
Local Board Plan 2023

Whau Local Board WRITTEN FEEDBACK

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Local Board: Whau

Your feedback

1. Our people: Supporting people in our diverse communities

We will focus on promoting belonging and wellbeing, strengthening partnerships, engaging with Māori, and ensuring our diverse communities are heard and contribute to a collective west Auckland voice.

Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

Diversity and equality are important

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

We will focus on protecting trees and greenspace, enhancing our waterways, and working with partners and communities to exercise the principle of kaitiakitanga and build community resilience to climate change.

Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

The most important area to me is control and cleanliness of all our waterways

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

We will focus on providing inclusive, accessible, and sustainable facilities and services. We will ensure plans consider future community needs, climate change, and growth. We will partner with community groups to deliver quality services.

Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Accessibility for physical handicaps on footpaths.

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

We will focus on having safe, welcoming spaces that reflect our Māori history, industrial heritage (e.g. clay and ceramics), and cultural diversity. We will advocate for improved transport options and connections that help to reduce carbon emissions.

Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

We will focus on fostering effective partnerships with our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses. We will advocate for increased opportunities for employment/skill development and high-quality urban development.

Will this support and bolster our local economy?

Yes if this means cleaning up public areas, improving lighting in Saudi areas and improving access to public amenities

6. Funding challenges and community investment

Whau has a diverse population. We need to ensure our facilities, spaces, and programmes are accessible, inclusive, and reflect the communities they serve. However, we also have funding challenges.

a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Library, a community meeting place big enough for collective meetings, public transport facilities, train services

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

Improve the physical environment around New Lynn.

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, mostly agree

Tell us why

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



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Yes

Tell us why

Yes especially since we are so diverse

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

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Yes

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

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5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

Yes

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Community parks and local facilities

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

Dont focus so much on Maori engagement and use the funds to improve existing failing assets.

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Yes

Tell us why

Community works well together with these initiatives

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

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Protecting trees and green space to allow for natural drainage in storms

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Patterning with community groups

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Improved transport options and connections to help reduce carbon emissions

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

Yes

6. Funding challenges and community investment

Whau has a diverse population. We need to ensure our facilities, spaces, and programmes are accessible, inclusive, and reflect the communities they serve. However, we also have funding challenges.

a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Services for youth

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

Greater publicity through schools eg school visits posters

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, strongly agree

Tell us why

Our community is based around the natural environment and diversity: We need to protect and enhance these values.

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Yes

Tell us why

Diversity brings about understanding of others and enables the whole community work together towards our common goals

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

With so much light industry and residential housing being built in the area, we are at risk of destroying our environment without a thought to how this damages our ecology and community well being

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Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

I think the Avondale library is an important hub within our community

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

I agree with the first half of this statement. However, I have little faith in 'improved transport options' as this appears to be council-speak for 'we need to get rid of cars'.

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

Yes

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

The library and Avondale racecourse for leisure and exercise.

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

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I'm hoping that our trees will be protected and nurtured - even to the extent of encouraging householders to plant on or more appropriate trees in their yard.

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Many of us are older people - we like to be able to walk safely to the shops and parks. Keeping paths well maintained is important. Also education for scooter users - I have no problem with scooter as such and think they are a great way to travel - to take care around pedestrians as they share the footpaths.

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

I support the park and ride proposal - just make it BIG to cater for growth.

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

We try to shop and dine and access services locally wherever possible. Encouraging some more upmarket dining opportunities, perhaps??

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Library, buses, easily accessible green space. Parks kept safe at night.

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

Revisit where houses can be built. The recent floods indicated that houses have been consented on known flood plains. These areas are not appropriate or safe for housing; building on this land is a false economy, and it would be better used in other ways.

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, mostly agree

Tell us why

I realise budget constraints on Council and Local Boards have meant that plans are less ambitious.

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Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

I would love to see a bigger skate park/recreation area in the Whau. Sister Rene Shadbolt is always busy, but I do feel people travel out of the Whau to the likes of Waterview Reserve (amazing) or Mt Roskill. Skateparks create a real community feel, there are families, people of all ages and both girls and boys all participating. It's a real opportunity for our area, and can if done right could also encourage people to travel into the Whau area.

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

I think a viable park and ride option as mentioned in the plan is critical. New Lynn is currently seen as unsafe, with crime and vehicle break ins. People will not feel safe using public transport while this is not addressed.

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

We will focus on fostering effective partnerships with our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses. We will advocate for increased opportunities for employment/skill development and high-quality urban development.

Will this support and bolster our local economy?

Yes!! We have some fabulous eateries down near Todd Triangle etc, it would be great to encourage more investment and business in this space and has the potential to become a real destination.

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Parks and recreation, I have a young family. Libraries. Community houses/playgroups etc.

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, mostly agree

Tell us why

I don't have the answer, but I fundamentally believe that if New Lynn can be made to feel safer, it would encourage people to live local. There is a lot of negative rhetoric online about the local crime. Perhaps there needs to be focus on feeling pride in our area.

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Tell us why

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Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Parks are essential, more enclosed areas for dogs. Less off leash areas unless inside enclosed areas.

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

More enforcement and clear signage around Dog on leash and off leash areas.
Enforcement is important as signage is always disregarded.

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Yes, mostly agree

Tell us why

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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

a sense of true belonging is a big thing in peoples lives. if you are new to the country this can be particularly hard. to have somewhere you can belong and have a sense of community i think is a big thing in west auckland

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

I live right by the Whau River and i am keen to keep this space as clean and green as possible to protect our water ways for years to come

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

I think sustainable and long lasting community needs are the main focus for me. If you have good quality products they will last for years

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

I don't know

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

happy to have options of how to reduce carbon

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

We will focus on fostering effective partnerships with our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses. We will advocate for increased opportunities for employment/skill development and high-quality urban development.

Will this support and bolster our local economy?

Yes, focusing on fostering effective partnerships with Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses can support and bolster the local economy in several ways. Here are some ways in which these efforts can have a positive impact:
Economic Gr

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Playgrounds are number 1 for me at the moment. Having a safe place to go to with my daughter where i feel safe, the playground is built safely and of good quality is really up there. Library is also my fav place to go, so having this services is essential

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

Collaborate with other organizations, community groups, and nonprofits to pool resources and expertise. By working together, you can offer comprehensive services that address a wider range of community needs. Partnerships can also help avoid duplication o

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, mostly agree

Tell us why

I think its all great things to focus on given our area, what we have, e.g Whau River to protect and lower economy

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

That playgrounds and parks need to be kept maintained. Long grass at fields is not very safe and playgrounds get damaged alot, someone to come look after these things



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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

We have a diverse community that deserves to be celebrated

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

We will focus on protecting trees and greenspace, enhancing our waterways, and working with partners and communities to exercise the principle of kaitiakitanga and build community resilience to climate change.

Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Focusing on trees and greenspace, working with local iwi to achieve this

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Continue providing existing services

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Transport and accessibility

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

We will focus on fostering effective partnerships with our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses. We will advocate for increased opportunities for employment/skill development and high-quality urban development.

Will this support and bolster our local economy?

Yes

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Libraries, cultural events, parks

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

Reduce slightly, don't get rid of anything

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Yes, mostly agree

Tell us why

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I don't know

Tell us why

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

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I don't know

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

No

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

I note there is a reference to the rail closure next year, however how the impact of that will be mitigated has not been very well articulated in the plan document. A Rail Bus replacement is a start, however with the CRL coming online soon, a Rail Bus for

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b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, mostly agree

Tell us why

I continue to witness little mention or investment in the Avondale town centre, which is on verge of self revitalisation.

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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

I don't know

Tell us why

I have been living in the Whau for a long time, I still feel people tend to stick to their own ethnicity

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

We will focus on protecting trees and greenspace, enhancing our waterways, and working with partners and communities to exercise the principle of kaitiakitanga and build community resilience to climate change.

Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

A lot has been done on the Whau river and its surroundings

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

I think there is some good vibes going around and sustainability of facilities and services is important to me

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

I think there needs to be better roads and more bus lanes to the city.

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

We will focus on fostering effective partnerships with our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses. We will advocate for increased opportunities for employment/skill development and high-quality urban development.

Will this support and bolster our local economy?

I think we need to do better in providing safe places for business to flourish.

6. Funding challenges and community investment

Whau has a diverse population. We need to ensure our facilities, spaces, and programmes are accessible, inclusive, and reflect the communities they serve. However, we also have funding challenges.

a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

I think we need a swimming pool in Whau, as we need to travel quite far off to access them. We need to have fewer \$2 shops and the town centre still deserves a facelift.

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

Not sure on this one.

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, mostly agree

Tell us why

I think overall the Whau board is doing great in the voicing the cries of its people.

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



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Your feedback

1. Our people: Supporting people in our diverse communities

We will focus on promoting belonging and wellbeing, strengthening partnerships, engaging with Māori, and ensuring our diverse communities are heard and contribute to a collective west Auckland voice.

Will this help you and your community to thrive?

No

Tell us why

I think you need to engage with everyone.

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

We will focus on protecting trees and greenspace, enhancing our waterways, and working with partners and communities to exercise the principle of kaitiakitanga and build community resilience to climate change.

Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

There is so much illegal dumping in the what area and it is affecting the enjoyment of the parks and waterways. Something needs to be done.

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

We will focus on providing inclusive, accessible, and sustainable facilities and services. We will ensure plans consider future community needs, climate change, and growth. We will partner with community groups to deliver quality services.

Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

No

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Since covid, I have been weary of all gatherings. Large groups would not interest me.

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

We will focus on having safe, welcoming spaces that reflect our Māori history, industrial heritage (e.g. clay and ceramics), and cultural diversity. We will advocate for improved transport options and connections that help to reduce carbon emissions.

Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

No

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

We will focus on fostering effective partnerships with our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses. We will advocate for increased opportunities for employment/skill development and high-quality urban development.

Will this support and bolster our local economy?

More needs to be done to get people into employment in the area. Since the kaianga ora buildings have been built in New Lynn, crime has risen by 70%. Also, beggars and window washers have increased dramatically in the last 3 years.

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Parks and fixing the roads.

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

Listen to the community. Stop unnecessary housing developments and consider the people already living in the area first.

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

No, mostly disagree

Tell us why

You need to focus on now. Fix the roads, stop putting in all the unnecessary raised crossings that cause traffic to build up.

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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

I don't know

Tell us why

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

Hope so

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Safe community spaces, business development, protecting natural and heritage spaces, being inclusive

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

Council/community groups should fundraise/encourage businesses to donate to fund community events

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, mostly agree

Tell us why

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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

I don't know

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

We will focus on having safe, welcoming spaces that reflect our Māori history, industrial heritage (e.g. clay and ceramics), and cultural diversity. We will advocate for improved transport options and connections that help to reduce carbon emissions.

Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

I don't know

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

We will focus on fostering effective partnerships with our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses. We will advocate for increased opportunities for employment/skill development and high-quality urban development.

Will this support and bolster our local economy?

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

I don't know

Tell us why

So long as there are transparent initiatives that involve all concerned prior to starting then all good.

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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

What Board and its bailiwick are doing relatively well and the direction of travel is towards improvement.

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

I don't know

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Although the board states noble ambitions it does not have the funds or legal tools to achieve them, eg ngahere. Prominent, mature natives are frequently felled and there is nothing the board or the Auckland Council can do about it.

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Local advocacy for continued regional support for libraries and CABs

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

...but, again, the board's most important role is advocacy because it does not have the means to take independent action.

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

Our role as workers is invisible to the local government process. We are seen solely as residents/citizens/customers. Consultation about the working environment is almost exclusively with the owners of businesses and their advocacy groups. I would like

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

I enjoy the pontoon on the river at Kelston and I know it was paid for from alcohol sales and the pokies. How much the local board advocated for such a project I don't know but, in view of the board's limited funds, I think it should be a major role for

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

see above the central role for the board should be to entrain influence, capabilities and funds of other organisations.

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, strongly agree

Tell us why

With exceptions, the direction of travel is inspiring.

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In the continued absence of real authority or funds I think the primary role of the board is advocacy and liaison with other influential groups, not just on local issues but region-wide. A current good example seems to be the avondale to southdown rail l



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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

people feel part of the community

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

We will focus on protecting trees and greenspace, enhancing our waterways, and working with partners and communities to exercise the principle of kaitiakitanga and build community resilience to climate change.

Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

I don't know

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

what is kaitiakitanga??

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

sporting areas and participation in same

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

put in service electric battery EVbuses

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

firstly attract business to the area and make business "friendly"

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Libraries, parks, sporting facilities and walk ways

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

Not understood

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, mostly agree

Tell us why

firstly need to pay for flooding etc early in the year.

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

no comment



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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

We are a multicultural city - everyone needs a voice.

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Careful town planning so our streets are safe for pedestrians of all ages. Also I would cycle more if it were safer. The evidence from overseas is that high rise buildings, well interspersed with well lit green spaces create less environmental damage. An

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

As above

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

I don't know

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

History matters, but so does right now. Will you incorporate all of our history? A [plan that encouraged foot traffic and bikes (electric and pedal) would be great - cars will still need to be able to move through too though.

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

I hope so. LynnMall is looking a bit tired compared to other malls. With the rail and bus hub, there is good potential to attract business and become a destination in our own right.

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Safe walking spaces and dog-friendly parks. Rubbish bins. Clean restrooms. Shelter from the weather - trees and canopies. I'm getting older, I want to feel safe out and about - I usually don't - there's so much noise from traffic I can't hear myself think

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

It's a very diverse community. I don't know how you meet everyone's needs. But a safe, comfortable space that encourages people to enjoy the area rather than just rush between tasks would be nice.

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, mostly agree

Tell us why

Everything is a compromise. I'm happy if you can work towards providing pleasant communal spaces - I think many people would enjoy that. I think the way forward is for us to focus on the things / needs we have in common - that will bring us together and then we can celebrate our differences too.

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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

I don't know

Tell us why

These are good goals, but read like a mission statement rather than a plan of action.

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

We will focus on protecting trees and greenspace, enhancing our waterways, and working with partners and communities to exercise the principle of kaitiakitanga and build community resilience to climate change.

Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Quality greenspace is vital to creating a modern, healthy community.

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

I don't know

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

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4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Transport connections are key - New Lynn is well placed to take advantage of east-west transit between the central auckland isthmus and the western parts of the city.

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

It's hard to say - information does not seem to be readily available on what the Business Improvement Districts are or where they are located.

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, mostly agree

Tell us why

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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

This is key for our Kelston community, I feel that it is important and the future of our children in the community need to understand this as well

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Yes, we need more of this, Archibald Park is an example of this - it needs a lot more work to ensure it becomes a destination green space, it needs to be cleaned up. Bike trails could and should be built around the mangroves areas at Archibald Park

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

I feel like this will, more events at the large areas we have out in Kelston. As mentioned above get more out of what we have but the investment needs to increase

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

EV charging stations established at the likes of Archibald Park etc and in and around Kelston

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

Yes it will, the Trusts need to really start to think about opening more 'affordable' family friendly restaurants in our area without the gambling machines

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Advocate for more funding, your plan outlines why we need it plus the community is speaking up about it. The Trusts I am sure will donate more to our community

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

Be more visible, create a Whau Information Station and keep our community informed

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, mostly agree

Tell us why

Pasifika represent a large percentage of our community is there a more detailed focus here?

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

Keep it simple and not complicated as it does not need to be



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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

1. Citizens Advice Bureau. They are a resource for people who otherwise can't access or can't afford professional advice.

2. Any programmes designed to engage and help rangitahi out West.

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, strongly agree

Tell us why

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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

More inclusion

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

We will focus on protecting trees and greenspace, enhancing our waterways, and working with partners and communities to exercise the principle of kaitiakitanga and build community resilience to climate change.

Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Green spaces close to town centre

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

I don't know

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Unsure

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

We will focus on having safe, welcoming spaces that reflect our Māori history, industrial heritage (e.g. clay and ceramics), and cultural diversity. We will advocate for improved transport options and connections that help to reduce carbon emissions.

Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Keep people local

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

We will focus on fostering effective partnerships with our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses. We will advocate for increased opportunities for employment/skill development and high-quality urban development.

Will this support and bolster our local economy?

More and better jobs

6. Funding challenges and community investment

Whau has a diverse population. We need to ensure our facilities, spaces, and programmes are accessible, inclusive, and reflect the communities they serve. However, we also have funding challenges.

a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Libraries and community centres used by everyone

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

Unsure

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, mostly agree

Tell us why

Mostly it does, hopefully will happen as needed

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

No



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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

We will focus on protecting trees and greenspace, enhancing our waterways, and working with partners and communities to exercise the principle of kaitiakitanga and build community resilience to climate change.

Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

We will focus on providing inclusive, accessible, and sustainable facilities and services. We will ensure plans consider future community needs, climate change, and growth. We will partner with community groups to deliver quality services.

Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

We will focus on having safe, welcoming spaces that reflect our Māori history, industrial heritage (e.g. clay and ceramics), and cultural diversity. We will advocate for improved transport options and connections that help to reduce carbon emissions.

Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

We will focus on fostering effective partnerships with our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses. We will advocate for increased opportunities for employment/skill development and high-quality urban development.

Will this support and bolster our local economy?

6. Funding challenges and community investment

Whau has a diverse population. We need to ensure our facilities, spaces, and programmes are accessible, inclusive, and reflect the communities they serve. However, we also have funding challenges.

a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, mostly agree

Tell us why

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



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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Studies have shown that trees and greenspace create wellbeing as well as providing shade and cooling for residents.

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Auckland Council has the Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland's Climate Plan has the goal of halving emissions by 2030, providing good public transport and cycling options is the low hanging fruit and as such the most important investments the Council can make t

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

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b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?**7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?**

Yes, mostly agree

Tell us why

The plan looks good, except for the expensive multi-storey New Lynn park and-ride, money which could better invested in providing improved public transport e.g. buses out to Piha. A park and ride facility will just encourage more driving which is the direct opposite of what is trying to be achieved, especially if it is offered as free like all other park and rides in Auckland. A very bad waste of money with things are to tight.

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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

I don't know

Tell us why

Everyone contribute equally - why does some need support?

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

No

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Some of the Puhutukawa trees in Avondale were still cut even when the community protest to save the trees

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

There are a number of disabled children and adult that needs special facilities

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Train and bus trasport needs improvement

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

Yes, employ also from local area for local businesses

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Spend out rates effectively

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

Ask rate payers

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, mostly agree

Tell us why

Hope feedback will be considered

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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

I don't know

Tell us why

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Libraries, playgrounds, local community events

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

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Tell us why

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Yes

Tell us why

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Maybe Blockhouse Bay Green Bay will be the first two priorities.

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

Yes, opportunities for employment/ skills development are very important for the community.

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

The facilities and spaces should be first served those elder people and or young children.

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, mostly agree

Tell us why

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For the time being, you all have done well.



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Yes

Tell us why

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Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

We will focus on having safe, welcoming spaces that reflect our Māori history, industrial heritage (e.g. clay and ceramics), and cultural diversity. We will advocate for improved transport options and connections that help to reduce carbon emissions.

Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Transport and a Dense Multi-use Urban Form is a key driver for sustainable growth and building equitable communities.

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

Yes.

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Transport Options
Community Spaces
Libraries

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, mostly agree

Tell us why

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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

I don't know

Tell us why

Hopefully that really long paragraph just means "we will engage with the community, listen to what they say, and act accordingly".

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

I think for all those objectives, cleaning up the waterways is surely the most important. They're all overgrown and choked up (often with non native plants). Clearing them out and landscaping them nicely with natives seems like the best way to deliver res

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Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Kids need good playgrounds, families and the elderly in particular need green spaces, parks, and libraries.

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

I don't know

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

It sounds pleasant, but much like the document, it doesn't give much concrete detail on what actions are to be undertaken.

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

We will focus on fostering effective partnerships with our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses. We will advocate for increased opportunities for employment/skill development and high-quality urban development.

Will this support and bolster our local economy?

The best way to get businesses hiring are to cut living costs so that people have more to spend, and try to keep the costs down for businesses so they aren't going under. So many empty shops these days!

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Parks, libraries, sports facilities are critical council responsibilities and need to be available to all.

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

It's a tough one, but I'd say if it's a service or facility that council provided 40 years ago, then it's a priority. If it's a new area which council has moved into in the last decade or so, then it's probably not traditional council responsibility, and

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I don't know

Tell us why

It seems vaguely expressed, and the document didn't really outline a lot of definite action. I appreciate that in many ways your hands are tied by the structure of the modern Auckland council, but it felt very much like the best you can promise us is dialogue. I think you've really got to prioritise the basics in times like these. Good times will return, but for now I think we just need to hear that our local board is going to do some solid old fashioned housekeeping.

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

Feels like things will get better when the rail loop is finally finished. For now we're sort of having to grind on along. I liked the idea of cleaning up the waterways, I think you should really make a project of that. Clear out all the invasive plants an



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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

I don't know

Tell us why

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

We will focus on having safe, welcoming spaces that reflect our Māori history, industrial heritage (e.g. clay and ceramics), and cultural diversity. We will advocate for improved transport options and connections that help to reduce carbon emissions.

Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

We will focus on fostering effective partnerships with our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses. We will advocate for increased opportunities for employment/skill development and high-quality urban development.

Will this support and bolster our local economy?

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

parks & library

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, mostly agree

Tell us why

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

It is understandable when NZ as a whole and other local boards place such an emphasis on the inclusion of Maori principles and culture in their planning. However, as the Whau has such a low percentage of Maori, it seems that more attention should have been



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Ken Maunder Park Community Trust

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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

Though our community is more South East Asian than Māori

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

We will focus on protecting trees and greenspace, enhancing our waterways, and working with partners and communities to exercise the principle of kaitiakitanga and build community resilience to climate change.

Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Protecting green space is very important, but I would include usable sports - green space in that statement

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

We have community facilities but they were built in the 50's and whilst they are badly needed they are not suitable for many - particularly those living with disabilities

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

We will focus on having safe, welcoming spaces that reflect our Māori history, industrial heritage (e.g. clay and ceramics), and cultural diversity. We will advocate for improved transport options and connections that help to reduce carbon emissions.

Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

I don't know

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

My recommendation would be to focus on cultural diversity and reflect more of their heritage

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

Yes

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Community facilities appropriate for all. We have sports clubs churches, schools, fitness groups wanting to use our club rooms but they are not ideal for all. Making them more multi-use would be ideal

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

Services should be adapted to online offerings where possible.

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, mostly agree

Tell us why

I think there is some great stuff in there. But really want to know how some of the planning can be financed. I'm also keen to know practical future plans including what is happening to Avondale Racecourse

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

My honest belief is that Māori outcome is less important than climate outcome. We in Whau are far broader in ethnicity than just Māori.



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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

Having all our diverse communities represented can only help in tolerance and understanding and give everyone a feeling of community

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Protection of trees will help mitigate global warming and is increasingly important. I worry about the lack of soft landscaping around dwellings and the impact that has on run off and stormwater. A simple fix surely.

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

I have been involved with a group at Avondale Library and found it has increased my sense of community and feeling of wellbeing. It has reinforced to me the importance of such spaces with knowledgeable and proactive staff to all members of the community.

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

A decent free park and ride facility is a must. When I was catching the train to work any free parking in the area was eroded by the buses standing for long periods and made catching the train untenable as would paid parking

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Libraries for their provision of services, knowledge and fostering of sense of community.

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, mostly agree

Tell us why

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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

Supporting and encouraging all members of the community to live well and have good personal and institutional relationships is important

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Funding for community groups that are active in environmental care is a key way to achieve this goal

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Facilities like lockers in community centres will encourage people to not need to always take a car when they go shopping etc. Actively talking to those with quiet or less obvious perspectives is key to understanding their needs

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

It is so important for people to feel they have safe options to leave their cars at home

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Infrastructure to support people leaving their cars at home. Shelter, seating, storage options are important for connected communities. The best way to achieve this is to talk to the people without cars as they know what they need. Anything that caters

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, strongly agree

Tell us why

Community connections, environmental enhancement and responding to the climate crises are all key to making Auckland a great place to live. keep it up

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

Ensure Māori have agency and influence and not just one voice in many



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Your feedback

1. Our people: Supporting people in our diverse communities

We will focus on promoting belonging and wellbeing, strengthening partnerships, engaging with Māori, and ensuring our diverse communities are heard and contribute to a collective west Auckland voice.

Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

Engaging with diverse cultures of new immigrants, which we have such a high proportion of in Whau, is of more relevance than further engaging with Maori, under represented in the Whau.

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

We will focus on protecting trees and greenspace, enhancing our waterways, and working with partners and communities to exercise the principle of kaitiakitanga and build community resilience to climate change.

Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Yes of absolute vital importance. So far evidence is that you are doing nothing to protect trees or greenspace, but rather the opposite. We are very under resourced in Reserve green space but Board is still allowing Reserve status to be lifted & land sol

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

We will focus on providing inclusive, accessible, and sustainable facilities and services. We will ensure plans consider future community needs, climate change, and growth. We will partner with community groups to deliver quality services.

Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

We need our new library and community hub!!!
We need to engage more with our non English speaking immigrants

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

We will focus on having safe, welcoming spaces that reflect our Māori history, industrial heritage (e.g. clay and ceramics), and cultural diversity. We will advocate for improved transport options and connections that help to reduce carbon emissions.

Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

I don't know

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

What we really need is more publicly accessible greenspace especially in Avondale. Even without the extreme housing intensification here greenspace was inadequate. Public transport relatively adequate except Rosebank peninsular.

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

We will focus on fostering effective partnerships with our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses. We will advocate for increased opportunities for employment/skill development and high-quality urban development.

Will this support and bolster our local economy?

possibly...

6. Funding challenges and community investment

Whau has a diverse population. We need to ensure our facilities, spaces, and programmes are accessible, inclusive, and reflect the communities they serve. However, we also have funding challenges.

a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Local environment management - \$176 This won't do much!
But acknowledge overall budget is inadequate

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

Lobby Council for more than \$13,009 annual budget. This is a minute proportion of rates money returned to the area for specific local use for the whole of the Whau

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, mostly agree

Tell us why

Mostly sound good on paper. Remains to be seen what if any of the plan is implemented

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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

I don't know

Tell us why

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Yes

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Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

This is the area i wish to comment on. With a large increase in people using the skate park facilities, and older skate park structures needing updates and upgrades, I would love to see further expansion of the Shadbolt Park skate skate area, and 'concrete resurfacing ' at the riversdale road avondale skatepark.

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

I don't know

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Skateparks - for children and young adults

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

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Tell us why

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I don't know

Tell us why

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Trees and greenspace need to be a consideration

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

Yes - need more support for BIDS

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Services that impact the most people, libraries, sports facilities and community centres

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

Use an effective online platform

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, mostly agree

Tell us why

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I don't know

Tell us why

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

The Whau, Pollen Island Marine Reserve, Heron Park, Oakley Creek (which was severely damaged by the Jan flooding) Eastdale Reserve, Avondale Road Reserve, Canal Reserve . Avondale is blessed to have wonderful natural waterways & green spaces. Also all s

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Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

With the huge growth of population in Avondale and the years of neglect by the Auckland City Council we absolutely need our community facilities and community services extended and upgraded. We will also be experiencing an influx of elderly into the Kainga Ora multi storey apartments being built. There is also an influx of families with young children buying into the neighbourhood. We certainly have a very mixed demographic in Avondale but sadly lack suitable community facilities and services. I do hope there are no delays with the new community centre/ library and no cuts to the size or budget for it. Its been a bloody long time coming. A community swimming centre on the Avondale racecourse would be incredible.

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Avondale is very fortunate to have a great bus service through the centre = Great North Rd, Rosebank Road & Blockhouse Bay Rd, we also have great train service. A park & ride would be excellent as promised when the railway station was moved the old site

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

Yes

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

All major cities across the globe have diverse populations, this to me shows a coming of age for Auckland and is not peculiar to the Whau. Diversity its great and ensuring all community facilities are fit for purpose, well run, clean and available to all

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

Ensuring all community facilities are fit for purpose, well run, clean and available to all it will bring communities together and meet their needs.

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, mostly agree

Tell us why

Financial constraints mean tightening of the services provided. I would like to see modernised, clean fit for purpose community facilities(including all our parks) and less money on specific events until the financial picture improves. Communities will make their own events if they have accessible, quality, safe places to hold them.

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I use public transport (2 trains each way) to travel to and from work. I think it should start with education I know my son (now 22yrs) led a lot of the changes we have made over the years from recycling, waste, eating less meat, walking, public transport



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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

No

Tell us why

To small a minority!!

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

No

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Māori to small of a group

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b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

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Tell us why

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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

No

Tell us why

Because too much emphasis is placed on Maori, they are 16% of the population and a large majority have a very small amount of Maori blood.

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Protecting the trees and green spaces will help the birds and the flooding caused by too much infill.

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

I don't know

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

I'm keen to have the industrial heritage saved but I don't believe Maori had much to do with the local area. Transport needs a lot of work because it is terribly unreliable.

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

Yes

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

I would like to see the Council wardens travel all of our local streets on foot and ticket all vehicles that have expired registration and wof, then check again if they have become road legal if not tow them. They take up valuable parking space that law a

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

Have people we can talk to face to face, visit sites that have problems. Contact with the council is about ticking boxes and nothing gets done.

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

No, mostly disagree

Tell us why

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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

I am pleased to see a range of community events and services planned, connecting up and celebrating the Whau's diverse community

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

I support both the efforts to protect the Whau's waterways and to restore urban ngahere

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

I am hoping to see long term planning, where possible, to ensure services are stable and sustainable

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

I really want to see more cycle ways and better public transport and reduced traffic throughout the whau area

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

I hope this includes support for all kinds of economy and encourages businesses to play their part in serving the local community and environment

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

I find it hard to trade off one area of activity over others. Community, environment, arts & culture, transport and economy are all important and interconnected. Rather than a tradeoff is there a way to spread funds strategically across these areas?

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

I am not sure specifically, but working in partnership and allegiance with others who are operating in this area makes sense.

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, strongly agree

Tell us why

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

I hoped to see more specific mention of the arts and culture and the whau arts broker role and whau the people etc.



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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

This will enable community harmony and peace which are important for wellbeing and happy coexistence and living.

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

We will focus on protecting trees and greenspace, enhancing our waterways, and working with partners and communities to exercise the principle of kaitiakitanga and build community resilience to climate change.

Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Environmental changes are real and we have to take their effects seriously. Protecting the environment and building resilience against the changes are both important.

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Helping communities and each other are essential for every society. we can live happily and face hardship better when we help and support each other.

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

creating new businesses ad will provide jobs and better living opportunities for our people. Better public transport will be useful both for commuting and for reducing pollution due to cars emission.

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

Yes.

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

1. Better and more efficient public transport.
2. improved public toilets.
3. improved BBQ facilities in parks and in picnic places.

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

Run mini buses with more frequencies, especially during off-peak hours instead of large and double-decker buses which run mostly empty and cause tremendous pollution.

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, mostly agree

Tell us why

I believe it takes most of the important factors into consideration for the welfare and wellbeing of the people and environment.

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

Set up tutorial centres that can provide additional help and support to students who are weak in their studies, especially in maths and science after school hours and during weekends. This will greatly help students in their studies and will engage them i



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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

No

Tell us why

We have a community that is 10% Maori and 40% European yet all the rates money is being spent on Maori projects. Honi Waititi marae is not even in the Whau area.. We have so many developments going on and yet we have a run down community centre that is in a disgusting condition. It seems you have been presented with a Maori name for the new community centre and library but no money to get started on it. You need to spend some money on the Auckland City side of the Whau and remember that we are not West but Central West. Do not even think that you can sell off any assets in the Avondale area until you get the new centres built. With the influx of so many new residents we are entitled to decent recreation centres, Community centres and library. It seems there is always maintenance being done on other community centres . Why not Avondale. Its time Council did a tour of buildings in the Auckland city side of the Whau not going further out to Oratia.

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

No

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

A clean safe community with Community centres and recreation facilities that are in the Auckland city side of our ward . We should not be spending so much of our rates money on a worldwide climate change agenda. We are entitled to services that some other

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

No

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

'What community groups will you partner with? Please remember that 40% of our population is European. Where are you considering this ? I understand that you are meant to be inclusive of all in everything you consider. There is no spare rates money for the worldwide climate change agenda. Get on with the infrascructure especially with all the building going on in the area.

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

No

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Havent seen much of this happening in Avondale, Blockhouse Bay and New Windsor. There should be a maintenance budget to get work done on Facilities as it seems it will be a while before new facilities are built, Dont even think about selling off facilitie

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

Maintain the buildings we already have and have staff to run it like you seem tom have in other areas of Auckland City. Avondale seems to have the buildings. Lets use them. Get councillors out to see the disgusting condition of Auckland City assets,

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

No, strongly disagree

Tell us why

Comments above. Just get on with maintaining our ratepayers assets. No drag Queens in our libraries. Ratepayers should not be paying for these R18 shows.

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

If the budget is so low that you cannot maintain our assets you should forget about climate change rubbish and Maori aspirations. Council or government should be paying for these so called aspirational budgets with a separate budget. You are meant to be



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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

No

Tell us why

Because it is ethnically divisive and ideologically driven by separatist agendas

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

No

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Climate events does not mean climate change. Climate change is not supported by science, in fact it is denounced as cultish by science. I object to every outcome being tied to climate outcomes measured by CO2 limitation which is factually and naturally in

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

No

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Because "climate change" is not scientifically supported nor is the anthropogenic impact even measurable. Weather events does not indicate any level of human influence. These weather events have been happening for centuries, in fact as long as time has passed. Well before human influence or industrialisation. You are bowing to a cult.

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

We will focus on having safe, welcoming spaces that reflect our Māori history, industrial heritage (e.g. clay and ceramics), and cultural diversity. We will advocate for improved transport options and connections that help to reduce carbon emissions.

Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

No

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

I am not maori and do not accept that a maori identity reflects me or my place in this world. Secondly maori history is a singularly idealistic and incorrect view of how our area has developed over centuries. The singular reference to one view of history

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

We will focus on fostering effective partnerships with our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses. We will advocate for increased opportunities for employment/skill development and high-quality urban development.

Will this support and bolster our local economy?

Again a particular maori focus is divisive and does not facilitate a cohesive community nor does it help local businesses address the staff shortages currently ravaging our business sector

6. Funding challenges and community investment

Whau has a diverse population. We need to ensure our facilities, spaces, and programmes are accessible, inclusive, and reflect the communities they serve. However, we also have funding challenges.

a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Infrastructure maintenance and replacement. That is the reason we pay rates, not so you can feel good about supporting a woke agenda of supporting maori identity and history, and language. Also being a c40 city with the connected \$514,000,000 price tag to

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

Focus on infrastructure needs and not on woke agendas.

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

No, strongly disagree

Tell us why

Because you are treating ratepayers as cash cows to meet agendas imposed on us by external entities such as UN, WEF and WHO. Plus all of these woke ideological agendas are funded with borrowed money from or through one private limited liability company who will demand perpetual rates increases to just meet the interest repayments until it all finally falls over and the liability falls back on the unsuspecting ratepayer

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

It is crap. Loose the climate change, unscientific and unrealistic ideology and loose the aoartheid focus on one single ethnic grouping who make up such a minority percentage of our population. It is unsustainable and unfair on non maori ratepayers.



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Local Board: Whau

Your feedback

1. Our people: Supporting people in our diverse communities

We will focus on promoting belonging and wellbeing, strengthening partnerships, engaging with Māori, and ensuring our diverse communities are heard and contribute to a collective west Auckland voice.

Will this help you and your community to thrive?

No

Tell us why

There is too much focus on individual ethnicities and NOT enough on what it is to be a New Zealander or part of the New Zealand public and fabric. More goals in regards to common thinking as to HOW a New Zealander should behave.

Simple example.....filling out your census. It used to be this was SO important to be done on a particular night. Now it is done over months and 15% do not bother. I was heavily involved in Census in Ranui. The response to doorknocking was often "you are not our government", so no, we won't complete it.

There is a large part of the current population who do not want or care to be part of New Zealand. That needs to change, or we are a lost cause.

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

We will focus on protecting trees and greenspace, enhancing our waterways, and working with partners and communities to exercise the principle of kaitiakitanga and build community resilience to climate change.

Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

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You need to ensure waterways and creeks are not allowed to become overgrown. Get diggers in there, widen them, deepen them.

Unblock those drains....I see so many, blocked with leaves and we wonder why streets flood.

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

We will focus on providing inclusive, accessible, and sustainable facilities and services. We will ensure plans consider future community needs, climate change, and growth. We will partner with community groups to deliver quality services.

Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Community halls and libraries are most important.

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

We will focus on having safe, welcoming spaces that reflect our Māori history, industrial heritage (e.g. clay and ceramics), and cultural diversity. We will advocate for improved transport options and connections that help to reduce carbon emissions.

Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

A more homogenous culture is required for society, with common goals.

Can we have less of:

1. The turning of suburban streets into 30 KPH zones. Happened to my street. God knows why. Not needed. Already has speed bumps all through it (they were

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

I have lived in this area since 1965 on and off (since Portage and Golf roads were gravel roads). And we still have the corner of Astley and Portage an undeveloped unsightly mess. How long does development take one has to wonder.

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Busses and trains have improved greatly. Use them a bit now retired. Credit where it is due. I ride an E bike a lot. Liking the Rosebank rd to New Lynn section which opened last year.

Donovan st, biked lanes would be good. Part of the coming w

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, mostly agree

Tell us why

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

No further comment.,



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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

No

Tell us why

Maori are only 10 per cent of the community. Promoting them above the other 90 per cent will not make any difference to the overall population.

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

No

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

The big problem here is you want to promote an undefined outcome namely kaitiakitanga but even if you define that you want to promote not that but the principle of kaitiakitanga. Sorry but you are talking hogwash. If you want my support put it in English

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

No

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

This is unbelievably vague. At the end of the year how will you know if you have achieved your goals?

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Having safe spaces is most important so I can go to the supermarket and be confident I'm not going to be shot or my favourite store won't be ram raded.

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

Maybe.

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

No, mostly disagree

Tell us why

As I said earlier your focus on Maori outcomes is racist and provocative to favour one tenth of the community above the other nine tenths.

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

If you really wanted to do anything about climate change then you should start with an acknowledgment that it is God in heaven who controls the universe the world and the weather. Global warming is not the problem but unbelief and a denial that there is



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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

I don't know

Tell us why

Currently my son (Maori/Scottish), daughter in law (pregnant) & 5 yr old son can't find a suitable, affordable rental property. She has her own business but will need to give it up due to increased costs. My son is in his final year of University & has been encouraged to do Honours next year. Due to increased living costs they were unable to manage so have moved into our home. Thus brings another level of stress! Unfortunately the local board plan does not mention specific tangible support to everyday working families who live and abide by the law, pay taxes, gst, increasing rates, water & power, food and much more. By the way still waiting on our insurance, as received damage to concrete around our property in Blockhouse Bay due to flooding. Forgive me for not being up beat about this plan but everyday the services our family uses in our neighbourhood is paid for by our taxes and rates. One thing I do enjoy for free however is our library in BHBay. Do not relinquish this I ask!!

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

I don't know

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

The trees & berms on council land should not be left to property owners to manage.

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

I don't know

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Keep libraries free!!!

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

I don't know

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

I don't feel safe walking around our community or parks. There is zero police presence. Maybe utilise Maori wardens to walk around New Lynn & busy areas.

The bus routes were culled around Blockhouse Bay, why? More people would catch buses if there was mor

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

So annoyed that the community was not heard regarding the Vape store in BHBay. Waste of good space!

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Library!! My grandson loves it. Many parents, students & elderly utilise it for a variety of things. Always busy. Keep it at all costs!!

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

A kiosk that is Ai smart that helps people connect to the different services that are local eg; mental health, budgeting, legal, housing etc

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

No, strongly disagree

Tell us why

I have read all these before but in terms of effectiveness it sadly lacks innovation. However I'd be happy if the libraries remain free, bus routes improve, the elderly and vulnerable in our communities have great advocate support, housing is more accessible so families don't have to move out of the area & move school. Community is about being able to grow up in the area because they live, work, educate, play in those areas. How is this possible if can't find a house to rent?

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

Why is Avondale Racecourse sitting idle? Why do we have so many golf courses?
Families need homes. Utilise land sitting idle. Keep parks, sports grounds, playgrounds
however, Akld Council need to look at freeing up land to build homes, not tenement housi



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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, strongly agree

Tell us why

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



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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

6. Funding challenges and community investment

Whau has a diverse population. We need to ensure our facilities, spaces, and programmes are accessible, inclusive, and reflect the communities they serve. However, we also have funding challenges.

a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Library service

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, mostly agree

Tell us why

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



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Your feedback

1. Our people: Supporting people in our diverse communities

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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

No

Tell us why

Belonging and wellbeing, partnerships, and Maori engagement are not important to me. A focus on practical outcomes like facilities and services offers more benefit in my opinion. Ensuring the community is heard is important.

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

We will focus on protecting trees and greenspace, enhancing our waterways, and working with partners and communities to exercise the principle of kaitiakitanga and build community resilience to climate change.

Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Trees and greenspace are most important to me. This includes both parks and along roadways.

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

I don't know

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

This is too vague. What kind of 'facilities and services?'. Providing sustainable facilities (libraries, parks, etc.) is most important.

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

We will focus on having safe, welcoming spaces that reflect our Māori history, industrial heritage (e.g. clay and ceramics), and cultural diversity. We will advocate for improved transport options and connections that help to reduce carbon emissions.

Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

I don't know

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

First half ('We will focus on having safe, welcoming spaces that reflect our Māori history, industrial heritage (e.g. clay and ceramics), and cultural diversity.') is not important to me. Priority number one is improved alternative transport options, incl

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

Yes, urban development is important. With our current transport network, low-density areas often require deceptively expensive car trips to fulfill basic needs, and ad-hoc trips are uncommon. High density areas are more likely to fulfill their needs throu

6. Funding challenges and community investment

Whau has a diverse population. We need to ensure our facilities, spaces, and programmes are accessible, inclusive, and reflect the communities they serve. However, we also have funding challenges.

a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Libraries, education, and alternative transport (bus, train, bike, walk) options are essential.
Parks and green spaces are important.

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, mostly agree

Tell us why

The actual practical outcomes mostly align with my needs, but the emphasis on Maori and cultural heritage is not important to me.

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



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Local Board: Waitemata

Your feedback

1. Our people: Supporting people in our diverse communities

We will focus on promoting belonging and wellbeing, strengthening partnerships, engaging with Māori, and ensuring our diverse communities are heard and contribute to a collective west Auckland voice.

Will this help you and your community to thrive?

No

Tell us why

I'm sick of people being classed based on race, EVERYONE should be included, and I'm sick of literal racial division being pushed!

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

No

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

I'm all for protecting trees (although the council allowed many to be destroyed) I'm all for green spaces and protecting waterways. I'm NOT interested in Climate Change being used as an excuse, and it's deliberate use to try justify everything is unacceptable

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

We will focus on providing inclusive, accessible, and sustainable facilities and services. We will ensure plans consider future community needs, climate change, and growth. We will partner with community groups to deliver quality services.

Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

No

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Because u til you stop peddling climate change and racial division, it's all pointless.

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

We will focus on having safe, welcoming spaces that reflect our Māori history, industrial heritage (e.g. clay and ceramics), and cultural diversity. We will advocate for improved transport options and connections that help to reduce carbon emissions.

Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

No

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Once again you're basing EVERYONES experience focused on ONE race, unacceptable and racist!

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

We will focus on fostering effective partnerships with our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses. We will advocate for increased opportunities for employment/skill development and high-quality urban development.

Will this support and bolster our local economy?

Partnerships? Or demands? If people are not interested, will they be made to agree?

6. Funding challenges and community investment

Whau has a diverse population. We need to ensure our facilities, spaces, and programmes are accessible, inclusive, and reflect the communities they serve. However, we also have funding challenges.

a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

None of this is essential, it's just what someone has thought up and wants to push onto the people. Our rates money is being wasted beyond belief, and all that seems to happen is rates get increased! My rates a few years ago were in the 400's per quater,

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

Stop deliberately thinking up ways to spend money, and instead fix the issues we have e.g roads, unnecessary changing of traffic light intersections, and making them WORSE, and STOP the insane destruction of our roads with speed humps!

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

No, strongly disagree

Tell us why

I'm sick of being fleeced rates to fund unnecessary stuff! Enough!

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

Stop being racist, and stop pushing climate change!



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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

No

Tell us why

This is not a measurable benefit yet. What specifically are you measuring? Just saying belonging and well-being isn't enough specifically what.

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

We will focus on protecting trees and greenspace, enhancing our waterways, and working with partners and communities to exercise the principle of kaitiakitanga and build community resilience to climate change.

Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

No

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

What trees specifically what waterways and how will you protect or enhance resilience? Again this is a vague statement how will do this what specifically? If you don't actually state specifically what you'll do then how will know if you are successful?

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

No

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

What does this mean? We need to see details. What facilities and services and where?

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Again this is too vague what exactly do you plan on doing?

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

What does this mean? Again we need to see specifically what you set out to do otherwise who will be accountable and to what?

6. Funding challenges and community investment

Whau has a diverse population. We need to ensure our facilities, spaces, and programmes are accessible, inclusive, and reflect the communities they serve. However, we also have funding challenges.

a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Better parks please. Craig Avon could and should be easier to access. Currently if you walk to the park not all areas have pedestrian crossings or footpaths. You have to run the gauntlet esp if you have kids or dogs. This is on busy intersections and by a

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

Combine services in same locations.

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

No, strongly disagree

Tell us why

It is way too vague. It not a plan, it's not specific it's wishy washy. What are you actually planning on doing? A plan requires you to be specific.

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



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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

No

Tell us why

NZ Māori is an official language of New Zealand and is the second most widely spoken in the country. Why is the draft plan only in English?

He reo whaimana o Aotearoa te reo Māori, ā, koia te reo nui rawa tuarua e kōrerotia ana huri noa i te motu. He aha te take kei te reo Pākehā anake te mahere hukihuki?

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Āe e tautoko ana engari ka pēhea e whai wāhi ai ngā mana whenua me ngā hapori Māori ki ngā mahi tautiaki taiao?

Yes, I suppose but how will mana whenua and Māori communities be able to engage with environmental protection?

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

I don't know

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

E piki ake ai te whai wāhi a te Māori me whakauru i te reo Māori - kua e waiho noa hei reo ā-karakia. Tukuna he mahi ki tētahi kaiwhakamāori māna nei āu kōrero e whakamāori e arotau ai tāu mahi ki ngā Māori.

To increase Māori participation you need to include te reo Māori - don't just use it as a liturgical language. Employ a translator who will translate what you're doing so Māori will be inclined to what you're doing.

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

We will focus on having safe, welcoming spaces that reflect our Māori history, industrial heritage (e.g. clay and ceramics), and cultural diversity. We will advocate for improved transport options and connections that help to reduce carbon emissions.

Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Āe engari me kaha ake te whakamorunga ake i te tuakiri Māori o tēnei rohe. Ahakoa hīkoi ahau ki hea noa ake he iti noa ngā pānui e whakamārama ana i te hītori Māori o konei.

Yes but more must be done to promote the Māori identity of this area. No matter

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

We will focus on fostering effective partnerships with our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses. We will advocate for increased opportunities for employment/skill development and high-quality urban development.

Will this support and bolster our local economy?

Āe - engari me haumi pūtea ki ngā pakihi Māori.

Yes - but invest in Māori businesses.

6. Funding challenges and community investment

Whau has a diverse population. We need to ensure our facilities, spaces, and programmes are accessible, inclusive, and reflect the communities they serve. However, we also have funding challenges.

a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

The library and community festivals. They bring life to our little area.

Te whare pukapuka me ngā whetiwara hapori. Ko ērā kaupapa e whakaora ana i tō tātou rohe iti nei.

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

Run fundraisers.

Me whakahaere he whakarawe pūtea.

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

I don't know

Tell us why

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

Tēnā koa, tukuna he mahi ki tētahi kaiwhakamāori hei whakamāori i āu tiro whānui me āu mahere. Mā reira e nui ake ai te aro atu a te Māori ki tā koutou mahi, ā, ka takoha hoki koutou ki te whakarīroatanga o te reo.

Please consider employing a translator



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Local Board: Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

Your feedback

1. Our people: Supporting people in our diverse communities

We will focus on promoting belonging and wellbeing, strengthening partnerships, engaging with Māori, and ensuring our diverse communities are heard and contribute to a collective west Auckland voice.

Will this help you and your community to thrive?

No

Tell us why

Maori culture is violent and morally bankrupt. It engenders crime, gangs and is based on superstition which has no place in modern society. It is degrading and retarding the great maori people. Maori culture has not produced anything of any value- only decadence

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

We will focus on protecting trees and greenspace, enhancing our waterways, and working with partners and communities to exercise the principle of kaitiakitanga and build community resilience to climate change.

Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

No

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

It is retrograde

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

We will focus on providing inclusive, accessible, and sustainable facilities and services. We will ensure plans consider future community needs, climate change, and growth. We will partner with community groups to deliver quality services.

Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

No

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

We will focus on having safe, welcoming spaces that reflect our Māori history, industrial heritage (e.g. clay and ceramics), and cultural diversity. We will advocate for improved transport options and connections that help to reduce carbon emissions.

Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

No

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

We will focus on fostering effective partnerships with our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses. We will advocate for increased opportunities for employment/skill development and high-quality urban development.

Will this support and bolster our local economy?

6. Funding challenges and community investment

Whau has a diverse population. We need to ensure our facilities, spaces, and programmes are accessible, inclusive, and reflect the communities they serve. However, we also have funding challenges.

a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

No, strongly disagree

Tell us why

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



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Local Board: Whau

Your feedback

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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

We will focus on protecting trees and greenspace, enhancing our waterways, and working with partners and communities to exercise the principle of kaitiakitanga and build community resilience to climate change.

Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

We will focus on having safe, welcoming spaces that reflect our Māori history, industrial heritage (e.g. clay and ceramics), and cultural diversity. We will advocate for improved transport options and connections that help to reduce carbon emissions.

Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

We will focus on fostering effective partnerships with our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses. We will advocate for increased opportunities for employment/skill development and high-quality urban development.

Will this support and bolster our local economy?

Yes, good on that

6. Funding challenges and community investment

Whau has a diverse population. We need to ensure our facilities, spaces, and programmes are accessible, inclusive, and reflect the communities they serve. However, we also have funding challenges.

a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Sporting facilities, transportation

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, mostly agree

Tell us why

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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

We will focus on protecting trees and greenspace, enhancing our waterways, and working with partners and communities to exercise the principle of kaitiakitanga and build community resilience to climate change.

Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

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Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Especially improved transport and not to mention the roads as well

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

Yes

6. Funding challenges and community investment

Whau has a diverse population. We need to ensure our facilities, spaces, and programmes are accessible, inclusive, and reflect the communities they serve. However, we also have funding challenges.

a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Essential services are vital for the area and to meet the needs of a diverse population

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

We need to have more community involvement and people taking ownership for their neighbourhood e.g. neighbourhood watch & ways to build community and belonging

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, mostly agree

Tell us why

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



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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Maintaining current green spaces and creating new green spaces, including protecting mature trees, is vital for a healthy environment. So many trees are being lost to developers!

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

One of the main places where these services will be delivered is at the library and community centre - the new facilities that have been planned for so long need to be prioritised with no compromises or cost-cutting! The Avondale community is growing and really needs a decent library and community centre. This will also provide a vibrant and much-needed "centre" for Avondale village. We have been waiting for over 10 years for this! I don't support cuts in library hours as this makes an essential service less accessible to the community.

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

It is important to acknowledge and protect the heritage areas of the Whau - these are the things that make the Whau unique and special. Improving public transport so that it is more accessible, frequent, reliable and affordable, is vital for our environme

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

Council needs to make sure that urban developments are high-quality, long-lasting builds - there are many low-quality buildings going up that are very unattractive and will not age well

6. Funding challenges and community investment

Whau has a diverse population. We need to ensure our facilities, spaces, and programmes are accessible, inclusive, and reflect the communities they serve. However, we also have funding challenges.

a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Libraries are essential services and should not be cut in any way

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, mostly agree

Tell us why

The Avondale community needs some reassurance that the plan for the library/community hub is going to go ahead and isn't going to be trimmed down, done in stages or abandoned. The longer it is put off, the more expensive it will be. It needs to be prioritised.

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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

No

Tell us why

The Whau ward is substandard in services amenities and level of buildings- we are a dumping ground for a disproportionate amount of Kianga Ora housing with nothing to support all those homes and nothing aspirational for the ratepayer of the region. This issues should be top priority!

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Tidy safe maintained walkways -safe from constant messy unnecessary plantings. Clean and remove debris and rubbish before planting over things- Tony Segedin boardwalk an example - river is being planted out

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Give us some quality facilities for all - not just basketball and hip hop stuff - a driving range pickle ball facilities- quality building instead of misleading KO housing on every corner - quality food shops not deep fried takeaway which avondale is full of.

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

I don't know

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Avondale central a tip

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

Good you keep saying this but it never happens

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Safe spaces for all - inclusive of all nationalities- Avondale/ Whau is not just about Maori and pasifika which seems to dominated funding allocation constantly

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

Look to the townships where the people of Whau go to spend - Kingsland mt Eden grey Lynn - safe quality shops vibrant socially and truly ethnically diverse

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

No, mostly disagree

Tell us why

Missing the point what makes vibrant safe townships

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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

I don't know

Tell us why

Don't really understand how this can be achieved without first teaching people to accept everyone as a New Zealander. Encouraging preferences to one community creates inequity and unfairness to all other minorities.

It's our country - not about who came here first.

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Enhancing waterways

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Sustainably and services

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Improved transport services with better connectivity between bus and train. Better fares to encourage people to use public transport rather than cars. Make it the cheapest mode of transport to get people on it - we need not free passengers but working pe

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

If the initiatives gets more people off the various benefits (esp those on it for over 1 year) and instills a sense of responsibility by earning an income - it will create a better feeling of equity amongst the working and non working members of communit

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

The library as a place to encourage learning but also a means to relax after a long working week.

Parks and reserves that allow members to walk / exercise and relax

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

I don't know

Tell us why

The plan tells us that you will strive to do this or that but not draw a clear picture on how you will really achieve it. Saying you will work with AT on public transport but does AT commit to increasing routes and buses during peak hours?

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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

I don't know

Tell us why

You don't say how, of the three West boards and as iWork in the Wiltakere and Henderson board areas I have read their docs. The Whau has wrapped up its information in lots of promotional speak. I don't trust a Board that presents a Corporate document

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Green spaces that are looked after, though again how can you build a communities resilience.

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Building Avondale Library and Community house.

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

No

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

In times of restricted cash flow the heritage and history of a area is not a priority. We don't need new park signs for instance and the history of the clay has had a considerable funding over the years and not sure if anyone is interested.

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

Again you don't say how and just words , who on the board has the expertise to develop Skill development or know the skills required. if you can't manage to build a Community house how will you develop a Skill centre and cost the infrastructure and staffi

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Library and Community house, that would allow the ethnic community a place to self fund and celebrate the festivals . In each board festivals are celebrated and funded by the local boards in the West.

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

By showing your plans before implementing, the same way presentations for the proposed Avondale L&CH was displayed in the library. You don't need flash corporate documents either don't waste money, cut the coat according to the available length of cloth

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

No, mostly disagree

Tell us why

Stick to basics, no art projects, no flash spark ignage with historic information or street events . The next three years should be about maintenance that has been ignored while the Board has forgotten it's core role and that's not to act as a mini council.

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



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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, strongly agree

Tell us why

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

Please try to stop all the vape shops in our area there are way too many!!!



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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

No

Tell us why

This is divisive policy by making Maori (and others) more important than the rest of us. They are no more important than all the rest of us. Stop the racist and separatist policy.

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

We will focus on protecting trees and greenspace, enhancing our waterways, and working with partners and communities to exercise the principle of kaitiakitanga and build community resilience to climate change.

Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

No

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

It's a YES and NO as it depends on who is creating the policy and how it is implemented and at what cost to us the ratepayer. You can spend it willy nilly on stupid things (e.g. a new Avondale pool) to boost someone's ego and make them feel good (and say

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

No

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Growth is NOT the way forward. You can already see what growth has done to AKL with the infrastructure badly managed and now costing billions. 3 storey house monstrosities that don't enhance anything and make people lose privacy for the sake of a silly policy. Very few want 3 storey except immigrants that are used to it and that doesn't mean it is something we should get used to also. We are losing 'space' and privacy and therefore our wellbeing.

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

No

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Once again concentrating on Maori is racist. It is about all of us, and let's not lose sight of that! Concentrating on transport options means taking away our roads for cars & trucks (who feed us and supply necessary products) and creating barriers to get

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

Sounds like gobbledegook to me, and a way to allow spending by you on 'partnerships'. How do they help the ratepayer who pays your wages? That job should be for Govt, not local councils.

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Do the essentials, roads, water, and stop doing all those things like community events that aren't core services. Councils weren't designed to arrange events and 'advertise' our city. That is an invention by someone who forgot what is required and was prob

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

You aren't here to service the community, just to provide ESSENTIAL services for the ratepayers.

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

No, strongly disagree

Tell us why

Your plans are all self serving to get re-elected. Do the essentials only.

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

More racist comment- stop it!! Everyone is important not just one race.



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Local Board: Whau

Your feedback

1. Our people: Supporting people in our diverse communities

We will focus on promoting belonging and wellbeing, strengthening partnerships, engaging with Māori, and ensuring our diverse communities are heard and contribute to a collective west Auckland voice.

Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

This is very generalised.

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

We will focus on protecting trees and greenspace, enhancing our waterways, and working with partners and communities to exercise the principle of kaitiakitanga and build community resilience to climate change.

Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

No

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Climate change is not a priority as the Council can do little or more likely nothing to change the climate

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

We will focus on providing inclusive, accessible, and sustainable facilities and services. We will ensure plans consider future community needs, climate change, and growth. We will partner with community groups to deliver quality services.

Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Very general but what a Council should be doing with the exception of climate change as they can make absolutely no impact there.

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

We will focus on having safe, welcoming spaces that reflect our Māori history, industrial heritage (e.g. clay and ceramics), and cultural diversity. We will advocate for improved transport options and connections that help to reduce carbon emissions.

Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Reducing carbon emissions will not change anything

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

We will focus on fostering effective partnerships with our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses. We will advocate for increased opportunities for employment/skill development and high-quality urban development.

Will this support and bolster our local economy?

Yes but it is a very general statement that Council should have always done.

6. Funding challenges and community investment

Whau has a diverse population. We need to ensure our facilities, spaces, and programmes are accessible, inclusive, and reflect the communities they serve. However, we also have funding challenges.

a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Rates reduction, keeping the city clean and all the core responsibilities Councils used to do before they decided to take on the worlds problems like climate change.

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

Concentrate on the local area needs and not the big picture which is out your control

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

No, strongly disagree

Tell us why

This council has been heading in the wrong direction since it amalgamated. There is far too much waste and consequently massive compounding rate increases. An obvious example of this is bike lanes that will always be under utilised.

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

Climate change and Maori aspirations are prime examples of the wrong direction this Council has taken.



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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

All voices need to be heard particularly the ones systematically disadvantaged

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Planting up Avondale Racecourse as a natural sponge to reduce flooding and provide areas for locals to enjoy. Restoration of Whau River. We are in a climate crisis - this is a no brainer. Completion of Te Whau Pathway to get people out of cars and to imp

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Maori history celebrated and interpreted so its more legible for the public with associated native planting

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Parks and libraries

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, strongly agree

Tell us why

Focus on the environment

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



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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

No

Tell us why

Need specific items to address and measure success indicators

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

No

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Needs specialists with a budget and work to a plan

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

No

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

The community has elected and paid people to do this work

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

No

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Focus on transport only

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

We will focus on fostering effective partnerships with our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses. We will advocate for increased opportunities for employment/skill development and high-quality urban development.

Will this support and bolster our local economy?

Yes

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Gymnasium

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

Not sure

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, mostly agree

Tell us why

Focus on key areas only and stop engaging with Maori

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

Forget climate and Maori- need to stop blaming and pursue self-reliance



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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

I don't know

Tell us why

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Care of streams. Greater permeable surfaces needed in developments.

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Community centres for local groups to rent at reasonable prices.

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Both important

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

Countdown/New World could provide a small community bus to take shoppers home with their groceries. This is one of the major reasons shoppers don't take public transport. Also market day in New Lynn utilising the large area outside the New Lynn Library wo

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Community rooms for hire. Libraries.

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, strongly agree

Tell us why

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

Intensification and protection of environment are at odds at present. Developments need to be well designed and provide adequate permeable surfaces. Subdividing already small sections is a recipe for disaster. Free Te Reo course in New Lynn.



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Yes

Tell us why

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

streams and waterways. followed by public transport, cycleways and greenspaces

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

accessible community services and facilities
I'm really worried about cuts to funding for libraries and other services

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

all sounds interesting and worthwhile. don't have a strong opinion as business is not my expertise. shop and work locally sounds good

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

libraries, green spaces, beaches, playgrounds, public toilets, public transport, community events, protecting the environment

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, strongly agree

Tell us why

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

I just want us to have the funding to carry out all these objectives!



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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

Need to engage not just with Maori but also Pacifika who are also a large part of the Whau community.

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

This is exactly what Community means and must be at the forefront of all decisions. Not hand outs, but using all possible means to enable our various communities to participate and administer their own community actions.

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Regular, reliable and inexpensive transport are essential if communities are going to be able to meet and participate, whether for sport or social activities or sharing the management of their facilities. Places outside the rail system e.g. Blockhous

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

N/A

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

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Anywhere that promotes participation, socializing - especially for Seniors and isolated people, learning new skills and new interests should be assisted and supported. Therefore libraries and Community Centres/ Houses/Hubs should be given security of

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

Support and maintain those community services that are already there and enable them to widen their catchment area and offerings to the public.

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, mostly agree

Tell us why

Board is elected to foster community development and is therefore the best organization to hear what their communities wish for. Restricted funding means inefficiencies and downgrading of services.

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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

To grow our country

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Kauri's, Kiwi's etc

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Happy Living

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Tell us why

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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Planting and protecting existing trees is the most important to me as in doing this we are also helping to build resilience to climate change and also keeping our urban areas cool as temperatures rise.

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

I don't know

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

This statement is too vague in my opinion so I don't know what you actually plan to do. Will New Lynn get a swimming pool?

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

We will focus on having safe, welcoming spaces that reflect our Māori history, industrial heritage (e.g. clay and ceramics), and cultural diversity. We will advocate for improved transport options and connections that help to reduce carbon emissions.

Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Developing transport options and connections to reduce our carbon emissions is most important to me.

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

We will focus on fostering effective partnerships with our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses. We will advocate for increased opportunities for employment/skill development and high-quality urban development.

Will this support and bolster our local economy?

Yes. Having employment opportunities is a top priority. along with building affordable, high quality homes.

6. Funding challenges and community investment

Whau has a diverse population. We need to ensure our facilities, spaces, and programmes are accessible, inclusive, and reflect the communities they serve. However, we also have funding challenges.

a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Essential: New Lynn Library / we need a swimming pool in New Lynn / parks - please supply netball hoops not just basketball hoops - netball hoops are higher and don't have the board at the back. You can get netball hoops with 2 heights on the same pole, w

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

No comment

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, mostly agree

Tell us why

It's all a bit vague. You need to tell us WHAT you plan to DO.

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No comment



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Yes

Tell us why

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Protecting nature and biodiversity is important to me. Also nature is a great stress reliever

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

It builds community when everyone can access all areas. It has been hindered by all the speed bumps. I avoid places that have them.

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

No

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Reducing speed bumps

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Green spaces to relax in. Public transport to get around safely

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

Reduce speed bumps. Have green spaces with seating. Increase safety reliability of public transport have all electronic timetables repaired

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

I don't know

Tell us why

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



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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

No

Tell us why

One people together

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Regular events

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

No

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

The demographic in the Whau is diverse NOT 100% Maori

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

We will focus on fostering effective partnerships with our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses. We will advocate for increased opportunities for employment/skill development and high-quality urban development.

Will this support and bolster our local economy?

probably but would need more details

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Uplifting the area through regular events and lighting, the community is diverse but the questions are Maori centric

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

Support regular events and scream for more money

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

No, strongly disagree

Tell us why

Ignores the true diversity in the area

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

Climate change goals/Maori aspirations- stop spending most of the money on useless consultants and forcing a race based program through that helps no one-Auckland is actually 30% Asian but the council seems obsessed on racial divisiond, get on with actual



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Yes

Tell us why

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

It's so vital we improve on diversifying the ways people can safely get around. So much of our community suffer with huge financial burdens incurred by private car ownership. We need more carshare options that are affordable, more and better PT, more cycl

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

It will, but we need to be careful of gentrification. We need either rent control of publicly owned commercial spaces to control rents.

6. Funding challenges and community investment

Whau has a diverse population. We need to ensure our facilities, spaces, and programmes are accessible, inclusive, and reflect the communities they serve. However, we also have funding challenges.

a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

For me it's definitely diverse means of transport that can support households to reduce debt incurred by cars they're forced to own due to lack of alternative options - or worse, an inability to get or retain work due to not being able to drive or find ot

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

Many services can be managed by community members who willingly give their time as koha, they just need the support and they need to know what's possible. Perhaps have a "come speak to a community group" day where people can join local community groups or

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, strongly agree

Tell us why

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

I know you're doing your best and trust that you'll do whatever you can for the Whau community. Best of luck in this hard time.



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Local Board: Whau

Your feedback

1. Our people: Supporting people in our diverse communities

We will focus on promoting belonging and wellbeing, strengthening partnerships, engaging with Māori, and ensuring our diverse communities are heard and contribute to a collective west Auckland voice.

Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

We will focus on protecting trees and greenspace, enhancing our waterways, and working with partners and communities to exercise the principle of kaitiakitanga and build community resilience to climate change.

Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

We will focus on providing inclusive, accessible, and sustainable facilities and services. We will ensure plans consider future community needs, climate change, and growth. We will partner with community groups to deliver quality services.

Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

We will focus on having safe, welcoming spaces that reflect our Māori history, industrial heritage (e.g. clay and ceramics), and cultural diversity. We will advocate for improved transport options and connections that help to reduce carbon emissions.

Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

I have asked AT several times to implement speed reducing measurements in my street. Surrounding streets have some of these measurement, eg. speed bumps. AT is not willing to implement. If you mention safe, welcoming spaces than there is still alot to do

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

We will focus on fostering effective partnerships with our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses. We will advocate for increased opportunities for employment/skill development and high-quality urban development.

Will this support and bolster our local economy?

Could you describe high-quality urban development? I see alot of mediocre developments which only list for 1 generation. A lot of private developments are focused on making a quick buck. Not to mention to lack of infrastructure developments.

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

No, mostly disagree

Tell us why

The plan is mostly aspirational. I expect more from politician esp. local. Please develop more achievable outcomes for people living in Whau area.

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

Start with achievable goals, eg. discourage car use with goals mentioned above.

Your plan is too thin and will achieve too little.



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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

Diversity in my community is great

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Having trees and green space is great as it helps mitigate the impacts of climate and weather (absorbing more rain, radiating less heat, etc)

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

I use public transport every day so any improvement is great for me

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

Yes, urban development is great (build more apartments!)

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Public transport - since I don't have a car

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

Increase rates so rich people pay their fair share

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, strongly agree

Tell us why

We need to strongly invest in our community - and be thinking ahead 30 years and not just doing things in the short term

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



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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Protection of large, old trees is very important, but it should ideally be balanced well with the development of residential homes such as terraced houses/apartments as homes need to be built for people to live in

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

We should focus on re allocating some road space from parking to bike lanes and bus lanes to improve the speed of buses and to make cycling easier. This is especially true around schools, where children can ride their bikes to school, and reduce traffic d

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

Focusing on more mixed use development and regenerating our town centres is a very good idea, especially for Avondale. A lot of the land around New Lynn is quite empty with large parking lots. With such good public transport in New Lynn, more development

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

The library is important as a good space to study and work.

The proposed aquatic centre would be an amazing addition to the Whau area. With the aquatic centre I'd also want there to be some other gym/ sports facilities there as well in addition to the poo

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, mostly agree

Tell us why

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

Scale back plans for the proposed park and ride in New Lynn and divert that money towards improving bus links and bike access to New Lynn stations. More bike parking could be provided, for a fraction of the price of car parking. Plus too many people are d



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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

Greater civic engagement and participation will help ensure people's views are heard and can be used to promote belonging and wellbeing. However, I'm skeptical that there will be a collective west Auckland voice and I don't think this should be the ultimate goal as everyone's views and needs are different.

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

The objective that is most important to me is: Our environment is resilient to climate change and carbon emissions and waste are reduced through partnerships and/or with external resources. I think it's critical that we plan and deliver initiatives that s

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

The objective that is most important to me is: Accessible community facilities and services that provide opportunities for connection and recreation for our diverse populations, especially initiatives to increase healthy, active lifestyles and provide appropriate options for active recreation particularly for women and girls. As a women, I do not always feel safe interacting in my community (in certain locations, and at certain times of that day). Supporting community participation will ensure more people are out and about, which will help grow connections and passive surveillance (more people out and about can make people feel safer). I want to point out that better lighting along our streets and walking/cycling paths is critical to improving safety and participation at night.

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

I expect to see a much greater focus on delivering and supporting high-quality, safe walking, cycling and other active transport connections to encourage mode shift and reduce carbon emissions from our transport system. This will enable people to better c

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

I assume so - especially initiatives that encourage residents to shop and work locally which also supports climate action goals (e.g. carbon emission reduction, food resilience, etc.)

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

- '- High-quality, safe walking, cycling and other active transport connections to encourage mode shift and reduce carbon emissions from our transport system.
- More initiatives and events that encourage community participation (e.g. local markets, events,

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

- '- High-quality, safe walking, cycling and other active transport connections to encourage mode shift and reduce carbon emissions from our transport system.
- More initiatives and events that encourage community participation (e.g. local markets, events,

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, strongly agree

Tell us why

It's encouraging to see a focus on climate change and reducing carbon emissions through transport and our lifestyles.

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

- ' - Provision of safe and secure cycle parking, especially at train stations and town centres, so people have a safe place to store their bikes.
- More walking / cycling school buses to encourage students to walk and cycle to school.
- Support the removal



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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

Agree with focus. Support strengthening partnerships and encouraging engagement with mana whenua and mataawaka groups and organisations. Also need to find more ways for this work to engage with other ethnicities - eg education and engagement to understand Maori culture for other ethnicities - eg Matariki celebration.

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Very important.

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Really concerned that the West is getting neglected in terms of facilities. Seems like other areas get a higher level of service than the three West boards. Eg Devonport library. Takapuna and Northcote urban regeneration progressing a lot faster than Avondale etc.

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Cycling and bus options very important. When CRL opens need to get more buses (greater frequency) to link to CRL stations.

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Libraries essential and community centres. Pools important, but far away from Green Bay.

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

Greater integration of buildings and services.

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, strongly agree

Tell us why

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



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Local Board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback

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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

We will focus on protecting trees and greenspace, enhancing our waterways, and working with partners and communities to exercise the principle of kaitiakitanga and build community resilience to climate change.

Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

We will focus on fostering effective partnerships with our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses. We will advocate for increased opportunities for employment/skill development and high-quality urban development.

Will this support and bolster our local economy?

6. Funding challenges and community investment

Whau has a diverse population. We need to ensure our facilities, spaces, and programmes are accessible, inclusive, and reflect the communities they serve. However, we also have funding challenges.

a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Please see attached submission document.

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, mostly agree

Tell us why

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

AK Have Your Say

Aktive Submission

Whau Local Board Plan 2023

Overview

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

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

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

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

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

Key Feedback

1. The draft Whau Local Board Plan clearly identifies the importance of physical activity, health and wellbeing to our communities and that to achieve positive outcomes, investment into facilities, open spaces and community organisations is required.
2. We fully support the focus on partnering with community organisations to deliver key outcomes.
3. We suggest that to adequately plan for the long term of your facilities that the Local Board considers investing into a Sport and Active Recreation Facilities Plan.
4. We would like to see the Whau Local Board Plan have a stronger emphasis on play and a clear direction to provide opportunities for tamariki and rangatahi. While there is a key initiative to make spaces and facilities accessible to all your Local Board area has a population of almost 15,000 people under the age of 15 and the importance of play, not just at playgrounds, but through all community spaces is important for these tamariki and rangatahi.
5. We request the Local Board add advocacy items to:
 - a. Advocate to the Governing Body for more investment into the Sport and Recreation Facility Investment Fund
 - b. Advocate to the Governing Body for more investment into the Regional Sport and Recreation Operating Grant.

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Aktive commends the vision shown in the draft Whau 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 Whau Local Board Plan does a good job prioritising the health and wellbeing of our communities and supporting this through investment into facilities, open spaces and community organisations.

We acknowledge that the role of the Local Board is particularly challenging in that Local Boards need to deliver a wide range of facilities and services without the necessary budget to support their visions. We ask that the Whau 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 acknowledge the work that the Whau Local Board has done and is looking to do in planning for facilities and open spaces. We fully support the outcomes:

- *Plans and development that consider current and future community needs as well as climate change and accommodate for future growth.*
- *Accessible community facilities and services that provide opportunities for connection and recreation for our diverse populations.*

And the key initiatives to:

- *Development and completion of the Olympic Park masterplan.*
- *Investigate funding requirements and prioritise actions identified within the Avondale Local Parks Needs Assessment to improve the provision and quality of open space for our growing community within Avondale.*
- *Progress design for the proposed Crown Lynn Park within the Crown Lynn Precinct with the aim of delivering a high-quality park within this growing area of New Lynn in the future.*
- *Work to ensure community facilities, playgrounds, and other spaces are fit for purpose and ensure there are accessible and inclusive options for active recreation for all.*
- *Support initiatives to increase healthy, active lifestyles among our ethnically diverse communities and provide appropriate options for active recreation particularly for women and girls.*
- *Support cultural programmes including Māori focused programming at a range of facilities throughout the Whau.*
- *Ensure events and services are developed with accessibility considerations to support participation from residents with either physical or intellectual disabilities.*
- *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.*

We suggest that the Whau Local Board looks at also investing into a Sport and Active Recreation Facilities Plan for the Whau area. This will allow engagement with the community and will support prioritised investment and support, not just for council owned facilities but for the full network of facilities.

Community Organisations

We fully support the objective of:

- *Strong and effective partnerships with community groups, including Māori and migrant led, who are empowered and supported to deliver quality services.*

And the key initiatives to:

- *Build on successes and continue to fund and provide support to community groups through capacity building and brokerage models.*
- *Work with Sport Waitākere, Healthy Families, and other community organisations to increase participation in active recreation.*

Sporting organisations are integral to the health and wellbeing of our communities. We know that participation in sport brings 74.3 million hours of meaningful, positive social interaction to Aucklanders each year¹ and that sport and

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

recreation operating spend has a direct and significant correlation with participation levels². If the Whau Local Board is able to continue their history of investing to grow the capability and capacity of sporting organisations, then this will lead to positive outcomes for the entire community.

Play

We acknowledge a key initiative associated with play in the draft Whau Local Board Plan:

- *Work to ensure community facilities, playgrounds, and other spaces are fit for purpose and ensure there are accessible and inclusive options for active recreation for all.*

We believe that this is too vague and encourage the Whau Local Board to put more of a focus on play as we know that play is essential for our tamariki. Whau, while having on average, a slightly lower percentage of its population than the rest of Auckland, under the age of 15 (19.9% to 20%), still needs to acknowledge how important being physically active and incorporating play into everyday life, not just in playgrounds, is for our tamariki and rangatahi.

Play is an important aspect to acknowledge and plan for as, according to Sport New Zealand research³, 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:

- *The Whau Aquatic and Recreation Centre (and allocated budget) is retained in the 2024-2034 Long-term Plan to ensure facilities and services meet the future needs of a growing population and respond to existing inequities.*
- *Investment in additional green space and/or services should potential land acquisitions become available in Whau.*

We believe that the west is under served in terms of aquatic facilities and the recent storm damage to West Wave has demonstrated the lack of resilience in the aquatics network. We recommend that the Whau Local Board work with the Governing Body and adjacent Local Boards to determine the best location for a new a aquatics facility.

We ask the Whau 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

Aktive supports the work of the Whau 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 Whau Local Board and Sport Waitākere in meeting the needs of our communities.

As noted earlier in this submission, Aktive and Sport Waitākere would greatly appreciate you referencing the critical nature of the Sport and Recreation Facilities Investment Fund and the Regional Sport and Recreation Facilities Operating Grant within the Whau Local Board Plan. Aktive is working with Councillors to ascertain options for

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

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

increasing the Sport and Recreation Facilities Investment Fund because simply retaining the existing fund level will not be enough to accommodate the demand that exists today, let alone into the future.

As part of these same discussions, Aktive is advocating for the retention of the Regional Sport and Recreation Facilities Operating Grant. This funding is critical to so many sport and recreation facility providers. Without it, costs to users will increase and / or facilities will be forced to close or significantly reduce operating costs which will have an impact on service levels. We are happy to support your Local Board support staff in preparing some further detail for inclusion in your Plan, if you are willing to do so.

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



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I Love Avondale Charitable Trust

Local Board: Whau

Your feedback

1. Our people: Supporting people in our diverse communities

We will focus on promoting belonging and wellbeing, strengthening partnerships, engaging with Māori, and ensuring our diverse communities are heard and contribute to a collective west Auckland voice.

Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

Your plan states;

“Everyone can engage with local democracy to influence what happens in their neighbourhood and contribute to a collective west Auckland identity and voice.” We hope that Auckland Council and your local board commit to changing the ways you seek and receive community input. The ‘Have Your Say’ model isn’t fit for purpose for our superdiverse communities. We hope to see Council staff present where groups already gather as communities, so that people can build their democracy muscles and contribute in a way that makes sense in their context – and are happy to see you aiming for that in your success measure for increasing civic engagement.

You identify’

“Rapid growth is creating a feeling of disconnect among residents”. We hope the local board continue to advocate to the governing body and CCOs to increase public/community amenity so that connection can enhance, alongside growth. Avondale is experiencing a lot of public and private housing development and this could add to the vibrancy and dynamism of our community but only if residents have places to gather, recreate, play and connect. Our community infrastructure is crucial – community centres, libraries, parks and playgrounds, and ‘bumping spaces’ all contribute to community unity and trust.

A key initiative you name is “Work with Kāinga Ora to invite residents in new developments to form new, or join existing, community groups”. I Love Avondale run ‘Kai Avondale’ which our community meal (Feed the Streets) at which we serve around 120 whanau each fortnight and

our social supermarket/food bank (Free Guys) at which we serve around 100 whanau each week. We are currently at capacity and with Kāinga Ora's Highbury development opening in 2024 right next door to us, we anticipate having to change if not stop our food relief mahi. We ask the local board to join us in asking Kāinga Ora and other agencies to invest in I Love Avondale so that we can continue to offer Kai Avondale's services – which extend beyond food, to relationship, connection, pastoral care.

We are excited to see Welcoming Communities in the Whau, and have already started engaging with Asya with awhi and support.

We are pleased to see the priority given to understanding Kai Sovereignty better. We hope the board opt to explore larger scale opportunities for community gardens and food forests, learning from the evidence and insight that came from 'For the love of Bees' Organic Market Garden project on Symonds Street. Small scale community gardens require a lot of volunteer resourcing and don't produce enough food to pathway toward Kai Sovereignty. We hope opportunities are explored with Eke Panuku to see which of their landholdings in the Whau could be suitable to be converted for food production.

We would appreciate any awhi you can provide as we too hope to strengthen our relationships with Te Kawerau ā Maki. Our Patiki Hubs mahi includes significant engagement and responsiveness with Māori from various iwi, hapu

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

We will focus on protecting trees and greenspace, enhancing our waterways, and working with partners and communities to exercise the principle of kaitiakitanga and build community resilience to climate change.

Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

We strongly support your focus on kaitiakitanga of te taiao, and the stated areas of your advocacy

With Rosebank Peninsula a floodplain, we are concerned for residents about the loss of trees and soakage, rubbish on the streets and the capacity of the s

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

We will focus on providing inclusive, accessible, and sustainable facilities and services. We will ensure plans consider future community needs, climate change, and growth. We will partner with community groups to deliver quality services.

Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

With public and private housing intensification throughout Avondale, including over 1000 new apartments on our main street, it is so important that we have the infrastructure and facilities to accommodate new and existing residents of Avondale.

We want to acknowledge the Whau Local Board for advocating on behalf of Avondale, to ensure that after over 10 years of having to make do with a half condemned community centre, that we receive a fit for purpose community space on our main street.

We hope to be part of your identified opportunity, “Effective use of the community brokerage model to deliver services in partnership with community organisations”

We support your identified opportunity “Increased decision-making power to meet community needs” as we’ve been concerned for some years that our elected local board representatives are not empowered by Auckland Council legislation, and that locally our communities are negatively impacted by so many decisions being made by staff and/or limited local representation

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

We will focus on having safe, welcoming spaces that reflect our Māori history, industrial heritage (e.g. clay and ceramics), and cultural diversity. We will advocate for improved transport options and connections that help to reduce carbon emissions.

Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

We too are concerned about “useable, high-quality public open spaces particularly around high-density housing”, stated as a challenge in your draft plan. We are concerned that social disunity is likely if residents don’t have places to gather, recreate, p

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

We will focus on fostering effective partnerships with our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses. We will advocate for increased opportunities for employment/skill development and high-quality urban development.

Will this support and bolster our local economy?

We are fortunate to have a strong BID with ABA/Mainstreet and welcome more support and resourcing of their mahi

We will focus on fostering effective partnerships with our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses. We will advocate for i

6. Funding challenges and community investment

Whau has a diverse population. We need to ensure our facilities, spaces, and programmes are accessible, inclusive, and reflect the communities they serve. However, we also have funding challenges.

a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Te Hono to be fully funded and prioritised to be delivered in one stage.

Investment (a modest amount would make a big difference) in existing Community Centre and Library while we wait for Te Hono.

Environmental protection as communities and residents

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, mostly agree

Tell us why

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

Your mihi is beautiful, ka rawe!



Whau Local Board Plan

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Local Board: Whau

Your feedback

1. Our people: Supporting people in our diverse communities

We will focus on promoting belonging and wellbeing, strengthening partnerships, engaging with Māori, and ensuring our diverse communities are heard and contribute to a collective west Auckland voice.

Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Tell us why

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

We will focus on protecting trees and greenspace, enhancing our waterways, and working with partners and communities to exercise the principle of kaitiakitanga and build community resilience to climate change.

Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

I would love to see the Whau pathway completed.

Archibald park is a lovely resource.

I would like to see more education re the fact that litter dropped locally pollutes our waterways.

Make the whau proud to be clean?....

signage ...

competitions for kids.?

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

We will focus on providing inclusive, accessible, and sustainable facilities and services. We will ensure plans consider future community needs, climate change, and growth. We will partner with community groups to deliver quality services.

Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

We will focus on having safe, welcoming spaces that reflect our Māori history, industrial heritage (e.g. clay and ceramics), and cultural diversity. We will advocate for improved transport options and connections that help to reduce carbon emissions.

Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Whau pathway completed would be a great cycleway for locals. Safe access to motorway cycle way for New Lynn and Kelston

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

We will focus on fostering effective partnerships with our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses. We will advocate for increased opportunities for employment/skill development and high-quality urban development.

Will this support and bolster our local economy?

6. Funding challenges and community investment

Whau has a diverse population. We need to ensure our facilities, spaces, and programmes are accessible, inclusive, and reflect the communities they serve. However, we also have funding challenges.

a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

I most appreciate the libraries.

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

Reduce hours?

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, mostly agree

Tell us why

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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

All of the summary bullet points are important, including the two advocacy points. Keeping in touch with local people who suffered in the 2023 Anniversary Floods and Landslips needs to be part of this too. helping build support networks within the affected community in Green Bay for example.

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

We will focus on protecting trees and greenspace, enhancing our waterways, and working with partners and communities to exercise the principle of kaitiakitanga and build community resilience to climate change.

Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

All the bullet points and advocacy themes in the summary are important. Given the Anniversary Storms, completion of the 'shoreline adaptation plans' in partnership with mana whenua and in particular, communities who were badly affected by the storm, is

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Support small the aims and objectives in the Summary Plan. It is too hard to prioritise, but trying to build community networks in our modern consumerist urban area remains fundamentally important.

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Support building on the cultural history and herstories of the Whau ...building cultural diversity, and that os Manea whenua. Very keen to support more cycle lanes and ways of encouraging people to use public transport. The Park and Ride may well encourage

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

We will focus on fostering effective partnerships with our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses. We will advocate for increased opportunities for employment/skill development and high-quality urban development.

Will this support and bolster our local economy?

Yes, including building on existing work of NGOs such as ECOMATTERS, to develop business opportunities around climate change and more sustainable practices.

6. Funding challenges and community investment

Whau has a diverse population. We need to ensure our facilities, spaces, and programmes are accessible, inclusive, and reflect the communities they serve. However, we also have funding challenges.

a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

All the areas mentioned in the Plan are important. Building relationships with the NGO and iwi/Maori organisations can cost less and be more effective in terms of outreach, than Council always delivering services itself.

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

As above. Develop partnerships with Iwi/Maori organisations and the NGO sector to deliver services more effectively, and encourage community involvement in decision making in a real way.

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, strongly agree

Tell us why

Yes, strengthening the interface with the community, developing the local economy, and proactively supporting initiatives to address carbon emissions and climate change must remain high on the agenda.

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

Strongly encourage active community engagement to inform decision making....not being 'talked at' at 'consultation' meetings, but actively working with small groups on particular projects to develop the Agenda 21 principles of understanding, ownership and



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Local Board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Our people: Supporting people in our diverse communities

We will focus on promoting belonging and wellbeing, strengthening partnerships, engaging with Māori, and ensuring our diverse communities are heard and contribute to a collective west Auckland voice.

Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

I support greater whanaungatanga in our communities to promote belonging and wellbeing. I support working with Kainga Ora to connect new residents to community groups. I recommend the local board also work with Kainga ora to develop sustainable housing that provides opportunities for māra kai and active play spaces. To build on this, we recommend the local board works with Auckland Council teams to implement the Play Street Guidelines to make it easier for communities to open up streets for play.

I acknowledge the local boards continued support for the Pasifika Komiti. I recommend the local board provide advice and shared learnings to Henderson-Massey and Waitākere Ranges Local Boards to encourage a similar roopū to be implemented in their respective areas and support their Pasifika populations.

I support kai sovereignty projects as this achieves much more than growing food. I would like to see the local board go one step further and aim for Mana Motuhake o te kai and align with the plan created by Māori in West Auckland.

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

We will focus on protecting trees and greenspace, enhancing our waterways, and working with partners and communities to exercise the principle of kaitiakitanga and build community resilience to climate change.

Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

I support the notion that parks and open spaces play an important role in our environment, can contribute to climate resilience and enhance people's health and wellbeing. Enabling community action to achieve low carbon lifestyles and achieve climate actio

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Enabling play in its broadest of terms is critical to the development of our tamariki and Whau Local Board already has a significant role in the provision of spaces and places for play. I acknowledge the local board for supporting steps to ensure community facilities, playgrounds, and other spaces are fit for purpose and ensure they are accessible and inclusive.

I support plans and development that consider current future community needs and accommodate for future growth, including provision and quality of open space. I recommend working alongside Māori communities, Kaumatua Groups around initiatives connecting young and old.

I support advocacy for the Whau Aquatic and Recreation Centre (and allocated budget) is retained in the 2024-2034 Long-term Plan to ensure facilities and services meet the future needs of a growing population and respond to existing inequities

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

I support the improvement of paths, walkways and roadways, speed management plans and other initiatives. I recommend an equity lens over where these improvements take place to ensure those who are missing out are benefitting, and to also consider current

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

We will focus on fostering effective partnerships with our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses. We will advocate for increased opportunities for employment/skill development and high-quality urban development.

Will this support and bolster our local economy?

The LB should look to local organizations for procurement for various services in order to generate jobs in the community.

Council should facilitate relationships between BIDs and Community Hubs in order to better connect business and community.

6. Funding challenges and community investment

Whau has a diverse population. We need to ensure our facilities, spaces, and programmes are accessible, inclusive, and reflect the communities they serve. However, we also have funding challenges.

a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Community Hub and Centers. Libraries. The CAB. Sports clubs. Parks and Greenspaces.
Community wellbeing

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

The LB should look to local organizations for procurement for various services in order to generate jobs in the community.

Sell the Council owned golf courses to cover gaps in the budget.

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, strongly agree

Tell us why

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Te Whau Pathway Environment Trust

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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

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Te Whau Pathway

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Summary

Te Whau Pathway Environment Trust (TWPET) wishes to comment on the Advocacy elements of the Whau Local Board Plan 2023, namely:

“High-quality, safe walking, cycling and other active transport connections to encourage mode shift, improve utilisation, and reduce carbon emissions from our transport system.

Specific focus areas include:

- *connections to parks and key destinations*
- *connections from New Lynn to Glen Eden*
- *continued support of partnerships and external funding for Te Whau Pathway”*

TWPET is seeking to have Te Whau Pathway completed within the next ten years, and thus our request is that: the Local Board advocates for:

- Inclusion of Te Whau Pathway in the Regional Land Transport Plan 2024-2034 and the Long Term Plan 2024-2034; and
- The application by Auckland Council and Auckland Transport for Waka Kotahi subsidy (at least 51%).

As well, TWPET requests the Local Board to provide an annual grant of \$10,000 to cover TWPET operating costs. This will enable TWPET to deliver social, cultural, environmental and economic programmes as a partnership model; which will contribute to achieving Local Board outcomes:

- **Climate change.** Te Whau Pathway will contribute to reducing carbon emissions by providing alternative modes of transport, as well as a significant community-based tree planting programme as each section is completed.
- **Transport choices.** Te Whau Pathway provides safe off-road access to public transport infrastructure and cycling networks, thus helping to reduce the impact of growth on the roading networks.
- **Connectivity.** Te Whau Pathway provides a direct benefit to 98,000 persons in the west of Auckland and 17,487 students in 35 schools. As it is only 11.7 kilometres from the CBD, a 45-minute bike ride, it will be of benefit to the greater Auckland community.
- **Economic.** Construction will generate on average 47 jobs per year over 8 years and it is estimated that 20 full time jobs will be created post construction through tourist activities
- **Protecting and enhancing the environment.** Te Whau Pathway includes a comprehensive and integrated plan to restore the aquatic and terrestrial environment in the Whau River catchment, which will benefit the immediate environment as well as the Waitematā Harbour as the receiving environment.

WCWET thanks Auckland Council, Auckland Transport, Henderson-Massey and Whau Local Boards, The Trusts Community Foundation (TTCF), Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei for their contribution to date.



1. Introduction

Te Whau Pathway is a transformational community/council partnership project that will create a 12-kilometre shared path linking Green Bay, New Lynn, Kelston, Glendene and Te Atatu in various stages over the next seven years, see Figure 1. Project partners include Auckland Council, Auckland Transport, Henderson-Massey and Whau Local Boards, Te Kawerau a Maki, Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, and the TWPET.

Te Whau Pathway transverses a range of different environments, such as open fields, bridge structures and the coastal marine environment (which constitutes more than 50% of the pathway) to provide a unique, iconic and pleasant coastal experience.

The project contributes to the Auckland Plan outcomes for belonging and participation, Māori identity and wellbeing, transport and access, and environment and cultural heritage.

The benefits of the pathway include improved access to the coast, better connectivity for the community to the existing community assets (parks etc.) and the addition of an alternative mode of transport for commuters in the form of a largely off-road path that connects with other cycleways and transport interchanges. Provision of greater public access to the Whau River will result in greater environmental awareness and generate environmental, social, cultural and health benefits. There is also the potential for economic benefits from the pathway as a tourist attraction due to its unique location and cycling services.

TWPET raised nearly \$2.02 million since March 2015, which together with the contribution from the Whau and Henderson-Massey Local Boards, Auckland Council and Auckland Transport has enabled the construction of the first stages comprising 3.2 kilometres at Tiroroa Esplanade, Roberts Field, Archibald Park, Ken Maunder Park, McLeod Park and Olympic Park, connector paths and a pontoon at Archibald Park.

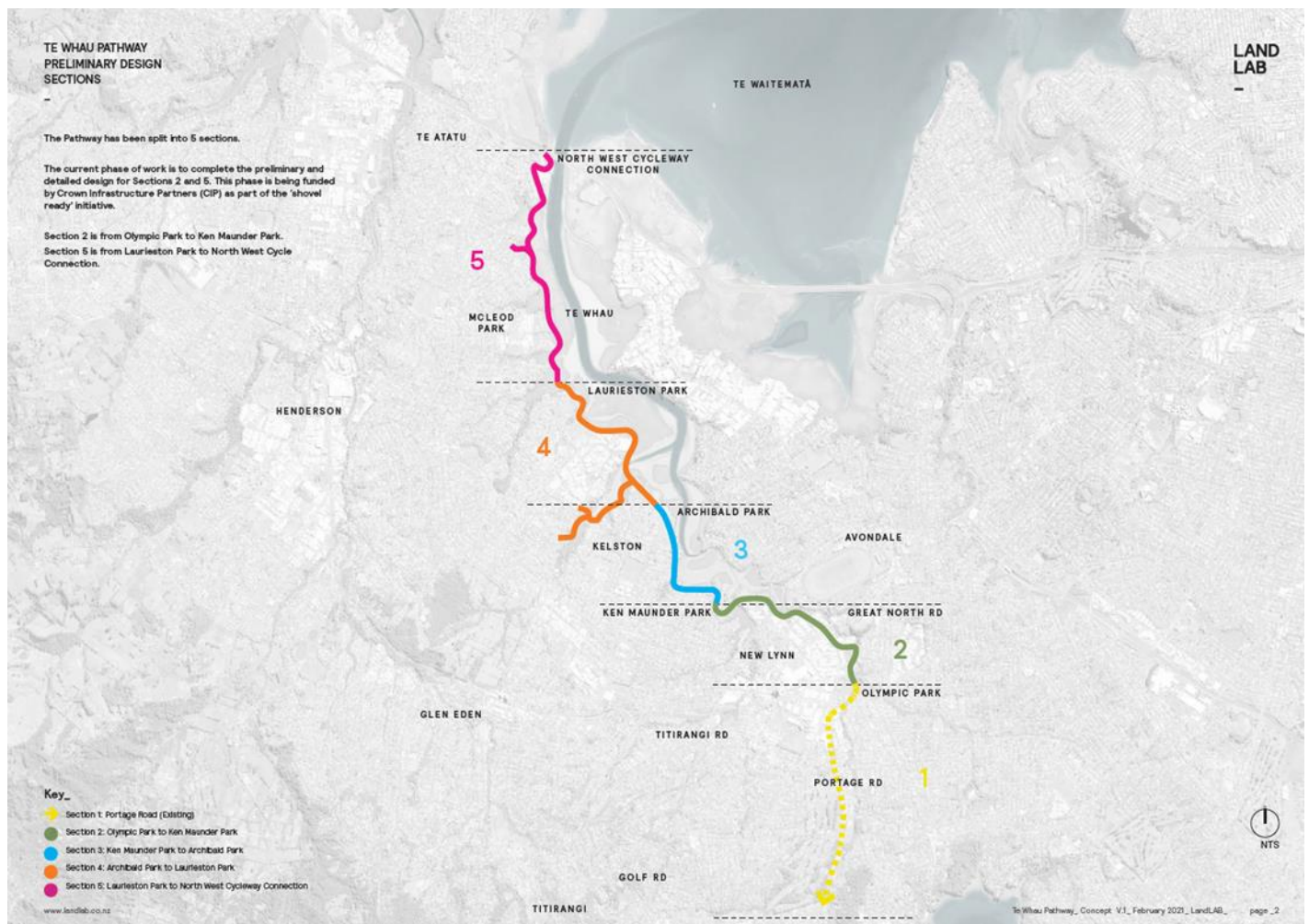
Altogether, nearly \$9 million has been invested to date on the project, as follows:

- TWPET, \$2.02 million
- Auckland Transport, \$1.35 million
- Auckland Council, Henderson-Massey and Whau Local Boards, \$5.63 million

If funding is not available to complete the project, the investment to date will not achieve the intended objectives, and will be poor value for money spent.



Figure 1. Te Whau Pathway



2. About TWPET

TWPET was established in 2014. Our Vision is: To construct a shared pathway for walking and cycling linking the Manukau and Waitematā Harbours along the Whau Estuary; while achieving social, cultural, economic, environmental and health benefits.

Our Mission is:

- a) To promote design and construct a multifunctional active transport walkway around the Whau River with the purpose of improving the conditions of life for the members of the public.
- b) To assist in the environmental restoration of water quality and the coastal environment in the Whau catchment area.
- c) To facilitate the construction and viewing of Public and functional art along the proposed Whau walkway.



- d) To enhance appreciation of the cultures including Mana Whenua, communities and histories associated with the Whau River.

Since our inception we have raised funds to create stages of the pathway, resulting in \$2.05 million of assets which were gifted to Council. Additionally, we have carried promotional activities designed to progress our Mission in partnership with the project partners and community organisations.

3. Strategic alignment

Te Whau Pathway is aligned with these outcomes in the LTP 2021-2031:

- More people using public transport.
- More people walking and cycling in the city.
- Less people dying or getting injured on our roads.
- Less flooding and improved water quality in waterways, particularly after storms.
- Community infrastructure that meets the needs of a growing and increasingly diverse population.
- A range of recreation options that Aucklanders can choose from to stay active.
- More visitors to Auckland.
- More quality jobs in local areas.
- A range of events and experiences across Auckland.
- Our natural environment protected from human generated and natural hazards (e.g., kauri dieback).
- Aucklanders receive greater value from council services.

4. Project scope

Te Whau Pathway is a 12 km long shared walking and cycling path, on and off road that links the Waitematā Harbour with the Manukau Harbour, from Te Atatu Peninsula to Green Bay. The route has been split into the following five distinct sections based on environmental and design options:

- Section 1: Portage Road to Green Bay beach;
- Section 2: Olympic Park to Ken Maunder Park;
- Section 3: Ken Maunder Park to Archibald Park;
- Section 4: Archibald Park to Laurieston Park; and
- Section 5: Laurieston Park to North-Western Cycleway Connection.

Te Whau Pathway is primarily an off-road path with the exception of Queen Mary Avenue and Portage Road and has been designed to cycle metro standards and to cater for pedestrians including disabled users. 90% of the proposed route is fully segregated from traffic with only five vehicle crossings and two road crossings.

The sections of pathway in parks and reserves have been designed to be 3.0 m wide shared paths with additional 0.5 m buffer zones to vegetation (or fencing) either side. Within the parks and reserves there is ample space available, such that the full path width can be used with lighting, and signage also able to be placed alongside the buffer zone.

The sections of pathway designated to be boardwalk have been designed to be 4.0 m wide. This allows for a buffer zone of 0.5 m from the hand rails which is more generous than the normal 0.3 m requirement. This



means that the boardwalk actually provides an effective pathway width of 3.4 m which provides excellent consistency along the route.

The work programme will be delivered as a community partnership model and includes environmental restoration of the Whau River catchment and environmental education.

Te Whau Pathway has been granted a resource consent for the whole project. As well, all the pathway is within Reserves and thus there will not be any barriers to implementation.

5. Demand

Analysis of compliance with the Land Transport Management Act 2003, the Government Policy Statement, the Auckland Plan, the Auckland Regional Land Transport Strategy and other applicable transport planning documents shows that the shared path will contribute to the objectives of those documents and fits well with the overall and specific policy framework, particularly in regard to environmental suitability, integrated transport network and public health promotion objectives.

Te Whau Pathway will connect with the Avondale to New Lynn Shared Pathway that is currently under construction and the North-Western cycleway. Therefore, it can be expected that the users of Te Whau Pathway will be predominately commuters. However, it is very likely that a large number of recreational users such as walking and jogging, sport cyclists, tourists and recreational river users will also utilise the path. Way finding signs will be provided to address the needs of the different users. To maximise the potential user base, the design caters for users with disabilities and their requirements.

Modelling shows that Te Whau Pathway is expected to attract on average 113,150 cyclists and 226,300 pedestrians annually in Te Atatu South; and an average of 105,850 cyclists and 211,700 pedestrians yearly for other sections.

The following Table 1 summarises pedestrian and cyclist daily average demand estimates of 900 trips per day for Te Whau Pathway. Forecast cycle trips are influenced by the impact of e-bikes and the proposed Te Atatu bus station.

Table 1: Estimated 2026/2028 annual daily average trips on Te Whau Pathway

Section	Approx. cycle trips	Approx. pedestrian trips	Total trips
1 Portage Road	350	450	800
2 Olympic Park to Ken Maunder Park	360	450	810
3 Ken Maunder Park to Archibald Park	640	450	1,090
4 Archibald Park to Laurieston Park	340	450	790
5 Laurieston Park to SH16	580	450	1,030
Te Whau Pathway Average	450	450	900

Source: Flow Transportation Specialists, 2021

The pathway connects about 98,000 residents in Green Bay, Blockhouse Bay, Avondale, New Lynn, Kelston, Glendene and Te Atatu South; 35 schools with 17,487 students and 33 parks and reserves, providing safe off-



road facilities for going to work, school and shopping and for recreation. Thus, the students and park users are all potentially likely to use the pathway. This has already been demonstrated in the sections constructed to date, such as Archibald Park. According to public opinion surveys carried out in 2017, 86% of respondents indicated that they would use the pathway.

Regional Cycling Demand Growth

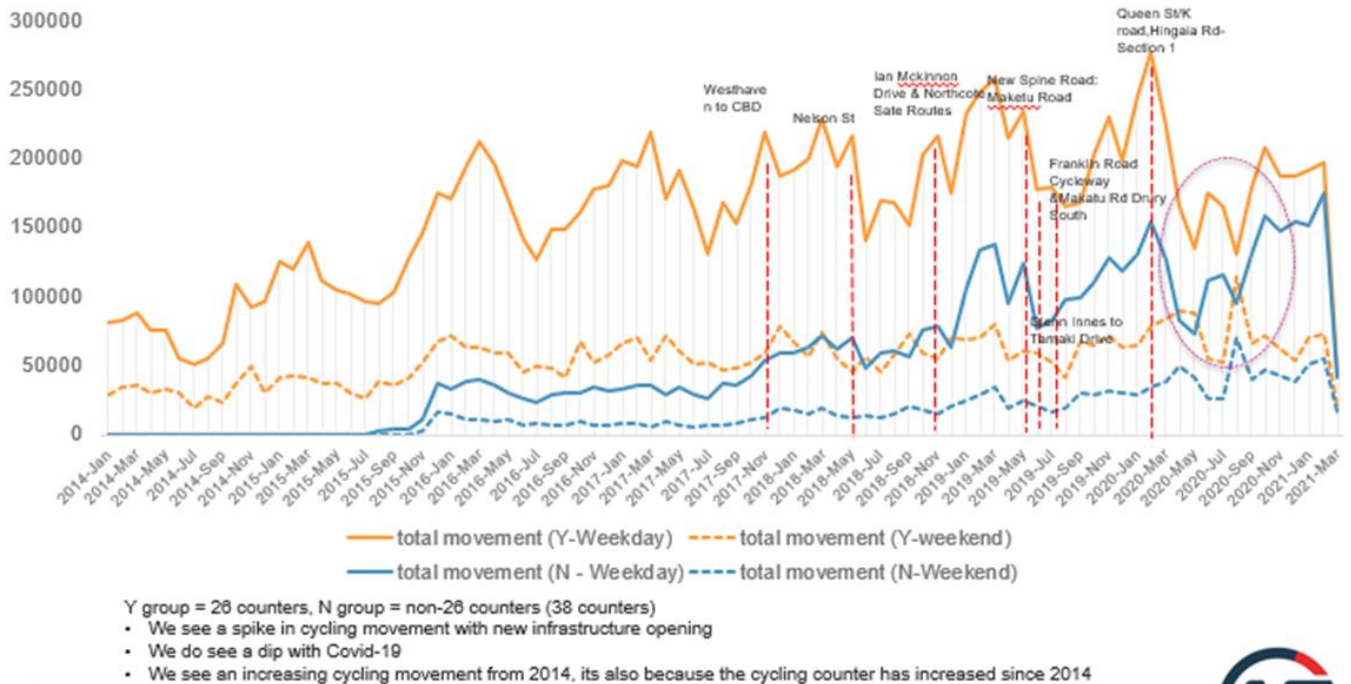
Regional cycling demand has grown consistently year upon year. Graph 1 shows that cycling has increased from 80,000 total users in January 2014 to about 280,000 in January 2020, with many increases associated with new pathways (AT, 2021). A recent survey carried out by AT shows that for the period from 1st of January to 31st December 2020, the top three most used cycling facilities in Auckland were:

- Northwestern Cycleway Kingsland, with a Daily Average Cyclist Movement of 1,003
- Quay Street Temporary Counter, with a Daily Average Cyclist Movement of 925
- Northwestern Cycleway Te Atatu, with a Daily Average Cyclist Movement of 819

Thus, Te Whau Pathway will provide a positive contribution to ridership on two of the most used routes on the regional cycling network.



Network Level-Total Cycle Movement



Graph 1: Regional cycling demand trends

The pathway serves a very diverse community as shown in the demographic statistics below. We are currently developing a work programme to ensure the diverse interests of each community are included in the project.

Whau Local Board diversity

Ethnic diversity

- 40.4% identified as European (compared to 53.5% Auckland)
- 40.3% identified as Asian ethnicity (compared to 28.2% Auckland)
- 18.7% identified as Pacific Peoples (compared to 15.5% Auckland)
- 9.9% identified as Māori

Whau age structure

- At the 2018 Census 18.9% of Whau Local Board’s population was under 15, compared to 20.0% of Auckland.
- 12.1% were 65 or older, compared to 12.0% of Auckland.



Henderson-Massey Local Board diversity

Ethnic diversity

- 48.7% identified as European (compared to 53.5% Auckland).
- 27.5% identified as Asian ethnicity (compared to 28.2% Auckland).
- 20.9% identified as Pacific Peoples (compared to 15.5% Auckland).
- 17.2% identified as Māori (compared to 11.5% Auckland).

Henderson-Massey age structure

- At the 2018 Census 22.5% of Henderson-Massey Local Board's population was under 15, compared to 20.0% of Auckland.
- 10.4% were 65 or older, compared to 12.0% of Auckland.

6. Direct Economic Benefits

An economic evaluation has been undertaken using the 40-year analysis and 6% discount rate in accordance to the latest Waka Kotahi NZTA Economic Evaluation Manual procedures. The project achieves a Benefit Cost Ratio that indicates that the project is financially viable and could qualify for Waka Kotahi NZTA subsidy at a rate of at least 51%. The benefits of \$172.1 million are summarised in Table 3

Table 3: Te Whau Pathway components of benefits analysis

Benefit Stream		Discounted Benefits	
		Section 2 Only	Te Whau Pathway
Cycling benefits	Health benefits for cyclists	\$8.6 million	\$60.9 million
	Safety benefits for cyclists	\$0.01 million	\$1.3 million
	Travel time savings for cyclists	-\$0.1 million	\$1.5 million
Pedestrian benefits	Health & environment benefits for peds	\$6.5 million	\$81.2 million
General traffic benefits	Decongestion	\$3.8 million	\$27.2 million
Total Discounted Benefits		\$18.8 million	\$172.1 million
Total Discounted Costs		\$12.0 million	\$51.8 million

Source: Adapted from Flow Transportation Specialists 2019, 2021.

The economic assessment is considered to be conservative as there are numerous factors that have not been included, such as:

- The pathway is likely to be an iconic structure that will attract tourist and recreational users, these users will likely experience health benefits which are not taken into account in the assessment;
- Benefits to the existing network associated with mode shift such as congestion, emission and driver confusion have not been account for;



- Potential environmental improvement associated with the pathway such as granting better access to clean up efforts and providing education to public on sustainability of the Whau River is unlikely to be measurable in relation to its benefits.

The benefits of the pathway are expected to be associated with the improved access to the coast, better connectivity for the community to the existing community assets (parks etc.) and the addition of an alternative mode of transport for commuters in the form of a largely off-road path that connects with:

- The North-Western Cycleway and on to the Project Twin Streams shared paths. Te Whau Pathway is only 11.7 kilometres from the CBD, a 45-minute bike ride.
- Cyclists and walkers will be able to complete a loop along Te Whau Pathway, the New Lynn to Avondale, Waterview/Oakley Creek and Northwestern cycleways, a total of 19.4 kilometres.
- The New Lynn to Avondale cycleway and onto the New Lynn Transport interchange.
- Auckland Transport's proposed Te Atatu bus interchange, part of the staged construction of a rapid transit corridor along the Northwestern Motorway. This proposed station is predicted to be used by 1,670 boarding/alighting passengers in the 2046 morning peak period, a portion of which will be expected to walk or cycle to/from the station via Te Whau Pathway
- Auckland Transport and Panuku both propose improvements to the cycle network within the wider Henderson area. These proposed changes are anticipated to be cycleway and cycle lanes physically separated from general traffic. Notably, the route from McLeod Road to Henderson will connect directly to Te Whau Pathway.

Provision of greater public access to the Whau River will result in greater environmental awareness and appreciation of the Whau environment and generate environmental, social, cultural and health benefits. There is also the potential for economic benefits from the pathway as a tourist attraction due to its unique location, as has been the case for the New Plymouth Coastal Walkway.

Construction of Te Whau Pathway is estimated to create on average 47 jobs per year over 8 years, as well it is expected that 20 full time jobs will be generated due to activities such as bike repairs, ebike hire, tourism and cafes (for example, we are aware of an exiting entity near the pathway that will be developing its facilities to cater for the passing trade).

7. Environmental benefits

Te Whau Pathway will link a series of reserves and esplanade strips along the western edge of the Whau River. This project has the potential to open up the River, and Coastal Environment to promote community engagement and education and to protect and restore the coastline. Information points outlining the key vegetation and bird species likely to be seen will be key to engaging the public. Te Whau Pathway will support the creation of neighbourhood based environmental programmes to restore water quality and the terrestrial environment, for example predator control networks to buffer the River corridor.

Ecological health in the Whau River catchment in West Auckland is in urgent need of restoration. Jobs for conservation work and enhancement of biodiversity in this culturally and ecologically significant area are both critically needed, and we will be seeking investment to accelerate this mahi in collaboration with the community. We are currently developing a comprehensive plan for implementation of improvements to the



Whau River terrestrial and aquatic environment, based on a mana whenua-community-Council partnership model.

We have been working with a number of partners to improve the quality of the aquatic and terrestrial environment in the Whau River catchment since 2015. During that time, we have cooperated with the Whau River Catchment Trust and EcoMatters to build on their experience in community-based restoration projects and their ability to collaborate with a diverse range of community stakeholders. As well, we have been active partners in the Whau Wildlink project.



Whau Local Board Plan

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Local Board: Whau

Your feedback

1. Our people: Supporting people in our diverse communities

We will focus on promoting belonging and wellbeing, strengthening partnerships, engaging with Māori, and ensuring our diverse communities are heard and contribute to a collective west Auckland voice.

Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

A more connected and engaged community means that the social fabric is strong and the area is more likely to thrive. Ensuring that the diversity of the Whau is actively supported is good.

I am concerned that we are overloading our expectations and the capacity of the people of Te Kawerau a Maki as they are a small iwi. While the Whau does have a formal and strong relationship with them I note that areas of the whau also fall into the ahi kā of other Tāmaki Iwi and would like to see what the Whau is doing to build those relationships (while respecting the mana of Te kawerau a maki)

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

We will focus on protecting trees and greenspace, enhancing our waterways, and working with partners and communities to exercise the principle of kaitiakitanga and build community resilience to climate change.

Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

I feel that actively improving the resilience and health of our environment will help us weather the future storm. I support the focus on master planning for flood and inundation resilience and would advocate for the application of spongy city principles

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

We will focus on providing inclusive, accessible, and sustainable facilities and services. We will ensure plans consider future community needs, climate change, and growth. We will partner with community groups to deliver quality services.

Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

I support the intention to enable greater access to community events for diverse communities including the disability communities.

I'd advocate for the inclusion of public art in the parks that you are scoping, and a strong toi Māori component.

I am concerned about the flagged level of service reduction for the arts and culture and events. Arts in the whau are enabled through the Whau Local Boards funding, and reduction in that will see a contraction in the level of activity locally.

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

We will focus on having safe, welcoming spaces that reflect our Māori history, industrial heritage (e.g. clay and ceramics), and cultural diversity. We will advocate for improved transport options and connections that help to reduce carbon emissions.

Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

I strongly support the improvement of cycling and walking infrastructure in the Whau - the connections between New Lynn and Kelston as well as Kelston and Avondale are particularly poor and need significant improvement. Waiting on Te Whau Pathway does

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

We will focus on fostering effective partnerships with our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses. We will advocate for increased opportunities for employment/skill development and high-quality urban development.

Will this support and bolster our local economy?

I am concerned by the paucity and vagueness of your arts policy (which appears to be in this section) You talk about the potential to build on creative sector development in the Whau, but have put no mechanisms against it. How will you increase opportuni

6. Funding challenges and community investment

Whau has a diverse population. We need to ensure our facilities, spaces, and programmes are accessible, inclusive, and reflect the communities they serve. However, we also have funding challenges.

a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

The Whau Community Arts Broker service is essential to me because it provides pathways for a wide range of creative arts to take place locally and builds capacity.

The mahi that Eco Matters and the Whau River Catchment Trust do is essential to me because

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, mostly agree

Tell us why

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

I would like to see the additional inclusion of Safe streets for kids to walk and cycle to school and Low traffic neighbourhoods in our plan. And I would like to see strong advocacy from the Ahu Local Board to AT to give effect to the Transport Emission



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Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Inc.

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Tell us why

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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 Waitākere 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 Waitākere branch covers the area from the Waionui Inlet, west to the Tasman, east to Hobsonville, with its southern boundary being the Manukau Harbour. Everyone involved in the branches are volunteers, including the committee, trappers, and supporters.

In addition, Forest & Bird has one of its National Conservation Projects located in the area, Ark in the Park. Located within Cascade Kauri Park and the Waitākere Ranges Regional Park, Ark in the Park is home to ancient forest giants, pristine waterfalls and streams, and some very special wildlife. Ark in the Park is a collaborative project between Forest & Bird and Auckland Council, supported by local mana whenua Te Kawerau ā Maki. The Ark is also a member of the Sanctuaries of New Zealand collective and the Pest Free Waitākere Ranges Alliance. The vision of the project is

"From the ridges to the sea: restoration of the Waitākere Ranges to create a safe haven for native species which is rich and diverse, and is valued by present and future generations."

This vision sets the scene for the wealth of conservation work that happens at the Ark year-round. It is made possible by our community of 400 volunteers. This work is supported further by a small team of staff, with specialist contractors who help with specific pieces of work.

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, such as the North West Wildlink</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.

Our economy grows through sustainable practices by embracing the circular economy	<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 Hauraki Gulf. 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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Sport Waitakere/Healthy Families Waitakere

Local Board: Henderson-Massey

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Tell us why

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We will focus on having safe, welcoming spaces that reflect our Māori history, industrial heritage (e.g. clay and ceramics), and cultural diversity. We will advocate for improved transport options and connections that help to reduce carbon emissions.

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SPORT WAITĀKERE

Submission to the Draft Whau Local Board Plan 2023

Purpose

The purpose of this submission is to express the views of Sport Waitākere (including Healthy Families Waitākere) in regards to the Draft Whau Local Board Plan 2023.

Background

Investing in infrastructure, facilities, local town centres and community partnerships are essential for our communities' health and wellbeing into the future. We would like to acknowledge Whau Local Board in their past and present support of community initiatives around wellbeing, belonging and participation.

We congratulate Whau Board for continuing to advocate for recreation and open space, investing in Māori outcomes and helping people to thrive and be active. In particular, supporting Te Whau Pathway, public transport, improvements to cycle ways and walkways, implementing the Neighbourhood Greenways Plan, Waitākere ki tua Action Plan and a Low Carbon Plan.

Whilst recognising the significant challenges that Whau Local Board will face in the coming year, we would like to see more explicit attention and focus on prioritising:

- That all four elements of wellbeing are considered
- Climate change outcomes and building community resilience
- Ensuring the wellbeing of Pasifika populations
- Ensuring community led initiatives are carried out and community voices are heard
- Working collectively with Henderson Massey and Waitākere Ranges Local Boards to achieve Māori, Pasifika and climate change outcomes,

We acknowledge the local board for making reference to the Quality of Life survey to inform this plan. We ask that Whau Local Board continue to support community sector organisations by maintaining funding, in turn the collective can continue to support communities and our most vulnerable.

Below are a set of recommendations to support this kaupapa and bring sport, recreation and wellbeing, in particular Māori and Pasifika wellbeing, into the plan in a meaningful way that makes a difference in real and achievable terms;

Māori outcomes

- We support the local boards relationship with Hoani Waititi Marae, Te Kawerau a Maki and marae in schools in Whau. We recommend the local board build a stronger relationship with Te Piringatahi o Te Maungaarongo Marae, affiliated with the Ngapuhi Iwi. Now is the time to further engage with more Iwi and Marae groups who have

connections to many Māori families and communities and have an interest in the Whau area.

- We support the on-going implementation and resourcing of Waitākere ki Tua.
- We would like to see Whau Local Board acknowledge the [Māori Thought Leadership](#) roopu. Backboned by Community Waitākere, the group are a collective of kaimahi Māori and hapori leaders with a focus on kai sovereignty, Māori sustainable leadership, community led economic development, rangatahi, and opportunities for marae across west Auckland and hauora. The roopu can advise and provide strategic oversight to the Māori outcomes outlined in the local board plan.
- We applaud the local board for growing capacity and networks to provide opportunities for kai sovereignty projects. We recommend the local board adopt [Mana Motuhake o te Kai](#) – a kai sovereignty plan for West Auckland, created by a roopu who gathered valuable insights from local organisations and whānau to develop the plan from a Te Ao Māori lens. Not only will this help you achieve kai sovereignty outcomes, but Māori and climate change outcomes too.
- We support objectives about Māori history and cultural diversity are reflected and celebrated throughout the Whau and recognition of Te Kete Rukuruku. We ask that the local board supports the Active Whakapapa initiative in conjunction with Te Kete Rukuruku as a way to celebrate local parks and open space and the stories connected to them.

Climate action

- We support greater whanaungatanga in our communities to promote belonging and wellbeing. We recommend the local board work with the [West Auckland Together](#) collective which is an innovative collaboration of community sector organisations that have a shared interest and passion in seeing the community thrive through improved social, economic, environmental and wellbeing outcomes.
- As part of supporting community to increase community resilience, we recommend the inclusion of localising food production and enabling communities to grow and sell kai on Council land where it can, and make better use of green space in order to live low carbon lifestyles. With the current situation around food costs, the local board can advocate to Council to be more flexible with regulations to make it easier for communities to experience collective gardening and bring people together through kai, near to where they live.
- We support the Urban Ngahere Strategy to increase tree canopy cover. Not only does this provide natural shade and “street cooling”, it make it easier to walk and cycle around neighbourhoods and provides spaces for children and families to spend time together and connect outdoors.
- We support a masterplan for the Whau region in order to create connections and ensure park designs consider climate challenges. We recommend green spaces are identified and protected for future food growing, play and recreation activities to encourage

families to connect and increase usage.

- As part of the Masterplan, we would like the local board to consider sustainable development of facilities, parks and reserves to act as multifunctional spaces that not only provide opportunities for physical activity and community engagement, but also contribute to the overall resilience of our urban areas.
- Facilities such as sports fields, playgrounds and other open spaces, when properly designed and managed, can serve as valuable components of hazard mitigation strategies. They can be designed to act as detention basins capable of temporarily storing excess stormwater during heavy rainfall events. Built facilities can also be designed with reduced embodied carbon construction and with sustainable operational principles, such as energy efficiency and water reduction.
- We support high quality, safe walking, cycling and other active transport connections. We the local board engages community in the design of wayfinding and placemaking to encourage mode shift and increase perceptions of safety in neighbourhoods.
- We support effective partnerships with business associations and initiatives to support residents to shop and work locally. We recommend the local board supports the initiatives of the Rosebank Business Association Wellbeing Collab working to connect business neighbours and support businesses to employ local people to build a sense of belonging and reduce traffic congestion.

Our people

- We support greater whanaungatanga in our communities to promote belonging and wellbeing. Sport and recreation provides a place for community connection, fosters community leadership and can create a sense of pride and belonging. We recommend the local board includes initiatives around sport and partners with Sport Waitākere to enhance the health, wellbeing and resilience of local communities.
- We support working with Kainga Ora to connect new residents to community groups. We recommend the local board also work with Kainga ora to develop sustainable housing that provides opportunities for māra kai and active play spaces. To build on this, we recommend the local board works with Auckland Council teams to implement the [Play Street Guidelines](#) to make it easier for communities to open up streets for play. One significant outcome from the play streets trial were neighbours meeting for the first time and connecting, there is an opportunity to run more play streets to support new residents moving into the area.
- We support kai sovereignty projects as this achieves much more than growing food. As mentioned above, we would like to see the local board go one step further and aim for Mana Motuhake o te kai and align with the plan created by Māori in West Auckland.
- We acknowledge the local boards continued support for the Pasifika Komiti. We recommend the local board provide advice and shared learnings to Henderson-Massey and Waitākere Ranges Local Boards to encourage a similar roopu to be implemented in their respective areas and support their Pasifika populations.

Our environment

- We support the notion that parks and open spaces play an important role in our environment, can contribute to climate resilience and enhance people's health and wellbeing. Enabling community action to achieve low carbon lifestyles and achieve climate action goals are crucial to future proofing our city now and for future generations. As mentioned above, we recommend parks and open spaces provide places for food growing, activity, recreation and connection.

Our community

- We acknowledge the local board for supporting steps to ensure community facilities, playgrounds, and other spaces are fit for purpose and ensure they are accessible and inclusive, and ask that this be strengthened by;
 - Commit to the Takaro strategy that considers investing in alternative play opportunities and supports communities in most need
 - Work alongside Māori iwi, hapū and whānau to establish a strong Te Ao Māori lens around facilities and other spaces
 - Develop alternative solutions to the provision of play and infrastructure required e.g. nature play and mara hupara in parks
 - Consider bike pump tracks and growing food as part of advocating for the provision of green space in Avondale
- We applaud a focus on opportunities for connection and recreation for our diverse populations and initiatives to increase healthy and active lifestyles among ethnically diverse communities and a focus on women and girls. We appreciate the acknowledgement to work with our Sport Waitākere and Healthy Families Waitākere teams as this aligns with the following;
 - A national focus from SportNZ where women and girls (under 24 years of age) are more likely to be inactive
 - A regional focus from Aktive, also on women and girls, and Asian communities as insights show Chinese people are more likely to feel disconnected and live less active lifestyles
 - Roles within our team to implement recreation initiatives for women and girls, the ActivAsian initiative for Chinese communities, and initiatives in Pasifika churches to increase physical activity opportunities
- We support plans and development that consider current future community needs and accommodate for future growth, including provision and quality of open space. We recommend working alongside Māori communities, Kaumatua Groups around initiatives connecting young and old such as traditional Māori cultural activities including ki o rahi and Mau Rakau (e.g. dedicated ki o rahi fields) and flax weaving opportunities.
- We support advocacy for the Whau Aquatic and Recreation Centre (and allocated budget) is retained in the 2024-2034 Long-term Plan to ensure facilities and services meet the future needs of a growing population and respond to existing inequities. We also support investment in additional green space and/or services should potential land acquisitions become available in Whau. We recommend that the Whau Local Board work with the Governing Body and adjacent Local Boards to determine the best location for a new a aquatics facility.

Our places

- We support safe and welcoming parks that support community interaction, particularly improvements around shade, shelter, drinking fountains and toilets. These facilities support families and children to spend time in the outdoors and create connections.
- We support the improvement of paths, walkways and roadways, speed management plans and other initiatives. We recommend an equity lens over where these improvements take place to ensure those who are missing out are benefitting, and to also consider current initiatives that can be built on, for example, activities at Glenavon School and Community Hub.
- We fully support the New Lynn Kelston cycling hub project and Whau Neighbourhood Greenways plan. Sport Waitākere would love to partner on some of the initiatives and co-design activities.
- We support actions to celebrate Māori history and diversity through Te Kete Rukuruku. We ask that the local board supports the Active Whakapapa initiative in conjunction with Te Kete Rukuruku as a way to celebrate local parks and open space and the stories connected to them.
- We congratulate the Local board for prioritising and advocating for Te Whau pathway alongside Henderson- Massey and Waitākere Ranges Local Boards and investing in activities which promote and activate this infrastructure as an important part of active transport. We advocate that investment be put into long term activation of this space to support schools and communities to access the tracks through bikes, capability build and awareness. This has the potential to be a blueprint for cities nationally and internationally.
- We ask the Whau 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.

Our economy

- We are pleased to see Whau Local Board acknowledge Rosebank Road as a key employment area with transport and access issues. We recommend the local board support the activities of the Rosebank Business Association wellbeing collab addressing challenges around disconnection, traffic congestion and wellbeing for employees.
- We agree with your support to partners who offer rangatahi, Māori and Pasifika people. We recommend the local board share learnings with The Western Initiative and connect with the Māori Thought Leadership roopu which has a focus on community led economic development.

Other feedback

- We recommend the local board support the Katoa Ka Ora Safe Speeds rollout to make it safer for families to move around their neighbourhood and children to use active modes to and from school.
- We recommend the ongoing development and design of parks, open space and facilities to include shade, play infrastructure, access to drinking fountains and be smokefree environments.
- We recommend the ongoing support for the viability and capability of sports clubs to strengthen their role in community wellbeing
- We strongly support and encourage more investment and support for walking and cycling initiatives, activities and infrastructure, now is not the time to let up

Thank you for the opportunity to have our say.

Ngā mihi nui

David George
CEO, Sport Waitākere

Kerry Allan
Healthy Families Manager & Impact Strategist



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Big Street Bikers

Local Board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback

1. Our people: Supporting people in our diverse communities

We will focus on promoting belonging and wellbeing, strengthening partnerships, engaging with Māori, and ensuring our diverse communities are heard and contribute to a collective west Auckland voice.

Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Tell us why

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

We will focus on protecting trees and greenspace, enhancing our waterways, and working with partners and communities to exercise the principle of kaitiakitanga and build community resilience to climate change.

Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

We will focus on providing inclusive, accessible, and sustainable facilities and services. We will ensure plans consider future community needs, climate change, and growth. We will partner with community groups to deliver quality services.

Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

We will focus on having safe, welcoming spaces that reflect our Māori history, industrial heritage (e.g. clay and ceramics), and cultural diversity. We will advocate for improved transport options and connections that help to reduce carbon emissions.

Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

We will focus on fostering effective partnerships with our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses. We will advocate for increased opportunities for employment/skill development and high-quality urban development.

Will this support and bolster our local economy?

6. Funding challenges and community investment

Whau has a diverse population. We need to ensure our facilities, spaces, and programmes are accessible, inclusive, and reflect the communities they serve. However, we also have funding challenges.

a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Tell us why

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

Please see attached



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

Thank you for the opportunity to give feedback on the draft Whau 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 Whau Local Board for its commitment to improved transport options and extending shared pathways.

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 of secure bike parking, wayfinding and charging stations supports the Local Board's climate action goals and advocacy to Auckland Transport for high-quality, safe walking, cycling and other active transport connections to encourage mode shift, improve utilisation, and reduce carbon emissions from our transport system. The network will help promote and encourage the uptake of active transport in Whau.

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

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Local Board: Whau

Your feedback

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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Tell us why

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

As Avondale residents we worry that the services including gp clinics, community groups, family/teenage resources, etc. will not be sufficient for a swell in the local population from the large increase in apartment blocks.

The existing health centres are already swamped in winter and of course the community hub has been in disrepair for years.

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

We will focus on having safe, welcoming spaces that reflect our Māori history, industrial heritage (e.g. clay and ceramics), and cultural diversity. We will advocate for improved transport options and connections that help to reduce carbon emissions.

Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you**5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development**

We will focus on fostering effective partnerships with our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses. We will advocate for increased opportunities for employment/skill development and high-quality urban development.

Will this support and bolster our local economy?

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Tell us why

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



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Community Waitākere

Local Board: Whau

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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

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b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, strongly agree

Tell us why

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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

because diverse voices are often not heard, though it is important to consider how might be best to hear their voices like you going to where they already congregate.

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

As a resident of Avondale, who has lost a local playground due to a bike path (yay for the bike path, sorry for our local kids), as our community continues to grow, I hope that more green areas will be provided for those, particularly the apartment dwelle

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

With public and private housing intensification throughout Avondale, including over 1000 new apartments on our main street, it is so important that we have the infrastructure and facilities to accommodate new and existing residents of Avondale. We want to acknowledge the Whau Local Board for advocating on behalf of Avondale, to ensure that after over 10 years of having to make do with a half condemned community centre, that we receive a fit for purpose community space on our main street.

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

I think we have very good public transport options here. Better lighting by the main bus stops for safety at night would be great.

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

Absolutely. Job opportunities for locals locally means less people on the road/public transport commuting!

6. Funding challenges and community investment

Whau has a diverse population. We need to ensure our facilities, spaces, and programmes are accessible, inclusive, and reflect the communities they serve. However, we also have funding challenges.

a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Te Hono to be fully funded and prioritised to be delivered in one stage. Investment (a modest amount would make a big difference) in existing Community Centre and Library while we wait for Te Hono.

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, mostly agree

Tell us why

Love your advocacy for Te Hono. It is the least Avondale deserves.

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

no



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Comrades

Local Board: Whau

Your feedback

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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

Govt not taking care of most important issues in the community and future generations (children & teams).

2. **Our environment: Protecting our natural environment**

We will focus on protecting trees and greenspace, enhancing our waterways, and working with partners and communities to exercise the principle of kaitiakitanga and build community resilience to climate change.

Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

No

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Building the community and upbringing

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

No

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

not good experiences, need to talk

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

I don't know

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

Financial security no where. Govt making things very complicated. People not happy,. A stressful life.

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Funding and enrollment is a good and valuable guide with programmes and usefulness.

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

No, mostly disagree

Tell us why

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

Want to address things, which will be a problem for the country and community. Need to talk 1 to 1



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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

Seems like a broad set of goals targeting individual and community hauora

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

We will focus on protecting trees and greenspace, enhancing our waterways, and working with partners and communities to exercise the principle of kaitiakitanga and build community resilience to climate change.

Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Kaitiakitanga and a sustainable approach is important for the longevity and vitality of the environment

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

I don't know

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Reducing carbon emissions is important to me as it creates and promotes sustainable practices which is positive overall

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

We will focus on fostering effective partnerships with our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses. We will advocate for increased opportunities for employment/skill development and high-quality urban development.

Will this support and bolster our local economy?

Not sure

6. Funding challenges and community investment

Whau has a diverse population. We need to ensure our facilities, spaces, and programmes are accessible, inclusive, and reflect the communities they serve. However, we also have funding challenges.

a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

- '- sports clubs
- physical activity groups
- teaching events

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

Not sure. Reason I'm not sur is i don't know enough about local boards. More education round the role and actions of the local board

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, mostly agree

Tell us why

I think the goals are very broad and cover a lot of areas. I'd like to see smaller more concise goals however might not appease everyone

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

I think in regards to climate change goals from the information I have received from the information pack given at the local library. It would be beneficial to have quantifiable goals which align and progress the 2050 carbon net zero legislation put forth



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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

I don't know

Tell us why

Would be great to include and celebrate other cultures not just Maori

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

We will focus on protecting trees and greenspace, enhancing our waterways, and working with partners and communities to exercise the principle of kaitiakitanga and build community resilience to climate change.

Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Clean tidy healthy green spaces

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Nor spaces to run dance classes and performance spaces

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

We will focus on fostering effective partnerships with our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses. We will advocate for increased opportunities for employment/skill development and high-quality urban development.

Will this support and bolster our local economy?

Yes

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Library

Swim classes for children

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, mostly agree

Tell us why

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



Whau Local Board Plan

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Local Board: Whau

Your feedback

1. Our people: Supporting people in our diverse communities

We will focus on promoting belonging and wellbeing, strengthening partnerships, engaging with Māori, and ensuring our diverse communities are heard and contribute to a collective west Auckland voice.

Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

If you include voices of the older members of the community, they are often overlooked.

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

We will focus on protecting trees and greenspace, enhancing our waterways, and working with partners and communities to exercise the principle of kaitiakitanga and build community resilience to climate change.

Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Resistance to climate collapse, because we are facing an existential crisis. Place for children to experience Nature and learn to protect it.

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

We will focus on providing inclusive, accessible, and sustainable facilities and services. We will ensure plans consider future community needs, climate change, and growth. We will partner with community groups to deliver quality services.

Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Accessibility for older people and young parents with small children is essential, all the while asking yourself, 'How will this build resilience to climate collapse?'

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

We will focus on having safe, welcoming spaces that reflect our Māori history, industrial heritage (e.g. clay and ceramics), and cultural diversity. We will advocate for improved transport options and connections that help to reduce carbon emissions.

Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Build a resilient train network. Ensure the advocacy for transport options includes the needs of the very young AND the very old; AND ASK 'How will this build resilience to climate collapse?'

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

We will focus on fostering effective partnerships with our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses. We will advocate for increased opportunities for employment/skill development and high-quality urban development.

Will this support and bolster our local economy?

WHO CARES! What is important is resilience to climate collapse. DE-GROWTH.... Not "business as usual". You must be able to look the children in the eye and say "we are doing everything to secure your future in a climate compromised world".

6. Funding challenges and community investment

Whau has a diverse population. We need to ensure our facilities, spaces, and programmes are accessible, inclusive, and reflect the communities they serve. However, we also have funding challenges.

a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

LIBRARY - for all ages to learn and be safe; PARKS for water absorption and safe for family;
BUS SERVICE I can rely on that runs to schedule; TRAINS that don't stop in the rain; (missing
info on scanned form)

"15 minute city" - the ability to WALK, E-sco

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

1. "WE" as in Auckland Council? -the council needs to learn to LIVE IN the 21st century. Stop last century thinking.
2. FIRE THE MAYOR, He's not interested in meeting community needs, only business wants.

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

No, mostly disagree

Tell us why

'I don't Know'. I need to read the plan in its entirety. AND

'No, mostly disagree'. It does not meet needs of older people.

Auckland Council need to detail the "outlie":- Tell us the HOW. Not just the WHAT. And time-frame it with the WHEN.

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

What exactly are ACC climate collapse goals? Because having "goals" is TOO LATE. Climate collapse is here and now.



Whau Local Board Plan

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The Tree Council

Local Board: Whau

Your feedback

1. Our people: Supporting people in our diverse communities

We will focus on promoting belonging and wellbeing, strengthening partnerships, engaging with Māori, and ensuring our diverse communities are heard and contribute to a collective west Auckland voice.

Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Tell us why

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

We will focus on protecting trees and greenspace, enhancing our waterways, and working with partners and communities to exercise the principle of kaitiakitanga and build community resilience to climate change.

Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Refer attached feedback document - The Tree Council

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

We will focus on providing inclusive, accessible, and sustainable facilities and services. We will ensure plans consider future community needs, climate change, and growth. We will partner with community groups to deliver quality services.

Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

We will focus on having safe, welcoming spaces that reflect our Māori history, industrial heritage (e.g. clay and ceramics), and cultural diversity. We will advocate for improved transport options and connections that help to reduce carbon emissions.

Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

We will focus on fostering effective partnerships with our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses. We will advocate for increased opportunities for employment/skill development and high-quality urban development.

Will this support and bolster our local economy?

6. Funding challenges and community investment

Whau has a diverse population. We need to ensure our facilities, spaces, and programmes are accessible, inclusive, and reflect the communities they serve. However, we also have funding challenges.

a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Tell us why

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

The full submission made by The Tree Council is attached

**Submission – Whau 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 **Whau 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 commend your commitment to planting more trees and protecting existing significant trees.*
- *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 support the approved Whau Urban Ngahere Action Plan 2022 and work to identify and implement other initiatives to increase your tree canopy cover (including advocacy for tree protection).*
- *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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Disabled Persons Assembly NZ

Local Board: Whau

Your feedback

1. Our people: Supporting people in our diverse communities

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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

A submission from the Disabled Persons Assembly NZ is attached for detail. The aim of the group is to work on systemic change for the equity of disabled people

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

We will focus on fostering effective partnerships with our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses. We will advocate for increased opportunities for employment/skill development and high-quality urban development.

Will this support and bolster our local economy?

6. Funding challenges and community investment

Whau has a diverse population. We need to ensure our facilities, spaces, and programmes are accessible, inclusive, and reflect the communities they serve. However, we also have funding challenges.

a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Tell us why

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

the feedback received from Disabled Persons Assembly NZ is attached



Disabled Persons Assembly NZ

August 2023

To All Auckland Council Local Boards,

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

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Introducing Disabled Persons Assembly NZ

We work on systemic change for the equity of disabled people

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

We recognise:

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

We drive systemic change through:

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

UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

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

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

New Zealand Disability Strategy 2016-2026

Since ratifying the UNCRPD, the New Zealand Government has established a Disability Strategy² to guide the work of government agencies on disability issues. The vision is that New Zealand be a non-disabling society, where disabled people have equal opportunity to achieve their goals and aspirations, and that all of New Zealand works together to make this happen. It identifies eight outcome areas contributing to achieving this vision. There are a number of Strategy outcomes particularly relevant to this submission, including:

- **Outcome 5 – Accessibility**

The Submission

1.) Introduction and Guiding Principles

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2.) Brief background – important disability statistics

One in four New Zealanders have a disability or long-term health condition. Māori and Pacific peoples have an even higher-than-average rate of disability. There were approximately 271,000 disabled people residing in Auckland in 2013¹ (the latest data available), a number which rises to over 300,000 when accounting for current population increases.

¹ Statistics New Zealand. (2013). New Zealand Disability Survey. Retrieved from http://archive.stats.govt.nz/browse_for_stats/health/disabilities/DisabilitySurvey_HOTP2013.aspx#gsc.tab=05

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Whau Local Board Plan

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Local Board: Not supplied

Your feedback

1. Our people: Supporting people in our diverse communities

We will focus on promoting belonging and wellbeing, strengthening partnerships, engaging with Māori, and ensuring our diverse communities are heard and contribute to a collective west Auckland voice.

Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

I don't work and have a disability

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

We will focus on protecting trees and greenspace, enhancing our waterways, and working with partners and communities to exercise the principle of kaitiakitanga and build community resilience to climate change.

Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Climate change is not really being addressed except by the Greens - we already have 'global boiling' and West Auckland has been badly affected by climate change.

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Toilets at bus and train stations are dirty and disgraceful - not suitable for public use. Ventilation is also necessary to prevent COVID spreading.

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Connections to reduce carbon emissions - Kainga Ora housing should be having solar panels installed to cope with atrocious power bills and for the environment

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

We will focus on fostering effective partnerships with our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses. We will advocate for increased opportunities for employment/skill development and high-quality urban development.

Will this support and bolster our local economy?

I don't know

6. Funding challenges and community investment

Whau has a diverse population. We need to ensure our facilities, spaces, and programmes are accessible, inclusive, and reflect the communities they serve. However, we also have funding challenges.

a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

The library - can print and scan documents without having a computer. Shops like Burger King with clean toilets and cheap food...

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

Ask the public what could be eliminated with the least pain.

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, mostly agree

Tell us why

Kainga Ora has not adopted solar panel in new buildings - why not? The biggest landlord in NZ and with many properties in the Whau.

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

- Plant more trees
- Improve roads and footpaths
- Educate the public on rubbish collection and disposal, encouraging people to recycle properly and reduce waste in waste bins. The food scraps bin is one such tool that can be rolled out. Tell people



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Auckland Grey Power (Gillian Dance, President)

Local Board: Whau

Your feedback

1. Our people: Supporting people in our diverse communities

We will focus on promoting belonging and wellbeing, strengthening partnerships, engaging with Māori, and ensuring our diverse communities are heard and contribute to a collective west Auckland voice.

Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

We will focus on protecting trees and greenspace, enhancing our waterways, and working with partners and communities to exercise the principle of kaitiakitanga and build community resilience to climate change.

Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Retain Pocket Parks; Clean Waterways and Waitemata and Manukau Harbours

* Penalise polluters - meaningfully - no excuses

* Commercial firms should be obliged to recycle glass, plastic, food craps etc - eg hotels, McDonalds etc

* Manufacturers should p

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

We will focus on providing inclusive, accessible, and sustainable facilities and services. We will ensure plans consider future community needs, climate change, and growth. We will partner with community groups to deliver quality services.

Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

* Safe footpaths - prompt repairs and regular auditing of their condition

* Retain community facilities and land - no sell of of land for parks or libraries unless better provision

* Upgrade public toilets - accessibility to enter and cleanliness - is currently appalling.

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

We will focus on having safe, welcoming spaces that reflect our Māori history, industrial heritage (e.g. clay and ceramics), and cultural diversity. We will advocate for improved transport options and connections that help to reduce carbon emissions.

Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Footpaths city wide

Proactive monitoring and repair - too many falls and injuries to older people especially.

Prevention is a better policy!

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

We will focus on fostering effective partnerships with our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses. We will advocate for increased opportunities for employment/skill development and high-quality urban development.

Will this support and bolster our local economy?

No comment

6. Funding challenges and community investment

Whau has a diverse population. We need to ensure our facilities, spaces, and programmes are accessible, inclusive, and reflect the communities they serve. However, we also have funding challenges.

a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

We do need affordable office space and long term lease.

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

1. GST should be removed from rates (Its a tax on a tax)
2. Government should share its GST - Auckland City has to fund several costs that should be funded by government - a percentage should social services (Homelessness - Alcohol Control - Policing cost)

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Tell us why

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

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No

Tell us why

I'm chinese

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

No

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

I'm chinese, don't know

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

No

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Wast money

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

No

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

I'm chinese, nothing to me

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

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Too many troublesome people are causing trouble in the streets because they don't want to work and just want to rob or get free stuff from where. No one is interested in primitive societies. we live in 2023.

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

Tell me is New Zealand a democracy? Are all people equal? Does every nation have the same human rights? If not, please don't waste my time asking such questions!

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

No, strongly disagree

Tell us why

I saw nothing but Maori words. but I'm Chinese, and I know we also have Indian and European people and other people's living in New Zealand too

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

speechless



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Kai West Collective

Local Board: Whau

Your feedback

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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

- '- We support greater whanaungatanga in our communities to promote belonging and wellbeing. We appreciate that the local board will prioritise initiatives that bring communities and neighbourhoods together. Since kai is a vehicle to growing community connection and resilience, we ask the board to support more local kai initiatives to thrive.
 - We support working with Kainga Ora to connect new residents to community groups and organisations. We recommend the local board also work with Kainga ora to develop sustainable housing that provides opportunities for māra kai and other kai resilience initiatives. We also recommend that the local board works alongside EcoMatters to support the developing of community composting hubs near to the housing developments.
 - We support kai sovereignty projects as this achieves much more than growing food. As mentioned above, we would like to see the local board go one step further and aim for Mana Motuhake o te kai and align with the plan created by Māori in West Auckland. Kai West is happy to be a partner and support Māori communities to achieve kai sovereignty outcomes where appropriate.
 - We would like to recommend a more joined-up approach across the three local boards with the aim to build community resilience through kai. Alongside the Māori Thought Leadership roopu, Kai West can support the local boards as their food resilience advisory panel - a group of individuals with subject matter expertise in food resilience thought-leadership and implementation with links to regional and national networks.
- Māori outcomes

We acknowledge and support the Local Board for creating opportunities for kai sovereignty initiatives. Access to nourishing kai is a significant issue for many families as the increasing cost of living has a deeper impact. We recommend the local board to acknowledge Mana Motuhake o te Kai – a kai sovereignty plan for West Auckland, created by a roopu who gathered valuable insights from local organisations and whānau to develop the plan from a Te Ao Māori lens

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

We will focus on protecting trees and greenspace, enhancing our waterways, and working with partners and communities to exercise the principle of kaitiakitanga and build community resilience to climate change.

Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

'- We support the notion that parks and open spaces play an important role in our environment, can contribute to climate resilience and enhance people's health and wellbeing. Enabling community action to achieve low carbon lifestyles and achieve climate a

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

'- We support a masterplan for the Whau region that considers current and future community needs as well as climate change and accommodates for future growth. With the current situation around food costs, we would like to see the local boards support community hubs, houses and centres to identify innovative ways to shift from food relief towards initiatives that increase access to affordable nourishing kai while celebrating our cultural diversity and fostering community connections and resilience.

- We acknowledge the local board for their intentions to ensure appropriate investment is considered and reflects community need for green spaces. The local board can advocate to Auckland Council for ways to create a more enabling regulatory framework that support local food resilience actions, such as growing and selling kai on public land.

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

We will focus on having safe, welcoming spaces that reflect our Māori history, industrial heritage (e.g. clay and ceramics), and cultural diversity. We will advocate for improved transport options and connections that help to reduce carbon emissions.

Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

'- We support high-quality, safe walking, cycling and other active transport connections to encourage mode shift, improve utilisation, and reduce carbon emissions from our transport system. We encourage the local board to consider the development of a des

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

We will focus on fostering effective partnerships with our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses. We will advocate for increased opportunities for employment/skill development and high-quality urban development.

Will this support and bolster our local economy?

'- We support effective partnerships that leverage work to support economic development and sustainable local business. We also agree with your support to partners who offer rangatahi, Māori and Pasifika people. We would like the local board to consider a

6. Funding challenges and community investment

Whau has a diverse population. We need to ensure our facilities, spaces, and programmes are accessible, inclusive, and reflect the communities they serve. However, we also have funding challenges.

a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Whilst recognising the significant challenges that Whau Local Board will face in the coming year, we would like to see more explicit attention and focus on climate change outcomes and building community resilience, clear commitment to local food resilienc

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

Local Governance - We would like to ask for one board member to be our key contact for Kai West, our champion for local food resilience.

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, mostly agree

Tell us why

Investing in infrastructure, facilities, local town centres and community partnerships are essential for our communities' health and wellbeing into the future. We would like to acknowledge Whau Local Board in their past and present support of community initiatives around wellbeing, belonging and participation.

We congratulate Whau Local Board for continuing supporting opportunities to foster community belonging and wellbeing. In particular for their commitment with the Local Climate Action Plan and funding for local kai initiatives such as Kai Whau, Kai Avondale and Kai Aroha (Glenavon Hub).

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

The purpose of this submission is to express the views of the Kai West Collective in regard to the Draft Whau Local Board Plan 2023. Kai West is a collective championing local food resilience with the backing of organisations including Healthy Families W



Kai West Collective

Submission to the Draft Whau Local Board Plan 2023

Purpose

The purpose of this submission is to express the views of the Kai West Collective in regard to the Draft Whau Local Board Plan 2023. Kai West is a collective championing local food resilience with the backing of organisations including Healthy Families Waitākere, Fair Food, EcoMatters, Community Waitākere, MPHS, WEST, Massey Matters and Glenavon Hub, some of which are also involved in the West Auckland Together group.

Background

Investing in infrastructure, facilities, local town centres and community partnerships are essential for our communities' health and wellbeing into the future. We would like to acknowledge Whau Local Board in their past and present support of community initiatives around wellbeing, belonging and participation.

We congratulate Whau Local Board for continuing supporting opportunities to foster community belonging and wellbeing. In particular for their commitment with the Local Climate Action Plan and funding for local kai initiatives such as Kai Whau, Kai Avondale and Kai Aroha (Glenavon Hub).

Whilst recognising the significant challenges that Whau Local Board will face in the coming year, we would like to see more explicit attention and focus on climate change outcomes and building community resilience, clear commitment to local food resilience, and working collectively with Henderson Massey and Waitākere Ranges Local Boards to achieve Māori, Pasifika, food resilience and climate change outcomes.

We ask that Whau Local Board continue to support community sector organisations by maintaining funding, in turn the collective can continue to support communities and our most vulnerable. Below are a set of recommendations to support this kaupapa and bring food resilience, wellbeing into the plan in a meaningful way that makes a difference in real and achievable terms;

Māori outcomes

We acknowledge and support the Local Board for creating opportunities for kai sovereignty initiatives. Access to nourishing kai is a significant issue for many families as the increasing cost of living has a deeper impact. We recommend the local board to acknowledge [Mana Motuhake o te Kai](#) – a kai sovereignty plan for West Auckland, created by a roopu who gathered valuable insights from local organisations and whānau to develop the plan from a Te Ao Māori lens.

Climate Action

- We support a masterplan for the Whau region in order to create connections and ensure park designs consider climate challenges. We recommend green spaces are identified and protected for future food growing, play and recreation activities to encourage families to connect and increase usage.
- We support greater whanaungatanga in our communities to promote belonging and wellbeing. As part of supporting community to increase community resilience, we

recommend the inclusion of localising food production and enabling communities to grow and sell kai on Council land where it can, and make better use of green space in order to live low carbon lifestyles. With the current situation around food costs, the local board can advocate to Council to be more flexible with regulations to make it easier for communities to experience collective gardening and bring people together through kai, near to where they live.

- We support the Urban Ngahere Strategy to increase tree canopy cover. Not only does this provide natural shade and “street cooling”, it makes it easier to walk and cycle around neighbourhoods and provides spaces for children and families to spend time together and connect outdoors. We also strongly advocate for inclusion of edible species in plans to increase urban ngahere.
- We support effective partnerships with business associations and initiatives to support residents to shop and work locally. Also enabling schools, businesses, environmental groups, and community volunteers to carry out ecological and environmental initiatives that achieve climate action goals. We recommend the local board to work closely and support initiatives led by Eco Matters and Fair Foods as they have a strong focus on reducing food waste, food redistribution and growing local food resilience.

Our People

- We support greater whanaungatanga in our communities to promote belonging and wellbeing. We appreciate that the local board will prioritise initiatives that bring communities and neighbourhoods together. Since kai is a vehicle to growing community connection and resilience, we ask the board to support more local kai initiatives to thrive.
- We support working with Kainga Ora to connect new residents to community groups and organisations. We recommend the local board also work with Kainga ora to develop sustainable housing that provides opportunities for māra kai and other kai resilience initiatives. We also recommend that the local board works alongside EcoMatters to support the developing of community composting hubs near to the housing developments.
- We support kai sovereignty projects as this achieves much more than growing food. As mentioned above, we would like to see the local board go one step further and aim for Mana Motuhake o te kai and align with the plan created by Māori in West Auckland. Kai West is happy to be a partner and support Māori communities to achieve kai sovereignty outcomes where appropriate.
- We would like to recommend a more joined-up approach across the three local boards with the aim to build community resilience through kai. Alongside the Māori Thought Leadership roopu, Kai West can support the local boards as their food resilience advisory panel - a group of individuals with subject matter expertise in food resilience thought-leadership and implementation with links to regional and national networks.

Our Environment

- We support the notion that parks and open spaces play an important role in our environment, can contribute to climate resilience and enhance people's health and wellbeing. Enabling community action to achieve low carbon lifestyles and achieve climate action goals are crucial to future proofing our city now and for future generations. As mentioned above, we recommend parks and open spaces provide places for food growing, activity, recreation and connection.
- We ask that Whau Local Board to work alongside the Henderson-Massey and Waitakere Ranges Local boards to advocate upwards - championing for ways to create a more enabling regulatory framework by campaigning for change of policies, regulations or bylaws that act as barriers to the utilisation of green spaces for the purpose of local food growing such as community urban farms and food forests

Our Community

- We support a masterplan for the Whau region that considers current and future community needs as well as climate change and accommodates for future growth. With the current situation around food costs, we would like to see the local boards support community hubs, houses and centres to identify innovative ways to shift from food relief towards initiatives that increase access to affordable nourishing kai while celebrating our cultural diversity and fostering community connections and resilience.
- We acknowledge the local board for their intentions to ensure appropriate investment is considered and reflects community need for green spaces. The local board can advocate to Auckland Council for ways to create a more enabling regulatory framework that support local food resilience actions, such as growing and selling kai on public land.

Our Places

- We support high-quality, safe walking, cycling and other active transport connections to encourage mode shift, improve utilisation, and reduce carbon emissions from our transport system. We encourage the local board to consider the development of a destination all-inclusive play space that supports whānau-focused gatherings and activities and implementing placemaking, wayfinding and edible and playful environments (e.g. edible trails with fruit trees, edible play spaces) to increase walking and cycling in communities.
- We also support Infrastructure and development that meets future growth and is resilient to climate change and ask the board to consider opportunities to build on local food resilience where possible.

Our economy

- We support effective partnerships that leverage work to support economic development and sustainable local business. We also agree with your support to partners who offer rangatahi, Māori and Pasifika people. We would like the local board to consider and support the role of māra kai and community urban farms in the local economy, with the potential for local jobs

creation and opportunities for learning and connecting into pathways for future employment. If they have the opportunity, rangatahi can unlock their potential to create and lead future innovations for local food resilience and sovereignty.

Local Activities and Levels of Service

Local Governance

- We would like to ask for one board member to be our key contact for Kai West, our champion for local food resilience.

Who we are:

[Kai West](#) is a West Auckland collective made up of local organisations and people working on community-based initiatives that focus on the local food system.

Our vision is every West Aucklander has access to healthy, affordable and culturally appropriate food. We will achieve our vision by growing a strong and resilient local food system that:

- increases the overall health and wellbeing of the community
- focuses on equitable access to kai
- upholds food sovereignty
- is supported by partnerships across the whole system
- is regenerative and circular
- creates meaningful local jobs for local people
- is connected to the regional conversation about food resilience
- enriches the places we work, live, learn and play



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Local Board: Whau

Your feedback

1. Our people: Supporting people in our diverse communities

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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

Talking and communicating in other ways / with the community keeps our board members in touch with what is needed in the community

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

We will focus on protecting trees and greenspace, enhancing our waterways, and working with partners and communities to exercise the principle of kaitiakitanga and build community resilience to climate change.

Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Protecting trees that are planted in appropriate places - very important. Greenspace - so important to retain existing spaces and have them serviced correctly

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

We will focus on providing inclusive, accessible, and sustainable facilities and services. We will ensure plans consider future community needs, climate change, and growth. We will partner with community groups to deliver quality services.

Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Community groups need to be involved as board members need to understand the needs of the community and communities need to and want to be involved. It gives people a sense of their place, belonging and gives pride in the area.

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

We will focus on having safe, welcoming spaces that reflect our Māori history, industrial heritage (e.g. clay and ceramics), and cultural diversity. We will advocate for improved transport options and connections that help to reduce carbon emissions.

Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

New Lynn Park & Ride - well overdue (Buses will never connect well enough for people to get to trains!) Finish the walking connections - great for bikes and walkers (keep the bikes off main road as much as possible. Knowing the history of areas gives peop

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

We will focus on fostering effective partnerships with our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses. We will advocate for increased opportunities for employment/skill development and high-quality urban development.

Will this support and bolster our local economy?

Keep up the good work Avondale BID. Don't let the government put Housing NZ places into areas without the social and employment opportunities around

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Library - top of list. Fale - excellent space in Avondale. Space for an art area in Avondale - this needs to be supported in the future. Whau the People services for teenagers - keeping them engaged for your input and off the streets. Community centre -

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

Don't wait for Community Centre to be build / rebuild or repair. Avondale Community centre on existing site NOW. The longer we wait, the more costs incur. The needs in Avondale are there NOW

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Yes, strongly agree

Tell us why

Good words. Let's see the action. Communicate to community what is getting done (probably already doing this but make sure more people appreciate the work the board members do)

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

Make sure basics are done - stormwater issues are reported to council. History of Maori in the area - are there books or articles showing this? Highlight these

Tait Park Avondale

This is a good example of how the community board can achieve many of their objectives. See story about Tait part from the magazine Avondale Mainstreet winter 2023 edition. (Enclosed)

Things to do

The picture of Tait Park shows some of the 2012 planting of the park. This involved the Avondale Community Gardeners and had a grant for \$20,000.

1. I think the community has been let down by the lack of good maintenance done to this park.

a. There are plants being smothered by others. See picture 1a.

b. Plants hacked back instead of being divided up or removed. See pictures 1b.

2. There are opportunities in this garden to label native plants which showcase our Maori ^{heritage} ~~heritence~~ and to add flowering plants to represent the diverse groups of people living in Avondale and make it a more enjoyable park to sit in.

3. Please ensure Janet Charman is supported in her application for heritage protection assessment.

4. This park is beside a large development for senior people and families.

It would be wonderful to have a playground for these residents and a garden they can be proud of.

5.

a. The Tait area is partly a reserve and a park (see article). The part which is across the road covers a large area (see photos) is at the end of Highbury street.

b. The Highbury street residents have already attempted to plant plants to make this a feature at the end of the street. This will be enjoyed by all the residents of Highbury St and the residents who walk through Highbury St to go to the township. Highbury St will be full of apartments in a few years time and there are many walkers that go through this area. Some of the residents at the new apartments for seniors and families will enjoy walking through this area as well.

How to fund all this? Encourage a community group to apply for this grant below which was in the Seniors Newsletter from the Office for Seniors.

Age friendly fund open

The 2023 funding round for the Office for Seniors Age friendly Fund is now open.

The Fund supports projects that promote inclusion and the contribution of older people in preparing their community for an ageing population and makes one-off grants of between \$5,000 - \$15,000 to projects that demonstrate innovative approaches to age friendly communities or support intergenerational connection and participation.

It is open to any New Zealand local council, community organisation, or registered non-profit organisation. All proposals must be supported by their local council.

Applications for the 2023 funding round close on Friday 22 September 2023.

For more information, including eligibility criteria, go to the Office for Seniors website.



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Civic Trust Auckland

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Your feedback

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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Tell us why

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

We will focus on protecting trees and greenspace, enhancing our waterways, and working with partners and communities to exercise the principle of kaitiakitanga and build community resilience to climate change.

Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

We will focus on having safe, welcoming spaces that reflect our Māori history, industrial heritage (e.g. clay and ceramics), and cultural diversity. We will advocate for improved transport options and connections that help to reduce carbon emissions.

Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Tell us why

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

See attached



Submission of Civic Trust Auckland

Draft Local Board Plans - all

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Introduction

Civic Trust Auckland (CTA) is a non-profit public interest group, incorporated in 1968, with activities and interests throughout the greater Auckland region

The aims of the Trust include:

- Protection of natural landforms
- Preservation of heritage, in all its aspects
- Encouragement of good planning, for the city and region.

We are on Council's list of regional stakeholders and we have previously provided submissions on Local Board plans, as well as on many other Auckland Council plans. Some matters that we have advocated for are now in place, such as smoke-free parks and public open spaces, more resource recovery centres and public education about waste reduction, especially as regards plastic bag use, and Local Boards holding their monthly meetings at varying times.

Other matters are partly in place but we feel the need to submit on them again, including improved public transport: bus, rail and ferry services, better provision for walking and cycling, involving the community more in decision making as well as supporting them as volunteers and improved Local Board engagement with the community, perhaps through a regular clinic at varying times of the day.

CTA has a particular focus on the Environment and Climate Action parts of the Local Board plans.

CTA greatly appreciates the work of Local Boards, and recognises that they know their local communities and are focused on the needs of those particular communities, as well as responding to Auckland Council plans. We are aware of the reduced amount of funding Local Boards have been allocated. We support in general the initiatives in the draft plans. We have highlighted some areas of particular support and particular concern, first making some general points about all Local Board plans as well as particular points for a number of Local Boards, in alphabetical order according to the names of those Local Boards. When quoting from Local Board plans, we use *italics*.

All Local Boards

Climate Action

All the plans address climate action and emissions reduction. We support all Local Boards in the importance they have placed on climate action and commend those that have their own Climate Action Plan, especially those that put them in place even before Auckland Council formulated its Climate Action Plan, such as Puketāpapa. As stated in the Upper Harbour Draft Local Board Plan: *“We recognize that climate change is a complex issue that will require collaborative effort from all of us”* (page 10). The Kaipātiki Local Board articulates that “Climate impact is a key consideration for all decisions made.”

The plans address similar concerns:

- lack of knowledge about how to live low carbon lives
- community preparedness for impacts of climate change
- additional barriers for migrant and ethnic communities
- lack of access to reliable public transport
- road safety concerns, particularly in rural areas
- coastline erosion, sea level rise and flooding
- low tree canopy cover and lack of greenspace to match the rate of urban development and intensification • vegetation, soil and biodiversity loss (urban development, transport, pollution)

We support climate actions across the Local Boards such as

- establishing / supporting EcoNeighbourhoods
- implementing local Urban Ngahere (Forest) Action Plans
- implementing Shoreline Adaptation Plans, especially in collaboration with a neighbouring Local Board
- local waste minimisation, resource recovery initiatives and public education about waste reduction.
- the planting of more trees by Local Boards and support for the community to plant trees
- ensuring Local Board assets will be resilient to the impacts of climate change or severe weather, and reinstating any assets lost or damaged as a result of storm events
- implementing low carbon practices when upgrading or developing Local Board assets
- developing community-led emergency preparedness plans and
- working alongside the community in response to flood events

Furthermore, we support those Local Boards such as Aotea-Great-Barrier that have their own local Emergency Response Team to lead emergency preparedness, response and recovery, and those advocating, as the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board articulates: *“Advocate to and work with Auckland Emergency Management and wider council departments to support community networks and connections that help people to fare better and respond to emergencies and the impacts of climate change”* (page 16).

We are hopeful that communities know about their local Climate Action Plan or are able to find it online or elsewhere.

Māori Outcomes

As stated in all the Local Board plans, *“Māori identity and culture are Auckland’s unique point of difference in the world.”* CTA endorses all the plans listing strong Māori initiatives that build whānau wellbeing and strengthen resilience, such as practicing te ao Māori guardianship (kaitiakitanga) principles led by mana whenua and incorporating mana whenua identity and culture into the design of developments. We support dual naming of parks and other sites to reflect Māori heritage.

We note that the Manurewa Local Board has the highest proportion and highest number of Māori residents across all the Local Boards and that, appropriately, they include in their plan a particularly strong and high number of listed Māori outcomes, including for Māori youth.

Places

All Local Board Plans have included the following in their draft plans under Local Planning and Development:

“We support local town centres and communities to thrive by developing town centre plans and development, supporting Business Improvement Districts (BIDs), heritage plans and initiatives.”

Local boards, sometimes with input from local heritage organisations, arguably have the best understanding of their local heritage and therefore have an important role in its identification, protection and enhancement. We strongly support local boards identifying and assessing the heritage items and places in their area, making use of local knowledge and skills to do so, and consulting with stakeholders in working to preserve and enhance their built and natural heritage.

We observe that the Waitemātā Local Board lists particular heritage buildings in its draft plan, and it seems that only two other Local Board do so (Orakei Local Board – Remuera Library, Waitākere Ranges – Waikumete Cemetery, the rail station house and Playhouse Theatre). We know that communities value their heritage buildings and we know that many of them remain unidentified and unprotected, so we encourage Local Boards to include the identification, protection, enhancement and restoration of built heritage as key initiatives in their plans.

CTA supports local boards to advocate and provide for local board input for improved outcomes for heritage in Council planning documents for the region’s collective heritage.

CTA supports the creation and maintaining of a regional cultural heritage database to provide information to landowners, resource consent applicants and other interest groups. We encourage Council and community groups sharing collective information for the purposes of heritage identification.

CTA encourages all Local Boards to investigate incentives for enhancing low quality designs and to encourage any design solutions that might assist in this. We support Local Boards advocating to the Governing Body for the creation of the position of City Architect.

We support Local Boards reviewing their community-leased buildings, approach and fees to make best strategic use of those spaces.

We support the intention of the Local Boards which are looking at partnership opportunities with local schools, churches, and other organisations to make their spaces available for community use and to ensure programmes and initiatives are coordinated to fill any gaps and to avoid duplication. Schools in particular are a valuable resource for all communities, both their facilities and their populations.

We support the Local Boards working with Kāinga Ora to help provide park and community facility assets, as well as integrate their housing developments with the character of the area, ensure that developments are well planned and that the transport and other infrastructure works well.

Environment

Many of the Local Boards in their plans recognise and celebrate their environmental volunteers who have restored, protected and cleaned up areas over many years and continue to do so. This includes community-led pest control and biodiversity projects. The support of Local Boards for such work is important.

Also important are the actions of those community groups which work to identify and protect built heritage, which is recognised by the Ōrākei Local Board in its intention to work with the Remuera Heritage Society (amongst others) to preserve heritage character in the area (page 25).

Local Board support, including funding initiatives such as planting, pest control, stream and water quality enhancements, and waste minimisation projects is important for healthy ecosystems and sustainability.

Some Local Boards contain Special Ecological Areas within them and we support their work in this regard.

CTA supports the daylighting of streams to divert them from pipes back to the surface, as the Manurewa Local Board and others are planning to do, including Waitematā Local Board with the Waipapa Stream.

We support the use of electric vehicles and the installation of charging stations.

All Local Boards recognise the importance of parks and open spaces in their area and we support those that plan to acquire open space where possible, such as through large-scale developments, and to improve existing parks space through land exchanges, reconfiguration and improving linkages and connections.

We support management plan for local parks, reserves and other open spaces. However, care may need to be taken so that an omnibus management plan does not mean that unique aspects of certain spaces are not protected. Some spaces may need their own separate management plan.

We support more tree planting throughout the city, and, in general, oppose the removal of already planted trees. This includes the removal of exotic trees from the maunga that are demonstrably valued by the people of Auckland. We submit that trees already planted be allowed to live out their natural lives and that any succession planting, where appropriate, should focus on natives.

We suggest that small local projects involving the community, particularly new migrants and/or those for whom language is a barrier, could be to beautify/make use of small areas, including on land which is awaiting development, for planting or for art installations.

Transport

As mentioned in the Devonport-Takapuna Draft Local Board Plan (page 25), *“Local Boards have an advocacy role when it comes to many transport projects.”* All the plans address transport issues, particularly public transport, and they advocate for efficient, affordable and convenient public transport, which CTA has previously advocated for and supported.

CTA supports the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu and Otara-Papatoetoe Local Boards in advocating for free public transport. CTA has suggested in previous submissions that a trial of free transport be held. As pointed out by several Local Boards, transport in Auckland accounts for nearly half of the city's greenhouse gas emissions. Some Local Boards also mention car-dependency and congestion.

We also support safer speeds, especially around schools, traffic calming, road safety and pedestrian and cyclist priority, including cycleways and greenways to encourage healthy activity and less care use, as is advocated for by most, if not all, Local Boards. We caution that when considering implementation of the relevant infrastructure, including bicycle parking, there should be full consultation with affected people, primarily being the residents and/or businesses in the area under consideration. Streetscape character should not be compromised. We suggest that there is already sufficient infrastructure in place for bicycle parking, partly because some Local Board areas have already provided specific bicycle parking and partly because most cyclists like the ability to park very close to where they are going and are happy to use a pole, fence or tree to chain their bike to, and in our experience, this is workable for everyone (in contrast to e-scooter parking). We consider that the negative effect of placing any transport infrastructure in the public realm needs to be recognised and minimised.

CTA encourages Local Boards to support our advocacy to Auckland Council for a Public Transport champion. This could be a youth role and it could involve the telling of good stories about public transport. In our view, many more people would use public transport if they could see other people like themselves using it on a regular basis and get to know more about HOP cards (and the imminent introduction of the use of credit cards to pay for public transport), that public transport can accommodate the frail and disabled, and that there is, in fact, often a bus stop not too far from their house and/or place of work.

We support the Local Boards that are advocating for more bus shelters in their area. In our view, a shelter in addition to a seat at a bus stop is an essential part of the public transport infrastructure, for protection from both sun and rain. Future designs should consider the potential for the seat and the people waiting at the bus stop getting wet from driving rain, as is the case with some of the current shelters.

Community Engagement with Local Boards

The Devonport-Takapuna Draft Local Board Plan under "Challenges" states: "*Low levels of participation and understanding of what local boards do, which weakens local democracy and decision making*" (page 14) and also under "Challenges" the Franklin Local Board includes: "*Limitations to understanding the board's role and mandate, and its influence in regional and national decision-making*" (page 21). The Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board will advocate for "*Auckland Council to communicate in a way that is accessible to all our community leading to a better-informed community and improved engagement with the council*" (page 15).

In our view, engagement with the community is an issue for all Local Boards, as well as the wider Council. We have observed that many members of the community still do not know much (if anything) about local boards, and a very small percentage of them actually engage with their local board. Furthermore, some people find it difficult, for various reasons, to approach their local board and/or to be listened to. We commend those Local Boards which have made their members available through regular open meetings to members of the public, especially those that are at varying times of the day to cater for the availability of different members of the community. We suggest that time could usefully be made available within Local Board workshops for members of the community dealing with certain issues to engage more thoroughly with board members and staff than is possible in public forum appearances at local board business meetings.

The Local Board plans outline what Local Boards do, who the members are and where they are based, so if people in their area read the plans, they would have a better awareness about Local Boards. If all libraries held copies of the relevant Local Board plans in their final version, this would assist in more people becoming more aware of Local Boards.

We suggest that Local Boards share with other Local Boards what has worked in terms of public engagement for them. An idea from a member of the Puketāpapa community is that Local Board members hold their clinics or engagement (where practical) “on the street,” which could mean in a park or square which is used well by the public. We note that when Local Board candidates are campaigning for election, they tend to go to where the people are, and we suggest that this could be part of the answer, rather than expecting the people to come to where they are. We know that many people do not know where their Local Board office is. If practicable, Local Board members could now and again set up tables, chairs and coffee on the footpath outside their office.

We also note that a key initiative of the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board is: *“Community conversations – enabling communities we hear from less to engage more comfortably and on their terms”* (page 15), so perhaps their ideas could be shared with other Local Boards. We also see that this Local Board will *“Advocate for accessible and easy to use engagement methods that suit our residents for both local and regional consultations”* (page 16).

We encourage local board members (and future candidates) to retreat from political affiliations. In our experience, alignment with a political group creates an impediment to good governance and working effectively for the community. Community groups tend to be apolitical and their members tend to work well together. The political affiliations of Local Board members can act as a barrier to community engagement – as well as a barrier for members to engage with and cooperate with each other.

Albert-Eden

We support the Carrington residential development and the way it has developed, including working with the iwi involved, and we also support the bid by the Pt Chev Social Enterprise Trust for there to be a community wellbeing hub incorporated into Building One on this site. We are disappointed that one wing of this building is to be demolished, due to the roading design.

We strongly support the Local Board’s key initiative to: *“Provide feedback on resource consents and planning processes to ensure good design outcomes are achieved and significant views of the maunga (volcanic cones) are protected through the volcanic viewshafts and height sensitive areas in the Auckland Unitary Plan”* (page 12).

CTA strongly supports the establishment of the Waiōrea Community Recycling Centre (opened on 11 August), which seems to be a shared facility between the Albert-Eden and Waitemata Local Board areas, and supports the promotion by these two Local Boards of the facility. We suggest that libraries in all Local Board areas could be a place for dropping off small items such as used batteries (battery collection being something that has taken place in Wellington libraries for some years).

CTA supports this Local Board including as one of the objectives of its plan: *“The history, identity and character of our neighborhoods are celebrated”* and that a key initiative is: *“Protect and celebrate our historic heritage by being good stewards of the assets we own and supporting others to care for theirs”* (page 29). Supporting others could be seen as both support for the people in their Local Board area as regards historic heritage that is privately owned, and supporting other Local Boards to care for historic heritage that are their assets, as well as other Local Boards supporting the protection of other historic heritage sites.

We support the Albert-Eden Local Board for the following (page 31):

- *“Renewal funding for seismic upgrades for heritage assets*

- *Support the Tūpuna Maunga Authority in their aspiration to have the maunga recognised as UNESCO World Heritage site*
- *The Auckland Unitary Plan reflects the importance of built and natural heritage and the contribution that heritage makes to the identity, history and story of Tāmaki Makaurau and its people”.*

We endorse this Local Board’s plan to carry out an audit of the parks in their area to identify where they can get better use, to activate them more and to see if there is the right mix of uses for the future.

A photo of Rocket Park in Mount Albert is featured in the Albert-Eden Draft Local Board Plan. This park no longer functions as it was intended. It was originally a park where children with disabilities could use special equipment such as a Liberty Swing for wheelchairs. We understand that the swing is no longer there, and we submit that it be reinstated, along with the other original equipment for this special park.

We support the Local Board’s intention to *“Encourage green business practices and share information on existing resources such as Sustainable Business Network and Climate Connect Aotearoa”* (page 35).

Aotea-Great-Barrier

This Local Board’s plan states that *“Our community is also incredibly conscious of remote living and the carbon impacts of freighting supplies to the island”* (page 11). The island is very different from the mostly urban areas of Auckland and has some different issues to deal with, which perhaps the rest of the city does not recognise.

CTA supports this Local Board’s intention to *“advocate to the Governing Body for continued staff support to investigate a visitor levy to respond to the impacts of tourism”* (page 14), like the levy that has been introduced to Rakiura / Stewart Island.

The Aotea-Great-Barrier Local Board has been progressing solar power upgrades of council and community buildings and electric chargers, as have several other Local Boards, and we encourage more area to do this, and for Local Boards to learn from each other in this regard.

Another aspect that perhaps other areas could learn from is the island’s *“bespoke approach to education through our Lifelong Learning Strategy, especially for our tamariki and rangatahi with a new early childhood education centre and established Aotea Learning Hub”* (page 13).

We congratulate the island on being designated as an International Dark Sky Sanctuary.

An aspect of the island that needs recognition by Auckland Council is that *“Climate change has led to warmer waters and the arrival of exotic marine pests such as Caulerpa, Asian Paddle Crab, Sea Squirt and Mediterranean Fan worm”* (page 16). We support the Local Board’s call for tighter protections for their coastal waters.

We congratulate this Local Board on its innovative low carbon initiatives, such as Anamata’s Resource Recovery Centre and AoteaOra Trust’s Off the Grid events (page 16) and agree that these should be showcased globally and there should be trials of new sustainable systems. The landfill on the island has closed, which presents a different situation than all other Auckland communities.

We support this Local Board in advocating to central government and the Governing Body to encourage manufacturers to commit to product sustainability (page 17) and encourage other Local Boards to do the same.

We also support this Local Board to:

- *“Advocate to central government and the Governing Body to abolish bottom trawling and dredging in the Hauraki Gulf and to encourage sustainable fishing as directed through Sea Change - Tai Timu Tai Pari*
- *Advocate to central government and the Governing Body for the prohibition of marine dumping” (page 17).*

Aotea-Great-Barrier does not have any public transport and we support the Local Board’s key initiative to *“Investigate a community-led public transport system” (page 19).*

We also support them to advocate to technology providers for stronger connectivity options (page 20).

Devonport-Takapuna

We support collaboration between Local Boards on many matters and so are pleased to see that this Local Board is collaborating with the Kaipātiki Local Board *“on the reduction of litter, sediment, and industry pollutants to improve the water quality of streams and ponds in the catchment of the Wairau Estuary” (page 11).*

This Local Board (and many others) is supportive of the work of environmental groups and environmental education. Amongst other environmental initiatives, we support their aim to *“Prioritise funding and support zero waste initiatives that promote a circular economy”* and the *“focus on native and ecologically appropriate planting and the principle of having the right tree in the right place” (page 12).* Regarding the trees, we would caution that the wrong tree in the wrong place (in any Local Board area) does not necessarily get removed but that it is allowed to live out its natural life, or there is consideration given to transplanting the tree. We understand that there is modern machinery that enables the transplanting of large trees. Perhaps Local Boards, including this one, could advocate to the Governing Body and/or central government for investment in one of these machines.

We see that this Local Board’s intention of *“Working with our neighbouring local boards on joint environmental initiatives to increase the impacts” (page 18)* is something that all Local Boards could do – and we know that many of them are.

We are pleased to see amongst the objectives in this Local Board’s draft plan: *“Natural and built heritage are conserved and both colonial and Māori history and significant places are valued, promoted, and celebrated” (page 19).*

We support this Local Board to *“Advocate to the Governing Body for additional funding to renew our heritage asset portfolio and enable greater protection for our heritage assets” (page 20).*

We also support this initiative (and other similar ones of other Local Boards): *“Utilisation of regional funding to retrofit assets and upgrade them with solar energy saving measures” (page 22).*

On page 25 it is stated that there is: *“Limited capacity for bikes on ferries, zero capacity for bikes on buses, and the absence of infrastructure for active travel modes on the harbour bridge is a constraint on reductions to transport emissions.”* We note that there is not quite zero capacity for bikes on buses, as fold-up bikes can be taken on buses: *“For safety of the passengers on board of buses only compact folding bikes and scooters are permitted on board, and must be folded down before boarding (at.govt.nz).”*

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).

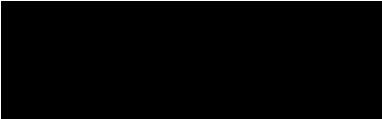
We strongly support the key initiative to: *“Ensure events and services are developed with accessibility considerations to support participation from residents with either physical or intellectual disabilities”* (page 25) and to *“Continue to prioritise and implement actions identified in the previous 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





Whau Local Board Plan

Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.

Bike Auckland

Local Board: Whau

Your feedback

1. Our people: Supporting people in our diverse communities

We will focus on promoting belonging and wellbeing, strengthening partnerships, engaging with Māori, and ensuring our diverse communities are heard and contribute to a collective west Auckland voice.

Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Tell us why

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

We will focus on protecting trees and greenspace, enhancing our waterways, and working with partners and communities to exercise the principle of kaitiakitanga and build community resilience to climate change.

Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

We will focus on providing inclusive, accessible, and sustainable facilities and services. We will ensure plans consider future community needs, climate change, and growth. We will partner with community groups to deliver quality services.

Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

We will focus on having safe, welcoming spaces that reflect our Māori history, industrial heritage (e.g. clay and ceramics), and cultural diversity. We will advocate for improved transport options and connections that help to reduce carbon emissions.

Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

We will focus on fostering effective partnerships with our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses. We will advocate for increased opportunities for employment/skill development and high-quality urban development.

Will this support and bolster our local economy?

6. Funding challenges and community investment

Whau has a diverse population. We need to ensure our facilities, spaces, and programmes are accessible, inclusive, and reflect the communities they serve. However, we also have funding challenges.

a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Tell us why

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

See Attached.

14.08.2023

Draft Local Board Plans 2023 Feedback

Who is Bike Auckland?

Bike Auckland is a non-profit organisation advocating for safer streets on behalf of everyone who rides a bike in our region - and everyone who would love to give it a go. But more than that: we believe that more people on bikes makes for a better city. Call it a virtuous cycle. Cleaner air, streets with birdsong, neighbours who know each other, elderly people staying active and healthy, children playing on quiet roads. Resilient, eco-friendly multi-modal communities which have long term sustainability. We can create this liveable city by investing in walking, cycling, and public transport. Investing now will save us more money in the future and that's the future we want to live in.

Our audience and members live and work in every local board area, all across the Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland region. This feedback is on their behalf.

Our feedback

We know our members would like to see the following in their local board plans:

- Public transport and active transport modes given priority
- Accessibility for all kinds of disabilities
- Safe streets for kids to walk and cycle to school
- Vibrant town centres with well-designed, people-oriented public spaces
- Low traffic neighbourhoods

Note: People, Environment, Economy, Place, Community are all interlinked focuses and all can be benefited through more transport choice; allowing them to choose to walk, cycle, other micromobility, or use public transport.

People: Diversity includes people who are disabled or who experience mobility difficulties. 28% of Aucklanders do not have a license, and many more do not (or cannot) drive due to illness (seizures, fatigue, anxiety), vision impairments, medication, ADD, or age. These people need the choice to safely walk, cycle and take public transport to get around. Some people find that cycling is easier, and less painful for them than walking (especially if it's an E-bike), and cycling is often recommended by physios as a way to rehabilitate after illness or injury. Providing safe ways to get around by bike creates greater accessibility for this significant portion of our population, and for everyone when they are temporarily injured and are recuperating.

Environment: Cars create run off into our waterways. Giving people the safe option to walk and cycle more will lead to healthier waterways.

Community: When people walk and cycle for their transport they make more eye contact, say hello more, and generally become more connected with their surroundings. This leads to more connected communities, greater community cohesion, greater trust in neighbours, and less loneliness and isolation. This connectedness becomes powerful during times of emergency and can make stronger communities that support each other more and have greater resilience to bounce back from disasters. Bikes can also play crucial role as resilient and versatile transport modes during disasters, especially as they are small, and do not form traffic jams the way that cars do. [More on this here](#).

Key initiatives

Safe speeds

[Safe speeds](#) on residential streets, town centres, and [around schools](#). Permanent speed reductions to 30km/hr not only provide amazing safety outcomes, they are also our fastest and cheapest way of making a safe network for cycling. If our residential areas, schools, and town centres are 30km / hr it feels (and is!) much safer to walk and ride a bike, and many more people will begin to use these transport modes for their everyday local trips.

Modal filters

Another cheap and fast improvement is use of modal filters in residential streets (such as planter boxes or bollards). Modal filters stop cars from cutting through but allow people using bikes, wheelchairs, and pushchairs to get through. Particularly for streets with a large amount of people driving through as a short-cut (rat running) modal filters can help to make the street safer, and quieter, and can also encourage locals to use their bikes and feet for short local trips.

Protected Cycleways on main arterials

Arterial roads usually have higher traffic volumes, higher speeds, and more trucks and buses. Altogether this makes a formidable environment for riding a bike! They are also usually the most direct route to a destination! To give people greater transport choice, there needs to be protected spaces along our main arterials for people to cycle in. This can be done cheap and fast through the use of road reallocation and “pop up” materials like concrete tim tams or tall rubber. We know our members would like to see a network of safer streets sooner, and this means investing in infrastructure which is cheap and fast to roll out.

Greenways

Include safe cycleways through parks, green spaces, and “[blue-green networks](#)”. These provide safe spaces for children and adults to learn to ride a bike and become more confident - they can also form amazing connections to schools, local shops, and public transport.

Safer speeds, modal filters, protected cycleways on arterials, and off road paths through parks all together will form an accessible, safe, efficient, and connected network safe places to ride a bike across our neighbourhoods. These would link people to schools, town centres, and public transport, making local trips by carbon friendly and active modes easier and more appealing.

We also want to see secure bike parking at train stations, transport hubs, town centres, and community facilities (eg. work with your local businesses to get a network of [Lockydocks!](#)), wayfinding to help people find their way around the existing cycleways, and support for community bike hubs and community events which include cycles

We’ve listed some specific transport projects we know our local members would love to see their local boards support. You can find them below in the list of specific local board area ideas.

We would like local boards to advocate for Auckland Transport to:

- Align all projects and renewals with the [Transport Emissions Reduction Pathway \(TERP\)](#) and emission reduction goals
- Support the campaign to [Liberate the Lane](#) on the Auckland Harbour Bridge for walking, cycling, and wheeling
- Advocate for an [E-bike subsidy](#) to help more people replace their car trips with bikes! E-bikes are more accessible for a wider range of people
- Invest more from the financial budget towards walking and cycling. Our emissions reduction and vision zero targets demand a larger monetary allocation towards these modes
- Make streets safer by [reducing speed limits](#) to 30km/h [around schools](#), residential streets, and town centres
- Use modal filters to stop rat running and make residential streets safer and quieter
- Provide an accessible, safe, and efficient local network of pathways and cycleways throughout the region
- Advocate for a local version of Portland's Bike [Disaster Relief Trials](#) to prepare our communities and equip them to respond during emergencies
- Improve cycle and pathway safety, including lighting, physical traffic barriers, non-slip surfaces
- Improve the local public transport network and bus lane priority (bus lanes are often used by more confident cyclists)
- Support local initiatives to reduce emissions by encouraging more use of public transport (eg. secure bike parking at transport hubs, safe cycleways connecting to public transport hubs)

Ideas for specific local board areas:

In alphabetical order...

Albert-Eden Local Board

- Advocate for delivery of the [New North road and Symonds street upgrade](#)
- Advocate for a safe cycle connection along St Luke's road
- Support having a [community bike hub](#) in or near the Mt Eden area

- Ensure the [Pt Chevalier to Westmere Improvements](#) is delivered

Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board

- Advocate for safe cycle connections from trails to airports and ferry terminals

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

- Support the campaign to [Liberate the Lane](#) on the Auckland Harbour Bridge for walking, cycling, and wheeling
- Support safer speeds, cycle improvements, and raised pedestrian crossings in [Devonport Village](#)
- Support a protected cycleway along Bayswater Avenue (especially so the kids can safely cycle to school)
- Support a protected cycleway along Lake road to connect Devonport safely to Takapuna!

Franklin Local Board

- Support local trail connections throughout the area
- Advocate for, and support, a safer Pukekohe town centre

Henderson-Massey Local Board

- Support protected cycleways through the Henderson town centre
- Advocate for a safe cycle connection from the Henderson town centre to the North Western pathway
- Advocate for a safe cycle connection from Te Atatū town centre to the North Western pathway
- Advocate for improvements for Twin Streams paths ([Opanuku](#) and [Oratia](#)) – especially where they have been damaged by recent weather

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board

- Advocate for a safe cycle connection from Whangaparāoa town centre to Shakespeare Regional Park
- Advocate for a safe cycle connection from Torbay and Browns Bay to the [Northern Corridor](#)

Howick Local Board

- Support the safe cycleway which is part of the extension of the Eastern Busway project
- Advocate for safe cycleway connections to the Eastern Busway and the cycleway beside it

Kaipātiki Local Board

- Support a safe cycle connection from Upper Harbour Drive to Albany Highway
- Support extension of the [Albany Highway](#) cycleway to connect South to the Glenfield road cycleway as was planned a long time ago!
- Advocate and support the continuation of the [Northern Pathway](#) to Westhaven
- Advocate for safe cycle connections to the Northern Pathway
- Support the campaign to [Liberate the Lane](#) on the Auckland Harbour Bridge for walking, cycling, and wheeling

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board

- Advocate for the [Waikaraka Cycleway](#) to connect all the way around Manukau Harbour to [Norana Esplanade](#) for greater transport choice (especially for people who live or work in Ōtāhuhu) and for a beautiful scenic ride
- Advocate to make the slippery paths in Norana Esplanade safer for people using bikes!
- Support a safe cycleway connection from Māngere Town Centre and the Airport all the way to Nga Hau Māngere Bridge (connecting schools along the way!)
- Advocate for a safe cycle connection from Ōtāhuhu to Sylvia Park

Manurewa Local Board

- Pop up cycleways, such as using concrete tim tams to make a protected on road cycleway, are a fast and cheap way of creating a safe cycle network. Let this board know whether or not you support pop up cycleways for this area
- Support a safe, protected cycleway along Mahia and Roscommon roads
- Support and deliver a [walking and cycling bridge](#) over Papakura stream to connect Wattle Downs and Waiata Shores
- Advocate for an extension of the Southern Corridor further North to connect to the CBD (eg. along Great South road)

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board

- Advocate for the [Waikaraka Cycleway](#) to connect all the way around Manukau Harbour to [Norana Esplanade](#) for greater transport choice (especially for people who live or work in Ōtāhuhu) and for a beautiful scenic ride
- Advocate for safe cycle connections from the existing surrounding cycleways through Mt Wellington (eg. Waikaraka Cycleway, Eastern Busway cycleway in Panmure)
- Advocate for a safe cycle connection from Panmure through to the Glen Innes shared path (from which you can ride safely all the way to the CBD!)
- Advocate for a safe cycle network [through Onehunga](#) and connecting to Royal Oak roundabout
- Advocate to make [Royal Oak roundabout safer](#) for everyone (there are some glaring gaps in safety for people riding bikes!)

Ōrākei Local Board

- Advocate for and deliver the Gowing Drive connection to Te Ara ki Uta ki Tai, the Glen Innes to Tāmaki shared path
- Support the completion of [Stage 4 of Te Ara ki Uta ki Tai](#)
- Advocate for a space for local mountain bike tracks and skills equipment
- Advocate to make the slippery boardwalks safer for people using bikes!

Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board

- Support delivery of a local bike park
- Advocate for an extension of the Southern Corridor further North to connect to the CBD (eg. along Great South road)

Papakura Local Board

- 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
- Advocate for safe cycle connections to the Southern Corridor

Puketāpapa Local Board

- Continue to support safe cycle connections throughout the area

Rodney Local Board

- Support a safe cycle connection from the NorthWestern shared path through to the Kumeū town centre

Upper Harbour Local Board

- Advocate for a safe cycleway along [Oteha Valley Road](#)
- Advocate and support the continuation of the [Northern Pathway](#) to Westhaven
- Advocate for safe cycle connections to the Northern Pathway
- Support extension of the [Albany Highway](#) cycleway southwards to connect to the Glenfield road cycleway as was planned a long time ago!
- Support the campaign to [Liberate the Lane](#) on the Auckland Harbour Bridge for walking, cycling, and wheeling

Waiheke Local Board

- Advocate for safe, protected cycleways throughout the island!

Waitākere Ranges Local Board

- Support safe cycle connections to public transport hubs
- Support safe cycle connections through Glen Eden and to the Waikumete stream
- Advocate for a safe cycle connection through to Kelston and New Lynn
- Investigate potential for cycle trails through the Waitākere area

Waitematā Local Board

- Continue to support and implement the [City Centre Masterplan](#)
- Connect [Te Hā Noa](#) up to the rest of the Victoria Street cycleway; under current plans there will be a sad gap of a couple of blocks between them!
- Make sure [the Strand](#) has a safe connection for bikes to cross the bridge over the railway (to Tāmaki Drive / Quay st)
- Support safe walking and cycling connections around the [Karanga-a-hape station](#) and to the rest of the cycleway network
- Ensure the delivery of the [Great North road street improvement project](#)
- Support the [Waitematā Safer Routes](#) to get funded and delivered
- Support the campaign to [Liberate the Lane](#) on the Auckland Harbour Bridge for walking, cycling, and wheeling

Whau Local Board

- Support the completion of the next section of [Te Whau Pathway](#)
- Continuing open streets events through the Avondale town centre (eg. regularly on Sundays when the market is on)
- Support safe cycle connections through New Lynn and Kelston
- Support the [New North road and Symonds street upgrade](#) (it connects along the top of Rosebank road)



Whau Local Board Plan

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Community Groups Feeding the Homeless Inc.

Local Board: Whau

Your feedback

1. Our people: Supporting people in our diverse communities

We will focus on promoting belonging and wellbeing, strengthening partnerships, engaging with Māori, and ensuring our diverse communities are heard and contribute to a collective west Auckland voice.

Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Tell us why

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

We will focus on protecting trees and greenspace, enhancing our waterways, and working with partners and communities to exercise the principle of kaitiakitanga and build community resilience to climate change.

Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

We will focus on providing inclusive, accessible, and sustainable facilities and services. We will ensure plans consider future community needs, climate change, and growth. We will partner with community groups to deliver quality services.

Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

We will focus on having safe, welcoming spaces that reflect our Māori history, industrial heritage (e.g. clay and ceramics), and cultural diversity. We will advocate for improved transport options and connections that help to reduce carbon emissions.

Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

We will focus on fostering effective partnerships with our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses. We will advocate for increased opportunities for employment/skill development and high-quality urban development.

Will this support and bolster our local economy?

6. Funding challenges and community investment

Whau has a diverse population. We need to ensure our facilities, spaces, and programmes are accessible, inclusive, and reflect the communities they serve. However, we also have funding challenges.

a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Tell us why

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

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”

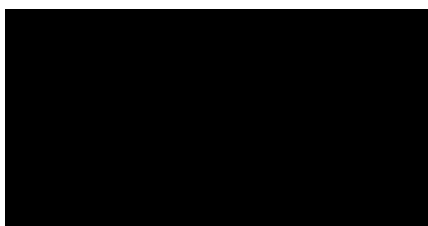
“Positive outcomes for our diverse communities and less prosperous populations (page 13).”

“Improve open spaces, considering public need for shade, shelter, drinking fountains, and toilets” (page 29).

Date of submission:

14 August 2023

Signature:

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Audrey van Ryn,

Secretary,

Community Groups Feeding the Homeless Inc.



Whau Local Board Plan

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Community Cat Coalition Inc.

Local Board: Whau

Your feedback

1. Our people: Supporting people in our diverse communities

We will focus on promoting belonging and wellbeing, strengthening partnerships, engaging with Māori, and ensuring our diverse communities are heard and contribute to a collective west Auckland voice.

Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Tell us why

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

We will focus on protecting trees and greenspace, enhancing our waterways, and working with partners and communities to exercise the principle of kaitiakitanga and build community resilience to climate change.

Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

We will focus on providing inclusive, accessible, and sustainable facilities and services. We will ensure plans consider future community needs, climate change, and growth. We will partner with community groups to deliver quality services.

Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

We will focus on having safe, welcoming spaces that reflect our Māori history, industrial heritage (e.g. clay and ceramics), and cultural diversity. We will advocate for improved transport options and connections that help to reduce carbon emissions.

Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

We will focus on fostering effective partnerships with our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses. We will advocate for increased opportunities for employment/skill development and high-quality urban development.

Will this support and bolster our local economy?

6. Funding challenges and community investment

Whau has a diverse population. We need to ensure our facilities, spaces, and programmes are accessible, inclusive, and reflect the communities they serve. However, we also have funding challenges.

a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

Tell us why

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

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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Your feedback

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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

Everything just said... If it is done to that extent and especially beyond the promise is great, exactly what you wrote.

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

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Does this reflect your community's environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Tait Park
Canai Reserve

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

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Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

Allow them to do stuff. Safety first.

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Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

More Maori writing everywhere!! Label every place alongside English with Te Reo Maori... The tourists and internationals will love it...

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

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Will this support and bolster our local economy?

The employer must speak fairly and not cruelly. moral codes and justness/behavior should be legally enforced.

6. Funding challenges and community investment

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a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

Free public transport #1

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?

7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

I don't know

Tell us why

It's your choice in so many ways.

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

Label everything as largely as it is English. in Te Reo Maori! there will be more and more people coming in and living in Auckland from overseas and housing is all about more apartment and basically that's it. but quality and build will matter more than l



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Friends of Oakley Creek

Local Board: Whau

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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See attached.



Ngā Ringa o Te Auaunga
Friends of Oakley Creek

Submission on the Whau Local Board Plan 2023

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Introduction:

Ngā Ringa o Te Auaunga - Friends of Oakley Creek Te Auaunga (FofOC) is a community-based organisation that plays the role of on-the-ground kaitiaki for our local awa, and concerns itself with the protection, restoration and enhancement of the natural ecological values of Te Auaunga and its environs.

Te Auaunga - Oakley Creek is one of the few remaining open waterways on the Auckland isthmus, flowing through an extensive network of green space and parks, from the northern slopes of Hillsborough Road through into a marine reserve of national significance – the Motu Manawa Pollen Island Marine Reserve, and the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park. It provides a range of values, including open space, recreation, heritage, habitat and connectivity for both people and wildlife. It is significant as a natural resource and has unique Māori and early European heritage.

Since 2004, FofOC has worked in partnership with Auckland Council, local boards and the community to protect and restore our precious awa and environment. With the support of volunteers, we have planted tens of thousands of trees, undertaken extensive pest plant and animal control, and regularly monitor the water quality across the catchment.

Whenever the opportunity arises, we advocate for greater protection of the natural environment and improved freshwater quality through policy and regulations, and have submitted on relevant bills, plans and policies, both locally and nationally.

Submission:

Ngā Ringa o Te Auaunga - Friends of Oakley Creek Te Auaunga (FoOC) welcomes the opportunity to submit on the Whau Local Board Plan 2023.

We would like to commend the board for its vision for the coming year, including for *Ngā huanga Māori - Māori outcomes* and *Te Tāruke ā-Tāwhiri - Climate Action*. However, the focus of our submission is, mainly, on ensuring the protection and enhancement of our natural environment, our awa and harbours.

We support the following:

Initiatives / Activities:

- Our streams, waterways and harbours are protected, enhanced, and their mauri restored:
Build a volunteer base focused on environmental and ecological improvements.
Ensure the Whau River and its tributaries are cared for through programmes that carry out native riparian planting, stream restoration and clean ups, habitat improvement, and pest control activities.
- Our communities are supported to exercise the principle of kaitiakitanga in their local areas.
Engage with mana whenua to explore opportunities to recognise mātauranga Māori in respect to environmental issues.
Work with organisations to deliver programmes and events that educate and support skill development as it relates to the principle of kaitiakitanga.
- Our environment is resilient to climate change and carbon emissions and waste are reduced through partnerships and/or with external resources.
Enable schools, businesses, environmental groups, and community volunteers to carry out ecological and environmental projects and programmes that achieve climate action goals.
- More trees are planted, and existing significant trees are protected.
Continue to support the Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy through the approved Ngahere Action Plan 2022, and work to identify and implement other initiatives to increase our tree canopy cover (including advocacy for tree protection).
- Plans and development that consider current and future community needs as well as climate change and accommodate for future growth.
Masterplan and park design initiatives discussed under this objective consider climate challenges and vulnerabilities as well as opportunities e.g. tree planting).

Advocacy:

Central Government:

- For legislation to protect a greater number of significant trees.

The Governing Body:

- For better infrastructure and investment in projects that can adapt to and lessen climate impacts (e.g. water sensitive design, greenhouse gas reduction, etc.).
- To ensure appropriate investment is considered and reflects community need for green space.
- Protection of existing green space and considerations for the addition of green space, where possible.
- Better infrastructure and investment in projects that can adapt to and lessen climate impacts (e.g. water sensitive design, greenhouse gas reduction, etc.)

Kainga Ora:

- To ensure that infrastructure and development 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.

Recommendations:

- *Initiatives / Activities:*

As per for the Whau River, add another initiative – *Te Auaunga is cared for through programmes that carry out native riparian planting, stream restoration and clean ups, habitat improvement, and pest control activities.*

- *Advocacy:*

Include - *Advocate for new legislation to include rules that provide local authorities the ability to introduce planning controls on how urban trees are assessed and protected.*

- *Tirohanga take pūtea whānui - Financial overview* – If our streams and harbours, and natural environment are to be valued and resourced appropriately to ensure their protection, FofOC recommends that the amount allocated for *Local Environment Management* be increased to reflect this.

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14th August, 2023



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Rosebank Business Association

Local Board: Whau

Your feedback

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Will this help you and your community to thrive?

Yes

Tell us why

The RBA supports the Board's aspiration for strong, resilient, and inclusive communities where local identity, diversity and creativity are nurtured. Of course, we see business success and employment as a key element of making strong community connections and resilience. We encourage the Board to include a business flavour in this outcome and to support place making in Rosebank and events involving businesses. We believe supporting a stronger creative economy will provide a launch pad for our flourishing creative community and businesses. We support inclusion of an action to develop a creative industries economic development plan and would be pleased to work with you on this.

2. Our environment: Protecting our natural environment

We will focus on protecting trees and greenspace, enhancing our waterways, and working with partners and communities to exercise the principle of kaitiakitanga and build community resilience to climate change.

Does this reflect your community’s environmental priorities?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

We note that the Whau Local Board has projects that support residents to remove weeds and pests to improve the air, land, water, and habitat for our native species. These projects are focused on cleaning the harbours and waterways and reducing waste to la

3. Our community: Supporting community participation with our services and facilities

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Will this support increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

We note that Auckland Council has identified Avondale as a key focus and will be working with Panuku, the government, landowners, and developers to enable quality development. The RBA has a keen interest in these developments (especially the connections to the Rosebank industrial area). We would welcome further engagement in the transformation of Avondale. The RBA is also supportive of investigating possible initiatives and/or areas of advocacy to incentivise sustainable building initiatives such as rainwater storage and stormwater detention tanks, rain gardens, solar panels, and other innovative solutions to reduce the environmental impact of development (especially in industrial areas).

4. Our places: Supporting our growth, development, transport and accessibility

We will focus on having safe, welcoming spaces that reflect our Māori history, industrial heritage (e.g. clay and ceramics), and cultural diversity. We will advocate for improved transport options and connections that help to reduce carbon emissions.

Will this make Whau a great place to live and work in?

Yes

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

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We wish to raise our concerns regarding the lack of accessibility to and from the Rosebank Peninsula, which impacts on the ability of the industrial pr

5. Our economy: Supporting our economic development

We will focus on fostering effective partnerships with our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses. We will advocate for increased opportunities for employment/skill development and high-quality urban development.

Will this support and bolster our local economy?

Overall, the RBA supports the actions to build a stronger economy. However, in addition, the RBA would like to see support for key initiatives to:

- Work closely with Business Associations to support local businesses to be successful.
- Support the promot

6. Funding challenges and community investment

Whau has a diverse population. We need to ensure our facilities, spaces, and programmes are accessible, inclusive, and reflect the communities they serve. However, we also have funding challenges.

a) Can you tell us what services are essential to you and why?

b) How might we offer services differently and still meet community need?**7. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?**

Yes, mostly agree

Tell us why

While the Association is generally supportive of the Whau Local Board Plan 2023, it would have liked the Local Board to have placed more of a priority on resolving transport issues in the Rosebank area and local economic development. In this regard, the RBA believes the Plan should include stronger goals and actions to partner with the business community, especially to realise specific shared aspirations around transport.

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

The RBA supports the emphasis in the Plan on Māori aspirations being advanced and prioritised, and Māori history and identity being valued and reflected in our community spaces. In particular, we support the Board's continued support for partners who offe



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SUBMISSION TO THE DRAFT WHAU LOCAL BOARD PLAN 2023

The Rosebank Business Association ('RBA') welcomes the opportunity to make this submission to the Whau Local Board Plan 2023.

The RBA is located on over 154 hectares of land situated north of Avondale between Eastdale Reserve and the Patiki Road junction point of the North-Western Motorway. It comprises about 600+ commercial, industrial, and service businesses employing over 9000 FTE's. While the RBA was incorporated in 2004, it didn't become a BID until 2005/6. It has often been viewed as the last Western outpost of the then Auckland City Council and thankfully this status was updated with the emergence of one Auckland Council and its 21 Wards. Rosebank plays a significant role in generating local GDP, high employment, and demand for skilled labour in the Whau Local Board area.

While the Association generally believes the Whau Local Board Plan 2023 reflects the needs and aspirations of the RBA and the community, it would have liked the Local Board to have placed more of a priority on resolving transport issues in the Rosebank area and local economic development. In this regard, the RBA believes the Plan would benefit from including stronger goals and actions to partner with the business community, especially to realise specific shared aspirations around transport.

As a general rule, the RBA opposes any above-inflation increases in business rates. By generating our own private income of about 45 cents in every dollar, we believe the private sector can play an important role in supporting local community activities. We believe the golden rule for all proposed Whau Local Board activities must be to find ways of achieving these with only modest rate increases.

In particular, the RBA asks that the *Whau Local Board Plan 2023* include more emphasis on:

- Support for business growth
- Support for local skills alignment between workplaces and educators
- Advocacy for more promotion of 'buy local'
- Addressing street racers in Jomac and Timothy Places, and
- Addressing burglaries in the Rosebank area

Turning to more specific aspects of the *Whau Local Board Plan 2023*, the RBA would like to make submissions as follows under each of the sections of the Plan:

Māori outcomes:

The RBA supports the emphasis in the Plan on Māori aspirations being advanced and prioritised, and Māori history and identity being valued and reflected in our community spaces. In particular, we support the Board's continued support for partners who offer rangatahi and Māori employment/skill development opportunities.

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We note that while Outcome 5 on the economy also includes support for businesses who support rangatahi and Māori employment/skill development opportunities, we would like to see more focus on Māori economic development throughout the Plan.

Climate Action:

The RBA supports the Board's commitments to climate action and would welcome being involved in the next steps for implementation of the Whau Local Low Carbon Plan. In particular, better infrastructure and investment in projects that can adapt to and lessen climate impacts is welcome (e.g. water sensitive design, greenhouse gas reduction, etc.)

We also welcome action to enable schools, businesses, environmental groups, and community volunteers to carry out ecological and environmental projects and programmes that achieve climate action goals (e.g. live low carbon lifestyles, minimise waste, etc.). The RBA and its members have also been supportive of ensuring the Whau River and its tributaries are cared for through programmes that carry out native riparian planting, stream restoration and clean ups, habitat improvement, and pest control activities.

We also look forward to the Board partnering with business associations to realise shared aspirations around local economic matters (e.g. low carbon, local resilience, circular economy, etc.)

Outcome 1: Our people

Your Plan says the Board will focus on promoting belonging and wellbeing, strengthening partnerships, engaging with Māori, and ensuring our diverse communities are heard and contribute to a collective we Auckland voice).

The RBA supports the Board's aspiration for strong, resilient, and inclusive communities where local identity, diversity and creativity are nurtured. Of course, we see business success and employment as a key element of making strong community connections and resilience. We encourage the Board to include a business flavour in this outcome and to support place making in Rosebank and events involving businesses.

We believe supporting a stronger creative economy will provide a launch pad for our flourishing creative community and businesses. We support inclusion of an action to develop a creative industries economic development plan and would be pleased to work with you on this.

Outcome 2: Our environment

Your Plan says the Board will focus on protecting trees and greenspace, enhancing our waterways, and working with partners and communities to exercise the principle of kaitiakitanga and build community resilience to climate change.

We note that the Whau Local Board has projects that support residents to remove weeds and pests to improve the air, land, water, and habitat for our native species. These projects are focused on cleaning the harbours and waterways and reducing waste to landfill.

We ask the Board to include an action to carry out community pest and weed programmes, particularly along the Whau River and the Rosebank Peninsula. We have worked with the Board regarding the removal of weeds, especially in the Auckland Council owned coastal area adjacent to the Harbourside development. We hope that the Board will accept that the Council must also have its own house in order on the issue of weed control.

We also ask the Board to investigate initiatives to build on the success of the Industrial Pollution Prevention Programme with a particular focus on identifying and remediating some of the more passive sources of water contamination.

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Of some concern for the RBA is localised nuisance from dust and air pollution and we ask for the Board to have focus on this in the Plan.

Outcome 3: Our community

Your Plan says the Board will focus on providing inclusive, accessible, and sustainable facilities and services. We will ensure plans consider future community needs, climate change, and growth. We will partner with community groups to deliver quality services.

We note that Auckland Council has identified Avondale as a key focus and will be working with Panuku, the government, landowners, and developers to enable quality development. The RBA has a keen interest in these developments (especially the connections to the Rosebank industrial area). We would welcome further engagement in the transformation of Avondale.

The RBA is also supportive of investigating possible initiatives and/or areas of advocacy to incentivise sustainable building initiatives such as rainwater storage and stormwater detention tanks, rain gardens, solar panels, and other innovative solutions to reduce the environmental impact of development (especially in industrial areas).

Outcome 4: Our places

Your Plan says the Board will focus on having safe, welcoming spaces that reflect our Māori history, industrial heritage (e.g. clay and ceramics), and cultural diversity. We will advocate for improved transport options and connections that help to reduce carbon emissions.

We welcome your support for Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and other partners to improve safety.

We wish to raise our concerns regarding the lack of accessibility to and from the Rosebank Peninsula, which impacts on the ability of the industrial precinct to grow and improve its productivity. We ask for your support to:

- Address the issue of street racers in Rosebank (sometimes up to 100 cars congregating on Jomac and Timothy Places).
- Investigate any potential low-cost improvements to safety and accessibility for people traveling to and from the Rosebank Peninsula using active modes.
- Advocate to Auckland Transport for a review of the current bus network and opportunity for increased provision of feeder bus services to New Lynn, and shuttle buses to the Rosebank Peninsula.
- Advocate for improvements to vehicular access to the Rosebank Peninsula, and for the implementation of the North-western Rapid Transit Network incorporating access at Rosebank, along with complementary public transport and active transport improvements on this key corridor.
- Investigate options for low-cost demand management tools and promote these across the Whau, including working with employers to promote flexible working.

Further, we ask that the Whau Local Board Plan 2023 consider the following:

Waterview Tunnel: There have been changes in the transport flows with the opening of the Waterview Tunnel and the completion of the SH16/20 works. The Rosebank area is being monitored and Auckland Transport shares the concerns of the RBA that there has been an increase in demand during peak traffic

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periods at Patiki. The RBA has also noted that traffic volumes have been linked to the schools in the area and redevelopments in the areas. We ask that the Plan include an action to work with Auckland Transport on reducing the impacts of the Waterview Tunnel on Rosebank.

The Patiki Road On-ramp – Dynamic Laning: The RBA has raised concerns about the Patiki Road on-ramp and the merging of traffic into the motorway. A current option is to trial dynamic lanes using overhead and in-ground signals so that different lanes are used at peak and non-peak times. This has been successfully trailed in Whangaparoa and the RBA understands that Patiki Road is high on the list for implementation. We ask that the Plan include an action to work with Auckland Transport on implementing dynamic laning as soon as possible at Patiki Road.

Heavy Vehicle Movements: A particular concern of the RBA is that heavy vehicles are struggling at times to get out into the Rosebank Road corridor across traffic. The RBA supports consideration being given to rules or signage to give priority to freight rather than smaller private vehicles. We ask that the Plan include an action to work on ways to give priority to heavy vehicles using Rosebank Road.

Timothy Place traffic lights: We support investigations into whether traffic lights are appropriate at Timothy Place. We ask that the Plan include an action to work with Auckland Transport to improve the intersection of Timothy Place and Rosebank Road with traffic lights.

Connected Communities: As a key arterial, Rosebank has been included in the Connected Communities programme. We ask that the Plan include an action to ensure the Auckland Transport Connected Communities programme has a focus on a solution for Rosebank Road.

Finally, we also welcome your advocacy to progress the development of the Avondale-Southdown rail line to support freight movement.

Outcome 5: Our economy

Your Plan says the Board will focus on fostering effective partnerships with our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses. We will advocate for increased opportunities for employment/skill development and high-quality urban development.

We note the Plan's concern about the challenges to economic and employment growth in the Whau.

Overall, the RBA supports the actions to build a stronger economy. However, in addition, the RBA would like to see support for key initiatives to:

- Work closely with Business Associations to support local businesses to be successful.
- Support the promotion of business opportunities in the Whau.
- Work with other boards in the West to support the growth of new and more successful businesses.
- Build on our arts and cultural heritage and capacity to grow our creative economy.
- Facilitate our youth employment initiatives to work well together.
- Address burglaries in the area.
- Further support the Rosebank Wellbeing Collab.
- Support the proposal to investigate an economic broker role to progress economic development opportunities.

Conclusions

The RBA welcomes the opportunity to make this submission to the Whau Local Board Plan 2023.

While the Association is generally supportive of the Whau Local Board Plan 2023, it would have liked the Local Board to have placed more of a priority on resolving transport issues in the Rosebank area



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and local economic development. In this regard, the RBA believes the Plan should include stronger goals and actions to partner with the business community, especially to realise specific shared aspirations around transport.

The Association wishes to be heard at any hearings of the Whau Local Board Plan 2023.

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