara.
- We support the on-going implementation and resourcing of Waitākere ki Tua.
- We would like to see Waitākere Ranges Local Board partner with the [Māori Thought Leadership](#) roopu. Backboned by Community Waitākere, the group are a collective of kaimahi Māori and hapori leaders with a focus on kai sovereignty, Māori sustainable leadership, community led economic development, rangatahi, and opportunities for marae across west Auckland and hauora. The roopu can advise and provide strategic oversight to the Māori outcomes outlined in the local board plan.
- We applaud the local board for acknowledging kai sovereignty as an aspiration, we are of the same belief and align our relevant kaupapa to see this realised for the people of West Auckland. We recommend the local board adopt [Mana Motuhake o te Kai](#) – a kai sovereignty plan for West Auckland, created by a roopu who gathered valuable insights from local organisations and whānau to develop the plan from a Te Ao Māori lens.

Climate Action

- We support a locally-led approach to resilience, response and recovery and recommend the local board work with the [West Auckland Together](#) collective which is an innovative collaboration of community sector organisations that have a shared interest and passion in seeing the community thrive through improved social, economic, environmental and wellbeing outcomes.
- As part of a locally led approach to resilience, we recommend the inclusion of localising food production and enabling communities to grow and sell kai on Council land where it can, and make better use of green space. With the current situation around food costs, the local

board can advocate to Council to be more flexible with regulations to make it easier for communities to experience collective gardening and bring people together through kai.

- We support actions to prevent and manage flooding risk and recommend learnings from Project Twin Streams be acknowledged here. As this initiative is unique to West Auckland, there is an opportunity for this kaupapa to lead activities to reduce the impacts of flooding.
- The focus on sustainable facilities is commendable and should be a focus for the development of open spaces or facilities moving forward. We see an opportunity around sustainable development of facilities, parks and reserves to act as multifunctional spaces that not only provide opportunities for physical activity and community engagement, but also contribute to the overall resilience of our urban areas.
- Facilities such as sports fields, playgrounds and other open spaces, when properly designed and managed, can serve as valuable components of hazard mitigation strategies. They can be designed to act as detention basins capable of temporarily storing excess stormwater during heavy rainfall events. Built facilities can also be designed with reduced embodied carbon construction and with sustainable operational principles, such as energy efficiency and water reduction.
- We support opportunities for neighbourhoods and centres to be safe and walkable with easy access to transport choices. We ask the local board to put a much stronger focus on cycling and walking to make it safer for families to use active modes.
- We recommend working with, and supporting schools and organisations to implement wayfinding, signage, placemaking and playful environments to increase walking and cycling in communities. This is one way to support people using the narrow roads which are common in the Waitākere Ranges Local Board area.

Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area

- We support the focus on enabling people living here to provide for their social, environmental, economic and cultural wellbeing. Our experience, and approach, is one that acknowledges the local knowledge and experience people have within their communities particularly when it comes to the unique physical activity opportunities that the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area presents. We would however like to advocate for 'accessibility' to be added in here as many of the amazing spaces and places to be active in this area, and connect with the taiao, are very difficult for our physically disabled community to access.

Our people

- We support the notion that service delivery needs to meet the needs of a growing and changing population. However, there is little mention of Pasifika people, the second largest population in Tāmaki Makaurau. We would like this to be acknowledged and specific actions to support Pasifika people. We recommend the local board reach out for advice and shared learnings from the Whau Pasifika Komiti and explore ways to support something similar in Waitākere Ranges.
- We support a focus on kai sovereignty to enhance health, wellbeing and resilience of communities, access to kai is a significant issue for families as the increasing cost of living has

a deeper impact. We recommend the local board work with the Māori Thought Leadership roopu to support this action and as mentioned above, align to Mana Motuhake o te Kai.

- We support initiatives where community are supported to develop local leadership, self-sufficiency and resilience to thrive. Sport and recreation provides a place for community connection, fosters community leadership and can create a sense of pride and belonging. We recommend the local board partners with Sport Waitākere to enhance the health, wellbeing and resilience of local communities.
- We support our three West local boards working effectively to be a voice for West Auckland and engaging mana whenua and mataawaka to support Māori aspirations.

Our environment

- We support the opportunity to bring non-parkland owned by Council into the local parks network to make better use of our green spaces. We recommend partnering with community on the use of green spaces to develop food production sites such as mahinga kai, maara kai, vertical farming, including the sustainable management of the land and landscape in the eastern foothills.
- With a key focus on biodiversity and protecting and restoring ecological areas, we recommend the local board works with Henderson-Massey Local Board and Whau Local Board to progress the Te Whau Pathway.

Our community

- We support the local board co-designing with Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Hoani Waititi Marae to design Sunvue Park and implementing their suggestions and ideas. We encourage the local board to invest time and resource into co-designing with schools and communities for other park developments in the future.
- We support ways to improve the amenity of neighbourhood parks in Glen Eden, particularly around tree planting, shade and water fountains. Enabling play in its broadest of terms is critical to the development of our tamariki and Waitakere Ranges Local Board already has a significant role in the provision of spaces and places for play. We acknowledge Waitakere Ranges Local Board for maintaining parks, facilities and public spaces to a good standard and ask that this be strengthened by;
 - Work alongside Māori iwi, hapū and whānau to establish a strong Te Ao Māori lens around play
 - Develop alternative solutions to the provision of play and infrastructure required e.g. nature play in parks
 - Consider partnerships with community/neighbourhoods that can find innovative ways to enable play in their neighbourhoods e.g. temporary containers with equipment located at street level
 - Work with Auckland Council teams to implement the Play Street Guidelines to make it easier for communities to open up streets for play. With the numbers of large community events potentially being reduced due to funding, it is important to create opportunities for families to connect and make it easy to do so.

- We support universal designs for accessibility in all park development. We recommend this approach in Harold Moody Park to connect the clubrooms, facilities and community. Well designed parks that cater for whānau and families create community connection and build community resilience. Sport Waitākere would like to partner on any initiatives to connect clubs, facilities, and community.
- We support the local board investigating the relocation of Bethells Beach Surf Lifesaving Patrol clubhouse in Te Henga Park, and United North Piha Lifeguard Service campground at Les Waygood Park.
- We further recommend that the local board ensures Māori identity is valued, visible and understood through Māori design principles, especially in the design of parks, spaces and playgrounds. We recommend local board work alongside Māori communities, Kuia and Kaumatua to find solutions to support the growth of traditional Māori cultural activities such as Ki o Rahi and Mau Rakau (e.g. dedicated Ki o Rahi fields), more flax weaving opportunities and mara hupara. Sport Waitākere would like to partner on any initiatives and connect community.
- We support advocacy for regional investment into undeveloped spaces such as Waitipu (the former Waitākere Quarry), we recommend not only partnering with the community but with mana whenua to meet their aspirations for this site.

Our places

- We support actions to progress Te Kete Rukuruku under Māori outcomes and recommend the local board acknowledges this kaupapa as part of recognising and valuing the heritage of people, places and buildings. We applaud the local board for leading the way in only having Te Reo Māori naming on the signage of parks. We ask that the local board supports the Active Whakapapa initiative in conjunction with Te Kete Rukuruku as a way to celebrate local parks and open space and the stories connected to them.
- We support placemaking activities and events to celebrate Glen Eden. As Glen Eden has an increasingly diverse population with the number of people identifying as Asian, Māori and Pacific increasing at a significantly faster rate than those who identify as European. We recommend the local board puts a playful and cultural lens over the placemaking activities to increase a sense of belonging. Sport Waitākere would love to partner on some of the initiatives and co-design.
- With intensive housing starting to happen in Glen Eden, we recommend the local board focus on making improvements to the town centre and take steps to make this improvements happen faster than outlined in the Auckland Plan and Town Centre Implementation Plan.
- We would like to see a clearer acknowledgement of how important being physically active and incorporating play into everyday life, not just in playgrounds, is for our tamariki and rangatahi, our future generations. Play has a wide range of benefits including:
 - 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.
- We are pleased the local board are advocating for a feasibility study to implement a shared path to connect New Lynn and Sunnyvale. This will allow communities to increase walking and cycling and have better connectivity to public transport and amenities. We are interested to know if the railway corridor can be investigated as an option, similar to the New Lynn to Avondale shared path.
 - We also ask the Waitākere Ranges Local Board to 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 Operating Grant to enable communities to deliver facilities and lessen the burden on council.

Our economy

- We support the local board focus on youth employment and working with Hoani Waititi Marae to support the economic wellbeing of rangatahi. We recommend the local board share learnings with The Western Initiative to not only support economic wellbeing, but cultural and social wellbeing outcomes for Māori and Pasifika people. Community led economic development is also a focus for the Māori Thought Leadership roopu.

Other feedback

- We recommend the local board support the Katoa Ka Ora Safe Speeds rollout to make it safer for families to move around their neighbourhood and children to use active modes to and from school.
- We recommend the ongoing development and design of parks, open space and facilities to include shade, play infrastructure, access to drinking fountains and be smokefree environments.
- We recommend the ongoing support for the viability and capability of sports clubs to strengthen their role in community wellbeing
- We strongly support and encourage more investment and support for walking and cycling initiatives, activities and infrastructure, now is not the time to let up

Thank you for the opportunity to have our say.

Ngā mihi nui,

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Big Street Bikers

Your Local Board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Funding challenges and community investment

Keeping in mind council's financial challenges, what can we do differently in the local area to achieve better outcomes?

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

Tell us why

3. **Climate Action:** we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be “built back better” for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Tell us why

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Tell us why

5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Tell us why

6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Tell us why

7. **Our community:** we will focus on providing parks, facilities and services that are accessible and meet the needs of our diverse urban and rural communities; making arts, culture and creativity a celebrated part of living in the west; promoting Maori culture and identity so it is visible and valued.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Tell us why

8. **Our places:** we will focus on making our town and village centres thrive; advocating for a reliable resilient and sustainable transport network; protecting and restoring the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area for current and future generations; and acknowledging the relationship of Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngāti Whātua to the area.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Tell us why

- 9. Our economy:** we will focus on supporting: our main town centre and business area to be successful; sustainable local economic activity; fostering home-based businesses and working from home, as well as rural economic activities in the foothills.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Tell us why

10. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan?

Please see attached



Big Street Bikers feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board plan 2023

Thank you for the opportunity to give feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges 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 Local Board for its commitment to Auckland's Transport Emissions Reduction Pathway (TERP) and vision for a reliable, resilient and sustainable transport network connecting neighbourhoods, centres and villages.

We would like to suggest that the Local Board include as an initiative in the final plan ***delivery of a local network of secure bike parking, bike charging and digital wayfinding***





stations. A local network supports the Local Board's climate action goals and work to make walking and cycling safe and accessible, and encourage the uptake of electric vehicles (including e-bikes) as key ways of helping people to make sustainable transport choices. The network will help promote and encourage the uptake of active transport in Waitākere Ranges.

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 assistance to identify suitable locations and advocacy to Auckland Transport for appropriate sites in the road corridor for secure bike parking, wayfinding and charging stations.

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Community Waitākere

Your Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

Your feedback

1. Funding challenges and community investment

Keeping in mind council's financial challenges, what can we do differently in the local area to achieve better outcomes?

Engage with community as much as possible.

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

Yes

Tell us why

3. Climate Action: we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be “built back better” for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

CW supports the local boards's investment in climate change and the delivery of the climate change action plan and building local community resilience.

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

CW support the region providing more financial support in recognition of the WRHA and the Board's desire to progress the Deed of Acknowledgement. We support local area planning and the Board advocating for support for this.

5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

CW support resilience planning for our local communities, Kai Sovereignty focus and implementation of Waitākere Ki Tua.

6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

CW notes the importance of the Waitākere Ranges for Pekapeka habitat and the support from the WR Local Board for this programme.

7. **Our community:** we will focus on providing parks, facilities and services that are accessible and meet the needs of our diverse urban and rural communities; making arts, culture and creativity a celebrated part of living in the west; promoting Maori culture and identity so it is visible and valued.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

We strongly support work on community empowerment, community and neighbourhood connection, leadership development and capacity building and look forward to continuing to work with the local board on this. We support the resourcing of a kaiwhakaawe, Māori Thought Leadership Collective and work with communities of different ethnic identities as well as migrant and refugee communities.

8. **Our places:** we will focus on making our town and village centres thrive; advocating for a reliable resilient and sustainable transport network; protecting and restoring the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area for current and future generations; and acknowledging the relationship of Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngāti Whātua to the area.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

CW supports a focus in Glen Eden.

9. **Our economy:** we will focus on supporting: our main town centre and business area to be successful; sustainable local economic activity; fostering home-based businesses and working from home, as well as rural economic activities in the foothills.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

CW supports The Western Initiative and Dark Skies.

10. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan?



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Your Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

Your feedback

1. Funding challenges and community investment

Keeping in mind council's financial challenges, what can we do differently in the local area to achieve better outcomes?

NZ is a democracy, therefore money should only be spent on things that benefit the majority of ratepayers, e.g. libraries, parks, public transport. Only a small minority need cycleways, Maori names on everything, new websites where old ones worked perfectly well.

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

No

Tell us why

Too much emphasis (Maori) initiatives. Changing names costs money which would be better spent on filling up pot holes and maintaining existing structures etc.

3. Climate Action: we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be “built back better” for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

Better late than never.

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

Save money on the cycleways - not enough users to justify costs. How much will this Deed of Acknowledgement cost?

5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Tell us why

There are more cultures than just Maori, they all need recognition otherwise it causes resentment, and becomes divisive, not inclusive.

6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

7. **Our community:** we will focus on providing parks, facilities and services that are accessible and meet the needs of our diverse urban and rural communities; making arts, culture and creativity a celebrated part of living in the west; promoting Maori culture and identity so it is visible and valued.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Tell us why

8. **Our places:** we will focus on making our town and village centres thrive; advocating for a reliable resilient and sustainable transport network; protecting and restoring the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area for current and future generations; and acknowledging the relationship of Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngāti Whātua to the area.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Tell us why

9. **Our economy:** we will focus on supporting: our main town centre and business area to be successful; sustainable local economic activity; fostering home-based businesses and working from home, as well as rural economic activities in the foothills.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

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Your Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

Your feedback

1. Funding challenges and community investment

Keeping in mind council's financial challenges, what can we do differently in the local area to achieve better outcomes?

Keep libraries they are imperative to our community. Better lighting - safer on footpaths for walkers and families with pushchairs. More cameras for ramraids and security in the area.

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

In part

Tell us why

3. Climate Action: we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be “built back better” for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

Waitakere Ranges need protecting - it is unable to be cutdown, so many natives take years to grow and native bugs etc. that live [in] the environment.

5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

I don't know

Tell us why

6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

As previously responded. Shame you are unable to support the TP Society to stop Watercare for demolishing so much of our native bush, species for water that goes to Nth Shore.

7. **Our community:** we will focus on providing parks, facilities and services that are accessible and meet the needs of our diverse urban and rural communities; making arts, culture and creativity a celebrated part of living in the west; promoting Maori culture and identity so it is visible and valued.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

8. **Our places:** we will focus on making our town and village centres thrive; advocating for a reliable resilient and sustainable transport network; protecting and restoring the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area for current and future generations; and acknowledging the relationship of Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngāti Whātua to the area.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

9. **Our economy:** we will focus on supporting: our main town centre and business area to be successful; sustainable local economic activity; fostering home-based businesses and working from home, as well as rural economic activities in the foothills.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

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Your Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

Your feedback

1. Funding challenges and community investment

Keeping in mind council's financial challenges, what can we do differently in the local area to achieve better outcomes?

Thank you for prioritising hapori (community) services in the Waitakere local board. These include funding for community-engagement / inclusion events e.g. funding library events and eco matters festivals, music in parks etc. As financial pressures / environmental concerns increasingly restrict each whanau, the continued provision of community-funded events will provide vital benefits and social engagements.

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

In part

Tell us why

While I admire the board's plans to maintain / improve community support and town centre services, and importantly ecological protections in collaboration with mana whenua (thank you for these motions :)), my family and I are strong supporters of developing vital transportation ways, without need to drive. While staged developments / investments in waterways and cycleways are awesome, we would hope they extend beyond "small", so that locals and visitors can enjoy the areas, travel between vibrant town centres without major reliance on fuel-consuming cars. Dedicated, safe walk/cycleways.

3. **Climate Action:** we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be “built back better” for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

Fully support the motions to encourage locals / landowners / volunteer groups to restore ecological areas. Funding interested folks to care for our special land may provide more effective protections than through contractors. But please do support the community for their involvements (e.g. funding possum traps, weed collection bins etc), community resilience in terms of restoring flood damaged roads and urgent action on slips (with investments in researching best way forward).

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

WRHA is and will indeed continue to be a real taonga for Aotearoa. While citizens' ability to enjoy the biodiversity and dark skies are wonderful, please fund processes to educate / regulate "foot traffic" through this area. For example, personally I continue to witness people bypassing the shoe-wash stations around Arataki :(DOC had a cool programme through "Kiwi guardians" to encourage tamariki to learn / make their own biosecurity check stations! Simply encouraging kids / youth could hopefully lead to better adult behaviours in protecting WRHA :)

5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

Thank you for maintaining support for services that provide for the tangata, e.g. CAB, libraries, and art galleries :)

- 6. Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

Thank you for monitoring efforts to protect the unique Waitakere environment. However, our suburban forests are now at the whim of housing developers (with restrictions / protections lifted in the recent unitary plan). Please can the council regulate accountability from developments so that our precious unique ecosystems are protected - especially suburban bird (natives) can thrive, not just in the WRHA.

- 7. Our community:** we will focus on providing parks, facilities and services that are accessible and meet the needs of our diverse urban and rural communities; making arts, culture and creativity a celebrated part of living in the west; promoting Maori culture and identity so it is visible and valued.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

Thank you for focussing on accessible community services (despite funding restrictions). The Arts and cultural heritage of our area is incredible (e.g. Lopdell art precinct, McCahon House, Glen Eden Playhouse Theatre).

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

Thriving town centres provide residents with a sense of safety, but also pride :) Currently, Titirangi village is a treasured community hub. I am hopeful Glen Eden can also be supported to encourage a thriving local community. But safety, and pedestrian / bike accessibility is key.

9. **Our economy:** we will focus on supporting: our main town centre and business area to be successful; sustainable local economic activity; fostering home-based businesses and working from home, as well as rural economic activities in the foothills.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

Especially initiatives to improve communications infrastructure (also part of storm resilience) so folk can productively rely on home-based work.

10. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan?

Yes, if possible a fractional depiction on budget prioritisation areas would give us a better idea of the focus areas, and if we disagree / agree on funding prioritisation. E.g. a simple graph, perhaps including a comparison with previous years E.g. [picture included in hard copy submission].



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Your Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

Your feedback

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On page 12 of the WRLB plan the Greenways walkway plan is mentioned with the first pathways being in Glen Eden. Funding will be required over many years to further extend the network and planning should begin now. Budgets cannot be set until proposed routes are identified and costed. My suggestions is that community be asked to identify routes for consideration, and then Council can determine the most practicable. My interest is in a Greenway from Oratia to Titirangi utilising existing public land along Riparian strips and reserves.

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

Yes

Tell us why

The Glen Eden Greenway is a good and necessary first start which will demonstrate the benefits of linking walkways, similar to the Twin Streams walkways. However a lower cost model of walkways more akin to tramping tracks than cycleways is needed through the more rugged Waitakere Ranges's foothills.

3. **Climate Action:** we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be “built back better” for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

The dramatic climatic events this year demonstrated the need for alternative routes when roads are impassable (for whatever reason), and communities are only accessible on foot.

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

More than ever the need to protect the Waitakere Ranges is evidence after the storms. Native Forest proved its value in reducing erosion and flooding. Consider how much worse it might have been without the extensive tree cover. More planting on the lower foothills is to be encouraged and assistance given to landowners to revegetate their properties.

5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

The plan is comprehensive and achievable. The diverse communities are geographically isolated and the greenways are another way of providing linkages.

6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

Our waterways have been neglected for too long. Now is a good time to demonstrate the need to actively manage the streams, clearing flood debris and providing access simultaneously. As owner of a property within 1 kilometre of stream boundary I am aware of the amount of upkeep required.

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

Population growth generally, and specifically in Oratia, increases the demand for additional parks and facilities. These are major capital expenses which need to be planned and budgeted well in advance. With development occurring in Oratia it is essential to determine which properties will be needed for community purposes, before they are subdivided.

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

Sustainability and resilience are the two imperatives as we plan for a future of fast change and disruption. Nature based solutions - both urban and rural - will prove to be the most enduring solutions.

- 9. Our economy:** we will focus on supporting: our main town centre and business area to be successful; sustainable local economic activity; fostering home-based businesses and working from home, as well as rural economic activities in the foothills.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

Capital expenditure on the environment is apparently \$0.00. Expenditure on environmental management is minimal. With tight budgets forecast, the funds for weed control will be a low priority. Lobbying by the WRLB to Central Government for adequate funding (e.g. Jobs for Nature) will be the only hope of restoring the Waitakere Ranges.

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Having recently gifted 7 hectares of native forest to the Council, I am keen to see the existing reserve land extended, restored and maintained. Linkages may be aspirational objectives, but it is critical they be included in the plan in order that the Greenways network can be extended to incorporate properties (or portions of properties) ensuring they can be committed to be part of the network before subdivision occurs. Discussions with neighbouring land owners shows different degrees of support, but generally a recognition that the Greenways network has been a success elsewhere, and could be throughout the Waitakere foothills given support by the WRLB and inclusion in their Plan for 2023/24.



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Tell us why

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

Needs to be done

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

I don't know

Tell us why

Aren't they like the rest of us? Don't we all need support?

6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

Waterways need to be clean. Ecological areas that we still have need protecting.

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Do not support

Tell us why

I don't agree with any further assistance to Maori culture and identity - we should all be treated the same.

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Support in part

Tell us why

Villages need to thrive. Transport is important as is WRH Area.

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

The small person vs big corporations = need to support the SP.

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The Tree Council

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Tell us why

10. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan?

**Submission - Waitakere Ranges Local Board Plan 2023
by The Tree Council**

14 August 20203

From: The Tree Council

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Thank you for the opportunity to present The Tree Council's submission on the proposed **Waitakere Ranges 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 applaud your aim to support mana whenua and community groups working to enhance biodiversity and undertake tree planting.*
- *If you haven't already developed an Urban Ngāhere Strategy Action Plan for your local board area to enable opportunities to enhance tree cover to be identified and activated, particularly for the urban areas of the rohe, then we urge you to do so.*

Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area:

The Tree Council comment:

- *We support your work to better protect the WRHA, but we think Council should be going further. Most notably:*
 - *Support Te Kawerau ā Maki's request for an independent Governance Group to oversee implementation of the Act and hold Council to account;*
 - *Require better monitoring of the Heritage Features as the latest Monitoring Report identified many gaps where this is not happening;*
 - *Review LAPs and fund their implementation;*

- *Support Te Kawerau ā Maki's request for a kauri sanctuary in the middle of the Ranges.*
- *We support the bid for Dark Skies but because it is important for the native species and their circadian rhythms, not because it will attract more tourists.*

Our Environment

The Tree Council comment:

- *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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West Auckland Community Toy Library

Your Local Board: Whau

Your feedback

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Keeping in mind council's financial challenges, what can we do differently in the local area to achieve better outcomes?

Thank you for supporting communities that include tamariki - our future generations, via continuing support of libraries (books and toys).

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

Yes

Tell us why

Priority to fund community resilience plan to help prepare for future emergencies; while enhancing health, wellbeing and resilience (adaptability to economic / environmental challenges through sharing resources, via operations like libraries :)); provide for community events that promote inclusivity.

3. Climate Action: we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be "built back better" for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support in part

Tell us why

Many of our member whanau were / are affected by infrastructure weakened by the floods. This includes heavy reliance on cars --> roads. Please maintain / fund footpath recovery and cycleways, so tamariki can walk / cycle safely, e.g. to / from schools and parks --> importantly, by promoting early car-independent transport, you will help more sustainable and resilience futures.

- 4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

Promoting awareness and kaitiakitanga about our precious Waitakere whenua

- 5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

Thank you for maintaining funds for small, grassroots operations which aim to bring people / whanau together. Connectedness is so important in a very digitised post-covid world

- 6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

Please continue to fund education / outreach programmes to actively encourage tamariki and rangatahi to be kaitiaki. E.g. Arataki visitors centre was a fantastic resource - hopefully back soon :)

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Support

Tell us why

Visible and valued identity of mana whenua.

Community facilities and services that are accessible, and meet growing needs of our communities. Note, with high density developments, we hope the council local board can maintain support for libraries and parks - likely to have usage :)

- 8. Our places:** we will focus on making our town and village centres thrive; advocating for a reliable resilient and sustainable transport network; protecting and restoring the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area for current and future generations; and acknowledging the relationship of Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngāti Whātua to the area.

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Support

Tell us why

Safe and thriving town centres will be essential as our tamariki develop into mature, and hopefully conscientious rangatahi :)

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Support

Tell us why

For houses with young tamariki, 'economic' focus includes accessibility to IT resources, which became v. urgent during Covid / distance learning, and even in the aftermath of floods. So fibre for rural families and advocating for reliable electricity / IT connectivity is essential.

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Quote: The further Society drifts from the truth, the more it will begin to hate those that speak it - George Orwell.

Feedback to Auckland Council - Local Board Plans 2023. -

In terms of "Community Wellbeing" and "Social Cohesion" I respectfully request the Auckland Council take a Contemplative and ^(objective) view of their performance over the past 3 years.



- Time to review, re-unite and reform?



- The "Covid Response, esp post August 2021" imposed significant trauma, economic hardship and collateral damage upon the the Social Cohesion of the West Auckland Community, and indeed upon NZ, Aotearoa in its entirety. The directive from the former PM, Dame Ardern included, "stay in your bubbles, don't talk to your neighbours and report those that do" - paraphrased. I personally know of 3 suicides (all male and non relatives) that occurred over this time due to social isolation and obeying Govt orders. The elderly and house bound were also adversely affected by lack of social contact and support, especially being unable to access grocery^{items}, staples in our predominately cashless society, that relies on modern technology and internet banking. Many of the elderly are not au fait with these systems, especially with macular degeneration and difficulty with arthritis in the hand digits. We are currently living in an ageing society and realities should not be denied. The closing of school communities also impacted on children's education and their social interactions in the wider community. Today the collateral damage of the protracted lockdowns

Please see page 2 attached

Things to do... Auckland
Council. Points to
Ponder:

We are social beings
and Governments
should create an
inclusive society
based on democracy
not authoritarian
ideologies.



Things to do... & Consider
by Auckland Council.

Everyone in the
Waitakere Ward
should have a
voice and be
entitled to express
it without fear of
reprisals.



may be reflected with problematic truancy and declining literacy rates, especially with reading and spelling proficiency.

A well educated society with a moral framework reflects a Civilised Society.

In my opinion the Social milieu (environment) should reflect ^{Social} Culture manifesting intellectual, philosophical, aesthetic traditions and values.

Crime is another Zeitgeist affecting the entire Country, and this includes the Communities within West Auckland. This incursion impacts on the "Well being" of every Citizen in their everyday life.

To quote Sunny Kaushal (deserving of a Knighthood) "We have a Crime emergency but we also have a Social emergency."

Please note the sad demise of Constable "Matthew Hunt" (CRIP) who was assassinated in Massey during a routine police roading procedure. Also, JaneK Patel (CRIP) plus others in our ethnic Communities. In my opinion these Crime tragedies reflect a lack of adequate police resources and inept Government policies and a judiciary that is failing our Communities. De-Nile (denial) aint just a river in Egypt.

Ram raids, shootings, assaults upon women, rape and other heinous crimes are realities that continue to intimidate everyday, law abiding citizens who are forced to adopt a fortress mentality, especially at dusk.

Its especially concerning that a Schadenfreude, Mad Max and uncivilised zeitgeist is enabled by denial and gaslighting from our ruling

Government authorities. It is hoped that "gated Communities" don't be a future need and reality. See Page 3

Things to do...4 Consider
by Auckland Council.
9 Local Board Plans 2023.

Everyone should
feel that the
present and the
future belongs to
them.




In my view Government authorities need to admit that indeed our Communities, esp in West Auckland have a Crime emergency, akin to Hydra in Greek mythology, a many headed Snake whose heads re-new as soon as they are removed.

Many West Auckland residents are now by-passing the West City Mall in favour of patronising Nor West Mall or Albany because of the menacing vibes and Creepy persona that emanates from certain individuals. I personally have been accosted for money and followed to my car in the upper car park of the West City Mall and feel intimidated and hyper vigilant when running errands or having to visit the ASB on the odd occasion. I have lived in Henderson for



unwholesome image! Not Nice!

over 50 years and my forebears were part of the original pioneers who helped develop the West Auckland Community. This includes the rich tapestry of other cultures, that includes the Corban family who are distinctive and revered for their contributions along with many Croatians, Dutch, Irish, Indian, Middle Eastern and Polynesian peoples.

There's a common saying, "Wouldn't it be a dull old world if all the flowers in the garden were the same shape and colour?" 

A nod of aroha is also extended to our tanga te Whenua, Maori people, who now make up part of our extended families through intermarriage and beyond.



Things to do... & Consider by
Auckland Council & Local
Board Plans.

We are social beings
not floating human
islands. Government
has a duty to create a
social milieu in which
the young, socially weak,
the voiceless are
included in society



The January Cyclone (Gabrielle) and the reaction from Auckland Council needs reviewing and reform in terms of its ill equipped and substandard responses. What has Auckland Council been doing over the past 6 years with rate payer's money? Hosting luncheons, expensive air travel and enjoying unbridled hedonism is the perception from the general public. Noting the shenanigans from Mayor Len Brown and dalliances with Bevan Chuang on the rate payer's dime. These faux pas were not wholesome.



During Cyclone Gabrielle the Auckland Council Call Centre were ill equipped and poorly trained when dealing with the deluge (no pun intended) of callers seeking sand bags and Civil Defence assistance, none of which was forthcoming in a timely manner. Another experience of feeling abandoned!!

Please note that Auckland Council, especially employees in the Waitakere jurisdiction (jurisdiction), should not be rubber stamping building consents in flood prone areas such as river deltas, dips, marshlands, shorelines that have spongy, porous soil. Rubber stamping should not extend to ghetto, high density developments that potentially lead to crime, dysfunctional juvenile delinquency and social decay.



Be Wise



Yours in good faith for the collective good



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Disabled Persons Assembly NZ

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Please see attached



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

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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),¹ 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 Strategy² 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 2013¹ (the latest data available), a number which rises to over 300,000 when accounting for current population increases.

¹ 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

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.² 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.³

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.⁴

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.

² 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.

³ 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

⁴ 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,p ercent%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*.⁵

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

⁵ 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.⁶

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.

⁶ 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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Kai West Collective

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Tell us why

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Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Tell us why

4. Waitākere Ranges Heritage area: we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Tell us why

5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

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Kai West Collective

Submission to the Draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2023

Purpose

The purpose of this submission is to express the views of the Kai West Collective in regard to the Draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2023. Kai West is a collective championing local food resilience with the backing of organisations including Healthy Families Waitākere, Fair Food, EcoMatters, Community Waitākere, MPHS, WEST, Massey Matters and Glenavon Hub, some of which are also involved in the West Auckland Together group.

Background

Investing in infrastructure, facilities, local town centres and community partnerships are essential for our communities' health and wellbeing into the future. We would like to acknowledge Waitākere Ranges Local Board in their past and present support of community initiatives around wellbeing, belonging and participation.

Whilst recognising the significant challenges that Waitākere Ranges Local Board will face in the coming year, we would like to see more explicit attention and focus on prioritising:

- Climate change outcomes and building community resilience
- Building a food resilient Auckland and looking at new ways of utilising green spaces
- Working collectively with Henderson Massey and Whau Local Boards to achieve food resilience and climate change outcomes

We are excited to be able to submit our feedback to the Local Board Draft plan. Below are a set of recommendations around building community food resilience;

Māori outcomes

- We acknowledge and support the Local Board for creating actions to work with the Māori Thought Leadership roopu, particularly around kai sovereignty. We recommend the local board acknowledge [Mana Motuhake o te Kai](#) – a kai sovereignty plan for West Auckland, created by a roopu who gathered valuable insights from local organisations and whānau to develop the plan from a Te Ao Māori lens.

Climate Action

- We support a locally-led approach to resilience, response and recovery and recommend the local board to adopt a clear focus on building local food resilience. With the current situation around food costs, the local board can advocate to Auckland Council for more flexibility around regulations to enable more local food production and enabling communities to grow and sell kai on Council land where it can.

We support actions to prevent and manage flooding risk and recommend learnings from Project Twin Streams be acknowledged here. This initiative provides an opportunity for a range of community-led activities to help reduce the impact of climate change, such as cleaning of the streams, planting vegetation that help manage flood, and edible garden

practices that increase carbon sequestration. We would love to see the local board continue supporting such opportunities.

- We support opportunities for neighbourhood path connections and transport projects which make it easier and safer for people to move around their community without using a car. We recommend implementing placemaking, wayfinding and edible and playful environments (e.g. edible trails with fruit trees, edible play spaces) to increase walking and cycling in communities.
- We ask that Waitākere Ranges Local Board work alongside the Whau and Henderson-Massey Local boards to advocate upwards - championing ways to create a more enabling regulatory framework by campaigning for change of policies, regulations or bylaws that act as barriers to the utilisation of green spaces for the purpose of local food growing such as community urban farms and food forests.

Our People

- We support the local board in acknowledging our diverse community, empowering the community to lead and deliver on their aspirations. Since kai is a vehicle to growing community connection and resilience, we ask the board to support more local kai initiatives to thrive.
- We congratulate the local board for including actions to engage the Māori Thought Leadership roopu to help identify opportunities to support Māori aspirations, including Kai sovereignty. Kai West is happy to be a partner and support Māori communities to achieve kai sovereignty outcomes where appropriate.
- We also applaud that Waitākere Ranges local board is planning to work more effectively with the Whau and Waitākere Ranges local boards to take a 'west Auckland' approach to strengthen their capacity. We would like to recommend a more joined-up approach across the three local boards with the aim to build community resilience through kai. Alongside the Māori Thought Leadership roopu, Kai West can support the local boards as their food resilience advisory panel - a group of individuals with subject matter expertise in food resilience thought-leadership and implementation with links to regional and national networks.

Our Environment

- We support the opportunity to bring non-parkland owned by Council into the local parks network to make better use of our green spaces. We recommend partnering with communities on the use of green spaces to develop food production sites such as food forests, maara kai, vertical farming, including the sustainable management of the land and landscape in the eastern foothills.
- We support engaging communities with their local parks with the aim to protect, restore and enhance natural areas. With over 200 local parks, we would love to see more spaces provided for food forests, māra kai or community urban farms. We ask the local board to consider food

in environmental programmes and community initiatives where challenges around food security, composting and food waste going to landfill are addressed.

Our Community

- We are happy to see that the local board will plan for the future use and adaptability of parks in the face of climate change, population growth and other pressures. With the current situation around food costs, we would like to see the local board embedding local food resilience as part of their plans. In addition, the local board can advocate to Auckland Council for ways to create a more enabling regulatory framework that supports local food resilience actions.
- It is great that the local board will continue supporting a network of community places and spaces, as these play a key role in supporting community recovery and resilience in response to the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the recent flooding. We would like to see the local boards support community hubs, houses and centres to identify innovative ways to shift from food relief towards initiatives that increase access to affordable nourishing kai while celebrating our cultural diversity and fostering community connections and resilience. Kai West is happy to support and advise where possible.

Our Places

- We congratulate the local board for looking after our special places, parks, facilities, and villages to enhance their character and protect heritage. Also, for supporting activities and events to celebrate and recognise the heritage of our people. This offers opportunities to build community and local resilience, with food being an instrument to celebrate culture, tell stories and connect people.

Our economy

- We support the local board focus on youth employment and working with Hoani Waititi Marae to support the economic wellbeing of rangatahi. We would love to see pathways between local food production at Hoani Waititi complex with future employment in horticulture and other innovative ways to grow kai at scale, with support from the local board.
- We support the local board continuing to support established local markets and events. We would like the local board to consider the role of māra kai and community urban farms in the local economy, with the potential for local jobs creation and opportunities for learning and connecting into pathways for future employment. In addition, local growers can supply their products to established local markets and food businesses.

Local Activities and Levels of Service

Local Governance

- We also would like to ask for one board member to be our key contact for Kai West, our champion for local food resilience.

Who we are:

[Kai West](#) is a West Auckland collective made up of local organisations and people working on community-based initiatives that focus on the local food system.

Our vision is every West Aucklander has access to healthy, affordable and culturally appropriate food. We will achieve our vision by growing a strong and resilient local food system that:

- increases the overall health and wellbeing of the community
- focuses on equitable access to kai
- upholds food sovereignty
- is supported by partnerships across the whole system
- is regenerative and circular
- creates meaningful local jobs for local people
- is connected to the regional conversation about food resilience
- enriches the places we work, live, learn and play



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Support

Tell us why

Needs to be done

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Tell us why

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I don't know

Tell us why

Aren't they like the rest of us? Don't we all need support?

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Support

Tell us why

Waterways need to be clean

Ecological areas that we still have need protecting

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Do not support

Tell us why

I don't agree with any further assistance to Maori culture and identity. We should all be treated the same

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Support in part

Tell us why

Support the focus but don't support the acknowledgement of the relationship of Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngati Whatua to the area.

Villages need to thrive. Transport is important as is WRH area

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Tell us why

The small person vs big corporations - need to support the SP

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Civic Trust Auckland

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4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Tell us why

5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Tell us why

6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Tell us why

7. **Our community:** we will focus on providing parks, facilities and services that are accessible and meet the needs of our diverse urban and rural communities; making arts, culture and creativity a celebrated part of living in the west; promoting Maori culture and identity so it is visible and valued.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Tell us why

8. **Our places:** we will focus on making our town and village centres thrive; advocating for a reliable resilient and sustainable transport network; protecting and restoring the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area for current and future generations; and acknowledging the relationship of Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngāti Whātua to the area.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Tell us why

- 9. Our economy:** we will focus on supporting: our main town centre and business area to be successful; sustainable local economic activity; fostering home-based businesses and working from home, as well as rural economic activities in the foothills.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Tell us why

10. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan?

See attached



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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).”*

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).

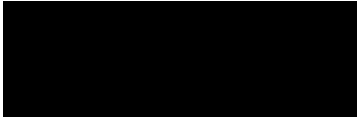
We strongly support the key initiative to: “*Ensure events and services are developed with accessibility considerations to support participation from residents with either physical or intellectual disabilities*” (page 25) and to “*Continue to prioritise and implement actions identified in the previous 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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Waitākere Ranges 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: Waitākere Ranges

Your feedback

1. Funding challenges and community investment

Keeping in mind council's financial challenges, what can we do differently in the local area to achieve better outcomes?

2. Overall, do you think the draft Waitākere Range Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of you and your community over the next three years?

Tell us why

3. **Climate Action:** we aim to support community resilience, understand the issues and challenges, advocate for our roads and other infrastructure to be “built back better” for future severe weather events, and improve sustainable transport options.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Tell us why

4. **Waitākere Ranges Heritage area:** we aim to make sure the nationally significant area is looked after for current and future generations.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Tell us why

5. **Our people:** we will focus on supporting our distinctive and diverse communities to be thriving, resilient and adaptable so people feel connected and work together to support wellbeing.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Tell us why

6. **Our environment:** We will focus on protecting and enhancing our significant ecological areas, restoring our waterways, and supporting people to connect with and care for the environment.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Tell us why

7. **Our community:** we will focus on providing parks, facilities and services that are accessible and meet the needs of our diverse urban and rural communities; making arts, culture and creativity a celebrated part of living in the west; promoting Maori culture and identity so it is visible and valued.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Tell us why

8. **Our places:** we will focus on making our town and village centres thrive; advocating for a reliable resilient and sustainable transport network; protecting and restoring the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area for current and future generations; and acknowledging the relationship of Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngāti Whātua to the area.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Tell us why

- 9. Our economy:** we will focus on supporting: our main town centre and business area to be successful; sustainable local economic activity; fostering home-based businesses and working from home, as well as rural economic activities in the foothills.

Have we got it right, and what is your view on how these things are addressed in the plan?

Tell us why

10. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan?

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

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- 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
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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

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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)



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Submission of Community Groups Feeding the Homeless

Draft Local Board Plans - all

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The focus of Community Groups Feeding the Homeless (CGFH), which has been in existence for 5 years, is on feeding homeless people and supporting them in other ways. We act as an umbrella group that supports a number of groups, including Sunday Blessings (Waitematā) and Waka of Caring (Manurewa).

Homelessness is an issue that affects all of Auckland. Homeless people are amongst the most vulnerable people in our communities. In our view, local boards could help with community initiatives that support homeless people, and we know that some of them do and we appreciate that. Community Groups Feeding the Homeless (CGFH) has received funding from two local boards to support groups that we provide admin and practical support to, for which we are very grateful. We also appreciate the Local Boards that mention homelessness and/or deprivation and inequity in their plans and those that have key initiatives or advocacy that address homelessness.

We would like to see local boards support members of the community wishing to set up Pātaka Kai (<https://www.patakai.co.nz/>) and that local boards publicise, perhaps in their e-newsletters, the locations of these free community pantries in their area. These pantries have been set up around New Zealand and many of them are in Auckland, though there are none in the city centre or on Aotea-Great Barrier.

We are also aware that some local board areas have community fridges in them, and we would like to see local boards supporting the establishment of more of them.

CGFH supports the roll-out of food scraps bins, and once they are established and people know how to use them, we would like the community to be encouraged to place any edible food that they don't need in a Pātaka Kai or fridge rather than in their food scraps bin.

We would also like to inform Local Board that one of the groups we are associated with, Guru Nanak Free Kitchen, has informed us that all the Sikh gurdwaras throughout Auckland are open 24/7 with food available for homeless people and others in need. In this time of cost of living difficulties and food insecurity, we feel it is important that the community know of such facilities and local boards are one way to inform the community.

We know that many of the libraries and community centres throughout Auckland welcome homeless people and some of them have programmes to support them and/or facilities such as showers that homeless people can use. We thank these places for their valuable support.

We note in the following local board draft plans what could and/or definitely are references to support for homeless people and those who are suffering from food insecurity in key initiatives and advocacy, and we endorse your support:

Henderson-Massey

What we will work on:

“Prioritise investment into communities of greatest need to support initiatives led by the community, for the community” (page 14).

“Work with West Auckland Together to support community-led resilience through the kai sovereignty project, including developing māra kai” (page 18).

“F2. Protect our productive soils and move toward regenerative practices to increase food security and carbon sequestration F3. Prevent and reduce waste and maximise the value of surplus food F4. Increase supply and demand for local, seasonal and low carbon food” (page 12).

Hibiscus and Bays

“Advocate for better connections between the local board, our communities and central government agencies working with our communities to build trust, and better outcomes for all, in key areas of concern such as homelessness, housing, transport and marine fisheries (page 16)”

Franklin

“Fund community resilience programmes that: • facilitate locally-led emergency response and resilience planning • support resident associations to embrace new communities • support organisations helping our most vulnerable” (page 18).

Kaipātiki

Flagship project

“Support community-led low carbon food initiatives such as community gardens, markets, cooking lessons, plant-based meal choices, community fridges and urban farm projects, such as those set out in the Kaipātiki Naturalisation of Parks Service Assessment (page 14)”

“We recognise that our physical, mental, social, and spiritual wellbeing is critical in enabling community connection and engagement. We support Te Whare Tapa Whā, a holistic model developed by Māori health expert Sir Mason Durie, which highlights the need to look after all the different aspects of our lives to be well. We are particularly aware of the importance of looking after our mental health. We use the Mental Health Foundation’s Five Ways to Wellbeing as a framework for the decisions we make – Be Active, Give, Connect, Keep Learning, and Take Notice” (page 16).

“Support community-led low carbon food initiatives that also promote kai sovereignty” (page 22).

Mangere- Otahuhu

“Support food scraps, community gardens and māra kai initiatives to improve food security and sustainable living.”

Manurewa

“the Governing Body to address historical and structural inequities in its budget by investing in our most vulnerable communities to keep pace with current economic trends” (page 22).

“In addition, Manurewa residents are more likely than all Aucklanders to mention food security as a key climate change challenge facing our area” (page 15).

“We recognise our community’s concern about food security. We know that as the effects of climate change increase, such as droughts and extreme weather events, crop yields decrease and food prices rise. Already, the cost-of-living crisis is having significant effects on our community. We’ve started work on locally-led food sovereignty and are initiating ways to strengthen community-led food systems in Manurewa” (pages 15-16).

“Continue to support Auckland Teaching Gardens and support other community food initiatives such as local food markets and community gardens” (page 17).

“Continue to fund locally-led food sovereignty and initiating ways to strengthen community-led food systems in Manurewa” (page 18).

“Work with community partners who are targeting harm reduction associated with smoking, gambling, alcohol, drug use and unhealthy diets (page 22).

Ōtara-Papatoetoe

“Promoting and facilitating access to healthy food options for all, including through community and teaching gardens, are simple ways to improve the well-being of all communities” (page 20).

“Explore partnerships with iwi, marae, community organisations including Ngāti Tamaoho and Ngāti Ōtara Marae to reduce the levels of homelessness” (page 27).

Papakura

“The main issues raised by Māori include food security and having healthy options, the importance of youth pathways (e.g. employment/further education), growing Māori economic prosperity, and the need to enhance the green space at Te Koiwi Reserve” (page 8).

“Support māra kai and food security initiatives” (page 16).

“the support and development of resilient local food systems with access to affordable, appetising food/drink. This would be sustainable, locally produced and culturally appropriate. The goal is food security and food sovereignty for all residents in the Papakura local board area” (page 17).

Waiheke

“Support actions and policies aimed at reducing harm caused by alcohol, smoking, drugs, and gambling, including development of a local alcohol policy” (page 13).

“Support the Waiheke Kai Charter, Piritahi Marae Māra Kai model gardens and other community-led programmes that achieve sustainable and lowcarbon behaviour change and self-sufficiency such as composting, vegetable gardens, renewable energy generation and food waste reduction” (page 17).

Waitākere Ranges

“Investigate opportunities to promote and support kai sovereignty” (page 18).

Waitematā

“The board currently supports Māori outcomes through: • taking action in response to people experiencing homelessness.”

“Engage with our vulnerable and diverse communities, such as people experiencing homelessness, elderly, and ethnic communities to better involve them in the planning and programming decisions that affect them” (page 10).

“Support a network of community gardens and food resilience activities” (page 11).

“Continue to support local communities to implement local composting and grow a local low-carbon, resilient food production system, such as through community gardens” (page 23).

“We will support communities to lead their own solutions. We will maintain our commitment to community driven activities and grants that enable positive outcomes for our people. Community groups, organisations, and delivery partners are working every day to provide services that improve community resilience, connection, and wellbeing. Whether this is for vulnerable communities such as those challenged with homelessness, or our rainbow youth, or our elderly living in high-rise residential towers, we want to ensure our funding reaches across the spectrum and continues to provide benefits. Where we cannot directly support with funding, we

will advocate for involvement and programming from other providers, such as central government, and work with delivery partners across Waitemata, such as Auckland Transport, Eke Panuku and Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, to ensure the community is provided for in programming and initiatives” (page 17).

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“Advocating to Affordable housing solutions for people experiencing homelessness Advocate to the Governing Body and Central Government for increased support to ensure homelessness becomes ‘rare, brief and non-recurring’ including providing short-, medium- and long-term affordable housing solutions” (page 19).

“Support affordable housing provision by iwi, community housing providers and co-housing Advocate to the Governing Body to actively, and appropriately respond to Auckland’s affordable housing crisis; to prioritise and support affordable housing provision by iwi, community housing providers and cohousing projects through advice, raising bonds, guaranteeing loans, empathetic planning rules and consenting. Governing Body, Eke Panuku Council provision of appropriate affordable housing Council to investigate planning for the provision of appropriate affordable housing, particularly Pensioner Housing, in the Auckland Isthmus, where there is no Council housing. Street outreach for mental health and addiction support. Advocate to Governing Body and Central Government to increase funding for assertive street outreach and mental health and addiction support for our communities sleeping rough” (page 19).

“Advocate to Governing Body and CCO’s to enhance provision of city centre public amenities such as drinking fountains, toilets, showers, and lockers which will support travel mode shift and climate change outcomes providing a rich urban experience for our tourists, visitors, families and elderly, and people experiencing homelessness.” (page 19).

“Support a network of community gardens and food resilience activities” (page 29).

Whau

“Grow capacity and network with partners to provide opportunities for kai sovereignty projects”
(page 18).

“Find new ways to engage with our communities and involve individuals and groups, especially those generally underrepresented, in civic initiatives and democratic processes”

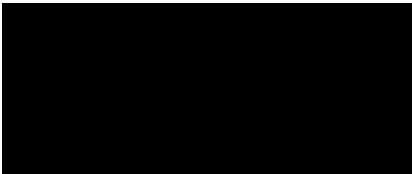
“Positive outcomes for our diverse communities and less prosperous populations (page 13).”

“Improve open spaces, considering public need for shade, shelter, drinking fountains, and toilets” (page 29).

Date of submission:

14 August 2023

Signature:

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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.

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Quote: The further Society drifts from the truth, the more it will begin to hate those that speak it - George Orwell.

Feedback to Auckland Council - Local Board Plans
2023. -

In terms of "Community Wellbeing" and "Social Cohesion" I respectfully request the Auckland Council take a Contemplative and ^{objective} ~~objectiv~~ view of their performance over the past 3 years.



- Time to review, re-unite and reform?




1. The "Covid Response, esp post August 2021" imposed significant trauma, economic hardship and collateral damage upon the the Social Cohesion of the West Auckland Community, and indeed upon NZ, Aotearoa in its entirety. The directive from the former PM: Dame Ardern included, "stay in your bubbles, don't talk to your neighbours and report those that do" - paraphrased. I personally know of 3 suicides (all male and non relatives) that occurred over this time due to social isolation and obeying Govt orders. The elderly and house bound were also adversely affected by lack of social contact and support, especially being unable to access grocery ^{items} and staples in our predominately cashless society, that relies on modern technology and internet banking. Many of the elderly are not au fait with these systems, especially with macular degeneration and difficulty with arthritis in the hand digits. We are currently living in an ageing society and realities should not be denied.
2. The closing of school communities also impacted on children's education and their social interactions in the wider community. Today the collateral damage of the protracted lockdowns

Please see page 2 attached

Things to do... Auckland
Council Points to
Ponder

We are social beings
and Governments
should create an
inclusive society
based on democracy
not authoritarian
ideologies



Things to do...? Consider
by Auckland Council.

Everyone in the
Waitakere Ward
should have a
voice and be
entitled to express
it without fear of
reprisals.



may be reflected with problematic truancy and declining literacy rates, especially with reading and spelling proficiency.

A well educated society with a moral framework reflects a Civilised Society.

In my opinion the Social milieu (environment) should reflect ^{Social} Culture manifesting intellectual, philosophical, aesthetic traditions and values.

Crime is another Zeitgeist affecting the entire Country, and this includes the Communities within West Auckland. This incursion impacts on the "Well being" of every citizen in their every day life.

To quote Sunny Kaushal (deserving of a Knighthood) "We have a Crime emergency but we also have a Social emergency."

Please note the sad demise of Constable "Matthew Hunt" (CRIP) who was assassinated in Massey during a routine police roading procedure. Also, ^{Janeek Patel (CRIP)} plus others in our ethnic communities.

In my opinion these Crime tragedies reflect a lack of adequate police resources and inept Government policies and a judiciary that is failing our Communities. De-Nile (denial) aint just a river in Egypt.

Ram raids, shootings, assaults upon women, rape and other heinous crimes are realities that continue to intimidate everyday, law abiding citizens who are forced to adopt a fortress mentality, especially at dusk.

Its especially concerning that a Schadenfreude, Mad Max and uncivilised zeitgeist is enabled by denial and gaslighting from our ruling Government authorities. It is hoped that "gated Communities" dont be a future need and reality.
 see page 3

Things to do... & Consider
by Auckland Council
Local Board Plans 2023.

Everyone should
feel that the
present and the
future belongs to
them.




In my view Government authorities need to admit that indeed our Communities, esp in West Auckland have a Crime emergency, akin to Hydra in Greek mythology, a many headed snake whose heads re-new as soon as they are removed.

Many West Auckland residents are now by-passing the West City Mall in favour of patronising Nor West Mall or Albany because of the menacing vibes and Creepy persona that emanates from certain individuals. I personally have been accosted for money and followed to my car in the upper car park of the West City Mall and feel intimidated and hyper vigilant when running errands or having to visit the ASB on the odd occasion. I have lived in Henderson for



unwholesome image!
Not Nice!

over 50 years and my forebears were part of the original pioneers who helped develop the West Auckland Community. This includes the rich tapestry of other cultures, that includes the Corban family who are distinctive and revered for their contributions along with many Croatians, Dutch, Irish, Indian, Middle Eastern and Polynesian peoples.

There's a common saying, "Wouldn't it be a dull old world if all the flowers in the garden were the same shape and colour?" 

A nod of aroha is also extended to our tanga te Whenua, Maori people, who now make up part of our extended families through intermarriage and beyond. See Page 4

Things to do... & Consider by
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has a duty to create a
social milieu in which
the young, socially weak,
the voiceless are
included in society



The January Cyclone (Gabrielle) and the reaction from Auckland Council needs reviewing and reform in terms of its ill equipped and substandard responses. What has Auckland Council been doing over the past 6 years with rate payer's money? Hosting luncheons, expensive air travel and enjoying unbridled hedonism is the perception from the general public. Noting the shenanigans from Mayor Len Brown and dalliances with Bevan Chuang on the rate payer's dime. These faux pas were not wholesome.



During Cyclone Gabrielle the Auckland Council Call Centre were ill equipped and poorly trained when dealing with the deluge (no pun intended) of callers seeking sandbags and Civil Defence assistance, none of which was forthcoming in a timely manner. A lot of people were feeling abandoned.

Please note that Auckland Council, especially employees in the Waitakere jurisdiction (jurisdiction), should not be rubber stamping building consents in flood prone areas such as river deltas, dips, marshlands, shorelines that have spongy, porous soil. Rubber stamping should not extend to ghetto, high density developments that potentially lead to crime, dysfunctional juvenile delinquency and social decay.



Yours in good faith, [redacted]

