
Local Board Plan 2023

Waitematā Local Board – Volume 2

WRITTEN FEEDBACK

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Your Local Board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

I don't know

Tell us why

- 2.** The cost of maintaining our public assets and facilities is increasingly expensive, and our communities are growing and changing. We need to consider a more sustainable investment approach to deliver services. This will mean difficult trade-offs and investigating creative ways to raise our revenue and/or alternative methods to fund our projects.

What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

Let's institute and library. The temporary library in Jervois Road looks like a permanent feature.

3. We are responsible for promoting your social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being. What objectives/key initiatives within each theme is important to you:

- A. **Our People** - All people are thriving and can connect, participate, and achieve a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

There must be an awareness everyone has the right to equality and this include a fully voting rights for every person and should never operate to undermine our democracy.

- B. **Our Environment** – Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- D. **Our Places** - Waitematā is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

On page 28, under Our Community section:

“Leys Institute Library and Gymnasium, closed due to earthquake risk, is undergoing major seismic remediation and restoration.”

And on page 29, under What we want to achieve:

“Deliver seismic strengthening, restoration, and modernisation of Leys Institute Library and Gymnasium to preserve as a heritage taonga for future generations.”

Under the section Our Places the Plan makes some encouraging statements about supporting heritage in the Local Board area.

I am fully supportive in the redevelopment of the Leys Institute building including the proposed re establishment of the library. My support is to assist give the Board a mandate to advocate for funding from the council governing body.

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

4. Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?



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

Not well at all

Tell us why

Auckland is over spending and over taxing its citizens.

The marketing materials looks and sounds amazing, but, since most of the people that wrote those ideas have no understanding on the main how the city works, how the rates are levied and paid and what it costs in working hours for people to pay these.

Climate change was never a campaign issue for any one yet it is on the forefront of all decisions as are Maori related expenditure.

Now, we are in a bad economic situation and which will only get far worse as we go into 2024 and beyond. Thus, our vision should be looking into how to maintain the services that this community really needs and uses on a daily basis. Leave behind those nice strategies brought from overseas, which we as an electorate have not been asked about nor have been official election strategies from any party / group.

2. The cost of maintaining our public assets and facilities is increasingly expensive, and our communities are growing and changing. We need to consider a more sustainable investment approach to deliver services. This will mean difficult trade-offs and investigating creative ways to raise our revenue and/or alternative methods to fund our projects.

What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

'Start by :

- cancelling 2030 agenda expenditure that has not been approved by the community
- thousands of camera and other equipment going on streets across all of Auckland

- put a stop to building more bike lanes
- put a stop to the staff cafeteria in the council. This should be user pays 100%
- put a stop to council staff being picked up / dropped off by taxis at council cost
- council fleet should be made up exclusively of small cars, 3 pistons or less all costing well under \$20,000. Currently the fleet is made up of some very expensive MVs and these are paid with our tax/rates dollars.
- the fleet of MVs should be for council business ONLY, and these should not be taken home (as some do now). The fleet should stay in the depot after 4.30pm when council staff stop work and they can get public or private transport to / from work, as we all do.
- Reduce the amount of staff on the pay roll
- reduce the amount of people earning more than \$250,000 per year for a normal 40 hour week as the amount of these people in the council is excessive and not required
- look for cheaper premises outside the CBD area where the land costs for renting / owning are very high
- do not sell the shares in the ports or water or airport as these are key strategic investments
- reduce one off large expenditure on Diwali and Chinese NY for a starter (these are fun things and organizers can do more to fund raise privately and from users to keep these running.

This is just a small list of savings that can be done now, today! And these savings will be in the millions saved per month.

Basic services that can't be touched are those used by every body on an ongoing basis such as libraries, pools and the like.

The council can't just keep thinking of adding 'great' new projects and just keep on increasing taxes. There is a budget and they need to work within that or lower it. The council just can't keep increasing taxes specially in these tough economic times where the general population is being squeezed from every angle.

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Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Libraries: provides learning for all people and ages

Pools: provide health and well being for the community, as well as fun times

Community houses/halls: for community groups to hire / use as / wen required

These are key areas.

People have connections and do not require council organized (not well attended or publicized on the main) events. Community groups make far more successful events on their own without government (local or national) intervention.

Local government should think of the core needs of the community and let the community do the rest themselves. In the process we can go back to having a smaller more lean and efficient local government.

- B. **Our Environment** – Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

'Water :

- Ensure the underground pipes maintenance is carried out on an ongoing basis (now we have pipes that have never been changed / upgraded since the city was built
- Need to increase capacity of the existing water treatment plans or look at adding one or two more to treat the waste water, if you are really interested in cleaning the environment
- Ensure new developments whether in new land
- Stop providing permits to build in flood known areas for example as properties in these areas either are built in a way that they can withstand a raise in water levels or just not built at all

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

'Community halls / houses:

- Keep and maintain these for the communities to connect and foster their sense of belonging
- The same applies to libraries and pools.

- D. **Our Places** - Waitematā is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

'Who writes this stuff?

'...Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities...'

- How are neighbourhoods sustainable?

+lack of car parks

+New buildings are not required to incorporate car parks into the design and build

+major lack in parks for kids and adults to play freely and safe from drunks or drug affected people

+not much equipment or space in areas designed for kids in the city, e.g. Victoria Park.

Nothing on Albert Park

+lack of greenery and public seating areas on the streets, e.g. Nelson Street and Fanshaw Streets have next to no trees at all, and no seats around them for people to sit and relax.

More should be done to improve these public areas used by many every day, and not used by even more as they feel unsafe in them. Also, trees should be planted and sitting areas provided on city streets.

- Well connected?

+Public transport is shocking.

+There is no train on the shore, or no service from this side of the city to the shore

+Transport between B points is also shocking, e.g. to go from Mt Albert to Sylvia Park you can't go direct

+public transport is most needed on weekends and holidays, and this is when services are either cancelled or seriously reduced
+and, while we are at it, why are the Spanish trains still traveling at a fraction of the speed these are capable of?
Better public transport and decentralized is required to service the community.

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.
Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

'Again, who wrote this statement?

'...Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity...'

+there are businesses closing left right and center including main street. The business community is on the main getting ready for tough and lean times, increases in taxes direct and indirect (fuel for one), increases in finance rates, decrease in spending power.

To provide a more efficient delivery of services to the community by reducing the size of the council and its budget, thus reducing in the process the amount of rates all ratepayers are required to pay.

+eliminate the fuel tax

+do not introduce 15 minute city concept

4. Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?

'You can start by:

- actually planting more trees around the place

-cleaning waterways around the city, which is not caused by cows but by people being dirty and dropping any thing under the sun into the waterways

-require supermarkets to use less plastics / packaging

How are you going to reach 50% or 0%?!

For this you would be required to have no people on the planet, no volcano in eruption and so on.



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Quite well

Tell us why

I really like how Te Tiriti o Waitangi is honoured and observed. I like how Tangata Tiriti and Tangata Whenua are interwoven together in the social fabric of your plan. I like how women's suffrage is honoured as well as the diverse communities that make up the non-maori or tangata tiriti populace and tangata whenua or Maori populace.

- 2. The cost of maintaining our public assets and facilities is increasingly expensive, and our communities are growing and changing. We need to consider a more sustainable investment approach to deliver services. This will mean difficult trade-offs and investigating creative ways to raise our revenue and/or alternative methods to fund our projects.**

What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

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Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

I like how Maori Au is respected and retained and how tangata whenua are included in consultation. I like how the diverse communities or tangata tiriti are included in consultation and participation as well as the youth and elderly, especially the elderly, for they are invisible and marginalised in society and they have so much to contribute and are people too.

- B. **Our Environment** – Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Everything you have outlined looks good.

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Community Gardens are a fantastic idea! Bring back the Community Fridge that once was across Countdown Metro as well. There was also a garden there and a bee sanctuary/education garden and an education/information centre. I really miss it. My whanau and I, the homeless and destitute and pupils that came for school trips really enjoyed it. It was located centrally for residents of the CBD such as my whanau, tourists, the homeless and businesses who donated food and beverages to the community fridge. I really miss it.

- D. **Our Places** - Waitematā is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Our Places plan looks good, some of the reasons I believe this is so I have detailed earlier in this survey. I love how the board is sprucing up Myers Park and I love the beautiful non-deciduous trees adjacent to the Aotea Square so residents of the CBD and tourists can have a "nature bath" year round. I love all of the plants that adorn Queen Street and the "Boardwalks" that adorn Queen Street.

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

I like how you honour and support the diverse communities by recognising them in your Our Economy Statement. Part of our diverse community is the elderly and youth and I like how you are fostering participation with this segment of the diverse populace that is Waitemata in particular.

4. **Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?**

Looks like "you guys" are on the right track and I am grateful for your collective intellectual property that has resulted in this climate change plan and the plans overall. Please "Keep the Pedal on the Metal" and make this happen. If we mitigate and if possible eliminate contributors to climate change we will firstly survive as a human race and secondly it will

then have a flow on effect to the economy by reducing the impacts of weather events and enhancing the mauri ora of members of the Waitemata Community thus reducing crime, homelessness, making a template for the rest of the country to follow thus making us proud and further eradicating climate change, et cetera.



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Plan, appears full of generic statements of what is planned and are difficult to disagree with, I'd like also like to know what is not going to be done, i.e initiatives on the margins.

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What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

Pepper corn rents for facilities - should stop. I feel this would encourage more cross use of under utilised facilities. Local boards could then determine if each facility should be funded or closed.

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Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

' - cycle lanes, (but without accompanying improvements to footpaths and roads, which appears to make them excessively expensive)

- paths in parks, e.g. new path in Western Springs where Norfolk pines have been felled, to encourage Aucklanders to utilise green spaces

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Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Clean water, ability to swim in the Harbour after it rains

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Central auckland needs more facilities that allow for badminton and basketball - it seems to have far fewer than the rest of New Zealand per person.

- D. **Our Places** - Waitematā is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

224 Ponsonby Road, Ponsonby Civic Space - the current rent & rates from the site should be set aside to encourage its development (it seems Panuku & council are happy for it to remain undeveloped as they continue receive the income (likely over \$450k per year).

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

'- trial pedestrian areas. I agree with making areas more pedestrain friendly but equally accept it may not work in car dependent areas.

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I think we should be downsizing our library offering, with the use of more pop up libraries in the short term (e.g. in unused shops) and closing permanent facilities when renovation is due - the usage of libraries appears to be steadily falling, we should not try to fight this long term trend.



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Tell us why

The needs of Parnell and Newmarket aren't the same as the needs of the CBD, these aren't suitable to be addressed as one

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Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

The city and surrounds are no longer safe to use with a large increase in homelessness and drug use. This needs to be addressed before you can focus on the community

- D. **Our Places** - Waitemata is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

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Quite well

Tell us why

as a city dweller I am hopeful that the plan will help create more community connectedness, more safety in the city, a sense of all being heard and taken seriously with regard to our needs, physical, mental, cultural.

- 2. The cost of maintaining our public assets and facilities is increasingly expensive, and our communities are growing and changing. We need to consider a more sustainable investment approach to deliver services. This will mean difficult trade-offs and investigating creative ways to raise our revenue and/or alternative methods to fund our projects.**

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Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Advocate for more decent housing and facilities for those without them; well-publicised activities for increasing participation in healthy activities and communal locations; more offerings for little or no coast at places like Ellen Melville, Aotea Square, Queens Wharf. Advocate for safer conditions for pedestrians, such as getting scooters off footpaths and low speed limit and stop-sign enforcement where all ages walk. Much

- B. **Our Environment** – Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Insist on Government helping to prevent developers building (or re-building) homes in flood- and slip-prone areas.

Keep people informed (in all languages) as to how we can help prevent problems, help clean up water supplies and protect them, plant appropriately, prepare for problems.

Advocate for cleaner air in the city centre, especially with regard to Port trucking activities.

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Much the same as People above, as well as encouraging greater sense of security with more wardens and police in evidence, so that playgrounds such as Myers Park are not vandalised, leaving them uninviting and unacceptable to potential users.

Advocate for more businesses cleaning up their own patches.

Continue to support more community use of galleries, museums, libraries for connecting people.

Free movies and multicultural activities at the Cloud.

Organise and advertise ways to help people whose homes are badly affected by storms.

"Encourage more drinking fountains, toilets, showers and lockers in public spaces"

- D. **Our Places** - Waitematā is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Basically same as above answers.

I think activities such as those for Matariki are wonderful and successful. I regret to say that we need more CCTV all over the city centre all the time now.

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Encourage in any way possible small businesses such as butcher, deli, green grocer, basic hardware to open in deserted business premises. We used to have them but now have to drive or bus out of the city centre - or make do with supermarket offerings.

Repeat note above about requiring/encouraging businesses to clean up their areas no matter who messed them up.

4. Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?

Plant more trees and more quickly replace vandalised or dying trees. E.g., the large tree damaged (presumably by car accident) at corner of Fields Lane and Kitchener now cleared and no sign of tree replacement.

Support all waste-minimisation programs including bottle-return regs, and helping apartment owners deal with food waste.



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

Not very well

Tell us why

We need to focus on our parks

Protecting them

They are the lungs of our city

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What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

Charge us for driving in and out of the city centre

Charge us for driving over the bridge

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Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Protect our parks

Stop culling mature trees even if they are not natives

- B. **Our Environment** – Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Start listening to the people

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Protect our natural environment

- D. **Our Places** - Waitematā is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Make it convenient to use public transport

If I have to walk in the driving rain up and down hills for 15 minutes to get some where that takes me 20 minutes in my car?????

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Sort out public transport first

4. Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?

Save space for our trees to grow and spread across the whenua



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Tell us why

You have captured the important issues. I would like to see more emphasis on a healthy environment + climate action / global warming reduction, with more audacious goals

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Less lawn mowing and less leaf blowing, but with more targeted maintenance of parks (ie develop a plan for each park and have that as the focus of ongoing work). Engage local communities in the development and maintenance of parks, and let the local community do some of the work (eg tree planting).

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the above well encapsulates a healthy community

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Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

the above well encapsulates a healthy environment, but with more emphasis on air quality

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Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

the above well encapsulates a healthy community + economy. Don't focus on growth (the earth can't afford it)

4. Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?

More focus on air quality. More focus on the resources of the local community who I believe are willing and able to provide time and labour to better our communities



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Ponsonby Business Association

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Tell us why

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SUBMISSION TO THE DRAFT WAITEMATĀ LOCAL BOARD PLAN 2023

The Ponsonby Business Association ('Association') welcomes the opportunity to make this submission to the Waitematā Local Board Plan 2023.

The Ponsonby Business Association is a not-for-profit organisation that represents, supports, and helps approximately 550 business and commercial property owners offering a collective voice and strong advocacy for the Ponsonby Business community.

While the Association is generally very supportive of the Waitematā Local Board Plan 2023, we would have liked the Local Board to have placed more priority on safety, reducing crime, maintenance of council infrastructure (especially of stormwater infrastructure), graffiti control and 'getting the basics right' (such as street cleaning and footpath maintenance).

Turning to more specific aspects of the *Waitematā Local Board Plan 2023*, the Association would like to make the following submissions:

We endorse your key initiative, under the heading of Climate Action, to work with BIDs to promote the prosperity of the rohe, achieve climate outcomes and address safety and anti-social behaviour.

Outcome 1: Our People

*All our people are thriving and have what they need to live a good life
Partnering for positive community outcomes and recognising expertise
Supporting and facilitating community-driven action
Champion for safe inclusion, engagement, and accessibility*

We acknowledge your key initiatives to support or partner with community organisations and groups to lead and deliver events, activations, and programmes in local areas, such as with seed funding, or support from the community brokers and access to resources and expertise, to build community-capability.

We believe our Association and BIDs generally are well-placed to lead and deliver events, activations, and programmes in our local areas with support and funding from the Local Board.

We also support your key initiative to continue to fund, produce, and deliver targeted events and activations that support or enhance community delivered programmes.

Turning to advocacy, we support your calls for community involvement and engagement on activation and infrastructure planning to ensure robust consultation and feedback processes, particularly for CCO work programmes (such as those of Auckland Transport).

Further, we support the Board advocating to the Governing Body and Central Government for increased support to address homelessness and the housing crisis.

We especially support advocacy to central government and the New Zealand Police for greater police presence and visibility, especially in our BID areas.

While we support advocacy to ensure regional funding of city centre projects and initiatives focussed on improving safety and perceptions of safety, we ask this be widened to include the city fringe as well.

Outcome 2: Our Environment

Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Clean water, clean air, healthy streams, safe oceans

Biodiversity and Urban Ngahere

Resilient against natural hazards and climate change

We acknowledge your key initiatives to empower communities, schools, and businesses to reduce their carbon footprint and become more resilient to the impacts of climate change as well as encouraging them to reduce, reuse and recycle and make sustainable choices.

Turning to advocacy, we especially support your call for an increase in funding for water quality improvements to stormwater.

Outcome 3: Our Community

Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Delivering for our current and future communities

Our parks and open spaces

Community connections

We acknowledge your key initiative to progress the delivery of a civic space at 254 Ponsonby Road, but maintain our previously expressed view, as shared in June 2023, that a smaller multi use space that includes retail and covered areas would be preferable, especially in light of the ongoing funding constraints and security issues.

Turning to advocacy, we support your call for creating a plaza at the intersection of Rose Road and Williamson Avenue, but again maintain our view that a smaller civic space at 254 Ponsonby Road would be preferable.

Outcome 4: Our Places

Waitematā is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Growth and development

Parks and open spaces

Transport and accessibility

Town centres and neighbourhoods

We agree with your acknowledgement that the urban villages within Waitemātā, such as Ponsonby, Parnell and Newmarket are important shopping, entertainment, and tourism destinations.

We also agree with your commitment to deliver projects and activities that will achieve the vision and outcomes of the local plans that have been developed, such as the Parnell Plan, Newmarket Laneways Plan, and the Ponsonby Road Plan.

We further agree with your acknowledgement that the extreme weather events in early 2023 highlighted climate change challenges, especially flooding, and the need to adapt our planning and improve our infrastructure and its maintenance to better manage these risks.

We especially wish to emphasise the opportunity you highlight to undertake regular road maintenance to ensure that surfacing condition, bus stops, road marking, parking and pedestrian spaces are appropriate and that **stormwater networks can handle heavy rain events**.

We agree that a future sponge city approach to urban design incorporating green-blue corridors with buffer planting to manage flooding will have more positive outcomes, but we have to better maintain our current existing piped stormwater infrastructure.

We acknowledge your key initiative to work with Watercare and CCO partners to upgrade and deliver key infrastructure to adapt to climate impacts. This must include stormwater infrastructure.

We also support your key initiative to work with CCOs and Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to support safety initiatives in Ponsonby.

Outcome 4: Our economy

Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and business associations.

Thriving city and town centres

Diverse and resilient economy

Creative industries

We acknowledge and endorse your statement that:

“We are fortunate to have strong relationships with seven well-established business associations. Our BIDs have told us to focus on connectivity, good quality infrastructure and services, placemaking, COVID-19 impacts and changing approaches. We are committed to working closely with them to recover and grow our local economy and encourage the establishment and expansion of BID programmes.”

We agree with your key initiative and the opportunity to deliver further on the City Fringe Economic Development Action Plan.

We also agree with the initiative to work with BIDs to promote the prosperity of the Waitemātā Local Board area, achieve climate outcomes and improve safety.

We agree with your key initiative to partner with BIDs to investigate and deliver placemaking opportunities and public realm improvements that will deliver economic benefits to the area as well as your support for arts and events that bring more people into our town centres and the major events delivered in the Local Board area.

Conclusion

Our Association welcomes the opportunity to make this submission to the Waitematā Local Board Plan 2023.

While we are generally very supportive of the Waitematā Local Board Plan 2023, we would have liked the Local Board to have placed more priority on safety, reducing crime, maintenance of council infrastructure (especially of stormwater infrastructure), graffiti control and 'getting the basics right' (such as street cleaning and footpath maintenance).

We wish to attend any hearings.

Yours sincerely

Viv Rosenberg
General Manager Ponsonby Business Association.



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Sport Auckland

Your Local Board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

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

Very well

Tell us why

We believe it will meet the needs of the local community and is on point and aligned with trying to give everyone a sense of belonging. We see strong synergies with our own vision of "inspiring our communities to live healthy active Lives". We specifically support that Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging. (Outcome 3). This is mirrored in our strategic plan as well which has a goal of building community capability through partnering and supporting organisations that provide quality play, sport and active recreation. It is also important that Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities. (Outcome 4). Sport Auckland as a service provider to the community is committed to working closely, again, with the Local Board to assist the Local Board, where we can, with achieving its intended outcomes.

2. The cost of maintaining our public assets and facilities is increasingly expensive, and our communities are growing and changing. We need to consider a more sustainable investment approach to deliver services. This will mean difficult trade-offs and investigating creative ways to raise our revenue and/or alternative methods to fund our projects.

What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

Sport Auckland advocates the approach of prioritizing the areas of greatest need where there is also the most rapid housing growth happening. It is our belief that going in depth into areas of need can yield better results in the long term over the approach of a geographical light touch.

In addition, we would like to suggest that housing developers be encouraged to incorporate more green spaces in their development to encourage play, active recreation and sport (PARS)

Sport Auckland would like to re-iterate that the local board is welcome to apply to the Tu Manawa Active Aotearoa Fund, administered by Sport Auckland which has a total quantum of \$1million to be spent this fiscal year across Central and East Auckland. The purpose of Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa is to provide quality PARS opportunities that are accessible and create a life-long love of being active, for our Tamariki and rangatahi (especially for those missing out or who are less active than their peers)

These groups include:

- Children and young people in higher deprivation communities (5-18 years)
- Girls and young women (5-24 years); and
- Children and young people with disabilities (5-18 years)
- Maori
- Asian

3. We are responsible for promoting your social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being. What objectives/key initiatives within each theme is important to you:

- A. **Our People** - All people are thriving and can connect, participate, and achieve a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Sport Auckland supports the theme, specifically that “Our People can participate, feel accepted and included, have a voice; and have agency to act.”

Partnering for positive community outcomes and recognising expertise

This objective is clearly mirrored in our Strategic Plan and we have been working in the community building club capabilities and resilience.

Supporting and facilitating community-driven action

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. - We hope to work alongside the local board and community to achieve the above objectives. We will support and advocate for funding towards infrastructural investments into relevant sport facilities.

We support the provision of community grants to providers, organisations, and individuals that deliver improved social wellbeing, connection, and inclusivity.

We strongly support Diversity and Inclusion practices engaging with , people with disabilities, youth, elderly, and ethnic communities to better involve them in the planning and programming decisions that affect them.

Sport Auckland as a service provider to the community is committed to working closely, again, with the Local Board to assist the Local Board, where we can, with achieving its intended outcomes.

- B. **Our Environment** – Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Sport Auckland supports the plan on the environment and is happy to partner with the local board on its initiative to reduce emissions to meet the goals of Te Taruke -a Tawhiri. Following the declaration of climate emergency by Auckland Council and bearing in mind needs, aspirations and desires of the community, there should be a focus on the environment and climate. Sport Auckland would like to say that we strongly support the focus to allay challenges related to Transport through growing alternative modes of transport like cycling, scootering, and even walking.

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Sport Auckland supports the plan Our Parks and open spaces being well used and safe and we would welcome the opportunity, if desired by the board, to partner with the board on the initiative to Increase access to parks and reserves through play activations, greenways connectivity, renewal works and park upgrades such as improving the pathways and drainage in Basque Park and the renewal of the playground at Gladstone Park. We support and would like to partner with the board on the advocacy for developing shared facilities in schools that can be utilised by schools and the community.

- D. **Our Places** - Waitematā is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Sport Auckland advocates for the inclusion of sufficient open and indoor spaces for play, active recreation and sporting opportunities for Tamariki, rangatahi and their wider whanau within the build of any new school that the MoE approves, within the Local Board boundaries.

Sport Auckland welcomes the focus of the local board in supporting strong, diverse, and vibrant communities through parks, sport and recreation, and events delivered by a mix of council services, community group partnerships and volunteers as this is a specific objective mirrored in our strategic plan.

Sport Auckland strongly supports the plan to support Transport choices and connected neighbourhoods through growing alternative modes of transport like cycling, scootering, and walking. We support the Vision Zero outcomes outlined in the plan.

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

4. Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?

Following the declaration of climate emergency by Auckland Council and bearing in mind needs, aspirations and desires of the community, we support the focus on environment and climate initiatives.



STRATEGIC PLAN 2020 – 2024

OUR PURPOSE

To inspire our communities to live healthy active lifestyles

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

OUR FOCUS – To work in areas of need

OUR CULTURE & VALUES

E whakamana ana mātou i ētahi atu

WE EMPOWER OTHERS

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



Kua honoa mātou

WE ARE CONNECTED

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



E ngākaunui ana mātou

WE ARE PASSIONATE

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



Ahakoa ko wai, he whānau kōtahi tātou

WE EMBRACE DIVERSITY

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



GOAL 1

INCREASED OPPORTUNITIES

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

GOAL 2

BUILD COMMUNITY CAPABILITY

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

GOAL 3

ENABLE HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

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





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Your Local Board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

Quite well

Tell us why

I support that the plan is very environmentally focused and creating and maintaining inclusive and safe spaces.

2. The cost of maintaining our public assets and facilities is increasingly expensive, and our communities are growing and changing. We need to consider a more sustainable investment approach to deliver services. This will mean difficult trade-offs and investigating creative ways to raise our revenue and/or alternative methods to fund our projects.

What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

Freemans Bay Community Hall is important

I'm not opposed to open space looking less manicured. Biodiversity, sustainability and flood protection is more important

3. We are responsible for promoting your social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being. What objectives/key initiatives within each theme is important to you:

A. **Our People** - All people are thriving and can connect, participate, and achieve a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Making safe and inclusive spaces for rainbow youth is very important. But it's also important to create safe spaces for a rainbow nightlife. Certain clubs that promote themselves as "rainbow" on K Road are not inclusive.

- B. **Our Environment** – Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

I support the installation of 'living' green walls, rooftops and assets in public buildings. I wish they were everywhere already.

I also support the Urban Ngahere Action Plan. There are not nearly enough trees.

Especially after the trees were removed on Mayoral Drive for the CRL and a storm damaged many of the trees on Hobson Street.

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Support identifying areas for low mow or no mow. A sustainable, healthy open space is more beautiful than a cut lawn.

Support a local play programme, but not just for youth. For young adults, adults, and the aged too.

- D. **Our Places** - Waitematā is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Support advocacy for Vision Zero. I mostly support no cars in the city centre but safe travel is a good objective.

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Support leveraging Tātaki Auckland Unlimited for major events. The city centre is becoming a snooze fest. Need to take advantage of outdoor spaces in the summer. Events held in the Domain are wonderful. Synthony in the Park was amazing.

Support transition to sustainable, low carbon regenerative economy. I wish we could be a ton more radical but understand the need to "transition". July was the hottest month on record. We've breached 1.5 degree warming. We're already too late.

4. Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?

Be way more bold. Ban private cars from the city centre (except delivery vehicles). Go fully public transport or walk. Sell every parking lot in the city centre and turn them into gardens or parks. Cover every building in green. Still feels like just scratching the surface on what needs to be done to address climate change.



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Your Local Board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

Not very well

Tell us why

The Local Board decision on helicopter activity does not align to that wanted by the community

- 2.** The cost of maintaining our public assets and facilities is increasingly expensive, and our communities are growing and changing. We need to consider a more sustainable investment approach to deliver services. This will mean difficult trade-offs and investigating creative ways to raise our revenue and/or alternative methods to fund our projects.

What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

NA

3. We are responsible for promoting your social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being. What objectives/key initiatives within each theme is important to you:

- A. **Our People** - All people are thriving and can connect, participate, and achieve a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Listening to your communities. It will provide you with the wishes of the community

- B. **Our Environment** – Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Our environment does not provide clean waterways. Just look at the Safeswim records.

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

There are plenty of places for the community to meet and play.

- D. **Our Places** - Waitematā is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Waitemata is a good place to work and live. Needs more care to ensure heritoge areas are protected

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

City centre Prosperity and thriving. Really?

The city centre is grubby, dangerous, and uninviting. Many cities clean the CBD regularly with regular water sprays (eg Amsterdam) - not Auckland.

4. Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?

Make footpaths safe



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Herne Bay Residents Association Inc

Your Local Board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

Not very well

Tell us why

The Waitemata Local Board policy on helicopter landing areas does not reflect that of the Herne Bay community, We would like it changed back to the policy of the previous Local Board

- 2. The cost of maintaining our public assets and facilities is increasingly expensive, and our communities are growing and changing. We need to consider a more sustainable investment approach to deliver services. This will mean difficult trade-offs and investigating creative ways to raise our revenue and/or alternative methods to fund our projects.**

What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

NA

3. We are responsible for promoting your social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being. What objectives/key initiatives within each theme is important to you:

- A. **Our People** - All people are thriving and can connect, participate, and achieve a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Listen to the people. The people of Herne Bay have been subject to the downside of private helicopter activity. The Board has not listened to the wishes of the Herne Bay Community in relation to its helicopter landing site policy

- B. **Our Environment** – Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Waterways are not clean (and have not been clean for decades) as the results of Safeswim show. Unfortunately it will take some years to achieve clean waterways. The Kelmarna Stream has the highest E Coli ever recorded in Auckland waterways,

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

A sense of belonging is important

- D. **Our Places** - Waitematā is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Heritage is under siege unfortunately

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

NA

4. Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?

NA



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Your Local Board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

Not very well

Tell us why

The Local Board decision on helicopter activity does not align to that wanted by the community. Plus the community was not consulted before and during the plan development. This is contrary to the purposes of local boards in the Local Government Act.

2. The cost of maintaining our public assets and facilities is increasingly expensive, and our communities are growing and changing. We need to consider a more sustainable investment approach to deliver services. This will mean difficult trade-offs and investigating creative ways to raise our revenue and/or alternative methods to fund our projects.

What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

Keep Beach Toilets Clean, drains cleared, trees living, stop cutting them down!!

3. We are responsible for promoting your social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being. What objectives/key initiatives within each theme is important to you:

A. **Our People** - All people are thriving and can connect, participate, and achieve a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Keep Govt out of our lives. Smile at us that's all.

- B. **Our Environment** – Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Keep maintenance up.

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Stop blocking the roads.

- D. **Our Places** - Waitematā is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

NA

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Keep local shops accessible and open

4. Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?

No. Remove the goals, they are a waste of time.



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Your Local Board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

Quite well

Tell us why

2. The cost of maintaining our public assets and facilities is increasingly expensive, and our communities are growing and changing. We need to consider a more sustainable investment approach to deliver services. This will mean difficult trade-offs and investigating creative ways to raise our revenue and/or alternative methods to fund our projects.

What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

3. **We are responsible for promoting your social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being. What objectives/key initiatives within each theme is important to you:**

A. **Our People** - All people are thriving and can connect, participate, and achieve a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- B. **Our Environment** – Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

the libraries within your area are vital hubs and must be supported and their potential needs to be fully developed

- D. **Our Places** - Waitematā is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

the preservation of the Grey Lynn library and hall are taonga for all of Auckland and must be cherished

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

4. Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?



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Your Local Board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

Quite well

Tell us why

- 2. The cost of maintaining our public assets and facilities is increasingly expensive, and our communities are growing and changing. We need to consider a more sustainable investment approach to deliver services. This will mean difficult trade-offs and investigating creative ways to raise our revenue and/or alternative methods to fund our projects.**

What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

Town planning processes seem too complex. I believe everything should be notifiable. That would save a lot of disappointed interested parties causing much conflict and arguments. That would save staff time.

- 3. We are responsible for promoting your social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being. What objectives/key initiatives within each theme is important to you:**

A. **Our People** - All people are thriving and can connect, participate, and achieve a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- B. **Our Environment** – Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Projects like restoration of Leys Institute give continuity through the generations. And give today's children opportunities which yesterday's children had. Eg book libraries, toy library, gym classes.

Without these facilities, Auckland becomes a dormitory, not a community

- D. **Our Places** - Waitematā is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

4. **Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?**



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Friends of Leys Institute

Your Local Board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

Quite well

Tell us why

We are encouraged to see an emphasis on the heritage nature of the Waitemata Local Board. We are particularly happy with the positive statements about upgrading and restoration of the significant heritage Leys Institute Library and Gymnasium

2. The cost of maintaining our public assets and facilities is increasingly expensive, and our communities are growing and changing. We need to consider a more sustainable investment approach to deliver services. This will mean difficult trade-offs and investigating creative ways to raise our revenue and/or alternative methods to fund our projects.

What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

Upgrading the Leys Institute to make it a suitable community facility for the next 30 years will save money by using an existing building - much more efficient than a new build. Reusing existing structures helps with climate change goals and keeps emissions down compared to new building.

The Grey Lynn Library is also a significant heritage building. And while it might not be still ideally suited as a library it could be used for other community services. It could even be sold as long as its heritage status and features remain intact. Close by the library another heritage building has made a successful transition to a hospitality venue.

3. We are responsible for promoting your social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being. What objectives/key initiatives within each theme is important to you:

A. **Our People** - All people are thriving and can connect, participate, and achieve a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

In regard to the Leys Institute, an upgraded and fit for purpose community centre and library will enhance the lives of the local residents, in an area of the city that is increasing in population. This project not only will provide facilities for locals, it will also keep them connected to the rich history of settlement in this original inner suburb of Auckland. Our history must be part of our living experiences.

- B. **Our Environment** – Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

No comment in relation to the Leys Institute.

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

See earlier comments on the value of the Leys Institute to the community. Our support group Friends of Leys Institute was formed after the library was closed in December 2019, to advocate for its strengthening and reopening. The group has 227 members, which shows the significance of the Leys Institute to the community.

- D. **Our Places** - Waitemata is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

It's pleasing to see in the Draft Local Board Plan document multiple references to heritage, particularly under the Our Places section pp31-38. Waitemata Local Board covers the area of Auckland with the most heritage, as it is the original Auckland settlement area. The Local Board carries a great responsibility to advocate for and preserve this precious heritage. No other Local Board has so many heritage buildings and areas.

The Local Board is to be congratulated for recognising this responsibility. Providing feedback on resource consents and planning processes (p35) is admirable, as is promoting and celebrating heritage places, including Maori heritage. Working to restore heritage assets in council ownership is important.

Auckland council agencies responsible for the upkeep of council heritage have not been proactive and particularly good owners in recent years, so this is important oversight by the Local Board.

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Protecting and maintaining heritage within the Local Board area will contribute to a vibrant community, enjoying the environment that makes up an international city, and this will contribute to bolstering the Auckland economy.

4. Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?

See earlier comments about upgrading the Leys Institute and saving on building emissions, rather than creating increased emissions through new building. The greenest building is always the existing building. Restoring the Leys is the greenest option for the community.



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Grey Lynn Residents Association

Your Local Board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

Very well

Tell us why

It is very high level and so the Grey Lynn Residents Association looks forward to working with the Board and Council officers to develop the specifics of their practicable execution but overall the plan appears to have a good grasp of the pressing and immediate issues such as creating climate change resilience and also has a good grasp of current thinking around placemaking. It has a range of targets to aspire to - more would be beneficial so that this can move beyond the aspirational.

- 2. The cost of maintaining our public assets and facilities is increasingly expensive, and our communities are growing and changing. We need to consider a more sustainable investment approach to deliver services. This will mean difficult trade-offs and investigating creative ways to raise our revenue and/or alternative methods to fund our projects.**

What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

We do not have a view on this -- this question is far too high level for there to be a meaningful response - some examples to respond to would have been helpful.

3. We are responsible for promoting your social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being. What objectives/key initiatives within each theme is important to you:

- A. **Our People** - All people are thriving and can connect, participate, and achieve a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

It would be difficult to argue with the above.

- B. **Our Environment** – Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Yes these are very important at a high level. The delivery devil is in the detail.

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Agree with the above.

- D. **Our Places** - Waitematā is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Agree with the above, of course. We note the plan to examine a new community/library facility in Grey Lynn. The current Gummer-designed library is an important heritage building and we would not want it to be lost while accepting that it lacks many of the features of a modern library. We are keen to be involved in any of the early investigations into the library and existing Community Centre.

We note the mention of Carlile House, which is now in such a ruinous state that it will soon be beyond saving. We would urge urgent talks with its owners, the Tongan church, about its future.

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Yes this is of course important.

4. **Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?**

The urban tree cover goal is a very good one and we would want to see plans developed for better tree cover both in parks where there is room for more planting and along all road corridors via planting on the berms or in tree pits. But these tree MUST be properly looked after in their vulnerable early years and a plan needs to be developed to encourage local residents and business to water them in dry periods etc. No or low mow is a good aspiration but plants won't magically appear in a thicket of kikuyu, which is an impenetrable monoculture - they need to be planted into and those plants hand cleared of grass until they mature.



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CCRG - Auckland City Centre Residents' Group

Your Local Board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

Tell us why

2. The cost of maintaining our public assets and facilities is increasingly expensive, and our communities are growing and changing. We need to consider a more sustainable investment approach to deliver services. This will mean difficult trade-offs and investigating creative ways to raise our revenue and/or alternative methods to fund our projects.

What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

3. **We are responsible for promoting your social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being. What objectives/key initiatives within each theme is important to you:**

A. **Our People** - All people are thriving and can connect, participate, and achieve a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- B. **Our Environment** – Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- D. **Our Places** - Waitematā is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

4. **Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?**

Feedback on the Waitematā Local Board draft plan

Submission To: Waitematā Local Board
 Submission From: Auckland City Centre Residents Group CCRG
 Submission On: Waitematā Local Board/Te Poari ā-rohe o Waitematā.
 Submission Date: 13 August 2023

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Question 1

How well do you think our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years.

CCRG are very supportive of the Boards approach to achieving Māori Outcomes and Climate Action. We would see partnership initiatives as having a high priority for our city centre and likely to deliver the best outcomes for everyone.

Question 2

**What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?
 Perhaps that question could best be addressed by focussing on the facilities and services that the WLB is best suited to deliver.**

Facilities and services have traditionally been divided into two categories – property and residents. Property infrastructure includes roads, streets, footpaths, street lighting, water supply, wastewater and stormwater. These should be paid for by the usual property value rates as infrastructure is a key component of property values.

Resident services include community facilities designed to support family life, i.e. parks, gardens, libraries, swimming pools, sports facilities, art galleries, community halls and playgrounds. These should be paid for on a UAGC and/or Targeted Rate basis to reflect the level of services available in each area/community.

The latter are what CCRG would describe as the contribution Local Boards make to the wellbeing of residents living in each of their areas. Of real concern to CCRG is the extent to which central governments expect local governments to not just deliver, but to pay for delivery of a much wider range of resident services that they are simply not equipped to deliver. These include housing, health, education and welfare support all of which have traditionally been paid for by various central government taxes. While they are a major aspect of social wellbeing, there must always be an absolutely clear line between who should deliver what aspects and who should be paying for it. Without that, nobody can hold the appropriate entity to account for the expenditure of public funds.

Perhaps the discussions on this topic are better focussed on identifying exactly who is responsible for which aspects of wellbeing between central and local government to determine who pays for what.

Question 3

We are responsible for promoting your social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being. What objectives/key initiatives within each theme is important to you.

Our People

As noted above, CCRG supports the Boards focus on advocating to the Governing Body and Central Government for a range of services that are outside of the Boards delivery mandate. Similarly, supporting community entities via community grants is an excellent way for the Board to partner for the delivery of community driven initiatives.

Our Environment

The environment is CCRG's highest priority given the levels of pollution residents living in the city centre experience every day. We consider the first step in this process is to focus efforts on what causes the most pollution and, in our city centre, it is transport – both road and sea.

Board members will be aware of CCRG's funding proposal that all vehicles in Auckland should have an annual Parking Permit. With some 1.7m registered vehicles @ (say) \$500 per annum this would raise \$850,000,000.00 per annum for Council. We have suggested that parking meters be made redundant across Auckland, except for time management, so our proposal equates to just \$1.37 per day per vehicle. We would be pleased to see the Board formerly support our proposal and work with Council/AT to ensure the necessary enabling legislation is implemented as soon as possible.

We raise this initiative again because we believe Auckland could achieve all of its Climate Plan objectives, for all of Auckland within 10 years, by focussing the above fund on the initiatives the Board has outlined i.e. developing clean, reliable public transport, utilising shore power for both trade and cruise ships, daylighting streams and riparian planting, living green walls, quality recycling processes, composting and resilient food production systems, (including a city centre Urban farm) zero waste and extensive planting of climate friendly trees.

Our city centre parks are precious. There should be management plans in place for them to ensure they are looked after and enhanced, and protected and used in appropriate ways that support residents' aspirations and needs for green spaces.

Our Community

Maintenance of community assets is an essential aspect of the Boards functions. As noted, many of these assets are aging but, in CCRG's view, that does not mean they should not be maintained to a high standard. Maintaining community facilities and assets has to be affordable as these form a major part of our climate change responsibilities i.e. everyone can walk/cycle/use public transport to use community facilities. Building larger facilities shared with other communities simply increases our carbon emissions so is contrary to the commitments the Board has made re their environmental obligations above. CCRG would suggest that it is not flexibility that the Board needs but more revenue and we have proffered a solution to this above.

Our Places

As noted in the Growth and Development chapter, the National Policy Statement for Urban Development (NPSUD) requires Auckland Council to intensify housing developments in, and surrounding, city and metropolitan centres. This suggests a huge upcoming need for neighbourhood community assets so the need to retain and maintain existing community assets is likely to be an essential strategy for the future.

CCRG are totally supportive of ensuring that our listed heritage assets are protected for future generations to enjoy as they provide the essential links to our past – for people from all ethnicities. CCRG cannot support the notion that large areas of heavily modified buildings surrounding our city centre can be referred to as heritage unless they meet the requirements for legal heritage listing.

This position is also supported by the Independent Hearing Panel who agree that the requirement for intensification in the NPSUD applies to all land/buildings within, and surrounding the city centre - we refer to relevant sections of the IHP INTERIM GUIDANCE ON MATTER OF STATUTORY INTERPRETATION AND ISSUES RELATING TO THE SCOPE OF THE RELIEF SOUGHT BY SOME SUBMISSIONS – 12 JUNE 2023.

We also support protecting heritage building facades but permitting new, and higher density construction, inside the facades. The current residential building being constructed on the corner of Rutland and Lorne Street is an excellent example of this strategy. There are many other listed heritage buildings in the city centre and surrounding areas that CCRG have the same concerns for as the Board.

Funding to ensure the restoration and preservation of these facilities could be addressed more assertively. While we support the allocation of public funding to assist with restoration/preservation of heritage assets, CCRG would suggest that this should be connected to a proportional ownership scheme so as to ensure the protection of both the heritage asset and public funds. We would also appreciate the Board advocating for changes to heritage listed owner responsibilities so as to ensure the protection of these buildings/facilities.

We really appreciate the Boards ongoing support for the City Centre Master Plan and how this will deliver the city centre we all aspire to. It is a widely supported delivery document for the Auckland Plan and is a key beneficiary of funding from the City Centre Targeted Rate. CCRG are looking for board support in developing the newer and bigger focus on CCMP outcome 6 -Residential Neighbourhoods.

Our Economy

It is pleasing to note the Board's comments about the economic value of the CRL to our city centre and the need for a wider connectedness with fringe business districts. CCRG are keen supporters of this transformative strategy.

Question 4.

Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?

Yes. Adequate funding is what the Board needs and we believe this can be made available via the implementation of an Annual Parking Permit across Auckland to fund a 10 year climate change programme. We accept that this may require minor changes to existing legislation but understand that this would not be difficult to implement.

Ngā mihi nui for the opportunity to contribute feedback and CCRG looks forward to working with the Board to achieve their Annual Plan targets.

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Waitematā Local Board Plan

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Your Local Board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

Quite well

Tell us why

It respects heritage. The issue I particular want to stress is the restoration of the Leys Institute Library.

On page 27, under Our Community section:

“Leys Institute Library and Gymnasium, closed due to earthquake risk, is undergoing major seismic remediation and restoration.”

And on page 28, under What we want to achieve:

“Deliver seismic strengthening, restoration and modernisation of Leys Institute Library and Gymnasium to preserve as a heritage taonga for future generations.”

This institution has been important to me and my family, as are the Auckland Public Library, and other cultural institutions such as the Auckland Art Gallery and music organizations.

2. The cost of maintaining our public assets and facilities is increasingly expensive, and our communities are growing and changing. We need to consider a more sustainable investment approach to deliver services. This will mean difficult trade-offs and investigating creative ways to raise our revenue and/or alternative methods to fund our projects.

What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

See previous comment

3. We are responsible for promoting your social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being. What objectives/key initiatives within each theme is important to you:

A. **Our People** - All people are thriving and can connect, participate, and achieve a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Cultural activities connect and give a community a sense of togetherness and purpose.

- B. **Our Environment** – Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

We need to change our lifestyle, fewer cars and more public transport. And to prepare for future climate emergencies.

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Cultural activities connect and give a community a sense of togetherness and purpose. Hence, the importance of art galleries, libraries and music organisations.

- D. **Our Places** - Waitematā is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Heritage adds colour, history, tradition -- it is our whakapapa. Preserving the best of it needs to be always factored in to policy.

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

The central city (Queen Street, etc.) has had some valuable renovation but it has still a long way to go, there are still a number of problems.

4. Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?

See previous comments (the Leys Institute is a specific suggestion)



Waitematā Local Board Plan

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Leys Orchestra

Your Local Board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

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

Quite well

Tell us why

2. The cost of maintaining our public assets and facilities is increasingly expensive, and our communities are growing and changing. We need to consider a more sustainable investment approach to deliver services. This will mean difficult trade-offs and investigating creative ways to raise our revenue and/or alternative methods to fund our projects.

What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

3. **We are responsible for promoting your social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being. What objectives/key initiatives within each theme is important to you:**

A. **Our People** - All people are thriving and can connect, participate, and achieve a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- B. **Our Environment** – Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

I support the seismic remediation, restoration and modernisation of the Leys Institute facilities. These heritage buildings have provided an indispensable venue for performing arts for over a century, and remain a vital hub for the community.

- D. **Our Places** - Waitematā is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

I support the renewal of funding for seismic upgrades of heritage buildings, particularly for Leys Institute in Ponsonby. The ongoing and enhanced usage of this heritage facility will strengthen community life for future generations.

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

4. Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?

Deputation to Waitematā Local Board meeting 16 June 2020

David Britten

Leys Orchestra, Ponsonby



Purpose

Today I wish to bring to your attention the situation Leys Orchestra finds itself in following the sudden and unexpected closure of the Leys Institute buildings on 20 December 2019.

I would also like to highlight the very close relationship between the orchestra and the Leys Institute, which goes back over a century.

We would like to thank the Board for your advocacy of restoration, re-occupation and public reuse of the Leys Institute facilities, and we offer our support for your efforts in reviving this valuable heritage asset.

Overview

I have an enduring interest in the history of the Leys Orchestra, its music and the Leys Institute. While successful in uncovering some interesting music and stories, documentation of this history is far from complete. Here I have endeavoured to provide an outline pertinent to this presentation.

We hope the Leys Institute Oral History Project (currently suspended) led by Ali Coomber (Leys Institute Little Library Senior Library Assistant Community Engagement) will add significantly to current accounts of this wonderful heritage.

Leys Orchestra has been active in various forms throughout Leys Institute history. The first mention I've been able to find is the formation of the Leys Institute Orchestral Society in 1912. This was a full symphony orchestra with 70 players that gave two concerts each year. The orchestra has taken various names and forms, been in recess and revived since that time.

Since the Second World War, the group has been active as a community chamber orchestra continuously since at least 1972, and most probably since 1958 when the orchestra, along with various other clubs and the winter series of lectures, were re-established.

I have had the honour of conducting the orchestra since our August concert in 1990. During the past 30 years we have given more than 90 concerts, most often in the Leys Institute Hall, but also at various Council facilities, schools, retirement villages, and theatres.

From when I became involved in 1990 until the end of 1997, the public concerts were organised by Nicky Foster (the Leys Institute Librarian), and her staff. They sent notices of concerts to a mailing list they maintained, and would prepare a supper of hot drinks and tasty club sandwiches for the audience and players. Performances were held in the main body of the library, with the supper served downstairs.

We also gave annual joint concerts with the St Marys School Orchestra to elderly residents who were ferried to the school hall from their care facilities via minivan by Lions Club members.

From 1998 the orchestra has organised its own concerts, ensuring to give at least one concert each year in the Leys Institute.

Performances gradually branched further afield, with concerts in Orewa and Glen Eden, at All Saints Church, Ponsonby, and St Mary's College (both Stella Maris and the school hall).

More recently, in addition to the Leys Institute Hall, the orchestra has performed regularly in the Freemans Bay Community Hall since 2014, and also at the Mt Albert War Memorial Hall, Mt Eden War Memorial Hall, and Centennial Theatre at Auckland Boys Grammar School.

The orchestra has participated in the Auckland Heritage Festival each year since 2007. We have also given concerts at various retirement villages (e.g. Fairview Village, 7 Saint Vincent, Masonic Village), with annual concerts at Selwyn Village, Pt Chevalier, since 1991.

Rehearsals

The orchestra has an enduring agreement to rehearse at Leys Institute, and we are grateful to Council staff and the various Leys Librarians who have assisted us over the decades.

When I was invited to become Conductor in 1990, rehearsals were being held in the main body of the library (ground floor). Following renovations which removed middle offices and rooms to open out the central space that were replaced with additional shelving, rehearsals have been conducted in the Children's Wing.

Since the closure of Leys Institute, we have been fortunate to secure a rehearsal venue in New Lynn, courtesy of the Salvation Army. This generosity is very much appreciated, but the non-central location in west Auckland is far from ideal for our players, who travel from all parts of Auckland, and from as far afield as Warkworth.

Music Collection

The orchestra's music catalogue lists more than 1,012 published compositions. Each piece consists of a set of instrumental orchestral parts for each of the performers, including multiple copies for all the string players, plus piano-conductor scores.

Additionally, a number of items are not single musical pieces, but are groups of pieces or albums (mostly marches and dances) with two different pieces on the front and back of each sheet.

While some of the music was purchased directly by the Leys Institute Orchestra, most of the collection comprises music donated to the orchestra by orchestras, individuals and other groups over the decades, i.e. Bohemian Orchestra, Aeolian Club Orchestra, Auckland Savage Club Orchestra, Mt Eden Normal School Community Orchestra, Alfred Marbeck, Albert Orchestra, and many others.

At the outbreak of World War I more than two dozen orchestras were active in Auckland, ranging from professional and amateur classical orchestras, and orchestras catering to society events, to orchestras that accompanied

dramatic productions and silent movies. The music extant in our collection is a valuable legacy of the wealth of music played across the city a century ago.

I have also discovered some uncatalogued manuscripts, by Raimund Pechotsch, Archie Don and Henry Gilleece Dutton, which we have brought back to life and performed.

The published repertoire comprises light classical music suitable for an amateur orchestra, popular dance music 1900-1935, light entertainment and musicals 1878-1960, and patriotic music 1910-1920. We also have orchestral compositions by local composer Bryony Jagger.

This heritage music collection is housed in the Leys Institute main hall, which is currently red stickered. We are grateful to Richard Northey and Karl Beaufort (Community Facilities Manager) for enabling access to this music in the coming months.

Eric Mareo

We are privileged to hold a set of the publisher gratis copies of the orchestral music by Eric Mareo. This colourful personality first made headlines in Auckland in 1933 with his 'Mareo Symphony Orchestra' and 'Mareo Operatic Society'. But his name unfortunately is better remembered for two scandalous court cases in 1936 involving the death of his wife and her lesbian affair with Freda Stark.

The piano versions of this music are widely available, but we appear to hold a unique collection of the orchestral versions. The music, published by JH Larway, was popular in London and further afield, dating from 1923-1929.

We gave the world premiere performance in 2017 of the 'Andromeda' Overture, written in 1959 by Eric Curtis – he changed his name to his mother's maiden name after he was released from Mt Eden Gaol in 1948. This was the last work written by Eric Mareo before his death in 1960.

Summary

At present we have lost our home, and face the prospect of an extended period 'in exile'. However, we are determined to continue, and are enthusiastic for the orchestra's future.

We have begun working towards our first concert since the pandemic restrictions, to be held in the Warkworth Town Hall on 9 August.

We will also be giving an informative and entertaining account of the orchestra's history at our Auckland Heritage Festival concert on 11 October.

We hope you will support us in our endeavours and support us in continuing to provide accessible music to Aucklanders. In this light, we look forward to returning to our rehearsal space at Leys Institute Library when the strengthening work is complete.

The orchestra and its music collection have a valuable and colourful story to tell. We look forward to working with the Waitematā Local Board to tell this story, and to bring the Leys Institute facilities back to public use.

David Britten

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Further Information

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Leys Orchestra Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/Leys-Orchestra-295018630555144/>

Leys Orchestra concert, Freemans Bay Community Hall, 2015.



Leys Orchestra in performance in the Leys Institute Hall 2011.



Appendices

Conductors and Leaders of Leys Orchestra since 1979

Year	Conductor	Leader
[Redacted content]		

Major active orchestras in early twentieth century Auckland

Orchestra	Genre
Auckland Amateur Operatic Society.	Art music
Auckland Orchestral Society.	Art music
Auckland Orphans Club Orchestra.	Art music
Auckland Savage Club Orchestra.	Art music
Bohemian Orchestra.	Art music
Devonport Musical Society.	Art music
Leys Institute Orchestra	Art music
West's Premier Ladies' Orchestra.	Art music
YMCA Orchestra.	Art music
Albert Symphony Orchestra.	Cinema
Alhambra Grand Orchestra.	Cinema
His Majesty's Theatre Full Orchestra.	Cinema
King George Theatre Full Orchestra.	Cinema
Princess Orchestra.	Cinema
Exhibition Orchestra.	Occasions
Franklin Road Orchestra.	Occasions
Glideway Orchestra.	Skating
Burke's Operatic Orchestra.	Theatre
Fuller's King's Theatre First-Class Orchestra.	Theatre
Grand Orchestra - Williamson Opera.	Theatre
Lilli's Orchestra.	Theatre
Schneider's Orchestra.	Theatre
Strand Theatre Orchestra.	Theatre
Tivoli Theatre Orchestra.	Theatre

((1,558 words))

Leys Orchestra concerts 1990-2020

Conductor: David Britten

More than 93 concerts, including Lions Club matinees at St Mary's College

Participation in every Auckland Heritage Festival since 2007

Soloists: violin, viola, double bass, flute, oboe, cor anglais, clarinet, bassoon, french horn, trumpet, harp, tenor, baritone, recorder, piano, guitar, saxophone, piano accordion, erhu (Chinese violin), pipa (Chinese lute), Irish whistle

Concert venues

7 Saint Vincent Retirement Home, Remuera

All Saints Church, Ponsonby

Auckland Boys Grammar School Centennial Theatre

Fairview Retirement Village, Oteha Valley

Freemans Bay Community Hall

Glen Eden Playhouse Theatre

Leys Institute Hall

Leys Institute Library

Mt Albert War Memorial Hall

Mt Eden War Memorial Hall

Orewa Centre Stage Theatre

Selwyn Village

St Andrew's Hall

St Mary's College School Hall, Ponsonby

Stella Maris Hall, St Mary's College, Ponsonby

86 concerts given at Leys Institute 1972-2020.

My name David Britten conductor LO 30 years 1990-

We are a dedicated community ensemble whose identity is synonymous with the Leys Institute

CONCERTS

Given over 90 concerts – free of charge (door donations)

Ponsonby, Freemans Bay, suburbs
Retirement villages

Mix of light classical / classical AND music from Auckland's earlier times (1880-1940):

Popular dance	2-step, Latin dance, ragtime, waltzes, polkas, sagwa, jig
Musicals	Gilbert & Sullivan, Noel Coward, Edward German, Lionel Monckton, Ivor Novello, Franz Lehár, Sigmund Romberg, Bizet, Verdi, Puccini
Patriotic music	(WWI) marches, songs, medleys,
Light entertainment	music hall, variety

Participated in AK Heritage Festival each year since 2007

MUSIC COLLECTION

Housed at Leys Institute

* Active (performance) collection instrumental parts withdrawn, performed & returned

No access: Facilities Hire demand full booking with payment of fee (last 3/4 years)
Severely hampers use and performance of this heritage music

REHEARSALS

Long-standing arrangement not possible now

SUMMARY

Lost our home

Extended exile for foreseeable future

- Hope the options from AK Council for LI buildings future don't allow this wonderful heritage to be endangered or lost
- Expect the best decisions will be made that will restore Leys Institute to the vibrant, valuable heritage facility even better than that envisaged by the founders.
- Look forward to returning to our rehearsal space at Leys Institute Library when the strengthening work is complete.
- Look forward to bringing Auckland's musical heritage to life for many years to come



Waitematā Local Board Plan

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Your Local Board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

Quite well

Tell us why

I am particularly impressed with advocacy and funding for Leyes Institute/Library seismic upgrade, Wynyard Point Park/open space development, A4E and heritage buildings and sites.

2. The cost of maintaining our public assets and facilities is increasingly expensive, and our communities are growing and changing. We need to consider a more sustainable investment approach to deliver services. This will mean difficult trade-offs and investigating creative ways to raise our revenue and/or alternative methods to fund our projects.

What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

Focus on fewer programmes and objectives. These should include climate change and community safety. Could particularly popular greening projects be assisted by crowd sourced funding? Might some greening or A4E projects be helped along by crowd sourced volunteer labour? How do we scale activities/programmes to maximise benefits and minimise per unit cost?

3. We are responsible for promoting your social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being. What objectives/key initiatives within each theme is important to you:

A. **Our People** - All people are thriving and can connect, participate, and achieve a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Health: Air, water and NOISE pollution. A4E Safety: Reduce car numbers, actively support public transport and REDUCE ALCOHOL HARM.

- B. **Our Environment** – Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Green spaces, both public and private, on the ground, roofs and walls need advocacy, legislative requirement, seed funding and rewards for a job well done. The advocacy for increasing the green canopy including SHADE is very important in a warming world.

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Partner more closely with groups like the City Centre Residents' Group, K Road Business Association, and Heart of the City in community building activities.

- D. **Our Places** - Waitematā is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Support recognition, preservation and utilisation of historic buildings and places. These include Leys Institute and the Parnell Rail Station. The Parnell Station and community will benefit with easier A4E pedestrian and bicycle access. Develop the Greenways route from the Strand through the old Parnell rail tunnel.

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Continue support for and cooperation with BIDs like K Road Business Association, and Heart of the City. Promote public and active modes of transport as well as end of ride facilities like toilets, showers, change rooms and lockers.

4. Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?

Promote/initiate city ordinances that would reward new developments and existing buildings for including or developing new green spaces.



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Your Local Board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

Not very well

Tell us why

Leys Institute Library, Herne Bay needs urgent attention as it slowly decays.

2. The cost of maintaining our public assets and facilities is increasingly expensive, and our communities are growing and changing. We need to consider a more sustainable investment approach to deliver services. This will mean difficult trade-offs and investigating creative ways to raise our revenue and/or alternative methods to fund our projects.

What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

Repairs to roads in Central Auckland area

3. We are responsible for promoting your social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being. What objectives/key initiatives within each theme is important to you:

A. **Our People** - All people are thriving and can connect, participate, and achieve a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

To restore and preserve historic Leys Institute Library for our community resources.

- B. **Our Environment** – Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

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- D. **Our Places** - Waitematā is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

4. **Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?**



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Your Local Board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

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

Not well at all

Tell us why

Not enough focus and action on improving the infrastructure after the recent weather events. St Marys Bay is an example - its ring fenced for intensive housing and yet it has been severely affected by the floods and the existing storm water / sewer could not cope with the existing housing.

2. The cost of maintaining our public assets and facilities is increasingly expensive, and our communities are growing and changing. We need to consider a more sustainable investment approach to deliver services. This will mean difficult trade-offs and investigating creative ways to raise our revenue and/or alternative methods to fund our projects.

What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

Investigate the cost effectiveness of the contractors used for council projects. Use New Zealand based products and companies.

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Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

I would like to see this balance across all cultures and age groups not just certain groups.

- B. **Our Environment** – Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Stop intensive housing in the inner city suburbs.

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

More affordable spaces for fostering creativity and start up businesses

- D. **Our Places** - Waitematā is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Protect and restore historic neighbourhood and buildings. Deliver seismic strengthening, restoration and modernisation of Leys Institute Library and Gymnasium to preserve as a heritage taonga for future generations.”

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Foster and support new business.

4. Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?

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I was never going to fly again . . . but my son and my granddaughters needed my help, so here I am, in Japan. Today's Japan Times has an item about an airline tragedy that happened in 1985: JAL crash victims remembered. Yesterday was the 38th anniversary of a crash, which killed 520 passengers and crew members. There is a photo of an 84-year-old woman who climbed up to the ridge where the crash occurred, along with other families who are missing someone.

Identifying a place where the bereaved can gather seems to be a universal longing, but it need not include building upon a natural landmark.



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Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Tautoko the plan’s commitment to prioritising Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri, the board’s Low-Carbon Communities Action Plan, and the Transport Emissions Reduction Pathway (TERP), and minimising tree loss.

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

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It’s great the plan calls for delivery of the Strand Optimisation and Waitematā Safe Routes projects.

The board should be more ambitious in its plans for walking and cycling in the area. Delivering on the TERP requires rapid reallocation of street space, which will improve safety, give travel choices and reduce emissions.



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Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

1 Ensure special character continues to apply for all of St Marys Bay

2 Ensure 6 story apartments are not permitted for St Marys Bay, except on main roads (Jervois Rd, College Hill, P Rd)

3 Continue to support new cycleways

E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

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Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

A particular aspect of the Waitemata Local Board draft plan concerns the future of the Leys Institute Library and Gymnasium. This has been closed for several years due to earthquake risk and requires major seismic remediation and restoration.

I fully support the board's arguments for Auckland City Council funding for the seismic strengthening, restoration and, where appropriate, modernisation of the Leys Institute Library and Gymnasium to preserve this landmark heritage taonga for future generations.

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Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

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Quite well

Tell us why

I would like to see the number of liquor outlets, licensed premises and supermarkets/ grocery stores selling alcohol reduced in the CBD where I live. I would also like to see some public toilets in Aotea Square. I was at the wonderful ice skating rink on Sunday 6 August with my 3 year old grand daughter who needed a toilet. The event portaloos weren't open due to insufficient staff and there was no public facility anywhere nearby. A well used public space like Aotea Square should not have to rely on event providers for such a basic facility. If security is a concern, limit the opening hours to 8am - 10 pm or similar.

Also if Waitematā Local Board are serious about reducing homelessness, how about incentivising the conversion of more empty office blocks into apartments. An office block usually has a bigger floorspace to reconfigure into a decent living environment. More so than the many ugly "shoebox" apartments currently available. Finally, if land sits empty for longer than 6 months, Council could mandate that it be made available as a pop up park/ open space. E.g. the vacant lot on Lower Albert Street. This could be a community garden.

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Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

There aren't many open spaces for people to just "be". See above re pop up parks on vacant land.

- B. **Our Environment** – Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- D. **Our Places** - Waitematā is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

The richest and poorest of Aotearoa are concentrated in the square kilometre around Sky Tower. How does a casino contribute positively to our economy, environment and well-being? What is the relationship between Waitematā Local Board and the Sky City corporation? Are they delivering on their economic, environmental and social corporate responsibilities?

4. Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?

Incentivise the repurposing of existing structures for quality housing. All the transport investment will only pay dividends if the CBD is an attractive place to live for all.



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Your feedback

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

Quite well

Tell us why

It is important that Te Taruke a-Tawhiri is front of mind in everything that Council (we) do. I like that active transport and car use reduction are prioritised. I hope the Waitematā Safe Routes go ahead. I am pleased that Ponsonby Park, the new civic space at 254 Ponsonby Road is going ahead at last.

- 2. The cost of maintaining our public assets and facilities is increasingly expensive, and our communities are growing and changing. We need to consider a more sustainable investment approach to deliver services. This will mean difficult trade-offs and investigating creative ways to raise our revenue and/or alternative methods to fund our projects.**

What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

Enabling true partnerships with the community to take responsibility/ownership of some public spaces. Actively engaging in Community-Led Design projects delivers not only better but more engaged results, it can also save a good deal of money.

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- A. **Our People** - All people are thriving and can connect, participate, and achieve a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Anything that actively connects with the community is important. Inhabiting the digital realm is only a small part of engagement and is not particularly effective. Climate change

mitigation objectives are my primary concern. Anything that makes it easier, more sustainable, and educational for people to engage with this urgent issue should be prioritised.



- B. **Our Environment** – Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

The natural environment is very important. I do not understand why so much money is being spent on reclaimed land on Auckland's waterfront when this entire area is under significant threat of climate change and sea level rise inundation. That the plan is to already raise the area by 60cm in my view is the wrong approach and a managed retreat from this space would be more prudent in the long term.

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Communities flourish when people can regularly come together and enjoy their neighbourhoods. Anything that enables and promotes this is important. Active transport also achieves this outcome as people who walk or cycle are much more likely to interact with others and as countless reports have shown, they support local businesses much more than car commuters do.

- D. **Our Places** - Waitematā is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Create, maintain, and look after the places that allow this to happen. Ponsonby Park is a great example of this. Even through the Community-Led Design approach to the project, it has already achieved many of these goals. Once Phase One is completed it will do so even more. Maintain and look after our libraries - they are our taonga. The Leys and the Grey Lynn libraries must be retained, protected, and improved.

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

The city fringe town centres need to be supported as this is where many people live, work, go to school, etc. The 'Heart of the City' is often the squeaky wheel that gets the attention but the fringe areas also need support. Permit people to inhabit '15 minute' places thereby reducing their need to travel and emit carbon. Don't put so many eggs into the Tourism basket - it's a sunset industry despite the reluctance of most people to acknowledge this imperative.

4. Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?

Strongly promote active transport and car use reduction. Slower speed limits will not only make the roads safer for all, they will also make active transport safer and more enjoyable. Plant more trees. Mow less. Stop immediately all glyphosate spraying. Advocate for electric ferries on the harbour. Encourage local community gardens everywhere there is a space for them so they're decentralised and abundant.



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St Mary's Bay Association

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Your feedback

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Quite well

Tell us why

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What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

The SMBA community considers the public assets and facilities, on a day to day level, are adequate. However, we consider that there is a lack of coordination and provision of facility services between Council organisations when something goes wrong. For example:

- Taking over two years for the Jacobs Ladder overbridge lift to return to operation
- We are now well over three years into discussions around the Leys Institute closure. It is noted that WLB has an action plan to preserve significant heritage buildings (page 37 of the draft plan) but the Leys Institute has not been included in the defined list (Which includes the preservation of significant heritage buildings such as Carlile House, the former Fitzroy Hotel and St James Theatre). We continue to welcome WLB support for the Leys Institute reopening, but are concerned as to where this asset seems to be placed in the pecking order - it is an asset that needs attention sooner rather than later (as evidenced by recent vandalism and stripping of copper).

We note the local Board is being tasked with more involvement in administering local assets and that there may need to be a selection process of what assets are to be retained in Council ownership. We look forward to better understanding the selection process that may be adopted to assess this asset review.

Point Erin pools is, we believe, a regional facility, due in part to its relative ease of access/parking facilities and setting. SMBA welcomes the regional review of Auckland's aquatic network outlined on page 28 of the draft plan, to consider a new approach as to how services are delivered more efficiently and effectively for our community. We would support regional funding being applied to an upgrade of Point Erin Pools.

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Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

We welcome the retention and maintenance of local facilities to support social and cultural well-being such as, local reserves including Selby Square and the Leys Institute (all of which have been badly impacted by local weather events and seismic strengthening implications).

Further, SMBA notes WLB comment on page 14 and page 18 of the draft plan stating its intention to develop local emergency response plans to improve community resilience to extreme weather events, ongoing climate change hazards and other emergencies.

We welcome development of these plans. Many of our streets in St Mary's Bay are very narrow and are serviced by an ailing 'combined sewer and stormwater system'. We consider that the approach taken should be careful not to be an 'ambulance at the bottom of the cliff' scenario. Rather, that WLB be present in seeking outcomes from Healthy Waters/Watercare and Council that will ensure future rainfall events are mitigated by their work programmes. And ensuring that combined wastewater does not backflow into our community's homes (as was experienced by multiple residents during recent high rainfall events.) Apart from the obvious distress this is a health hazard of the highest order. This not only requires WLB continued advocacy for the Central Interceptor but also advocacy for full separation of the sewage and stormwater network in our community.

- B. Our Environment** – Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

SMBA supports WLB’s aim to ‘continue to advocate for water quality improvements to our significant bodies of water, such as the Hauraki Gulf, and will partner with our CCOs such as Watercare to ensure community views are heard on major infrastructure projects and opportunities. Improvements to the Western/Eastern Isthmus water quality separation projects, including Hobson Bay, are of critical importance.’

We note your Advocacy position on page 24 of the Draft Plan seeking ‘to Reduce wastewater flows into the Hauraki Gulf and support developing mechanisms for sustaining and enhancing marine life in the Gulf’.

Again we seek that WLB is diligent in its advocacy with Watercare/Healthy Waters and Council seeking to satisfy WLB and the community that projects such as the St Marys Bay tunnel are fully completed (including the connection of London Street), to ensure we do not continue to pump combined waste water into the Hauraki Gulf Harbour at the current rate (as occurred on approx. 297 days in the first year of the tunnels operation). And further that St Marys Bay is made safe for water sports, which is a stated aim of Watercare.

- C. Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- SMBA welcomes and supports WLB Plan (page 28) to ‘Deliver seismic strengthening, restoration and modernisation of Leys Institute Library and Gymnasium to preserve as a heritage taonga for future generations’

- SMBA looks forward to a positive outcome for our regional pool facility at Point Erin Park as noted in our response to Question 2 above.

- SMBA would welcome being involved with WLB to identify areas within our local parks and reserves that may be suited for native plants to regenerate for “no mow” areas and suited to create meadow-like open spaces for ‘low mow’ areas, provided current uses of these areas such as dog walking/ exercising etc are not compromised. Equally SMBA look forward to consulting with WLB on Developing a Local Parks Management Plan that will set high-level management intentions across the parks and reserves networks.

Our Places

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- E. Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- '- As SMBA noted in its response to Question 2 above we welcome WLB 'key initiative to work with Watercare to upgrade and deliver key infrastructure to adapt to climate impacts including Herne Bay wastewater connections and Pt Erin extension'. We seek that WLB advocate that these Council organisations are providing the best outcome for our community and are diligent in ensuring these organisations are held accountable to their promises and actions.
- SMBA support WLB's Review of 'the 2016 Greenways Plan and work with Parks and Community Facilities and AT to deliver key walking and cycling connections' and would appreciate being included for consultation as part of this review.
- WLB's advises on page 35 that 'The character and heritage of our neighbourhoods is valued and conserved within our urban landscapes' and SMBA agree. We continue to seek WLB support to advocate that areas such as St Marys Bay should continue to be identified and retained as a Special Character area.
- One of Waitemata's greatest treasures, and significant 'Heritage and Character' property is Westhaven Marina, where current licences (BEU's) expire in 2 years. There is no mention in in this Plan of any initiatives or discussions with Eke Panuku and others regarding its future protection.
- SMBA supports areas of advocacy by WLB on page 37 as follows:
 - Renewal funding for seismic upgrades of heritage buildings
 - 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.
 - Heritage Acquisition Fund
 - 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.
 - Preserving significant heritage buildings
 - Support the preservation of significant heritage buildings such as Carlile House, the former Fitzroy Hotel and St James Theatre. Why is Leys Institute is not included in this list?
 - Incentives to encourage the retentions of heritage and character
 - Advocate for the introduction of central government incentives to encourage the retention of heritage and character elements of the built environment.

4. Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?



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Aktive

Your Local Board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback

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

Quite well

Tell us why

2. The cost of maintaining our public assets and facilities is increasingly expensive, and our communities are growing and changing. We need to consider a more sustainable investment approach to deliver services. This will mean difficult trade-offs and investigating creative ways to raise our revenue and/or alternative methods to fund our projects.

What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

Please see attached submission document

3. **We are responsible for promoting your social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being. What objectives/key initiatives within each theme is important to you:**

A. **Our People** - All people are thriving and can connect, participate, and achieve a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- B. **Our Environment** – Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- D. **Our Places** - Waitematā is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

4. **Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?**

AK Have Your Say

Aktive Submission

Waitematā Local Board Plan 2023

Overview

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

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

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

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

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

Key Feedback

1. The draft Waitematā Local Board Plan clearly identifies the importance of working in partnership with community organisations to deliver and activate community facilities and open spaces and the impact this has on health and wellbeing outcomes for our communities.
2. We support partnerships with the community to develop facilities and recommend that the Waitematā Local Board establishes a facility development partnership fund to enable this.
3. We strongly support the Waitematā Local Board looking into the development of shared facilities in schools that can be used by the wider community.
4. The focus on sustainable facilities is commendable and should be a focus for a development of open spaces or facilities moving forwards.
5. We ask the Waitematā Local Board to be cautious about the initiative to remove assets as this can lead to negative consequences if the requisite planning is not done.
6. We support the Waitematā Local Board continue to prioritise support for and investment into sport and recreation organisations providing essential services for the community.
7. We fully support the high priority the Waitematā Local Board has placed on supporting youth to have a voice in the community and the emphasis on providing opportunities for play for tamariki and rangatahi, not just at playgrounds, but through all community spaces.
8. We request the Waitematā 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 Waitematā 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 draft Waitematā Local Board Plan does a great job at identifying the importance of our community facilities and open spaces and looking at new ways to support the maintenance, renewal and development of facilities and acknowledges that Council is only one of many organisations responsible for these facilities.

We acknowledge that the role of a Local Board is particularly challenging in that Local Boards need to deliver a wide range of facilities and services without the necessary budget to support their visions. We ask that the Waitematā 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 and Open Spaces

We agree that community infrastructure is important for a growing and changing community and is vital to creating a thriving community and places for people to interact.

We fully support the objectives of:

- *Our network of facilities and services deliver for our current and future communities.*
- *Our parks and open spaces are well-used and safe.*
- *Connect our communities, through community activities, creative arts, sports and events.*

And the key initiatives to:

- *Review our network of services and facilities, including the regional review of Auckland's aquatic network, to consider a new approach to how services are delivered more efficiently and effectively for our community.*
- *Assess our community leases and assets to ensure they are financially sustainable and prioritise local needs and the changing demographics.*
- *Investigate options for funding and developing a new multipurpose facility in Grey Lynn incorporating community centre and library services.*
- *Prioritise our renewals programme to ensure our most used assets are sustainable and resilient to the impacts of climate change.*
- *Utilise the feedback from the Youth Deliberative Democracy Pilot to inform the future direction of facilities and services, including those for young people.*
- *Develop a Local Parks Management Plan that will set high-level management intentions across the parks and reserves network in the Waitematā Local Board area.*
- *Explore opportunities to enhance our existing network of open spaces and utilise the Play Network and Diversity in Parks assessments to ensure our parks are designed and renewed to be safe and inclusive.*
- *Increase access to parks and reserves through play activations, greenways connectivity, renewal works and park upgrades such as improving the pathways and drainage in Basque Park and the renewal of the playground at Gladstone Park.*
- *Work with the community to investigate options to progress delivering community aspirations for Heard Park.*
- *Identify areas within parks, reserves and open spaces that may benefit from 'no mow' or 'low mow' regimes to enable increased biodiversity and native planting and regeneration.*
- *Support activities that bring people into our parks such as the Out and About programme.*

We know 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 levels.¹ To support our community organisations and sporting groups to continue delivering high quality outcomes for the community, we recommend the Waitematā Local Board look at implementing a facility development partnership fund. As you note,

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

Council is not going to be able to continue maintaining all the Council owned assets and partnering with the community opens up opportunities to be able to leverage third party funding to deliver community outcomes.

We fully support the approach to work in partnership with local schools to provide facilities and other physical activity opportunities. These partnerships are important, but often difficult and time consuming. We request the Waitematā Local Board allocate resources to achieve this initiative, not just in terms of staff time, but also in terms of budget to ensure that positive outcomes can be achieved.

We do see a key opportunity with the renewals programme to focus on sustainable development of facilities, parks and reserves in the Waitematā 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 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 of:

- *Partnering for positive community outcomes and recognising expertise.*
- *Support and facilitate community-driven action.*

And the key initiatives to:

- *Support community organisations and groups to lead and deliver events, activations, and programmes in their local areas, such as with seed funding, or support from our Community Broker and access to resources and expertise, to build community-capability.*
- *Develop a partnership model for community-led delivery that follows best practice and is easy to implement.*
- *Provide community grants to providers, organisations, and individuals that are delivering improved social wellbeing, connection, and inclusion activities.*

We acknowledge the huge amount of support that the Waitematā Local Board has provided for the community and request that this support continue to include sport and recreation groups. We know that sporting organisations are integral to the health and wellbeing of our communities, that participation in sport brings 74.3 million hours of meaningful, positive social interaction to Aucklanders each year² and that sport and recreation operating spend has a direct and significant correlation with participation levels³. If the Waitematā 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 fully support the high priority that the Waitematā Local Board Plan has placed on tamariki and rangatahi and the importance of play in their lives. We know that young people often are overlooked when it comes to provision of services and facilities and that simply building a playground or a skatepark is often seen as catering for them.

While Waitematā, on average has a much lower proportion (9.4% to 20%) of its population under the age of 15 than the rest of Tāmaki, this is still almost 9,000 people who often do not have a voice in the community, and we support the key initiatives to:

- *Explore opportunities to enhance our existing network of open spaces and utilise the Play Network and Diversity in Parks assessments to ensure our parks are designed and renewed to be safe and inclusive*
- *Develop a local play programme and investigate potential opportunities for youth provision such as a youth facility in Newmarket.*

² ACW Auckland City Report 2019, Portas Consulting. Available at: <https://active.org.nz/resource-hub/insights-research/>

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We emphasise play because it has a significant impact on a number aspects of young people's lives, according to Sport New Zealand research⁴, its benefits include:

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

Advocacy

We strongly support the advocacy items to:

- *Advocate to the Governing Body for age-and-child friendly policies; we advocate for a city where the voices, needs, priorities and rights of all ages are an integral part of public policies, programmes, and decisions. An age and-child friendly city can help build social and economic conditions for strong families and connected communities and help achieve a city that is fit for all. This includes an integrated approach to ensure our younger and older residents are accounted for in policy and planning.*
- *Advocate for the development of new open spaces, particularly developing Wynyard Point as a significant open space, achieving the community vision for a civic space on Ponsonby Road and creating a plaza at the intersection of Rose Road and Williamson Avenue.*
- *Support the development of shared facilities that can be utilised by schools and the community.*

We ask the Waitemātā 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.
- Advocate to the Governing Body for more investment into the Regional Sport and Recreation Facilities Operating Grant to enable communities to deliver facilities and lessen the burden on council.

Conclusion

Active supports the work of the Waitemātā 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 Waitemātā Local Board and Sport Auckland in meeting the needs of our communities.

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

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

⁴ Importance of Play 2017. Sport New Zealand. <https://sportnz.org.nz/media/1654/sport-new-zealand-play-principles-nov-2017.pdf>



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Your Local Board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

Quite well

Tell us why

I am particularly enthused by the apparent support for rehabilitation of Leys Institute buildings.

- 2. The cost of maintaining our public assets and facilities is increasingly expensive, and our communities are growing and changing. We need to consider a more sustainable investment approach to deliver services. This will mean difficult trade-offs and investigating creative ways to raise our revenue and/or alternative methods to fund our projects.**

What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

3. We are responsible for promoting your social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being. What objectives/key initiatives within each theme is important to you:

- A. **Our People** - All people are thriving and can connect, participate, and achieve a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- B. **Our Environment** – Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Drains and Sewer are important.

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Local community buildings are important in a capital and maintenance sense.

- D. **Our Places** - Waitematā is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

As a child I enjoyed the Leys Institute. One memory was Joy Adamson author of Born Free giving a talk. It was a sunny warm safe place. The neighbours are well able to contribute. Remember the tree project on Jervois Road.

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

4. Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?



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Your Local Board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

Quite well

Tell us why

You've captured many of the key issues and it's quite a balanced plan

2. The cost of maintaining our public assets and facilities is increasingly expensive, and our communities are growing and changing. We need to consider a more sustainable investment approach to deliver services. This will mean difficult trade-offs and investigating creative ways to raise our revenue and/or alternative methods to fund our projects.

What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

Support using targeted rates to retain significant public buildings, particularly those with heritage values. Library services have obviously changed but I don't support closing physical libraries as these provide an important broader community service. Maybe introduce additional commercial services and charge for these to offset the cost of maintenance and overheads? Arts, community development and placemaking initiatives could be delivered in a more agile way. Other than that, retain the assets where possible.

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Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Focus on inclusion and community participation, particularly the things that are actually within local board decision-making.

- B. **Our Environment** – Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Restoring streams and waterways. Restoring urban ngahere in partnership with mana whenua and following expert advice (not self-appointed experts with loud voices).

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Heard Park. Better links to Parnell Station. Revive Newmarket. Please advocate to governing body to hurry up re-opening the paths in the lower Domain, there is absolutely no reason for them to have been closed for eight months, it's getting ridiculous. You seem to have a lot of very ambitious capital plans for Ponsonby/Grey Lynn - maybe too much?

- D. **Our Places** - Waitematā is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Figure out a long term plan for safely re-opening the Parnell Baths and the walkways that connect through it.

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Newmarket needs some love. It could maybe benefit from a community or shared working space?

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Advocate more aggressively for green building practices and congestion charging.



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Your feedback

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Quite well

Tell us why

Road safety that's backed by science shouldn't be voted on by uninformed public. It should be implemented and enforced

2. The cost of maintaining our public assets and facilities is increasingly expensive, and our communities are growing and changing. We need to consider a more sustainable investment approach to deliver services. This will mean difficult trade-offs and investigating creative ways to raise our revenue and/or alternative methods to fund our projects.

What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

Very basic and cheap cycleways are easy to implement and upgrade later

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A. **Our People** - All people are thriving and can connect, participate, and achieve a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Pedestrian and cycle friendly places

Roads that are narrowed to slow cars down -physically- and not just through speed limit changes.

- B. **Our Environment** – Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

More public awareness of drains leading to sea - car washing campaigns as example

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

As above people friendly places, less cars

- D. **Our Places** - Waitematā is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Linking minor routes by cycleways

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Less parking: make parking more expensive to get higher rotation of shoppers. Current parking prices and fines encourage people to park for hours without putting enough back into the community

4. Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?

Open a lane on bridge for cycling and walking !



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Uptown Business Association

Your Local Board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

Tell us why

2. The cost of maintaining our public assets and facilities is increasingly expensive, and our communities are growing and changing. We need to consider a more sustainable investment approach to deliver services. This will mean difficult trade-offs and investigating creative ways to raise our revenue and/or alternative methods to fund our projects.

What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

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Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- B. **Our Environment** – Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- D. **Our Places** - Waitematā is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

4. **Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?**



Waitemata Local Board Plan Feedback

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the strategic 3-year plan.

We contribute the following:

Our Places

There is an increase in mixed use development within Waitemata Local Board catchment, with the traditional boundaries between residential and commercial less distinct. Is this behavioral change in how people navigate the place part of the thinking in the plan?

Thank you for acknowledging that “the redevelopment of Maungawhau/Mount Eden station... provides the opportunity to encourage pedestrian journeys into the area and increase street level activity and vibrancy. The relationship of the stations to the wider area can be strengthened through improved public realm and pedestrian connection legibility”.

As you would have seen at our recent Uptown Futures Festival, we are particularly concerned that the development area contributes to the social and economic wellbeing of the broader Uptown precinct. This includes development that adds to the diverse character of the area and provides attractive, safe wayfinding from the station to Mt Eden Rd and Symonds Street and other parts of the area.

In order for this to happen, Eke Panuku needs to become more active in engagement with stakeholders including the Waitemata Local Board, residents & the Uptown Business Association. Currently there is a vacuum of information and little resource going into realising the project.

We note the ongoing reference to the Midtown area, which will also benefit from the CRL development. Looking forward to the opening of the stations. The Waitemata Local Board could

encourage joint promotion/place making campaigns reinforcing the spatial relationship of the precincts e.g. Midtown/Uptown/Karanga-a-hape.

It would be good to see the Business Association(s) acknowledged as a stakeholder when detailing the objective for “Quality city centre and urban neighbourhoods that are resilient and sustainable” (page 35)

We note your Advocacy for a “Public school in the city centre” and would recommend this is located at the Maungawhau station which would provide quick access to the entire city area.

Our Economy

We note the plan reinforces a positive relationship with the seven Business Associations in the area and appreciate the recognition of that.

Thank you for committing to championing the creative sector's contribution to Waitemata's economy and placing that in the context of Uptown's regeneration.

Given the importance of the opening of the new CRL stations, maybe a Waitemata-wide celebration could take place. This could involve the arts and events and reinforce the positive contribution to Auckland's infrastructure.

Note: The photo labeled Parnell on page 39 is Ponsonby. The photo labeled Newmarket on page 42 is Parnell.



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Your Local Board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

Quite well

Tell us why

I am delighted that the local board is planning to restore and seismically strengthen our wonderful Leys Institute and Library.

It is important that it this building is recognised for it's HERITAGE Values

We want to leave it as a TAONGA for future generations.

I believe it is possible for the Leys Institute and Library to be financially sustainable

2. The cost of maintaining our public assets and facilities is increasingly expensive, and our communities are growing and changing. We need to consider a more sustainable investment approach to deliver services. This will mean difficult trade-offs and investigating creative ways to raise our revenue and/or alternative methods to fund our projects.

What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

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A. **Our People** - All people are thriving and can connect, participate, and achieve a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

The Leys Institute Library provides just such a facility for the enjoyment and participation of the entire local community. It is a meeting place and HUB of the community.

- B. **Our Environment** – Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

We need green parks and reserves to remain without large areas of concrete as it is known that drainage is essential in our WET and warming environment. We need an abundance of TREES to reduce the Co2 in the atmosphere, and beautification of our increasingly "built" city.

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

As above, the Leys Institute and Library is a central place for the community to meet and to enjoy participation in a range of activities both with and without the library.

- D. **Our Places** - Waitematā is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

As above, parks and reserves, trees must be maintained for the enjoyment of all . They are essential for the sustainability of the city in the current & future climate situation.

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Celebration of different cultures within our city - with opportunity to participate in festivals, food, dance, music within each small centre and the main city environment.

4. Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?

I am concerned about the intensification of housing in Auckland. This increases the problems of infrastructure be it DRAINAGE, ROADING, SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS. I would like to see this hurried intensification with BETTER WEWLL designed and built high rise accomodation These high rises buildings should be well PLANNED around parks and gardens rather than hastily constructed on property where a large Colonial house has been removed



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Your Local Board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

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

Not very well

Tell us why

i think you are not saving our heritage libraries Lees Institute and Grey Lynn Library

2. The cost of maintaining our public assets and facilities is increasingly expensive, and our communities are growing and changing. We need to consider a more sustainable investment approach to deliver services. This will mean difficult trade-offs and investigating creative ways to raise our revenue and/or alternative methods to fund our projects.

What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

Keep libraries and the CAB going. Fund places for young people to hang out with music and art gear etc

3. We are responsible for promoting your social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being. What objectives/key initiatives within each theme is important to you:

A. **Our People** - All people are thriving and can connect, participate, and achieve a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Must engage non rate payers and young people. Bring back the night classes in schools scrapped by the National Govt. They cost very little if there was a shared co-ordination. it led to affordable upskilling, and a mixture of people engaged in the community...less loneliness for the elderly etc. It could pay for itself with small fees and lead to less petty crime such as tagging.

- B. **Our Environment** – Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

investigate the old river systems. Invest in mini sponge parks. Let the berms go with wild flowers...I know in NZ this can mean weeds too.

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

KEEP the libraries. They know what they are doing. Further fund them to do activities especially for kids. Keep our heritage buildings that we are proud of.

- D. **Our Places** - Waitematā is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Keep heritage buildings. This is NOT England. 120 years old is significant here. Our history of indigenous and settler people is VERY important. Stop pulling stuff down.....keep Lees and St James.

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

4. Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?

Keep up the public transport initiatives. The Govt Gold Card is amazing. Make it easier for people to use by helping understand apps and IT ...perhaps do a few sessions with U3A groups.. They are easy to contact.



Waitematā Local Board Plan

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Ponsonby Community Centre

Your Local Board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

Quite well

Tell us why

need: partnering with community and recognizing expertise, support community driven action and engagement and accessibility all support Ponsonby Community Centres aspirations' to continue and become more of a productive part of Waitemata LB communitys and expand our services.

2. The cost of maintaining our public assets and facilities is increasingly expensive, and our communities are growing and changing. We need to consider a more sustainable investment approach to deliver services. This will mean difficult trade-offs and investigating creative ways to raise our revenue and/or alternative methods to fund our projects.

What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

Venues for hire like Freemans Bay Community Hall to be managed by Ponsonby Community Centre in order to facilitate the inclusion of the community on the ground and with programmed activities and a physical presence there, instead of an empty building

3. We are responsible for promoting your social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being. What objectives/key initiatives within each theme is important to you:

A. **Our People** - All people are thriving and can connect, participate, and achieve a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Recognising expertise, support community driven action, sustainable and resilient by supporting community organisations with knowledge and experience to lead

- B. **Our Environment** – Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

New open spaces (Ponsonby park), sustainable and resilient by supporting community organisations with knowledge and experience to lead

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

see all above

- D. **Our Places** - Waitematā is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

See all above

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Recognising and supporting expertise in the community with own resources and knowledge to lead accessibility initiatives.

4. Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?



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Your Local Board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

Quite well

Tell us why

I think the increased focus on Community connectedness and resilience is good, and the value of people.

2. The cost of maintaining our public assets and facilities is increasingly expensive, and our communities are growing and changing. We need to consider a more sustainable investment approach to deliver services. This will mean difficult trade-offs and investigating creative ways to raise our revenue and/or alternative methods to fund our projects.

What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

I think a look at better private/public partnerships are good. rationalization of buildings assets but focus more on service provision and services that support the whole community especially our young people.

3. We are responsible for promoting your social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being. What objectives/key initiatives within each theme is important to you:

A. **Our People** - All people are thriving and can connect, participate, and achieve a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

all of the objectives as without people we have nothing. especially focused resources on our vulnerable communities, children and young people, elderly, homelessness or vulnerable housed and ethnic communities especially forced migration communities. We need well designed public amenities including increasing public toilets.

- B. **Our Environment** – Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Climate action plan outcomes. need to look at vertical gardening, rain gardens and roof gardens through unitary plan.

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

important to have well designed public amenities in highly built-up areas. well-designed open spaces that help communities to connect with each other without having to buy or purchase something. important the the whole community see themselves reflected in the services and activities provided. community-led activities. Free and low cost activities that bring community together

- D. **Our Places** - Waitematā is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Waiemata needs to be a great place to live work and play. A focus on residents will help to make people feel like the CBD is a city centre not a CBD for business only. good public transport. places that are fit for purpose for the changing community

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

looking more at meaningful circulator eco opportunities that looks at environmental outcomes as well as growing our economy. A focus on small business growth outside of the formal BID boundaries.

4. Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?

less carparks and on road parking more public transport, walking and cycling friendly networks.



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Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Inc.

Your Local Board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

Quite well

Tell us why

Please see attached

- 2. The cost of maintaining our public assets and facilities is increasingly expensive, and our communities are growing and changing. We need to consider a more sustainable investment approach to deliver services. This will mean difficult trade-offs and investigating creative ways to raise our revenue and/or alternative methods to fund our projects.**

What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

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- A. Our People** - All people are thriving and can connect, participate, and achieve a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Please see attached

- B. **Our Environment** – Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

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- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Please see attached

4. Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?

Please see attached



Forest & Bird

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Submission on Waitematā Local Board Plan.

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2. Trade competition declaration

Forest & Bird would not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

3. Hearing options

We may wish to be heard in support of this submission.

Introduction

Forest & Bird is New Zealand's largest and longest-serving independent conservation organisation, with over 100,000 members and supporters. Its mission is to be a voice for nature, on land, in fresh water, and at sea, on behalf of its members and supporters. Volunteers in 50 branches throughout New Zealand carry out community conservation projects and advocate for nature. Forest & Bird has nine branches and three major projects in the Auckland region alone.

In support of the society's objectives, it has been involved in resource management processes at the national, regional, and district level. It routinely submits on regional and district plan provisions, some resource consents and advocates in the Environment Court in relation to biodiversity, landscape and natural character. It is particularly committed to ensuring that the environmental bottom lines established in national policy statements in order to give substance to the "protective" element of Part 2 of the RMA are given effect to in regional and district plans and achieved through decisions on resource consents.

The Central Auckland branch carries out a range of activities, including but not limited to weed control, pest control, restorative planting, education events, content creation and environmental advocacy. The Central Auckland branch covers the area from Mount Wellington, west to New Lynn, with its eastern and northern boundaries being the Hauraki Gulf. Everyone involved in the branches are volunteers, including the committee, trappers, and supporters.

Approach

We are structuring our submission to include Objectives, Key Initiatives, and Advocacy items; just as they may appear in a Local Board Plan; along with commentary on some items and localised specifics.

Our Environment

While we agree with all draft objectives and key initiatives, we would like to offer the below objectives and key initiatives to integrate into the Local Board Plan:

Objectives	Key Initiatives
<p>Access to indigenous and culturally valued biodiversity is managed to promote enjoyment while protecting vulnerable ecosystems.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and promote the provision of paths and tracks to give people access to forests in local reserves that promote ecological hygiene and conservation of vulnerable habitats. • Identifying high value ecological areas close to urban populations, manage access and monitor encroachment to prevent damage. • Work with neighbouring Local Boards to review the Auckland Policy on Dogs, keeping dogs out of high value conservation areas while providing space for responsible pet ownership. • Work with neighbouring Local boards to adopt meaningful cat management policies and regulations to a support responsible domestic cat ownership. And remove feral and stray cats from all areas of high biodiversity value. • Continue to implement actions from the Urban Ngahere (forest) Strategy
<p>The lifeforce (mauri) of our waterbodies is respected and restored</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support schools, businesses, environmental groups and community volunteers to carry out stream restoration projects including pollution reduction, stream clean-ups, habitat improvement and native riparian planting on public and private land. • Prioritise ecological maintenance projects that protect and enhance identified potential inanga spawning sites through bank stabilisation, pest plant control, sediment control and pest animal control
<p>We will adopt landscape approaches to managing our environment that recognise the connections between different local habitats</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support initiatives that deliver on current ecological strategies. • Identify and prioritise restoration planting opportunities, for community and council projects, that create ecological connections by retiring hard

	to maintain areas within existing parks and reserves.
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Advocacy:

We support all the current advocacy points. We believe the inclusion of the below advocacy points would help the Local Board achieve its objectives;

- Advocate to the Governing Body that the Local Board and local volunteer groups are more directly involved in the setting and delivery of council-controlled ecological services
- Advocate for funding and regulation to enhance water retention and reduce stormwater surges in local streams through the use of retention tanks, rain gardens, wetland restoration, tree planting, reduced impermeable surfaces, and the daylighting of streams.
- Advocate for the development of Blue Green Spatial Network plans, especially in future urban zones that support the preservation and enhancement of natural assets (such as streams and wetlands) that will create greater resilience to flooding, improve water quality and maintain/enhance ecological connectivity
- Advocate for priority development of shoreline adaptation plans including funding to implement actions to ensure a sustainable approach to the management of our shorelines.
- Advocate for strong tree protection (in particular of mature native trees) to support the goals of Urban Ngahere action plans and strategies and maintained canopy coverage
- Advocate for reserve acquisition, the retention of open space and planning rules that promote the development of new local habitats that improve ecological connectivity
- Raise awareness and advocate for dark sky areas/decreased light pollution and the importance of this for indigenous birds.
- Advocate for increased monitoring of water quality
- Advocate Council and CCOs to make room for rivers and streams to flood safely, so that flooding does not destroy communities, by stopping development in flood-prone areas and enabling managed retreat

Our community: Our communities live well alongside nature as climate changes

We would like to see the objectives and key initiatives under *Our community* expanded to include the below:

Objectives	Key Initiatives
We adopt best practices for all council maintenance and projects to maximise the net benefit to community and nature.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve climate impact statements in reports to consider net emissions, biodiversity loss, effect on impermeable surfaces and stormwater, and scarce resource use and recovery.
Our communities are resilient to climate change and care for their surrounding environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support initiatives that build community networks and connections which help communities respond to emergencies and the impact of climate change and biodiversity loss • Support community led initiatives and projects that improve wellbeing by promoting a sustainable lifestyle,

	including waste minimisation, emissions reductions and the implementation, maintenance and understanding of ecosystem services
Our aquatic, recreational, art, and community facilities are fit-for-service, meet the needs of our growing and changing population, and are resilient to climate change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure our playing surfaces, sports fields, aquatic, recreational facilities, and community facilities meet increasing social and recreational needs, are accessible, well maintained, available to the public, sustainable, resilient to climate change, and fit for purpose.

Advocacy

We would like to see the advocacy section under *Our community* expanded to include:

- Advocate to the governing body for appropriate long-term planning and associated funding for infrastructure in growth areas that support Auckland climate goals.
- Advocate to the governing body for immediate long term risk scenario planning for the next 50 to 100 years to prepare for and respond to climate changes.
- Advocate for adequate level of renewals funding to ensure existing assets are well maintained and are adapted to be resilient to climate change.
- Advocate to Watercare for the use of non-potable water for irrigation of sports and recreation facilities.
- Advocate to the governing body, Auckland transport and Watercare to ensure Aucklanders have a greater understanding about the policies for maintaining and monitoring infrastructure and the importance of reporting faults.

Our Places and Our Economy: Our economy meets the needs of our communities with minimal impact on nature.

We would like to see the objectives and key initiatives under *Our Places and Our Economy* expanded to include the below:

Objectives	Key Initiatives
Getting around without a car is attractive because of the seamless and safe network of paths and public transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to renew and enhance path networks to create more direct routes as well as connected networks for walking and cycling • Deliver and maintain more healthy street trees and rain gardens to beautify walking areas, while achieving Urban Ngahere plans and strategies, climate emissions mitigation, providing shade, and better stormwater management.

<p>Our economy grows through sustainable practices by embracing the circular economy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support projects that engage, advise, educate, and assist our community on how to minimise and build the circular economy • Support the work and expansion of the network of community recycling centres for the benefit of our community
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Advocacy

- Advocate to the Governing Body and central government to assist our local economy to become more sustainable by adapting circular economy practices and increase resilience to climate impacts.
- Advocate to Auckland Transport and Waka Kotahi (NZTA) for increased funding for walkways and cycleways, and their complementary infrastructure, to ensure a safe and fully connected active transport network that is integrated with public transport.
- Advocate for Auckland Transport to take a more proactive approach by taking the lead in working with new commercial developments that are trip generators, such as supermarkets, to include provision for safe public transport infrastructure, such as bus stops, even on streets with a higher volume of users.
- Advocate to AT to deliver projects that align with the Transport Emissions Reduction Pathway (TERP), the key strategy to de-carbonise Auckland’s transport system.
- Advocate to AT for improved cycle and pathway safety, including lighting, physical traffic barriers, accessibility and proactive maintenance to prevent problems
- Advocate to AT for more local initiatives to contribute to decarbonisation by encouraging more use of public transport. Examples could be electric on-demand public transport options or better bike storage at transport hubs

Selective Commentary

Our environment: Nature thrives across our entire rohe.

Connecting highly valued ecological habitats is an important part of enhancing the biodiversity within them. Most native and indigenous biodiversity is not adapted to crossing sparse urban areas; with many forest birds only willing to fly a couple of hundred metres between forest fragments. As the city continues to intensify, with a corresponding loss of private open space, council needs to invest in developing and maintaining ecological corridors to connect biodiversity hotspots. This involves both the development of existing reserves to host biodiversity (daylighting streams, planting, etc) and acquiring new protected ecological spaces through acquisition and vesting of reserves and planning rules. Maintaining these biodiversity hotspots and ecological corridors requires a landscape approach to council controlled ecological maintenance and community collaborations. This means prioritising investment in ecological and park maintenance to manage pest plant and animal populations in specific areas rather than regional elimination of selective pests.

Often there is a correlation between ecological corridors and urban waterways. As such, investment in terrestrial ecology along streams and wetlands has a positive impact on managing stormwater while enhancing freshwater ecology and the health of receiving waterbodies such as the Manukau Harbour. Blue-Green Spatial network plans are an important planning tool for identifying where open space needs to be retained or reclaimed from development to manage stormwater, to

minimise sediment and pollution entering the harbour and to mitigate the risk of flooding. Within currently urbanised areas opportunities to reclaim open space in flood prone areas should be a priority, alongside reducing the impact of stormwater surge by supporting the use of water retention devices and planting in new development and retrofitting older developments.

Highly valued ecological habitats are not the only places where biodiversity is valued. Tree cover across the entire urbanised area provides benefits for people and for native fauna; regardless of whether it is native or not.

Our Communities and Places: Our communities live well alongside nature as climate changes
Within many Local Board Plans, goals for sustainable lifestyles and climate change adaptation are included within the environment outcome. We believe that these objectives are better placed across outcomes where they will be acted on more directly. This is of particular importance when considering that the end users of Local Board Plans are Council Departments and CCOs. We do not want climate change and sustainability to just be an issue considered by those parts of the council concerned with environment and infrastructure. Within this outcome we want it to be at the forefront of mind for those parts of council concerned with community development and resilience, and the provision of sports and recreation facilities. While these actions can have a positive impact on nature and areas of biodiversity, their primary benefit will be in the lives of people and communities.

Our Places and Our Economy: Our economy meets the needs of our communities with minimal impact on nature.

Our communities spend more time involved in economic activity than any other single activity. Economics is not simply the domain of business owners and managers; it is also the interest of workers, customers, and nature. Nature cannot be seen as a limitless resource of materials for economic systems and the mythical “away” to which we throw the waste of economic activity. The resources that fuel our economic activity are scarce and if we waste them for short term profits then we will continue to destroy our natural heritage and rob future generations of economic opportunity.

Adopting a circular economy; where the waste of one economic activity is recovered to fuel another economic activity, is the most responsible form of economic development. Investing in waste recovery, through incentives like community recycling centres, creates employment and new sources of raw materials for local businesses. Community initiatives like repair cafes improve the wellbeing of residents by extending the useful lifespan of the goods they already own.

Transport is another economic activity that requires reform to become more efficient. Not only can Auckland not financially afford to continue to address congestion by investing more in roads for private vehicles; but doing so deprives the city of many other benefits from public and active transport. Public and active transport are both more efficient uses of scarce resources, reducing economic impact on nature. They are also more social means of travel that can build community and make places safer by putting more active eyes onto the streets. Local Boards play a key role in the development of active transport through street to park connections in Greenways plans, Local Board transport capital funds and advocacy to Auckland Transport. Delivering an effective active transport network should not just be about paths though, street trees and facilities play an important part in making these spaces attractive options to meet transport needs.

Thank you for considering Forest & Bird’s submission.



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Your feedback

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

Not very well

Tell us why

I am unconvinced that anything like the required action required in the face of the climate crisis is being undertaken. "Where possible, we will support Auckland Transport to undertake action

from the [TERP] that deliver towards this." - the 'where possible' is an easy out, and its already clear that AT is nowhere near realizing TERP goals (which would have many benefits beyond reducing climate change). Such action could have been phased more gently but because it has been delayed so long, it is now must be come the most important thing. Because each and every day, the most important thing that is happening is Climate Change.

2. The cost of maintaining our public assets and facilities is increasingly expensive, and our communities are growing and changing. We need to consider a more sustainable investment approach to deliver services. This will mean difficult trade-offs and investigating creative ways to raise our revenue and/or alternative methods to fund our projects.

What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

Connect Te Hā Noa up to the rest of the Victoria Street cycleway; without the multiblock gap between them

Make sure the Strand has a safe connection for bikes to cross the bridge over the railway

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

3. We are responsible for promoting your social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being. What objectives/key initiatives within each theme is important to you:

A. **Our People** - All people are thriving and can connect, participate, and achieve a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Safe speeds on residential streets, town centres, and around schools

Use of modal filters to stop rat running and make residential streets quieter

Use of greenways, “blue-green networks” and quiet areas to make safe cycle connections between local board areas

An accessible, safe, efficient, and connected network of pathways and cycleways across our neighbourhoods. These should link people to schools, town centres, and public transport

- B. **Our Environment** – Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Advocate to Auckland Transport to give maximum priority to the Transport Emissions Reduction Pathway, the key strategy to de-carbonise Auckland’s transport system

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- D. **Our Places** - Waitematā is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Support for community building in the CBD, shared community hubs for workshops, crafting and culture. Efforts to ensure successful integration with new Kianga Ora neighbours

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Mix accommodation and residential. Walkable car-free retail areas (which have been shown to be more commercially successful longer term). Proper informing retailers of evidence of longer term benefits for small retailers and in the longer term.

4. Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?

Support and encourage cycling as a preferred personal mode of transport - particularly looking to the successful rapid transitions of Paris and Seville as exemplars. Forget failed parochial models and look to international successes.

Limit CBD access to non-commercial oversized SUVs and double cab utes



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Your feedback

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Quite well

Tell us why

I would like to see public transport and active transport modes given priority with safe streets for kids to walk and cycle to school

Also safe speeds on residential streets, town centres, and around schools and a connected network cycleways across Auckland.

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What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

Not sure

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A. **Our People** - All people are thriving and can connect, participate, and achieve a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Well designed housing that promotes community and has green spaces

- B. **Our Environment** – Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

I agree with the statement above

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- D. **Our Places** - Waitematā is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

4. **Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?**



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Big Street Bikers

Your Local Board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

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

Tell us why

2. The cost of maintaining our public assets and facilities is increasingly expensive, and our communities are growing and changing. We need to consider a more sustainable investment approach to deliver services. This will mean difficult trade-offs and investigating creative ways to raise our revenue and/or alternative methods to fund our projects.

What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

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Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

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Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

4. Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?

Please see attached



Big Street Bikers feedback on the draft Waitematā Local Board plan 2023

Thank you for the opportunity to give feedback on the draft Waitematā 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 achieving transport choice and connected neighbourhoods. Big Street Bikers supports the local board's work to expand the cycleways in Waitematā so there is a connected, safe network for residents, visitors and commuters.





We would like to suggest that the Local Board considers including in the final local board plan ***the installation of a network of secure bike parking, digital wayfinding and charging stations at transport hubs, town centres, community facilities and key destinations*** as an initiative to be delivered within the next three years.

A local network is consistent with the Local Board's climate action goals and supports the Local Board's work with Auckland Transport and Waka Kotahi to improve transport choices and prioritise active transport modes that keep pedestrians and cyclists safe. The network will help promote and encourage the uptake of active transport in Waitemata.

As discussed with the Local Board, with the funding Big Street Bikers currently has available it will be possible for the local board to achieve a local network of secure bike parking over the next couple of years. Big Street Bikers welcomes the Local Board's assistance to identify suitable locations and advocacy to Auckland Transport for appropriate use of the road corridor for secure bike parking, wayfinding and charging stations.

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Your Local Board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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Quite well

Tell us why

- 2. The cost of maintaining our public assets and facilities is increasingly expensive, and our communities are growing and changing. We need to consider a more sustainable investment approach to deliver services. This will mean difficult trade-offs and investigating creative ways to raise our revenue and/or alternative methods to fund our projects.**

What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

Take back essential services from contractors.

- 3. We are responsible for promoting your social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being. What objectives/key initiatives within each theme is important to you:**

- A. Our People** - All people are thriving and can connect, participate, and achieve a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Affordable housing for the homelessness and for pensioners. The homeless should be off the streets and pensioners should be housed in affordable housing- live with dignity.

- B. **Our Environment** – Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Leys Institute Library and Gymnasium has been in a state of disrepair for 3 years. This MUST be restored - plans have been agreed upon and now it's time to act. Little Leys can not offer the same community events to locals.

- D. **Our Places** - Waitemata is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

The character and heritage of our neighborhoods is valued..... this is so important. Intensification would kill Waitemata. Special Character Areas must be protected. Provide funding for residential heritage buildings, as well as commercial/council buildings. Get parking off footpaths - these are for people, not cars. AT is not the slightest bit interested in this.

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Regenerate town centre - preferably city centre. It's great along the harbour but as soon as you leave the harbour, it's awful.

4. Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?



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Your Local Board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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Quite well

Tell us why

It has a wide spread of plans for our area although I doubt you have the budget to fulfil those plans.

- 2.** The cost of maintaining our public assets and facilities is increasingly expensive, and our communities are growing and changing. We need to consider a more sustainable investment approach to deliver services. This will mean difficult trade-offs and investigating creative ways to raise our revenue and/or alternative methods to fund our projects.

What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

Forget about prettying up parks and focus on flood prevention. Forget about creating fancy stations and ensure the buses and rains run properly by paying drivers properly.

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Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

I support your anti-gambling and drinking culture. I support your commitment to keeping libraries open. I don't believe New Market is thriving, other than the mall. Don't waste your money on making side streets pretty.

- B. **Our Environment** – Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Flood protection. Buy out flood prone properties. More stream restoration. More permeable surfaces to absorb water runoff. I like your blue-green initiative. I like your No Mow Zone ideas. Gladstone park and St. George's Bay road nee doing up?

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

More parks are important as housing intensifies. Likewise more sports grounds. I am pleased at your suggestions of more public toilets. Drinking fountains and lockers and showers for homeless.

- D. **Our Places** - Waitematā is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Protect our heritage buildings and this has been proposed often and not adhered to. Help fund insulation of draughty houses. Good research has been done on health benefits of it.

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

They are not all thriving, especially businesses impacted by the rail tunnel. Dont pedal lies just to make things sound good.

4. Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?

Support and promote local volunteer groups like residents of Hapua St who monitor contamination in Hobson Bay. Set up volunteer groups to clear blocked streams. Planting days for trees that help absorb water and whose roots hold the soil on slopes.

Check the labels on your online photos. Many are wrong.



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The Tree Council

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**Submission – Waitematā Local Board Plan 2023
by The Tree Council**

14 August 2023

From: The Tree Council

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Thank you for the opportunity to present The Tree Council's submission on the proposed **Waitematā 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 highly commend your commitment to achieving canopy coverage of 30% by 2050.*
- *We support these objectives and initiatives regarding enhancing tree cover within the local board area. We applaud the fact that one of your plan objectives is to continue to deliver on the Waitematā Urban Ngahere Action Plan by planting in areas of low-canopy cover, maintaining existing urban forest environments, and advocating for plantings as a principle in projects where Council is not the landowner.*
- *We are delighted to see recognition of and your support for the important role mana whenua and community groups play in working to enhance biodiversity and undertake tree planting.*

Our Environment

The Tree Council comment:

- *We 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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Grey Lynn and Around

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Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

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Feedback on Waitematā Local Board (WLB) Draft Plan

This feedback is provided on behalf of the Grey Lynn Business Association (GLBA) which is working toward being a BID. Waitematā Local Board member, Alex Bonham, attends our meetings and is familiar with our activities and aims.

Overall, we broadly endorse the draft plan but have some specific comments on elements of the plan.

Overview

The plan is very city hub centric. We understand this as it is the hub of economic wealth generation in the city. However Grey Lynn wishes to be identified in a similar manner as Parnell, Ponsonby, K'Road, Newmark and Uptown are recognised and identified as distinct districts within the overall plan.

Specific mention must be made of the substantial investment in Great North Road and the potential this opens up for placemaking as well as movement. Great North Road has a historical context around it which integrates well with the recognition of Maori and their contribution to the Waitemata as envisaged in the plan.

A further matter is the reference to city centres. At various points in the plan this terminology is interchanged with the concept of village, At other points it is not. We do accept that city centres is a planning terminology however we seek, given the predominance of villages within the Grey Lynn area that consideration be given to the use of this term and some ascribed meaning around the term.

Our People

On Page 17, the draft plan refers to *"Supporting and facilitating community-driven action"*, and on page 18 the plan aims to *"Partnering for positive community outcomes"*.

GLBA endorses and support these aims.

Our Environment

Page 24, of the draft plan says that WLB will deliver:

“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.”

GLBA endorses and support this activity. We have actively encouraged beautification of the area, along with upkeep of public plantings.

Our Community

On page 27 of the draft plan, we note that WLB signals that:

“Grey Lynn Library and Community Hall are due for significant refurbishments. This creates an opportunity to investigate options to create a more sustainable facility for the community, and creative options to fund the project if this is needed.”

And, within the next three years, WLB will deliver:

“Investigate options for funding and developing a new multipurpose facility in Grey Lynn incorporating community centre and library services.”

We understand that initial discussions have commenced on this.

GLBA believes that a new hub location for the library combined with community centre presents an exciting possibility for a vibrant meeting place for our community where businesses can collaborate. We look forward to a flexible venue with spaces allow for quiet research, respectful meetings, community conversations, celebrations, activations, exhibitions, markets, and lively events.

We strongly recommend that GLBA, along with other community organisations, be included in needs assessment discussions **in advance** of developing criteria for a new site **and in advance** of scoping the design criteria for the new site.

Our Places

On page 37, the plan signals WLB’s intention to advocate for:

“Support the preservation of significant heritage buildings such as Carlile House, the former Fitzroy Hotel and St James Theatre.”

Grey Lynn is one of Auckland’s oldest suburbs and heritage buildings contribute significantly to the character of our area and **GLBA wishes this heritage character be protected**. GLBA recognises that owners of commercial heritage buildings might face financial and logistical challenges and believes a partnership approach is required to preserve the public-good element of these buildings. GLBA would like to see support and incentives for commercial building owners to preserve and enhance these treasures.

GLBA requests recognition that modern businesses will need some concessions to enable them to keep their facilities, efficient and fit for future technology and energy sources.

Our Economy

GLBA agrees that our city fringe location is part of a diverse economy that embraces new opportunities that drive prosperity. An element that could potentially be inserted into the plan is

research around identifying clusters of economic activity for example digital web and design or art galleries. Presently there appears to be no high level, easily communicable analysis of where various businesses are clustered together. This information is important as an attractant for new businesses and those businesses considering relocation.

GLBA is pleased to see that, on page 40, WLB states that it is *“committed to working closely with them to recover and grow our local economy and encourage the establishment and expansion of BID programmes.”*

GLBA is particularly pleased to see, on page 41, that WLB will deliver:

“Encourage the development of a new BID programme for the Grey Lynn business community.”

GLBA appreciates the support we are receiving to become a BID and we look forward to achieving this status.

Missing

Grey Lynn Village is an important part of Grey Lynn that is currently faced with circumstances that require strong advocacy to encourage a vibrant future.

GLBA does not see anything in the WLB draft plan about the Grey Lynn village connection between the Great North Road development and Surrey Crescent. We understand that this requires cooperation and collaboration with building owners and Auckland Transport. However, we also believe that WLB has an important advocacy role here. GLBA strongly recommends including this advocacy role in the plan.

If there is an opportunity to be included in face-to-face discussions about the plan, Grey Lynn Business Association would welcome further discussion and collaboration.



Naku noa, nā

Paul Stephenson

Chair of Grey Lynn Business Association



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Parnell Business Association

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SUBMISSION TO THE DRAFT WAITEMATĀ LOCAL BOARD PLAN 2023

The Parnell Business Association ('Association') welcomes the opportunity to make this submission to the Waitematā Local Board Plan 2023.

The association represents over 1,160 businesses in Parnell with a CV in excess of \$2,2 billion dollars. We believe we are an important suburb in the city fringe, not only for our proximity to the CBD, but also the transport routes that connect us, our heritage as Auckland's first suburb, as well as our offering as a tourist destination.

While the Association is generally very supportive of the Waitematā Local Board Plan 2023, we would have liked the Local Board to have placed more priority on safety, reducing crime, graffiti control, maintenance of council infrastructure (especially of stormwater infrastructure), and 'getting the basics right' (such as street cleaning and footpath maintenance).

CRIME AND SAFETY

While you have referred to the safety of parks and open spaces, as well as the safety of other items such as water in your plan, I think the shooting incidents in the City Centre and some parks over the last few weeks illustrate just how seriously this topic should be addressed.

Retail crime has affected many of our businesses and it has now gone way beyond 'annoying' anti-social behaviour. Recent comments by Minister Megan Woods asking whether the majority of the offences were "kids stealing 20c bag of lollies", is frankly insulting.

The Parnell Business Association has invested in a Crime Prevention Programme for the last eight years and have built a strong capacity in this regard including a significant investment in CCTV. The budget has crept up over the years to represent around 30% of our expenditure on Member Services and Activities, as well as demanded extra staff resources. Every dollar we spend on this is a dollar we could be spending elsewhere on items such as marketing, promotions or streetscapes, and the business associations are compensating for a totally inadequate response from government.

Recently we have entered a formal agreement with Newmarket on live monitoring of our CCTV and certainly can validate the benefit of co-operation in this regard, as suspects move between our suburbs, living in one are, and committing crime in another.

- We were very grateful for the Special Grant from the Crime Prevention Fund, and will put it to good use. However, we know that crime displaces, and ‘we are not safe until we are all safe’. There are several areas in the City Fringe that have not been able to afford the Crime Prevention initiatives that we currently have. They need support plus further advocacy for more funding, to achieve this.
- The Local Board has a role to play here, and join us in advocating (to and with Auckland Council), for government to address a holistic cross agency approach to crime including
 - Increased police resourcing and presence on the street
 - Better management of emergency housing, and
 - Additional services for mental health and addiction.
- Without this we will continue to experience the emotional and financial distress that results from crime, not to mention the brand reputation damage for Auckland. It also jeopardises all **your** outcomes as outlined in this plan.

GRAFFITI CONTROL

As with the above topic, the reporting of tagging in our areas is relentless. We do know that council contractor resources are limited in this regard, but the budget spend to remediate tagging is excessive and consequences need to be brought to bear, to deter future incidents.

GETTING THE BASICS RIGHT

In a restrained financial environment, the maintenance of council infrastructure (especially of stormwater infrastructure), and ‘getting the basics right’ (such as street cleaning and footpath maintenance) is of vital importance, while advocacy continues for long-term projects.

- We submitted on the overall Auckland Council Annual Budget saying that we believe that it is paramount to focus on improving core services, the maintenance of parks and community facilities, until we are in a position again to revive some of the additional activities.
- We noted our concern about the proposal to reduce open space maintenance and expressed our view on gardens and no-mow areas, feeling that those in our town centre were not suitable candidates. In our view, keeping our region, but especially our town centres tidy and free from litter, is core business and must be maintained.

ADDRESSING THE OUTCOMES IN YOUR 2023 PLAN

Turning to more specific aspects of the Waitematā Local Board Plan 2023 that affect Parnell, the Association would like to make the following submissions:

Climate Change

You note that the impacts from climate change were assessed recently and that Stanley Street and the The Strand found to be vulnerable to coastal inundation as well as catchment flooding, as we experienced in January of this year. We look

forward to your Shoreline Adaptation Plan being developed as well as addressing those areas vulnerable to climate change and the ability of communities (and businesses) to adapt.

We endorse your key initiative, under the heading of Climate Action, to work with BIDs to promote the prosperity of the rohe, achieve climate outcomes and address safety and anti-social behaviour.

Outcome 1: Our People

*All our people are thriving and have what they need to live a good life
Partnering for positive community outcomes and recognising expertise
Supporting and facilitating community-driven action
Champion for safe inclusion, engagement, and accessibility*

We acknowledge your key initiatives to support or partner with community organisations and groups to lead and deliver events, activations, and programmes in local areas, such as with seed funding, or support from the community brokers and access to resources and expertise, to build community-capability. We believe our Association and BIDs generally are well-placed to lead and deliver events, activations, and programmes in our local areas with support and funding from the Local Board. But we also think it would be advantageous for community-led events to grow in our public spaces, but very often the funding and the bureaucracy involved, are deterrents. Thus we support your intention to develop a partnership model for community-led delivery that follows best practice and is easy to implement.

We also support your key initiative to continue to fund, produce, and deliver targeted events and activations that support or enhance community delivered programmes. As noted previously, while the Parnell Festival of Roses is well liked by the Parnell residential community, it does nothing to support the business community.

Turning to advocacy, we support your calls for community involvement and engagement on activation and infrastructure planning to ensure robust consultation and feedback processes, particularly for CCO work programmes (such as those of Auckland Transport).

- In this regard we need the reinstatement of a BID liaison person at AT.
- We need the local board to take a stand on transport projects that are proposed via veiled safety initiatives, but will damage the fragile business environment that exists in our town centre, such as the proposed cycleway in Parnell Road.

Further, on advocacy:-

- We support the Board advocating to the Governing Body and Central Government for increased support to address homelessness and the housing crisis.
- We support your advocacy to the Governing Body and Central Government to increase funding for assertive street outreach and mental health and addiction support for our communities sleeping rough.
- We support advocacy to central government and the New Zealand Police for greater police presence and visibility, especially in our BID areas.
- We support advocacy to the Governing Body for the support and enhancement of Auckland's creative industries.

- While we support advocacy to ensure regional funding of city centre projects and initiatives focussed on improving safety and perceptions of safety, we ask this be widened to include the city fringe as well.

Outcome 2: Our Environment

Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Clean water, clean air, healthy streams, safe oceans

Biodiversity and Urban Ngahere

Resilient against natural hazards and climate change

We acknowledge your key initiatives to empower communities, schools, and businesses to reduce their carbon footprint and become more resilient to the impacts of climate change as well as encouraging them to reduce, reuse and recycle and make sustainable choices.

You have noted that you will continue to support local communities to implement local composting and grow a local low-carbon, resilient food production system, such as through community gardens, with which we agree.

Turning to advocacy:-

- We especially support your call for an increase in funding for water quality improvements to stormwater.

Outcome 3: Our Community

Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Delivering for our current and future communities

Our parks and open spaces

Community connections

We acknowledge and support your key initiative to work with the community to investigate options to **progress delivering community aspirations for Heard Park** including the park, play space and the building that was the previous Plunket Room, with the primary objective to create an activated and vibrant space that will complement local business.

We look forward to soon working with a stakeholder group of residents and local business to progress the detailed design work needed for the park and play space, and unlock the council funding allocations over the next few years.

Outcome 4: Our Places

Waitematā is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Growth and development

Parks and open spaces

Transport and accessibility

Town centres and neighbourhoods

City Centre

We agree with your acknowledgement that the urban villages within Waitematā, such as Parnell and Newmarket are important shopping, entertainment, and tourism destinations.

We also agree with your commitment to deliver projects and activities that will achieve the vision and outcomes of the local plans that have been developed, such as the Parnell Plan.

We further agree with your acknowledgement that the extreme weather events in early 2023 highlighted climate change challenges, especially flooding, and the need to adapt our planning and improve our infrastructure and its maintenance to better manage these risks.

We especially wish to emphasise the opportunity you highlight to undertake regular road maintenance to ensure that surfacing condition, bus stops, road marking, parking and pedestrian spaces are appropriate and that **stormwater networks can handle heavy rain events**. We agree that a future sponge city approach to urban design incorporating green-blue corridors with buffer planting to manage flooding will have more positive outcomes, but we have to better maintain our current existing piped stormwater infrastructure.

We acknowledge your key initiative to work with Watercare and CCO partners to upgrade and deliver key infrastructure to adapt to climate impacts. This must include stormwater infrastructure.

We also support your key initiative to work with CCOs and Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to support safety initiatives in the fringe town centres (such as Parnell Newmarket, Uptown, K’Road and Ponsonby).

You have noted you will work with Auckland Transport and utilise the Local Board Transport Capital Fund to improve road safety and wayfinding around schools in our town centres. **We ask that you try and expedite the wayfinding in and around Parnell that we have been asking for since 2016.**

We acknowledge and support your key initiative to work with Auckland Transport and Eke Panuku to provide accessible pedestrian and cycling connections to **Parnell Station including progressing the Greenways route from the Strand through the old Parnell rail tunnel and develop and signpost active transport routes including an east-west link in Parnell.**

Turning to advocacy:-

- We support the progress of the east and west stitch as outlined in the City Centre Master Plan to enable better movement between Parnell, city centre, the Domain and the Learning Quarter.
- We support the need to provide accessible pedestrian and cycling connections to Parnell Station.
- We support opening the **Greenways route from the Strand through the old Parnell rail tunnel and create accessible pedestrian connections from Parnell Station to the Domain, the Strand and Parnell Town Centre**
- **We support St Georges Bay Road/Faraday streetscape upgrade as a priority action in the Parnell Plan**, to be a focus for improving the walking and cycling connectivity that results in a high-amenity pedestrian-focused streetscape upgrade.

Outcome 4: Our economy

*Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.
Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and business associations.
Thriving city and town centres
Diverse and resilient economy
Creative industries*

We acknowledge and endorse your statement that: *“We are fortunate to have strong relationships with seven well-established business associations. Our BIDs have told us to focus on connectivity, good quality infrastructure and services, placemaking, COVID-19 impacts and changing approaches. We are committed to working closely with them to recover and grow our local economy and encourage the establishment and expansion of BID programmes.”*

We agree with your key initiative and the opportunity to deliver further on the City Fringe Economic Development Action Plan. We also agree with the initiative to work with BIDs to promote the prosperity of the Waitemātā Local Board area, achieve climate outcomes and improve safety.

We also agree with your key initiative to partner with BIDs to investigate and deliver placemaking opportunities and public realm improvements that will deliver economic benefits to the area as well as your support for arts and events that bring more people into our town centres and the major events delivered in the Local Board area.

Conclusions

Our Association welcomes the opportunity to make this submission to the Waitemātā Local Board Plan 2023.

While we are generally very supportive of the Waitemātā Local Board Plan 2023, we would have liked the Local Board to have placed more priority on safety, reducing crime, maintenance of council infrastructure and ‘getting the basics right’.

We have aspirations to realise some of the major projects outlined in the Parnell Plan, which was launched in 2019. However we understand that there is limited funding at the moment. We are thrilled that there will be funding towards the development of Heard Park. The most important service we require from the local board at this

time is advocacy, and to serve as an integral link between ourselves and the wider council family- Auckland Council and CCO's. We need the board to facilitate and enable pathways so our projects can find their way into the next rounds of long-term planning and funding, when hopefully more funding will be available, and help us avoid wasteful spending with projects that will not enhance our business community.

We wish to be heard at any hearings.

Yours sincerely,
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Grey Lynn Farmers Market

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14 August 2023

Feedback on Waitematā Local Board (WLB) Draft Plan

Kia ora

This feedback is provided on behalf of the Grey Lynn Farmers Market (GLFM) which operates at the Grey Lynn Community Centre on Sunday Mornings, as it has done since its inception in 2009.

1.0 About Grey Lynn Farmers Market

We are an incorporated society, member of Farmers Market New Zealand and are guided by strict environmental and social ideals.

Our market regularly attracts over 1,000 people each Sunday to shop for vegetables, fruit, bread, milk, eggs, meat, and other household staples. Each Sunday we enable approximately 40-45 small businesses to operate in our community.

Grey Lynn Farmers Market has become a local fixture and hub for a diverse range of residents to mix and mingle each week. Most WLB board members have visited or are regular customers of our market. We attract groups wanting to leverage our wide community reach including Auckland Council and Auckland Transport consulting with locals, other community groups trying to build their support base, Electoral Commission encouraging voter enrolments, political parties electioneering, and community projects like the Stitch in Time group repairing garments once a month.

2.0 Comments on the Draft Plan

Overall, we broadly endorse the draft plan but have some comments on elements of the plan.

Food resilience and local economy are strong theme in the WLB goals. Two examples:

- *Support a network of community gardens and food resilience activities*
- *Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.*

Is it worth highlighting Grey Lynn Farmers Market also supports and contributes to these goals. The market is an aligned with Waitematā Local Board's plans.

2.1 Our People

On Page 17, the draft plan refers to "*Supporting and facilitating community-driven action*", and on page 18 the plan aims to "*Partnering for positive community outcomes*".

GLFM agrees with and supports these aims.

2.2 Our Environment

Page 24, of the draft plan says that WLB will deliver:

“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.”

GLFM agrees with this activity.

2.3 Our Community

On page 27 of the draft plan, we note that WLB signals that:

“Grey Lynn Library and Community Hall are due for significant refurbishments. This creates an opportunity to investigate options to create a more sustainable facility for the community, and creative options to fund the project if this is needed.”

And, within the next three years, WLB will deliver:

“Investigate options for funding and developing a new multipurpose facility in Grey Lynn incorporating community centre and library services.”

We understand that initial discussions have commenced on this.

Given that our market operates from the community centre, it is highly exposed to the changes that might occur. We have looked at what might be involved in moving to a new location and recognise that any move from our current location poses a significant risk. Clear and coherent communications will be required to mitigate this risk.

Despite this risk, GLFM believes that a new hub location for the community centre presents an exciting possibility for a vibrant meeting place for our community where businesses can collaborate. We believe that it provides an opportunity for a larger, more fit-for-purpose market venue.

We look forward to a flexible venue with spaces that allow for a range of activities, including quiet research, respectful meetings, community conversations, celebrations, activations, exhibitions, markets, and lively events.

It is imperative that GLFM be included in needs assessment discussions **in advance** of developing criteria for a new site **and in advance** of scoping the design criteria for the new site. The market also has specific needs and experiences that need to be considered when designing a new site.

2.4 Our Places

On page 37, the plan signals WLB’s intention to advocate for:

“Support the preservation of significant heritage buildings such as Carlile House, the former Fitzroy Hotel and St James Theatre.”

Grey Lynn is one of Auckland’s oldest suburbs and heritage buildings contribute significantly to the character of our area and **GLFM agrees that this heritage character be protected.**

2.5 Our Economy

GLFM agrees that our city fringe location is part of a diverse economy that embraces new opportunities that drive prosperity.

GLFM is pleased to see that, on page 40, WLB states that it is “committed to working closely with them to recover and grow our local economy and encourage the establishment and expansion of BID programmes.”

Our market will help support WLB’s economic aims. We provide a range of economic benefits:

- We have a business incubator role that provides low barrier opportunities for people wanting to create a new food business.
- Some of our stallholders are graduates of the Auckland Council Kitchen Project, providing an important starting point for their ambitious aspirations.
- We provide opportunities for student enterprise, with students trying out their business ideas and prototype products with real customers.

We hope that WLB recognises the potential of our market, alongside more widely recognised tech hubs, to strengthen the economic activity of our area. Markets like ours play an important role in food resilience.

We believe that, given appropriate opportunity for collaborative site selection, design and an aspirational approach, our market could work with WLB to build a community food hub inspired by the Melbourne Farmers Market Model. This is the sort of thinking that could strengthen food resilience and build community connections if we think creatively about the possibilities for a new community centre/library facility.

Grey Lynn Farmers Market asks to be recognised as an important community organisation that can help Waitematā Local Board achieve the goals laid out in this draft plan.

We are looking forward to working more closely with Waitematā Local Board.

Naku noa, nā



Mindy Pilbrow

Chair

Grey Lynn Farmers Market

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Parnell Community Committee

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General Tree Protection

- 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
- We will work with Tree Council on upcoming tree orientated, better protection Plan Changes

Heard Park

Our Local Board is working with the community to investigate options to progress delivering community aspirations for Heard Park. Their 3-year plan states; Place making recognises that our places foster wellbeing and support the way we live. It is a process that puts community-based participation at its centre

Parnell Baths

- Will they be open in (date) this year? Damaged sewer line and??
- Replace removed far left panel of the iconic mural

Judges Bay

- Missing pontoons x 2
- Seawall repair
- Late night Boom Box noise pollution needs to be stopped
- Sand top up

DMR - Rose Festival

- Local Board welcome speech needs to be much improved

DMR - Bi-annual Easter Egg Hunt

- Secure Local Board grant to repeat highly successful 2021 event in DMR Park next to Te Ha

Gladstone Rd raised pedestrian crossing at school entrance

- Poor design has resulted in significant noise and flooding issues

Unwanted tree Pollarding on berms

- St Stephens Ave
- Alberon St

Major infrastructure problems

- Broken sewer line under Dove Myer Robinson Park/Rose gardens
- Flooding on The Strand
- Full slips remediation plan – do nothing, anchored mesh, ratepayer (and Council?) solution

Major planning matters

- We have deep concerns on The Strand Optimisation project
- Car parking removal in Parnell Town Centre for bus/bike lanes
- Possible return of majestic old Parnell Library (390 Parnell Rd) for community benefit
- NPS-UD- present submission to Hearing panel if it proceeds
- Beautify/repurpose vacant bus park land on corner of Beach Rd and The Strand
- Foundation 3 – 11/13 storeys behind Jubilee building – community have been silenced
- [Land Transport Rule Street Layouts 2023](#). The rule comes into effect on 21 August 2023.

Most councils will need to embed Reshaping Streets into their processes before the rule changes can take effect in their region. In the coming months Waka Kotahi will work with councils to support them to do this. It will enable councils and communities to work together to modify their existing streets to make it easier for people of all ages and abilities to move around using a variety of different transport options, including walking, cycling, using mobility devices or public transport. This will support people to be more active, help reduce emissions, improve safety and contribute to making our towns and cities nicer places to live, work and do business.

Waka Kotahi - Reshaping Streets gives councils options to:

Enable Community Streets (also known as Play Streets)

This makes it easier for communities to work with councils to restrict traffic on quiet local streets for a few hours at a time so children can play safely, and communities can connect.

Pilot street changes for up to 2 years to inform future permanent changes

This change makes it easier for councils to pilot, or make short-term changes to streets, to test different street layouts and features. This allows communities to experience these changes in real time and provide feedback.

Filter and restrict traffic

This gives councils more options to manage traffic in places that are important for community life like town centres, in neighbourhoods and around schools by using physical or regulatory traffic filters.

Create School Streets

Councils working alongside schools and communities, have options to restrict traffic on streets outside schools during drop off and pick up times, allowing our tamariki and rangatahi more ability to travel to and from school safely independently.

Further proposals still under consideration

The following proposals, which formed part of the consultation have not been enacted at this time. They will be considered in the next parliamentary term as part of amendments to the Government Roding Powers Amendment Bill.

- Making the process for creating pedestrian malls more consistent with other types of street changes
- Simplifying the process of creating transport shelters (e.g. bus shelters, as opposed to bus stops)

Parks

- Heritage NZ recognition of Tararua Heritage Precinct
- Support Scarborough Reserve residents in lower boundary adjustments to create new nature sanctuary
- Fix dangerous Alberon Reserve path connecting Alberon Place and Staffa St
- Open walkways in Domain, Ayr St reserve and Awatea reserve
- Help Lux Rose café
- Rubbish bin removal with no community consultation. Augustus Terrace walkway and DMR
- Maori naming - Alberon Reserve – others??
- Low - mow trial results in Ayr St Reserve are due

Waipapa Valley Ecological restoration & Greenway

- We have lobbied the Local Board to continue full funding a community led volunteer planting, weeding and pest control for this very special part of Parnell
- Local Board is planning to review the 2016 Waitematā Greenways Plan and work with Parks and Community Facilities and Auckland Transport to deliver key connections
- Addition to Maori Heritage register in underway- like to be a Fishing Village site prior to Mechanic Bay reclamation

Sales of public land/buildings

- The Local Board must involve stakeholder community groups. We do not want a repeat of Plan Change 60 where we helped save two pocket parks or the disingenuous approval to place the National Erebus Memorial in Dove Myer Robinson Park. The following needs tempering;
 - Review our portfolio of buildings and consider reducing our asset footprint to have fewer but better assets that are fit for purpose and well used
 - We will be reviewing our community leasing fees and charges.
 - Assess our community leases and assets to ensure they are financially sustainable and prioritise local needs and the changing demographics

Wider matters

- Support restoration of Leys buildings in St Mary's Bay
- Retention of pocket parks in Freemans Bay and Arch Hill needs community led solutions for future. As an example – very small land in Georgina St needs enhanced planting, good size seat and iconic art to make it an even more loved part of Freemans Bay
- There is no mention of Bike Hubs. One on Queens Wharf was started with funds first earmarked for the cancelled 2021 Rose Festival. One for Grey Lynn is presently under consideration



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**Waitemata Local Board Plan
Heart of the City Feedback**

By email to: waitematalocalboard@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Heart of the City (HOTC) is the business association for Auckland's city centre, and we represent the interests of businesses and property owners. Our purpose is to champion a successful city centre, working for the economic benefit of city centre business.

We have set out our feedback under the key question areas in the feedback form.

Question Three

Our people:

Events and placemaking make an important contribution to the city centre experience, bringing vibrancy and economic benefit. We are supportive of planned support for local events and placemaking.

We are supportive of WLB prioritising the development of **local emergency response plans** to improve community resilience to extreme weather events, ongoing climate change hazards, and other emergencies.

WLB can play an important advocacy role to Council and the CCOs to ensure that **business needs are heard through community engagement**.

Advocacy

We welcome WLB's intent for advocacy to support addressing safety concerns in the city centre including as proposed adequate funding, increased permanent police presence and visibility as well as increasing support to reduce homelessness. This is based on a deep need to shift the actual and perceived experience of safety in the city as well as better support for vulnerable communities.

Due to the concerns around safety, and in particular anti-social behaviour, **HOTC would like to see WLB advocating to support a drive underway for more effective enforcement** as well as a review of the Public Nuisance and Safety Bylaw (2013, updated in 2019).

We also would like to see an **improvement in public amenities** in the city centre, therefore we are supportive of WLB prioritising advocacy to the Governing Body and CCO's to enhance the provision of public amenities in the city centre.

Our Environment:

HOTC considers initiatives to **improve air quality in the city centre** important and is supportive of WLB plans to advocate for the transition to electric vehicles.

Our places:

City Centre developments, investments, transport planning and implementation must be done in an integrated, coordinated way that results in a well-functioning city centre, improves linkages and access to other parts of the WLB area, and supports future economic growth and supports businesses. **Our expectation is that the WLB will also ensure that the needs of business are well understood** and advocate for these to be considered as part of planning and delivery of all public realm projects and policies.

We are strongly in support of a public school in the city centre. We want to see more residents living here, and having a centrally located school will help make the city centre more appealing as a place to live.

St James is one of the city centre's heritage gems. Whilst Auckland Council has reconfirmed a \$15M funding commitment to the St James's restoration, we note the importance of providing the appropriate local board support to this project, including any wider planning needs to realise its full potential.

Our Economy:

The WLB plan outlines a number of initiatives aimed to support a thriving and diverse city centre economy. It is imperative that the returns from investment in the public realm are maximised and the impacts of construction are mitigated. Economic development initiatives, supporting events, ensuring that local agencies mitigate the impacts of public realm construction on local businesses are important for WLB to focus on.

It is imperative that there is good quality engagement and relationship management. Along with other BIDs, we have collectively raised concerns around the recent disestablishment of the BID engagement roles in Auckland Transport. Equally, ensuring comprehensive development programmes are in place to reduce the impact of construction on businesses is vital.

-ENDS-

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SUBMISSION TO THE DRAFT WAITEMATĀ LOCAL BOARD PLAN 2023

The Newmarket Business Association ('Association') welcomes the opportunity to make this submission to the Waitematā Local Board Plan 2023.

The Association represents over 3,000 property owners and businesses, who between them employ around 20,000 employees within the Newmarket precinct. Through the Business Improvement District (BID) programme, we work in partnership with Auckland Council, its CCOs, the Waitematā Local Board and the private sector to improve the local business environment, foster economic development, and improve outcomes for Newmarket in general.

While the Association is generally very supportive of the Waitematā Local Board Plan 2023, we would have liked the Local Board to have placed more priority on reducing crime, maintenance of council infrastructure (especially of stormwater infrastructure) and 'getting the basics right' (such as street cleaning and footpath maintenance), plus a more specific focus on our Youth stakeholders.

Turning to more specific aspects of the *Waitematā Local Board Plan 2023*, the Association would like to make the following submissions:

We endorse your key initiative, under the heading of Climate Action, to work with BIDs to promote the prosperity of the rohe, achieve climate outcomes and address safety and anti-social behaviour.

Outcome 1: Our People

*All our people are thriving and have what they need to live a good life
Partnering for positive community outcomes and recognising expertise
Supporting and facilitating community-driven action
Champion for safe inclusion, engagement, and accessibility*

We acknowledge your key initiatives to support or partner with community organisations and groups to lead and deliver events, activations, and programmes in local areas, such as with seed funding, or support from the community brokers and access to resources and expertise, to build community-capability. We believe our Association and BIDs generally are well-placed to lead and deliver events, activations, and programmes in our local areas with support and funding from the Local Board.

We also support your key initiative to continue to fund, produce, and deliver targeted events and activations that support or enhance community delivered programmes. We acknowledge the importance of the Italian Festival, which with targeted support from WLB and others, would allow us to bring back to life in 2024. Your ongoing support of this has been welcome. Additionally funding to help us deliver the roll out of our Heritage strategy with a network of Heritage signs is also very much welcome.

Turning to advocacy, we support your calls for community involvement and engagement on activation and infrastructure planning to ensure robust consultation and feedback processes, particularly for CCO work programmes (such as those of Auckland Transport).

Further, on advocacy, we support the Board advocating to the Governing Body and Central Government for increased support to address homelessness and the housing crisis. We also support advocacy to the Governing Body for the support and enhancement of Auckland's creative industries. We especially support advocacy to central government and the New Zealand Police for greater police presence and visibility, especially in our BID areas. While we support advocacy to ensure regional funding of city centre projects and initiatives focussed on improving safety and perceptions of safety, we ask this be widened to include the city fringe as well.

Outcome 2: Our Environment

Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Clean water, clean air, healthy streams, safe oceans

Biodiversity and Urban Ngahere

Resilient against natural hazards and climate change

We acknowledge your key initiatives to empower communities, schools, and businesses to reduce their carbon footprint and become more resilient to the impacts of climate change as well as encouraging them to reduce, reuse and recycle and make sustainable choices.

Turning to advocacy, we especially support your call for an increase in funding for water quality improvements to stormwater.

Outcome 3: Our Community

Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Delivering for our current and future communities

Our parks and open spaces

Community connections

We acknowledge and support your key initiative to investigate opportunities for youth provision such as a youth facility/ies in Newmarket. We would like to see some timeframes and financial commitment to progress the solutions to this issue. We have been advocating for Newmarket's youth stakeholders for over 8 years. We are experiencing youth-related anti-social issues on a daily basis. Due to this fact, more than any other precinct within the Waitemata Local Board area, we would like to see action and this project progressed as a matter of the utmost priority.

Outcome 4: Our Places

Waitemata is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Growth and development

Parks and open spaces

Transport and accessibility

Town centres and neighbourhoods

City Centre

We agree with your acknowledgement that the urban villages within Waitemata, such as Ponsonby, Parnell and Newmarket are important shopping, entertainment, and tourism destinations.

We also agree with your commitment to deliver projects and activities that will achieve the vision and outcomes of the local plans that have been developed, such as Newmarket Laneways Plan, the Parnell Plan and the Ponsonby Road Plan.

We further agree with your acknowledgement that the extreme weather events in early 2023 highlighted climate change challenges, especially flooding, and the need to adapt our planning and improve our infrastructure and its maintenance to better manage these risks.

We especially wish to emphasise the opportunity you highlight to undertake regular road maintenance to ensure that surfacing condition, bus stops, road marking, parking and pedestrian spaces are appropriate and that **stormwater networks can handle heavy rain events**. We agree that a future sponge city approach to urban design incorporating green-blue corridors with buffer planting to manage flooding will have more positive outcomes, but we have to better maintain our current existing piped stormwater infrastructure.

We acknowledge your key initiative to work with Watercare and CCO partners to upgrade and deliver key infrastructure to adapt to climate impacts. This must include stormwater infrastructure.

We also support your key initiative to work with CCOs and Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to support safety initiatives in the fringe town centres (such as Ponsonby, Parnell and Newmarket).

We acknowledge your key initiative to support the Association to investigate funding options such as a targeted rate to deliver street scape upgrades as per the Newmarket Laneways Plan. *However we would like to note that Kent and York Streets, were to be prioritised and funded from transport CAPEX, rather than waiting for the establishment of a targeted rate.* This has been the basis of our advocacy since 2017. These two streets in particular have seen a marked increase in pedestrian and vehicular traffic. This in part due to the changing tenant mix. York Street has taken more of a hospitality focus, and Kent Street is seeing an increase in their retail footprint. Challenges and conflicts have increased as App-based food delivery vehicles compete with trucks and busy carpark traffic causes more congestion. We would especially like to see York Street's streetscape design enhanced in the near future. This would logically be the more cost effective option of the two streets.

We acknowledge and support your key initiative to work with Auckland Transport and Eke Panuku to provide accessible pedestrian and cycling connections to Parnell Station including progressing the Greenways route from the Strand through the old Parnell rail tunnel and develop and signpost active transport routes including an east-west link in Parnell.

We also support your advocacy to open the Greenways route from the Strand through the old Parnell rail tunnel and create accessible pedestrian connections from Newmarket to Parnell Station, to the Domain, the Strand and Parnell Town Centre.

Outcome 4: Our economy

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Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and business associations.

Thriving city and town centres

Diverse and resilient economy

Creative industries

We acknowledge and endorse your statement that: *"We are fortunate to have strong relationships with seven well-established business associations. Our BIDs have told us to focus on connectivity, good quality infrastructure and services, placemaking, COVID-19 impacts and changing approaches. We are committed to working closely with them to recover and grow our local economy and encourage the establishment and expansion of BID programmes."*

We agree with your key initiative and the opportunity to deliver further on the City Fringe Economic Development Action Plan. We also agree with the initiative to work with BIDs to promote the prosperity of the Waitemata Local Board area, achieve climate outcomes and improve safety.

We also agree with your key initiative to partner with BIDs to investigate and deliver placemaking opportunities and public realm improvements that will deliver economic benefits to the area as well as your support for arts and events that bring more people into our town centres and the major events delivered in the Local Board area.

Conclusions

Our Association welcomes the opportunity to make this submission to the Waitemata Local Board Plan 2023.

We'd like to reiterate that while the Association is generally very supportive of the Waitemata Local Board Plan 2023, we would have liked the Local Board to have placed more priority on reducing crime, maintenance of council infrastructure (especially of stormwater infrastructure) and 'getting the basics right' (such as street cleaning and footpath maintenance), plus a more specific focus on Newmarket's Youth stakeholders.

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Yours sincerely,



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3. **We are responsible for promoting your social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being. What objectives/key initiatives within each theme is important to you:**

A. **Our People** - All people are thriving and can connect, participate, and achieve a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- B. **Our Environment** – Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

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- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- D. **Our Places** - Waitematā is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

4. **Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?**

14 August 2023

Local Board Plans

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Submission to the Draft Waitemata Local Board 3-year Plan 2023

I wish make the following submission to The Draft Waitemata Local Board 3 Year plan 2023.

Financial Review

I have considerable concern with the budget submitted with the Draft 3-year plan.

Operating Revenue

Is shown as \$3 million for the year 2023/2024

- Why does it not include the \$5 million bequeathed to the Board (as a result of sale of the Katmandu Building in Lower Victoria Street?)
- Why are the proceeds of the sale of the Plunket Building said to be \$3 million, not included?

Operating Expenditure

Is shown as \$35.5 Million of which \$23.4 million is allocated to the 2023/2024 finance year. Yet in an email to me from the Board dated July 25 Point 3 states;

Quote "At its 8 June 2023 meeting, the Governing Body made decisions on the Annual Budget - including a reduction of \$4 million to local board operational funding - this requires the Waitemata Local Board to reduce its planned operating spend by \$180,522.

The final Waitemata Local Board budget for 2023/2024 financial year is \$1,424,837.

- Please explain how the Waitemata Board can present for public consultation a deficit operating budget of \$31.5 million for the year 2023/2024?

- Further can you please explain, why this draft three-year strategic plan does not contain draft operating and capital budgets covering the 2024/2025, 2025/2026 financial years?
- Given that you are promoting a deficit budget I would also like to understand the following expense items in the operating budget as per the spread sheet, emailed to me on 24 July.
- 1. The ten items commencing with Community Facilities Utilities to Community staff allocation totalling. \$4.4 million
 2. Full facilities contract \$ 5.2 million
 3. Full facilities contract Sports fields \$1.4 million
 4. Sports Renovations Responsive Maintenance \$500k

Capital Expenditure

This is showing as \$9.6 million.

There is, in my opinion, only one immediate capital expenditure requirement for the Waitemata Board over the next three years.

That is the:

Leys Institute, St Mary Road Restoration

The Leys Institute has been closed down since December 2019.

The building is a listed Heritage A building by the NZ Historic Places Trust and Auckland Council.

In its moth balled/closed state the Leys Institute remains a wasted and under-utilised asset with absolutely no maintenance being carried out on it since its closure in December 2019.

A public restoration and modernisation process was conducted for the building in 2022 and a preferred option has been agreed upon by the community.

This now leaves in my opinion, the question of funding the restoration and seismic strengthening contract to bring the Leys Institute back on line as a valued and necessary community amenity?

I understand the current timeline (given the availability of funding) for completion of this contract is in the region of 2027/2028. And the budget in the vicinity of \$15 million.

If this is the case that would mean the community has been without this valued amenity for some 8 to 9 years. In reality it will most likely end up being in this state a lot longer, unless action is taken sooner.

By any stretch, if this delay goes on any longer, it will be an unacceptable imposition on the community and will have denied a generation of our children, in particular, the use of and benefits from the educational values this amenity provides.

On that basis I propose the Waitemata Board gives serious consideration to revisiting its priorities and funding the restoration of the Leys Institute with a committed time line for commencement in 2024, on the following basis;

Option A

Proceeds from the Plunket building	\$3,000,000 (est Value)
Proceeds of sale 254 Ponsonby Road	<u>\$12,000,000 (est Value)</u>
Total	<u>\$15,000,000</u>

The “planning” for 254 Ponsonby Road has been talked about since July 2014. In my opinion, nine years of wasted time and money with no result.

This “talk fest” has developed into a “vanity “or “nice’ to have project endorsed by some of the current Board members, and a small number from the community.

There is absolutely no intrinsic value, to the local community, or ratepayer, or for that matter the wider Auckland’ community, in the 254 Ponsonby Road project

The test is, if you have to choose between or prioritise the restoration of the Leys Institute or a park on 254 Ponsonby Road, on the basis of which option has both an immediate value return and a long-term amenity value to the community and rate payers, you have to agree the Leys Institute wins hands down.

Or to put in the vernacular “it’s a no brainer”

Therefore, I am proposing 254 Ponsonby Road be put on the market for sale, at the earliest opportunity.

Option B

Westhaven Marina

Westhaven Marina is Auckland’s premier marina. It is Auckland’s highest profile marina and is strategically located within the suburban boundary of St Mary’s Bay, and therefore falls within the Waitemata Boards jurisdiction.

It is zoned a Marina Zone under the Auckland Unitary Plan 2016.

It is also protected by the Westhaven Empowerment Act 1979. In 1975 the St Mary’s Bay Assn initiated negotiations with the Auckland Harbour Board and presented plans for the development of

Westhaven Marina into what is now, a world class community marina amenity.

In 2004 The Government acquired the marina including the land, from Ports of Auckland.

In May 2004 Auckland Council purchased Westhaven Marina and the land from the Government. As a condition of this purchase arrangement the Government placed covenants over the Marina whereby it is to remain in perpetual public ownership.

Currently the marina is only managed by Panuku Auckland Development for which it is paid a fee.

The net revenue goes into a consolidated account with Auckland Council Governing Body

Given the origin of the Westhaven Marina and its location within community, it is by definition a community asset. In which case, I would argue that the benefits, overall governance and future of Westhaven Marina should come under the direction of the Waitemata Board, reporting back to the Auckland Council Governing body.

If this were the case the net revenue for the Westhaven Marina should be awarded to the Waitemata Board, to be used only for Capital or Asset refurbishment projects required within the Waitemata Board jurisdiction, and not applied to or used to top up operational expenditure within the wider city.

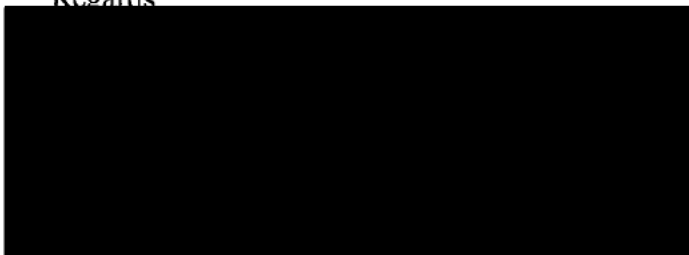
The last published net revenue for the Westhaven Marina is for the financial year 2021 and was \$17.6 million.

At this level of year-on-year revenue, the Waitemata Board would have ample working capital to not only fund its current asset base, but also cover its future capital requirements.

In conclusion I would appreciate the opportunity to further expand on the proposals I have put on the table. To that end am happy to have my questions and proposals debated in either an open forum or workshop activity at the next available opportunity.

I look forward to your response.

Regards





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Your Local Board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

Not well at all

Tell us why

I do not accept money needs to be withdrawn from the community rather Auckland Council spending on "Consultants" Lawyers and accountants housed on our waterfront should be curtailed and redirected to the people, places and facilities of our community.

2. The cost of maintaining our public assets and facilities is increasingly expensive, and our communities are growing and changing. We need to consider a more sustainable investment approach to deliver services. This will mean difficult trade-offs and investigating creative ways to raise our revenue and/or alternative methods to fund our projects.

What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

The first sentence of this statement is completely WRONG. The existing assets and facilities of Auckland council must be maintained and increased with a growing population i.e. The library service is the best of Council endeavours. Librarians were ready to go on day one of the amalgamation and continue to perform well DESPITE Council.

3. We are responsible for promoting your social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being. What objectives/key initiatives within each theme is important to you:

A. Our People - All people are thriving and can connect, participate, and achieve a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Look to all the peoples of Auckland including the Young and those living in South Auckland. Service provision ie. rubbish bins, tress is still lacking in the South. WHY?

- B. **Our Environment** – Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Clean waterways are most important especially Coxs' week. It is most important to DECREASE the amount of concrete and roofing impervious surfaces and INCREASE permeability. Roofs need to be light or white. Where are the MILLION Trees? Please get moving on this one. Time is SHORT!

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- D. **Our Places** - Waitematā is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

4. **Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?**



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Tell us why

Wasn't sure why climate action was added onto Māori outcomes?! Should stand on its own or with Environment, whilst still aligning with Te Reo Māori outcomes.

- 2. The cost of maintaining our public assets and facilities is increasingly expensive, and our communities are growing and changing. We need to consider a more sustainable investment approach to deliver services. This will mean difficult trade-offs and investigating creative ways to raise our revenue and/or alternative methods to fund our projects.**

What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

Expand concept of GRID Auckland, supporting creative enterprise/entrepreneurship and spaces for people to connect/share/ask capacity for creative sector development and the arts.

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- A. Our People** - All people are thriving and can connect, participate, and achieve a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Give capacity to deliver free performance/arts/events in public spaces, to support creative/practice/practitioners vibrant communities cultural expression of diversity and enhancing inclusive participation for all.

- B. **Our Environment** – Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Separation of storm water systems for sewerage. Pollution/plastic "traps" to collection of this debris before it enters waterways (harbour, increase native plants) BAN all seabed dredging in Hauraki Gulf. Electric Public Transport priority!!! Protection of native flora and fauna; PEST CONTROL.

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

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Your feedback

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

Not very well

Tell us why

My particular concern for Grey Lynn relates to the discussion of a possible new library/community centre if costs to get both up to scratch prove too daunting. What are these costs? Please tell us how much it will cost to strengthen our heritage library building? How much will it cost to leak proof the Grey Lynn community centre? If there is concern about the size of our library, could we please have an opinion from a heritage architect like Jeremy Salmond about possibilities of enlarging our library, perhaps using the existing hall or building a second storey on the hall so we retain the hall as a hall? Grey Lynn library and Grey Lynn community centre are the two hubs of our community. Both well used. I do not see the necessity of building a new combined library/community centre elsewhere.

Grey Lynn residents fought to save our library from closure twice. Our library is precious to us. We are still here - using our library. For the next board consultation, could it please be better advertised and held either at the library hall or Grey Lynn community centre.

I am sorry this is all I have time to do. Illness in our household prevents me having the time to read and respond to the whole plan. However our library and community centre are two areas I feel very strongly about. I look forward to have a face to face discussion.

Yours sincerely

Brownwyn Banks

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approach to deliver services. This will mean difficult trade-offs and investigating creative ways to raise our revenue and/or alternative methods to fund our projects.

What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

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Your feedback

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

Not well at all

Tell us why

I am fed up with the huge cultural shift. I cannot understand what is written in Maori. There are many cultures living in NZ however their cultures are being pushed aside. I want to go back to everyone living in harmony respecting everyone's culture and art. Have a more equal based affection for all cultures. There is probably more Chinese and Indians in Auckland English people etc all of whom pay rates and taxes so remember other cultures helped make NZ great and also should be memorialised without their works or statues being torn down. When I read the draft I certainly felt alone. The CBD has become a dangerous place, Police removing the office in Fort St was a huge mistake. The Council still needs to make sure they have controlled spending and remember rate payers are not bottomless cash atms.

- 2. The cost of maintaining our public assets and facilities is increasingly expensive, and our communities are growing and changing. We need to consider a more sustainable investment approach to deliver services. This will mean difficult trade-offs and investigating creative ways to raise our revenue and/or alternative methods to fund our projects.**

What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

Water and rubbish, better recycling. green areas - parklands seating and areas where people with disabilities can walk in safe footpaths it seems the only people who get a safe footpath is cyclists. The stonework pavements and roads are all uneven and looks a mess in a lot of places, the works depts all rip them up and replace with bitumen making the place look even worse.

3. We are responsible for promoting your social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being. What objectives/key initiatives within each theme is important to you:

A. **Our People** - All people are thriving and can connect, participate, and achieve a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

*All people are thriving and can connect, participate and achieve a sense of belonging. Everyone need to be considered not just a select few.

- B. **Our Environment** – Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

*Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways. Creeks and what were small water channels need to be dredged and cleaned. No one has realised all of these bottoms have clogged up and need to be dredged otherwise we will keep having floods.

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

*Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Certain streets in the CBD are a nightmare with shop keepers and residents not feeling safe. Nightclubs also bring in troublemakers, there needs to be more police presence in the CBD. At the moment it's like a shooting gallery. Graffiti in Perth, any graffiti found is gone within a day or so, because they have pride in their city. Auckland looks disgusting. Our building pay a huge amount of money to clean up our building these artists, need to be made to clean up their mess and be held accountable.

- D. **Our Places** - Waitematā is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

*Waitmeata is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

The waterfront has always looked like a second hand building site. With the sheds and ugly old houses so until someone with a decent vision the waterfront needs to stay with the defects it has. The port can stay as at east we know what is there and how to deal with it. Now covid is over, it will become the cash cow it was. Viaduct Harbour had a lot of restaurants, so we do not need more we know some big restaurants went broke, so we do not need more empty spaces in warehouse looking buildings on the waterfront.

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

*Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Keep the port where it is. The cruise ships and cargo will return. The dept who did Queen St has ruined the CBD. I feel sorry for any shop trader in Queen St its a total disgrace. If I want to go shopping, I now go to St Lukes.

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Freemans Bay Residents Association

Your Local Board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

Quite well

Tell us why

Many goals are similar but far, far too much waffle. Please cut to the chase and give a summary of exactly what projects - timing and cost. This 40 odd page document is far too long for most to fully grasp. People want more concise points which are direct and clear.

2. The cost of maintaining our public assets and facilities is increasingly expensive, and our communities are growing and changing. We need to consider a more sustainable investment approach to deliver services. This will mean difficult trade-offs and investigating creative ways to raise our revenue and/or alternative methods to fund our projects.

What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

The cost of Auckland park maintenance has gone excessively high since allocation of this to Ventia. CR Maurice Williamson highlighted this in a speech he gave. Why are we outsourcing when all this does is see costs go through the roof eventually.

3. We are responsible for promoting your social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being. What objectives/key initiatives within each theme is important to you:

A. **Our People** - All people are thriving and can connect, participate, and achieve a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Removing amenity, as in Plan Change 78, which removes protection of sunlight and privacy does not create a sense of belonging and community. It does the very opposite.

- B. **Our Environment** – Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Maintain the greenbelt around the CBD for absorbing water and CO2. Don't allow PC78 to cover it all in concrete, this is a disaster. Preserve special character. We don't have the right to throw it away our city's early history. This is be preserved and passed on to future generations.

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Deliver seismic strengthening, restoration and modernisation of Leys Institute and Library and Gymnasium to preserve as a heritage taonga for futre generations.

- D. **Our Places** - Waitematā is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

To preserve the special character of Freemans Bay and stop plans to pocket intensify through the suburbs the destruction of this history is not our generations right to do, and this must be passed on to future generations.

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Ponsonby Rd is a unique, historic road mostly made up of small to medium sized businesses. Intensification like that proposed by PC78 will change the very nature of the very essence of our bohemian strip.

4. Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?

1. I support the retention of the "Spongability" of green central suburbs like Freemans Bay.
2. Oppose the cutting down of greenery (vegetation) and covering the area with building and concrete (intensification).
3. Support intensification of areas like Works Depot which is close to the CBD and already covered in non-permeable surfaces.



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Disabled Persons Assembly NZ

Your Local Board: Not supplied

Your feedback

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

Tell us why

2. The cost of maintaining our public assets and facilities is increasingly expensive, and our communities are growing and changing. We need to consider a more sustainable investment approach to deliver services. This will mean difficult trade-offs and investigating creative ways to raise our revenue and/or alternative methods to fund our projects.

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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

For any further inquiries, please contact:

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Introducing Disabled Persons Assembly NZ

We work on systemic change for the equity of disabled people

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

We recognise:

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

We drive systemic change through:

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

UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

DPA was influential in creating the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD),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.



Waitematā Local Board Plan

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Senior Focus

Your Local Board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

Very well

Tell us why

Stand out effort, comprehensive and uses policy frameworks, Thriving Communities Plan and action plan re Age Friendly 2022.

Detailed - smart: specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and timely. But remove word 'elderly'

2. The cost of maintaining our public assets and facilities is increasingly expensive, and our communities are growing and changing. We need to consider a more sustainable investment approach to deliver services. This will mean difficult trade-offs and investigating creative ways to raise our revenue and/or alternative methods to fund our projects.

What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

Fund partnerships in community sector. Community groups to co-ordinate sector wide networks improving linkage and co-ordination eg senior community. Could work on ownership / rental of buildings too eg Planet FM in Mt Albert

3. We are responsible for promoting your social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being. What objectives/key initiatives within each theme is important to you:

A. **Our People** - All people are thriving and can connect, participate, and achieve a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Democracy pilot may offer opportunity for activities esp in Grey Lynn
Create stronger linkages and networks (not just through open spaces and parks) to foster resilience, should be no 1 goal

- B. **Our Environment** – Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Support all objectives, esp low carbon, composting food production, promoting waiorea, partnering with schools, businesses, enhancing biodiversity and esp improving and advocacy re water quality and tree protection

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Heritage - telling our stories - vital for Maori and Pakeha
Better public transport will assist social connectivity
Maintain gold card subsidy
Support retaining heritage as in Sydney - The Rocks / Paddington

- D. **Our Places** - Waitematā is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Toilets - not enough in CBD, Three Lamps etc. Must be accessible. Any removed need to be replaced
Surfaces - slope, grip, capacity for wheelchairs trikes to cross, people to walk easily
Lighting - safety at night. Elliot St / Wellesley St dark at nights- broken pathway
Blue-green corridors

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Walking, cycling, parking for seniors adds or limits where they go and how they spend \$.
Anticongestion fees need a senior concession built in for medical and legal business access. Also some parking concessions for 3hours max fee
Maintain gold card subsidy

4. Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?

Advocate for healthy waters to spend its budget not save \$2 million on cuts

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Planet FM 104.6 FM Sundays 5.25pm

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Brief Summary on the Background of “Senior Focus”.

Senior Focus was set up as a communication information network for seniors, to host a weekly radio show on Planet FM, Auckland’s Community Access Radio in 2015.

Following advocacy over the formation of the Super City, submissions to the Royal Commission, and AC’s Annual Plans plus Local Board Plans, there was deemed to be a need to have interviews with experts local and national, elected representatives and commentators, so seniors could be engaging with relevant news and views on what matters to them in their daily lives.

We have a panel of six advisers, several with broadcasting experience, and guest interviewers, and hosts come into the new studio now. After 35 years of fund raising Planet FM owns its own building and recording studios with state of the art facilities.

This submission was made after consultation with Local Board members Bonham and Northey, and can be supported with a presentation to the Local Board.


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Civic Trust Auckland

Your Local Board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

Tell us why

2. The cost of maintaining our public assets and facilities is increasingly expensive, and our communities are growing and changing. We need to consider a more sustainable investment approach to deliver services. This will mean difficult trade-offs and investigating creative ways to raise our revenue and/or alternative methods to fund our projects.

What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

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Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

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Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- D. **Our Places** - Waitematā is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

4. Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?

See attached



Submission of Civic Trust Auckland

Draft Local Board Plans - all

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Introduction

Civic Trust Auckland (CTA) is a non-profit public interest group, incorporated in 1968, with activities and interests throughout the greater Auckland region

The aims of the Trust include:

- Protection of natural landforms
- Preservation of heritage, in all its aspects
- Encouragement of good planning, for the city and region.

We are on Council's list of regional stakeholders and we have previously provided submissions on Local Board plans, as well as on many other Auckland Council plans. Some matters that we have advocated for are now in place, such as smoke-free parks and public open spaces, more resource recovery centres and public education about waste reduction, especially as regards plastic bag use, and Local Boards holding their monthly meetings at varying times.

Other matters are partly in place but we feel the need to submit on them again, including improved public transport: bus, rail and ferry services, better provision for walking and cycling, involving the community more in decision making as well as supporting them as volunteers and improved Local Board engagement with the community, perhaps through a regular clinic at varying times of the day.

CTA has a particular focus on the Environment and Climate Action parts of the Local Board plans.

CTA greatly appreciates the work of Local Boards, and recognises that they know their local communities and are focused on the needs of those particular communities, as well as responding to Auckland Council plans. We are aware of the reduced amount of funding Local Boards have been allocated. We support in general the initiatives in the draft plans. We have highlighted some areas of particular support and particular concern, first making some general points about all Local Board plans as well as particular points for a number of Local Boards, in alphabetical order according to the names of those Local Boards. When quoting from Local Board plans, we use *italics*.

All Local Boards

Climate Action

All the plans address climate action and emissions reduction. We support all Local Boards in the importance they have placed on climate action and commend those that have their own Climate Action Plan, especially those that put them in place even before Auckland Council formulated its Climate Action Plan, such as Puketāpapa. As stated in the Upper Harbour Draft Local Board Plan: “*We recognize that climate change is a complex issue that will require collaborative effort from all of us*” (page 10). The Kaipātiki Local Board articulates that “Climate impact is a key consideration for all decisions made.”

The plans address similar concerns:

- lack of knowledge about how to live low carbon lives
- community preparedness for impacts of climate change
- additional barriers for migrant and ethnic communities
- lack of access to reliable public transport
- road safety concerns, particularly in rural areas
- coastline erosion, sea level rise and flooding
- low tree canopy cover and lack of greenspace to match the rate of urban development and intensification • vegetation, soil and biodiversity loss (urban development, transport, pollution)

We support climate actions across the Local Boards such as

- establishing / supporting EcoNeighbourhoods
- implementing local Urban Ngahere (Forest) Action Plans
- implementing Shoreline Adaptation Plans, especially in collaboration with a neighbouring Local Board
- local waste minimisation, resource recovery initiatives and public education about waste reduction.
- the planting of more trees by Local Boards and support for the community to plant trees
- ensuring Local Board assets will be resilient to the impacts of climate change or severe weather, and reinstating any assets lost or damaged as a result of storm events
- implementing low carbon practices when upgrading or developing Local Board assets
- developing community-led emergency preparedness plans and
- working alongside the community in response to flood events

Furthermore, we support those Local Boards such as Aotea-Great-Barrier that have their own local Emergency Response Team to lead emergency preparedness, response and recovery, and those advocating, as the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board articulates: “*Advocate to and work with Auckland Emergency Management and wider council departments to support community networks and connections that help people to fare better and respond to emergencies and the impacts of climate change*” (page 16).

We are hopeful that communities know about their local Climate Action Plan or are able to find it online or elsewhere.

Māori Outcomes

As stated in all the Local Board plans, *“Māori identity and culture are Auckland’s unique point of difference in the world.”* CTA endorses all the plans listing strong Māori initiatives that build whānau wellbeing and strengthen resilience, such as practicing te ao Māori guardianship (kaitiakitanga) principles led by mana whenua and incorporating mana whenua identity and culture into the design of developments. We support dual naming of parks and other sites to reflect Māori heritage.

We note that the Manurewa Local Board has the highest proportion and highest number of Māori residents across all the Local Boards and that, appropriately, they include in their plan a particularly strong and high number of listed Māori outcomes, including for Māori youth.

Places

All Local Board Plans have included the following in their draft plans under Local Planning and Development:

“We support local town centres and communities to thrive by developing town centre plans and development, supporting Business Improvement Districts (BIDs), heritage plans and initiatives.”

Local boards, sometimes with input from local heritage organisations, arguably have the best understanding of their local heritage and therefore have an important role in its identification, protection and enhancement. We strongly support local boards identifying and assessing the heritage items and places in their area, making use of local knowledge and skills to do so, and consulting with stakeholders in working to preserve and enhance their built and natural heritage.

We observe that the Waitemātā Local Board lists particular heritage buildings in its draft plan, and it seems that only two other Local Board do so (Orakei Local Board – Remuera Library, Waitākere Ranges – Waikumete Cemetery, the rail station house and Playhouse Theatre). We know that communities value their heritage buildings and we know that many of them remain unidentified and unprotected, so we encourage Local Boards to include the identification, protection, enhancement and restoration of built heritage as key initiatives in their plans.

CTA supports local boards to advocate and provide for local board input for improved outcomes for heritage in Council planning documents for the region’s collective heritage.

CTA supports the creation and maintaining of a regional cultural heritage database to provide information to landowners, resource consent applicants and other interest groups. We encourage Council and community groups sharing collective information for the purposes of heritage identification.

CTA encourages all Local Boards to investigate incentives for enhancing low quality designs and to encourage any design solutions that might assist in this. We support Local Boards advocating to the Governing Body for the creation of the position of City Architect.

We support Local Boards reviewing their community-leased buildings, approach and fees to make best strategic use of those spaces.

We support the intention of the Local Boards which are looking at partnership opportunities with local schools, churches, and other organisations to make their spaces available for community use and to ensure programmes and initiatives are coordinated to fill any gaps and to avoid duplication. Schools in particular are a valuable resource for all communities, both their facilities and their populations.

We support the Local Boards working with Kāinga Ora to help provide park and community facility assets, as well as integrate their housing developments with the character of the area, ensure that developments are well planned and that the transport and other infrastructure works well.

Environment

Many of the Local Boards in their plans recognise and celebrate their environmental volunteers who have restored, protected and cleaned up areas over many years and continue to do so. This includes community-led pest control and biodiversity projects. The support of Local Boards for such work is important.

Also important are the actions of those community groups which work to identify and protect built heritage, which is recognised by the Ōrākei Local Board in its intention to work with the Remuera Heritage Society (amongst others) to preserve heritage character in the area (page 25).

Local Board support, including funding initiatives such as planting, pest control, stream and water quality enhancements, and waste minimisation projects is important for healthy ecosystems and sustainability.

Some Local Boards contain Special Ecological Areas within them and we support their work in this regard.

CTA supports the daylighting of streams to divert them from pipes back to the surface, as the Manurewa Local Board and others are planning to do, including Waitematā Local Board with the Waipapa Stream.

We support the use of electric vehicles and the installation of charging stations.

All Local Boards recognise the importance of parks and open spaces in their area and we support those that plan to acquire open space where possible, such as through large-scale developments, and to improve existing parks space through land exchanges, reconfiguration and improving linkages and connections.

We support management plan for local parks, reserves and other open spaces. However, care may need to be taken so that an omnibus management plan does not mean that unique aspects of certain spaces are not protected. Some spaces may need their own separate management plan.

We support more tree planting throughout the city, and, in general, oppose the removal of already planted trees. This includes the removal of exotic trees from the maunga that are demonstrably valued by the people of Auckland. We submit that trees already planted be allowed to live out their natural lives and that any succession planting, where appropriate, should focus on natives.

We suggest that small local projects involving the community, particularly new migrants and/or those for whom language is a barrier, could be to beautify/make use of small areas, including on land which is awaiting development, for planting or for art installations.

Transport

As mentioned in the Devonport-Takapuna Draft Local Board Plan (page 25), *“Local Boards have an advocacy role when it comes to many transport projects.”* All the plans address transport issues, particularly public transport, and they advocate for efficient, affordable and convenient public transport, which CTA has previously advocated for and supported.

CTA supports the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu and Otara-Papatoetoe Local Boards in advocating for free public transport. CTA has suggested in previous submissions that a trial of free transport be held. As pointed out by several Local Boards, transport in Auckland accounts for nearly half of the city's greenhouse gas emissions. Some Local Boards also mention car-dependency and congestion.

We also support safer speeds, especially around schools, traffic calming, road safety and pedestrian and cyclist priority, including cycleways and greenways to encourage healthy activity and less care use, as is advocated for by most, if not all, Local Boards. We caution that when considering implementation of the relevant infrastructure, including bicycle parking, there should be full consultation with affected people, primarily being the residents and/or businesses in the area under consideration. Streetscape character should not be compromised. We suggest that there is already sufficient infrastructure in place for bicycle parking, partly because some Local Board areas have already provided specific bicycle parking and partly because most cyclists like the ability to park very close to where they are going and are happy to use a pole, fence or tree to chain their bike to, and in our experience, this is workable for everyone (in contrast to e-scooter parking). We consider that the negative effect of placing any transport infrastructure in the public realm needs to be recognised and minimised.

CTA encourages Local Boards to support our advocacy to Auckland Council for a Public Transport champion. This could be a youth role and it could involve the telling of good stories about public transport. In our view, many more people would use public transport if they could see other people like themselves using it on a regular basis and get to know more about HOP cards (and the imminent introduction of the use of credit cards to pay for public transport), that public transport can accommodate the frail and disabled, and that there is, in fact, often a bus stop not too far from their house and/or place of work.

We support the Local Boards that are advocating for more bus shelters in their area. In our view, a shelter in addition to a seat at a bus stop is an essential part of the public transport infrastructure, for protection from both sun and rain. Future designs should consider the potential for the seat and the people waiting at the bus stop getting wet from driving rain, as is the case with some of the current shelters.

Community Engagement with Local Boards

The Devonport-Takapuna Draft Local Board Plan under "Challenges" states: "*Low levels of participation and understanding of what local boards do, which weakens local democracy and decision making*" (page 14) and also under "Challenges" the Franklin Local Board includes: "*Limitations to understanding the board's role and mandate, and its influence in regional and national decision-making*" (page 21). The Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board will advocate for "*Auckland Council to communicate in a way that is accessible to all our community leading to a better-informed community and improved engagement with the council*" (page 15).

In our view, engagement with the community is an issue for all Local Boards, as well as the wider Council. We have observed that many members of the community still do not know much (if anything) about local boards, and a very small percentage of them actually engage with their local board. Furthermore, some people find it difficult, for various reasons, to approach their local board and/or to be listened to. We commend those Local Boards which have made their members available through regular open meetings to members of the public, especially those that are at varying times of the day to cater for the availability of different members of the community. We suggest that time could usefully be made available within Local Board workshops for members of the community dealing with certain issues to engage more thoroughly with board members and staff than is possible in public forum appearances at local board business meetings.

The Local Board plans outline what Local Boards do, who the members are and where they are based, so if people in their area read the plans, they would have a better awareness about Local Boards. If all libraries held copies of the relevant Local Board plans in their final version, this would assist in more people becoming more aware of Local Boards.

We suggest that Local Boards share with other Local Boards what has worked in terms of public engagement for them. An idea from a member of the Puketāpapa community is that Local Board members hold their clinics or engagement (where practical) “on the street,” which could mean in a park or square which is used well by the public. We note that when Local Board candidates are campaigning for election, they tend to go to where the people are, and we suggest that this could be part of the answer, rather than expecting the people to come to where they are. We know that many people do not know where their Local Board office is. If practicable, Local Board members could now and again set up tables, chairs and coffee on the footpath outside their office.

We also note that a key initiative of the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board is: *“Community conversations – enabling communities we hear from less to engage more comfortably and on their terms”* (page 15), so perhaps their ideas could be shared with other Local Boards. We also see that this Local Board will *“Advocate for accessible and easy to use engagement methods that suit our residents for both local and regional consultations”* (page 16).

We encourage local board members (and future candidates) to retreat from political affiliations. In our experience, alignment with a political group creates an impediment to good governance and working effectively for the community. Community groups tend to be apolitical and their members tend to work well together. The political affiliations of Local Board members can act as a barrier to community engagement – as well as a barrier for members to engage with and cooperate with each other.

Albert-Eden

We support the Carrington residential development and the way it has developed, including working with the iwi involved, and we also support the bid by the Pt Chev Social Enterprise Trust for there to be a community wellbeing hub incorporated into Building One on this site. We are disappointed that one wing of this building is to be demolished, due to the roading design.

We strongly support the Local Board’s key initiative to: *“Provide feedback on resource consents and planning processes to ensure good design outcomes are achieved and significant views of the maunga (volcanic cones) are protected through the volcanic viewshafts and height sensitive areas in the Auckland Unitary Plan”* (page 12).

CTA strongly supports the establishment of the Waiōrea Community Recycling Centre (opened on 11 August), which seems to be a shared facility between the Albert-Eden and Waitemata Local Board areas, and supports the promotion by these two Local Boards of the facility. We suggest that libraries in all Local Board areas could be a place for dropping off small items such as used batteries (battery collection being something that has taken place in Wellington libraries for some years).

CTA supports this Local Board including as one of the objectives of its plan: *“The history, identity and character of our neighborhoods are celebrated”* and that a key initiative is: *“Protect and celebrate our historic heritage by being good stewards of the assets we own and supporting others to care for theirs”* (page 29). Supporting others could be seen as both support for the people in their Local Board area as regards historic heritage that is privately owned, and supporting other Local Boards to care for historic heritage that are their assets, as well as other Local Boards supporting the protection of other historic heritage sites.

We support the Albert-Eden Local Board for the following (page 31):

- *“Renewal funding for seismic upgrades for heritage assets*

- *Support the Tūpuna Maunga Authority in their aspiration to have the maunga recognised as UNESCO World Heritage site*
- *The Auckland Unitary Plan reflects the importance of built and natural heritage and the contribution that heritage makes to the identity, history and story of Tāmaki Makaurau and its people”.*

We endorse this Local Board’s plan to carry out an audit of the parks in their area to identify where they can get better use, to activate them more and to see if there is the right mix of uses for the future.

A photo of Rocket Park in Mount Albert is featured in the Albert-Eden Draft Local Board Plan. This park no longer functions as it was intended. It was originally a park where children with disabilities could use special equipment such as a Liberty Swing for wheelchairs. We understand that the swing is no longer there, and we submit that it be reinstated, along with the other original equipment for this special park.

We support the Local Board’s intention to *“Encourage green business practices and share information on existing resources such as Sustainable Business Network and Climate Connect Aotearoa”* (page 35).

Aotea-Great-Barrier

This Local Board’s plan states that *“Our community is also incredibly conscious of remote living and the carbon impacts of freighting supplies to the island”* (page 11). The island is very different from the mostly urban areas of Auckland and has some different issues to deal with, which perhaps the rest of the city does not recognise.

CTA supports this Local Board’s intention to *“advocate to the Governing Body for continued staff support to investigate a visitor levy to respond to the impacts of tourism”* (page 14), like the levy that has been introduced to Rakiura / Stewart Island.

The Aotea-Great-Barrier Local Board has been progressing solar power upgrades of council and community buildings and electric chargers, as have several other Local Boards, and we encourage more area to do this, and for Local Boards to learn from each other in this regard.

Another aspect that perhaps other areas could learn from is the island’s *“bespoke approach to education through our Lifelong Learning Strategy, especially for our tamariki and rangatahi with a new early childhood education centre and established Aotea Learning Hub”* (page 13).

We congratulate the island on being designated as an International Dark Sky Sanctuary.

An aspect of the island that needs recognition by Auckland Council is that *“Climate change has led to warmer waters and the arrival of exotic marine pests such as Caulerpa, Asian Paddle Crab, Sea Squirt and Mediterranean Fan worm”* (page 16). We support the Local Board’s call for tighter protections for their coastal waters.

We congratulate this Local Board on its innovative low carbon initiatives, such as Anamata’s Resource Recovery Centre and AoteaOra Trust’s Off the Grid events (page 16) and agree that these should be showcased globally and there should be trials of new sustainable systems. The landfill on the island has closed, which presents a different situation than all other Auckland communities.

We support this Local Board in advocating to central government and the Governing Body to encourage manufacturers to commit to product sustainability (page 17) and encourage other Local Boards to do the same.

We also support this Local Board to:

- *“Advocate to central government and the Governing Body to abolish bottom trawling and dredging in the Hauraki Gulf and to encourage sustainable fishing as directed through Sea Change - Tai Timu Tai Pari*
- *Advocate to central government and the Governing Body for the prohibition of marine dumping” (page 17).*

Aotea-Great-Barrier does not have any public transport and we support the Local Board’s key initiative to *“Investigate a community-led public transport system” (page 19).*

We also support them to advocate to technology providers for stronger connectivity options (page 20).

Devonport-Takapuna

We support collaboration between Local Boards on many matters and so are pleased to see that this Local Board is collaborating with the Kaipātiki Local Board *“on the reduction of litter, sediment, and industry pollutants to improve the water quality of streams and ponds in the catchment of the Wairau Estuary” (page 11).*

This Local Board (and many others) is supportive of the work of environmental groups and environmental education. Amongst other environmental initiatives, we support their aim to *“Prioritise funding and support zero waste initiatives that promote a circular economy”* and the *“focus on native and ecologically appropriate planting and the principle of having the right tree in the right place” (page 12).* Regarding the trees, we would caution that the wrong tree in the wrong place (in any Local Board area) does not necessarily get removed but that it is allowed to live out its natural life, or there is consideration given to transplanting the tree. We understand that there is modern machinery that enables the transplanting of large trees. Perhaps Local Boards, including this one, could advocate to the Governing Body and/or central government for investment in one of these machines.

We see that this Local Board’s intention of *“Working with our neighbouring local boards on joint environmental initiatives to increase the impacts” (page 18)* is something that all Local Boards could do – and we know that many of them are.

We are pleased to see amongst the objectives in this Local Board’s draft plan: *“Natural and built heritage are conserved and both colonial and Māori history and significant places are valued, promoted, and celebrated” (page 19).*

We support this Local Board to *“Advocate to the Governing Body for additional funding to renew our heritage asset portfolio and enable greater protection for our heritage assets” (page 20).*

We also support this initiative (and other similar ones of other Local Boards): *“Utilisation of regional funding to retrofit assets and upgrade them with solar energy saving measures” (page 22).*

On page 25 it is stated that there is: *“Limited capacity for bikes on ferries, zero capacity for bikes on buses, and the absence of infrastructure for active travel modes on the harbour bridge is a constraint on reductions to transport emissions.”* We note that there is not quite zero capacity for bikes on buses, as fold-up bikes can be taken on buses: *“For safety of the passengers on board of buses only compact folding bikes and scooters are permitted on board, and must be folded down before boarding (at.govt.nz).”*

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).

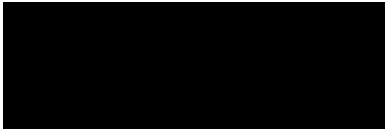
We strongly support the key initiative to: *“Ensure events and services are developed with accessibility considerations to support participation from residents with either physical or intellectual disabilities”* (page 25) and to *“Continue to prioritise and implement actions identified in the previous 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).

Date of submission: 14 August, 2023

Signature:



Secretary, Civic Trust Auckland





Waitematā Local Board Plan

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Bike Auckland

Your Local Board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

Tell us why

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What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

3. **We are responsible for promoting your social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being. What objectives/key initiatives within each theme is important to you:**

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- B. **Our Environment** – Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- D. **Our Places** - Waitematā is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

4. Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?

See Attached.

14.08.2023

Draft Local Board Plans 2023 Feedback

Who is Bike Auckland?

Bike Auckland is a non-profit organisation advocating for safer streets on behalf of everyone who rides a bike in our region - and everyone who would love to give it a go. But more than that: we believe that more people on bikes makes for a better city. Call it a virtuous cycle. Cleaner air, streets with birdsong, neighbours who know each other, elderly people staying active and healthy, children playing on quiet roads. Resilient, eco-friendly multi-modal communities which have long term sustainability. We can create this liveable city by investing in walking, cycling, and public transport. Investing now will save us more money in the future and that's the future we want to live in.

Our audience and members live and work in every local board area, all across the Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland region. This feedback is on their behalf.

Our feedback

We know our members would like to see the following in their local board plans:

- Public transport and active transport modes given priority
- Accessibility for all kinds of disabilities
- Safe streets for kids to walk and cycle to school
- Vibrant town centres with well-designed, people-oriented public spaces
- Low traffic neighbourhoods

Note: People, Environment, Economy, Place, Community are all interlinked focuses and all can be benefited through more transport choice; allowing them to choose to walk, cycle, other micromobility, or use public transport.

People: Diversity includes people who are disabled or who experience mobility difficulties. 28% of Aucklanders do not have a license, and many more do not (or cannot) drive due to illness (seizures, fatigue, anxiety), vision impairments, medication, ADD, or age. These people need the choice to safely walk, cycle and take public transport to get around. Some people find that cycling is easier, and less painful for them than walking (especially if it's an E-bike), and cycling is often recommended by physios as a way to rehabilitate after illness or injury. Providing safe ways to get around by bike creates greater accessibility for this significant portion of our population, and for everyone when they are temporarily injured and are recuperating.

Environment: Cars create run off into our waterways. Giving people the safe option to walk and cycle more will lead to healthier waterways.

Community: When people walk and cycle for their transport they make more eye contact, say hello more, and generally become more connected with their surroundings. This leads to more connected communities, greater community cohesion, greater trust in neighbours, and less loneliness and isolation. This connectedness becomes powerful during times of emergency and can make stronger communities that support each other more and have greater resilience to bounce back from disasters. Bikes can also play crucial role as resilient and versatile transport modes during disasters, especially as they are small, and do not form traffic jams the way that cars do. [More on this here](#).

Key initiatives

Safe speeds

[Safe speeds](#) on residential streets, town centres, and [around schools](#). Permanent speed reductions to 30km/hr not only provide amazing safety outcomes, they are also our fastest and cheapest way of making a safe network for cycling. If our residential areas, schools, and town centres are 30km / hr it feels (and is!) much safer to walk and ride a bike, and many more people will begin to use these transport modes for their everyday local trips.

Modal filters

Another cheap and fast improvement is use of modal filters in residential streets (such as planter boxes or bollards). Modal filters stop cars from cutting through but allow people using bikes, wheelchairs, and pushchairs to get through. Particularly for streets with a large amount of people driving through as a short-cut (rat running) modal filters can help to make the street safer, and quieter, and can also encourage locals to use their bikes and feet for short local trips.

Protected Cycleways on main arterials

Arterial roads usually have higher traffic volumes, higher speeds, and more trucks and buses. Altogether this makes a formidable environment for riding a bike! They are also usually the most direct route to a destination! To give people greater transport choice, there needs to be protected spaces along our main arterials for people to cycle in. This can be done cheap and fast through the use of road reallocation and “pop up” materials like concrete tim tams or tall rubber. We know our members would like to see a network of safer streets sooner, and this means investing in infrastructure which is cheap and fast to roll out.

Greenways

Include safe cycleways through parks, green spaces, and “[blue-green networks](#)”. These provide safe spaces for children and adults to learn to ride a bike and become more confident - they can also form amazing connections to schools, local shops, and public transport.

Safer speeds, modal filters, protected cycleways on arterials, and off road paths through parks all together will form an accessible, safe, efficient, and connected network safe places to ride a bike across our neighbourhoods. These would link people to schools, town centres, and public transport, making local trips by carbon friendly and active modes easier and more appealing.

We also want to see secure bike parking at train stations, transport hubs, town centres, and community facilities (eg. work with your local businesses to get a network of [Lockydocks!](#)), wayfinding to help people find their way around the existing cycleways, and support for community bike hubs and community events which include cycles

We've listed some specific transport projects we know our local members would love to see their local boards support. You can find them below in the list of specific local board area ideas.

We would like local boards to advocate for Auckland Transport to:

- Align all projects and renewals with the [Transport Emissions Reduction Pathway \(TERP\)](#) and emission reduction goals
- Support the campaign to [Liberate the Lane](#) on the Auckland Harbour Bridge for walking, cycling, and wheeling
- Advocate for an [E-bike subsidy](#) to help more people replace their car trips with bikes! E-bikes are more accessible for a wider range of people
- Invest more from the financial budget towards walking and cycling. Our emissions reduction and vision zero targets demand a larger monetary allocation towards these modes
- Make streets safer by [reducing speed limits](#) to 30km/h [around schools](#), residential streets, and town centres
- Use modal filters to stop rat running and make residential streets safer and quieter
- Provide an accessible, safe, and efficient local network of pathways and cycleways throughout the region
- Advocate for a local version of Portland's Bike [Disaster Relief Trials](#) to prepare our communities and equip them to respond during emergencies
- Improve cycle and pathway safety, including lighting, physical traffic barriers, non-slip surfaces
- Improve the local public transport network and bus lane priority (bus lanes are often used by more confident cyclists)
- Support local initiatives to reduce emissions by encouraging more use of public transport (eg. secure bike parking at transport hubs, safe cycleways connecting to public transport hubs)

Ideas for specific local board areas:

In alphabetical order...

Albert-Eden Local Board

- Advocate for delivery of the [New North road and Symonds street upgrade](#)
- Advocate for a safe cycle connection along St Luke's road
- Support having a [community bike hub](#) in or near the Mt Eden area

- Ensure the [Pt Chevalier to Westmere Improvements](#) is delivered

Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board

- Advocate for safe cycle connections from trails to airports and ferry terminals

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

- Support the campaign to [Liberate the Lane](#) on the Auckland Harbour Bridge for walking, cycling, and wheeling
- Support safer speeds, cycle improvements, and raised pedestrian crossings in [Devonport Village](#)
- Support a protected cycleway along Bayswater Avenue (especially so the kids can safely cycle to school)
- Support a protected cycleway along Lake road to connect Devonport safely to Takapuna!

Franklin Local Board

- Support local trail connections throughout the area
- Advocate for, and support, a safer Pukekohe town centre

Henderson-Massey Local Board

- Support protected cycleways through the Henderson town centre
- Advocate for a safe cycle connection from the Henderson town centre to the North Western pathway
- Advocate for a safe cycle connection from Te Atatū town centre to the North Western pathway
- Advocate for improvements for Twin Streams paths ([Opanuku](#) and [Oratia](#)) – especially where they have been damaged by recent weather

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board

- Advocate for a safe cycle connection from Whangaparāoa town centre to Shakespeare Regional Park
- Advocate for a safe cycle connection from Torbay and Browns Bay to the [Northern Corridor](#)

Howick Local Board

- Support the safe cycleway which is part of the extension of the Eastern Busway project
- Advocate for safe cycleway connections to the Eastern Busway and the cycleway beside it

Kaipātiki Local Board

- Support a safe cycle connection from Upper Harbour Drive to Albany Highway
- Support extension of the [Albany Highway](#) cycleway to connect South to the Glenfield road cycleway as was planned a long time ago!
- Advocate and support the continuation of the [Northern Pathway](#) to Westhaven
- Advocate for safe cycle connections to the Northern Pathway
- Support the campaign to [Liberate the Lane](#) on the Auckland Harbour Bridge for walking, cycling, and wheeling

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board

- Advocate for the [Waikaraka Cycleway](#) to connect all the way around Manukau Harbour to [Norana Esplanade](#) for greater transport choice (especially for people who live or work in Ōtāhuhu) and for a beautiful scenic ride
- Advocate to make the slippery paths in Norana Esplanade safer for people using bikes!
- Support a safe cycleway connection from Māngere Town Centre and the Airport all the way to Nga Hau Māngere Bridge (connecting schools along the way!)
- Advocate for a safe cycle connection from Ōtāhuhu to Sylvia Park

Manurewa Local Board

- Pop up cycleways, such as using concrete tim tams to make a protected on road cycleway, are a fast and cheap way of creating a safe cycle network. Let this board know whether or not you support pop up cycleways for this area
- Support a safe, protected cycleway along Mahia and Roscommon roads
- Support and deliver a [walking and cycling bridge](#) over Papakura stream to connect Wattle Downs and Waiata Shores
- Advocate for an extension of the Southern Corridor further North to connect to the CBD (eg. along Great South road)

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board

- Advocate for the [Waikaraka Cycleway](#) to connect all the way around Manukau Harbour to [Norana Esplanade](#) for greater transport choice (especially for people who live or work in Ōtāhuhu) and for a beautiful scenic ride
- Advocate for safe cycle connections from the existing surrounding cycleways through Mt Wellington (eg. Waikaraka Cycleway, Eastern Busway cycleway in Panmure)
- Advocate for a safe cycle connection from Panmure through to the Glen Innes shared path (from which you can ride safely all the way to the CBD!)
- Advocate for a safe cycle network [through Onehunga](#) and connecting to Royal Oak roundabout
- Advocate to make [Royal Oak roundabout safer](#) for everyone (there are some glaring gaps in safety for people riding bikes!)

Ōrākei Local Board

- Advocate for and deliver the Gowing Drive connection to Te Ara ki Uta ki Tai, the Glen Innes to Tāmaki shared path
- Support the completion of [Stage 4 of Te Ara ki Uta ki Tai](#)
- Advocate for a space for local mountain bike tracks and skills equipment
- Advocate to make the slippery boardwalks safer for people using bikes!

Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board

- Support delivery of a local bike park
- Advocate for an extension of the Southern Corridor further North to connect to the CBD (eg. along Great South road)

Papakura Local Board

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- Advocate for safe cycle connections to the Southern Corridor

Puketāpapa Local Board

- Continue to support safe cycle connections throughout the area

Rodney Local Board

- Support a safe cycle connection from the NorthWestern shared path through to the Kumeū town centre

Upper Harbour Local Board

- Advocate for a safe cycleway along [Oteha Valley Road](#)
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- Support extension of the [Albany Highway](#) cycleway southwards to connect to the Glenfield road cycleway as was planned a long time ago!
- Support the campaign to [Liberate the Lane](#) on the Auckland Harbour Bridge for walking, cycling, and wheeling

Waiheke Local Board

- Advocate for safe, protected cycleways throughout the island!

Waitākere Ranges Local Board

- Support safe cycle connections to public transport hubs
- Support safe cycle connections through Glen Eden and to the Waikumete stream
- Advocate for a safe cycle connection through to Kelston and New Lynn
- Investigate potential for cycle trails through the Waitākere area

Waitematā Local Board

- Continue to support and implement the [City Centre Masterplan](#)
- Connect [Te Hā Noa](#) up to the rest of the Victoria Street cycleway; under current plans there will be a sad gap of a couple of blocks between them!
- Make sure [the Strand](#) has a safe connection for bikes to cross the bridge over the railway (to Tāmaki Drive / Quay st)
- Support safe walking and cycling connections around the [Karanga-a-hape station](#) and to the rest of the cycleway network
- Ensure the delivery of the [Great North road street improvement project](#)
- Support the [Waitematā Safer Routes](#) to get funded and delivered
- Support the campaign to [Liberate the Lane](#) on the Auckland Harbour Bridge for walking, cycling, and wheeling

Whau Local Board

- Support the completion of the next section of [Te Whau Pathway](#)
- Continuing open streets events through the Avondale town centre (eg. regularly on Sundays when the market is on)
- Support safe cycle connections through New Lynn and Kelston
- Support the [New North road and Symonds street upgrade](#) (it connects along the top of Rosebank road)



Waitematā Local Board Plan

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Community Groups Feeding the Homeless Inc.

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See attached.



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).

“Engage with our vulnerable and diverse communities, such as people experiencing homelessness, people with disabilities, youth, elderly, and ethnic communities to better involve them in the planning and programming decisions that affect them” (page 18).

“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”

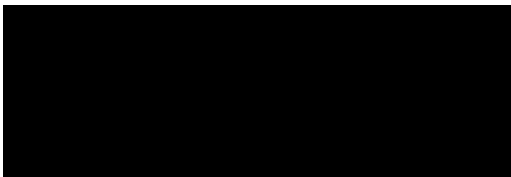
“Positive outcomes for our diverse communities and less prosperous populations (page 13).”

“Improve open spaces, considering public need for shade, shelter, drinking fountains, and toilets” (page 29).

Date of submission:

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Community Cat Coalition Inc.

Your Local Board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

Tell us why

2. The cost of maintaining our public assets and facilities is increasingly expensive, and our communities are growing and changing. We need to consider a more sustainable investment approach to deliver services. This will mean difficult trade-offs and investigating creative ways to raise our revenue and/or alternative methods to fund our projects.

What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

3. **We are responsible for promoting your social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being. What objectives/key initiatives within each theme is important to you:**

- A. **Our People** - All people are thriving and can connect, participate, and achieve a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- B. **Our Environment** – Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- D. **Our Places** - Waitematā is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

4. Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?

Please see attached



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The Community Cat Coalition Inc. is committed to the humane management of community (stray, unowned, 'street') cats across Auckland. Established by Bob Kerridge of the SPCA in 2009 to support the work of the many different individuals and groups caring for community cats and working to manage their numbers, CCC is now a registered charity and incorporated society which facilitates and finances around 2500 de-sexings (spay and neuter) of community cats each year, finds responsible homes for as many of these cats as possible, and works to educate the public about de-sexing as the most humane, effective, sustainable and socially-licensed long-term solution to both welfare concerns about too many unwanted cats and biodiversity concerns around cats as predators in urban/suburban areas.

We also work to improve public understanding of the different categories of cat, as defined in the Companion Cat Code under the Animal Welfare Act 1999. The community cats we desex and manage **are not feral** – by definition, feral cats live well away from areas of human habitation, have none of their needs met by people, and their population sizes fluctuate largely independently of companion or community cat populations. Most people never see a feral cat, certainly never in or near Auckland. Community cats are companion cats who have been abandoned, dumped, got lost, are very loosely owned and/or simply the product of people failing to desex their companion animals. They are variably socialised, but by definition they are not 'feral', which in this context does not mean 'hissy' - they have been bred for domesticity and depend on the community to meet their needs. CCC's work is entirely with community cats, not with feral cats. Unlike community and companion cats, feral cats may, in some sparsely populated regions, be defined as pests and be subject to pest management control. Humane community cat management around areas of human habitation (what we do) is an under-funded area of conservation focus and expenditure.

Amongst the introduced animals targeted by biodiversity initiatives, cats are unique in that they are also NZ's most popular companion animal - many people have a great deal of affection for them, and recognise the documented health and life-

enhancing benefits of their companionship, especially for the socially marginalised. The potential for managing community cats as CCC does and seeks to do more of, derives from this historic relationship and regard. In conjunction with initiatives promoting de-sexing of both companion and community cats, TNR, Adoption, and Colony Management programs humanely and effectively address the potential for predation of native fauna by community cats within urban areas, as well as any potential for their recruitment into cat populations within areas identified by Council as ecologically significant.

CCC is seeking recognition by Boards that progress towards the attainment of the biodiversity objectives of their Plans may be advanced by supporting the work of the Community cat Coalition Inc., and/or other groups engaged in this mahi.

Thank you for this opportunity to contribute to the Local Board Plans of 2023.

Community Cat Coalition Inc.



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Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

The Government’s intensification of Auckland presents a challenge to ensuring our heritage and character neighbourhoods survive, and so it is important to ensure valued elements of our heritage and special character neighbourhoods are recognised and protected.

I support:

1. Allocation of sufficient funds to properly assess our heritage in the city
2. Greater use of digital technology to promote and celebrate our heritage
3. Seismic strengthening and restoration of Council buildings such as the Leys Institute Library & Gymnasium, and the Grey Lynn Public Library, as well as private buildings like Carlile House, the former Fitzroy Hotel and St James Theatre
4. Incentives for the retention of heritage and character buildings

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

- 4. Do you have any feedback on how our proposed Local Board Plan could better meet our climate change goals?**



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Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga

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Your feedback

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

Very well

Tell us why

2. The cost of maintaining our public assets and facilities is increasingly expensive, and our communities are growing and changing. We need to consider a more sustainable investment approach to deliver services. This will mean difficult trade-offs and investigating creative ways to raise our revenue and/or alternative methods to fund our projects.

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Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

In connection with the proposed Waitematā Local Board Plan 2023, Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (HNZPT) has reviewed the Plan and laud the initiatives of the Board, particularly around a focus on heritage initiatives .

HNZPT notes the initiatives to advocate for funding to restore and preserve heritage buildings, including their seismic strengthening where needed so that they are safe and purposeful to ensure ongoing use.

HNZPT supports the allocation of funds to continue a program of identifying, researching and achieving formal protection for heritage places yet to be scheduled.

Carlisle House, the former Fitzroy Hotel and the St James Theatre are all Category 1 listed historic places with Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga. Sadly, they are all in desperate need of conservation. We fully endorse efforts to see that they survive, that their values are retained through preservation and renewed use.

HNZPT have always advocated for the provision of incentives for heritage places as owners are entrusted for the care of significant places for the benefit of the public and communities they are located in. We fully support the initiative to advocate for incentives which assist in caring for our significant places.

We thank the Local Board for their interest in heritage and are pleased to support the above initiatives.

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Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

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Quite well

Tell us why

We are very interested in natural disasters such as frequent heavy rains due to climate change, urban security, and culture and sports for residents. I'm glad that these are reflected in the plan.

2. The cost of maintaining our public assets and facilities is increasingly expensive, and our communities are growing and changing. We need to consider a more sustainable investment approach to deliver services. This will mean difficult trade-offs and investigating creative ways to raise our revenue and/or alternative methods to fund our projects.

What local facilities and services do you think we could deliver differently?

I think investment in infrastructure is very important. For example, the New Zealand International Convention Center, although completion is delayed, it is expected to be fully operational from next year, which will generate a lot of revenue for a variety of sectors. I think the City Rail Link will also be a good example for generating revenue.

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Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Championing a sense of belonging, inclusion, and accessibility

Continued multiracial and inclusive cultural policies are paramount in light of the growing number of immigrants and international students, and stricter standards for dealing with lawlessness, such as recurring looting, violence, and shootings, will help local residents feel safer.

- B. **Our Environment** – Our built and natural environment is resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Our natural environment is rich in biodiversity and provides clean waterways.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Promoting robust responses to the impacts of climate change and natural disasters
As climate change is beyond human control and is expected to increase with each passing year, it is imperative that plans to combat it are agreed upon and concrete measures are implemented as soon as possible.

- C. **Our Community** – Our community is resilient and have places and activities to connect and foster a sense of belonging.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Connecting communities through community activities, creative arts and sports, and events

We believe that one of the reasons Auckland is such a great place to live is because of its cultural diversity, so we think it's essential that local people develop a greater understanding of other cultures through arts, sport and cultural events.

- D. **Our Places** - Waitemata is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Our neighbourhoods are well designed to be sustainable, well-connected, and celebrate our heritage and unique identities.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Neighbourhoods that connect with multiple modes of transport

The City rail link should be completed as soon as possible to help ease traffic congestion, and the development of a direct rail link from the airport to Auckland's city centre is also essential, as this infrastructure will improve accessibility and revitalise the Waitemata area.

- E. **Our Economy** - Our city centre and fringe town centres are thriving and support a resilient diverse economy that embraces new opportunities and drives prosperity.

Tell us what objectives and initiatives are important and why:

Regenerating town centres to attract visitors and grow the economy

In the city centre, we've seen a loss of tourists during Covid and a lot of shops closed as a result, and right now the city centre feels very cluttered due to the metro construction. I think it's important to give it a more organised image.

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Changes to water and wastewater facilities, including stormwater, are seen as essential to prepare for more extreme rainfall and droughts in the future.