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Draft Golf Investment Plan 2022

Puketapapa

Local Board

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Puketāpapa

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Already have chamberlain/ takapuna public courses , aviation purchased by Auckland airport sits idle - why inhibit golfers like me who purchased in economic downturns 1992 to save my club which now thrives being central Auckland- I would want substantial payment for my lifetime membership which I hope to use for another 25 years we'll into retirement

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: These clubs have taken 75 years of massive volunteer labour to be taken from members like me with no thanks - others could have bought in at other times when golf was struggling- much cheaper and volunteered- this is called planning

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Juniors yes only but don't destroy sports clubs they are places of socialisation and competition for kids

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: Our green keepers already do this

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Help finance kids into the network of clubs

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Kids yes, adults use our good public courses

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   I don't know

   Tell us why: VAgue statement

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Already done

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Plenty of opportunity for adults- children need the game promoting

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   Tell us why:

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2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Support

   Tell us why: Care needs to be taken to ensure that it is genuinely accessible for all Aucklanders including those with physical disabilities which may impact access. It is also important to ensure that everyone feels welcome (especially as golf has traditionally been a male-dominated sport reserved for wealthy or upper middle-class people).

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Support

   Tell us why: This is good in theory as long as services are free and accessible.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: Provided best practice standards really are upheld and regularly updated.

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   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: See below point

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: I agree with using the land for multiple purposes, however special care needs to be taken to ensure that ALL Aucklanders really do have access to this resource, which means that where possible all steps are taken to ensure that Aucklanders with physical disabilities are assisted and encouraged to participate. To do so would require consultation with Auckland's (physically) disabled community and ensuring that their recommendations are enacted.

   The draft plan mentions potentially installing new playgrounds - Again, care needs to be taken to ensure that playground equipment is accessible for children with physical disabilities. This has been done other places so there is no excuse for it not to be done here.

   Please refer to this artice

   https://wellington.govt.nz/news-and-events/news-and-information/our-wellington/2021/05/cyrus-dahl

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Support

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Re: Equitable Access

Ensure that visitors have access to free equipment (or the ability to rent equipment at an extremely low cost) so that a requirement to invest in golfing equipment doesn't stop people with lower incomes / more casual players from participating

Free access to ALL golf courses on publicly owned land

As a general recommendation connect with local schools located near publicly owned land to set up a day/week where students can try out golf and possibly have a couple of volunteers come along to get them started. This could be done in smaller groups but free equipment and access should be provided. This would help younger people who may not have tried otherwise to try out golf, and may therefore entice them into the sport.

Some golf courses should also be converted to land for ACCESSIBLE social housing specifically designed to meet the needs of people with physical disabilities.

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   Support

   Tell us why: What moved me most to support the plan was how the suggestions are in line with the Māori Plan directions

Objectives

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2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Support

   Tell us why: Golfers do not represent who lives in Auckland today.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Support

   Tell us why: People have different time constraints, more people are used to virtual recreational experiences such as cyclists using Swift. A wider range of golfing experiences should be on offer for a wider range of people.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: Our open spaces are precious. Having them just to grow grass is on my mind a poor use of land.

Key shift

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5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: Money is short today, how it is used must be scrutinised.

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: See above comments

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Support

   Tell us why: See comments above.

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why: Again see comments above.

Other feedback

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   Please do not sell of land for housing.

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Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Support

   Tell us why: I support the need to diversify the use of public golf land for the masses to enjoy! I think that there is so much beautiful land in Auckland that is locked up in Golf Courses that can be used by everyone

Objectives

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2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Support

   Tell us why:

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I think it should be on the shoulders of clubs to push for equity and participation in golf, the cost to entry is going to hard to overcome for most of the low participation groups

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: Adding to this, I would love to see other forms of golf, such as Disc Golf be included heavily. The other courses in Auckland on council land (Henderson Park, Rosedale Park, Pae o Te Rangi and Waitawa) are really well used, with the smaller ones having large numbers of players each week. Adding access to more disc golf across the region is only going to be good (disc golf is more inclusive and the barrier to entry is very low.) With some disc golf courses closer to the city, to more players there will definitely be more use, helping to grow the game and use of the parks and courses. For example Berhampore Hills in Wellington is a mixed use golf and disc golf course and the disc golf part of the course is used as much as the golf course. It is a great example of how the course can be used by different golf users without compromising on the quality of the game.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Support

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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Your feedback

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   Support

   Tell us why:

Objectives

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2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Support

   Tell us why:

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Support

   Tell us why:

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

Support

Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: Need more walking, cycling and running trails for all to enjoy.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Support

   Tell us why: Love the focus on women and youth

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Support

   Tell us why: It recognises that Council held land, especially green areas, should be maintained in a way that benefits as many people as possible, not just those with the means to play golf.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Support

   Tell us why: A golf club in a suburban area does not make sense, it takes up far too much land for the value it provides to only a few people. Especially considering the number of people who could potentially be benefiting from using it as a park.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There are a number of private golf courses in Auckland that people are free to join, thus catering for their needs. Furthermore, there are a number of golf courses in the rural areas of Auckland that people are welcome to use. We don't expect horse polo or mountain biking parks to be in suburban Auckland so why should golf courses?

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: Auckland has limited large, green areas and parks. Reconverted golf courses would really help boost the biodiversity that people in built up areas need.

Key shift

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5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: Rather than devoting money and resources to wealthy, white constituents, Auckland Council needs to be an organistaion that plans and makes decisions that benefit everyone equally. Any less is simply racism.

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: As per above

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: As stated, there are private course that people are available to use. It might make sense to retain some nine hole courses that are not near good transport links, there fore no wasting suburban land too much, but these would have to be quite far out from the CBD to make sense.

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why: As per above, our green space and biodiversity are being squeezed and are already limited. The value of this resource will only grow in the future, and it needs to be prioritised and maintained.

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   It would be amazing if something could be organised so that Akarana Golf Club and Maungakiekie were merged into 1 course, specifically so that Maungakiekie was kept. The land at Akarana would be much better served as an extension to Keith Hay Park, as well as land to be developed for housing, especially given the development around Mount Roskill South. I realise Auckland Council may not have any legal standing in this matter, but they could certainly raise the profile of the idea and get people thinking about a better way we could use all of our land and golf courses.

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Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Support

   Tell us why: I think that council owned spaces need to be available to be enjoyed by ALL residents. A council owned golf course being reserved to be used by only some members of the public is a breach of this. Furthermore given that golf is generally enjoyed by those of higher socioeconomic status and Pakeha, the exclusive use of council owned spaces for the purpose of golf perpetuates inequity.

   We need to ensure that council owned space (which every Auckland resident's rates pay for) need to be enjoyed by all residents of all socioecoonomic status and ethnicities.

   For this response I am heavily in support of the Golf Investment Plan

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Support

   Tell us why: As mentioned above - council owned spaces need to be available to be enjoyed by ALL residents. A council owned golf course being reserved to be used by only some members of the public is a breach of this. Furthermore given that golf is generally enjoyed by those of higher socioeconomic status and Pakeha, the exclusive use of council owned spaces for the purpose of golf perpetuates inequity.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There are many private golf courses where individuals can go any play golf. These institutions are more than capable of fulfilling the needs and services of golf players.

Council-owned golf clubs should be repurposed to facilitate participation from all members of the community in a sport and recreation sense, without focussing on 'golf experiences' per se.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: We need more biodiversity with regards to flora and fauna. Biodiversity adds to the physical and mental wellbeing of individuals and the community in which they live. Council owned golf courses are vast in area, and thus present an unparalleled opportunity for the council to practice ecosystem management and conservation of biodiversity.

Key shift

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5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: Increasing benefits to ALL Aucklanders ensures that equity is maintained. There is a dearth of maintained greenspace, particularly in lower socioeconomic areas. The Golf Investment Plan would help in rectifying this issue.

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: Again the key principle here is equity. All Auckland residents pay rates, therefore we should all be able to receive the benefits with regard to sport and recreation spaces.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

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   Partially support

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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   Support

   Tell us why:

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   Support

   Tell us why:

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Support

   Tell us why:

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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Tell us why:

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   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why:

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why: Ecosystem management around golf courses has the opportunity to provide greater consideration for native species, incl bird nesting and corridor access between coastal and inland forest ecosystems.

Other feedback

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   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Objectives

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2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Support

   Tell us why:

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I don't see why one sport should get this special attention

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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Support

Tell us why:

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   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why:

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Support

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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   I support fewer/smaller urban golf courses, in order to open up more recreational space for general use, and more space for housing

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   Don't support

   Tell us why: Short sighted and takes away from the golf communities needs.

Objectives

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2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The council have a track record of mismanagement and incompetency. I have no confidence, based on the proposal, that they have the necessary understanding, ability to manage or realise the objectives.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There needs to be more engagement and study of why some groups have low participation. Just because the participation is low, it doesn't mean that they need to be catered to. In fact it can be argued that they should be catered to less and those participating should have more input.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: This makes sense and should be supported by council, not driven by.

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Not all Aucklanders want use of outdoor spaces currently utilised by golf. There are multiple alternatives for them should that be the case.

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There are ample facilities currently without impinging on golf courses.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There are ample facilities currently without impinging on golf courses.

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   The plan is short sighted and does not take into account the current users of these golf courses or the impact it will have on other golf courses should the changes be implemented. This is another case of the council being out of touch with the community and it's needs.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Puketāpapa

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I support the goal of ensuring all Aucklanders have access to publicly funded golf land as it has been gate kept by a small minority of people for far too long. All residents should be able to enjoy the areas and steps should be taken to ensure all age groups and racial demographics are encouraged and have access to them.

   I would urge the council to look deeper into whether the vast amount of land area these golf courses take up are an efficient use of the land, especially in more urban areas where housing has become unaffordable for lower and middle income people. Allowing these areas to become mixed-purpose with housing, parks and recreational areas would encourage a more welcoming and efficient use that entices people from all walks of life.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Support

   Tell us why: These areas have been only available to a small minority of well-off groups for far too long.

   People from every walk of life should be able to enjoy publicly funded/maintained land.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Support

   Tell us why:

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

Support

Tell us why:

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: With a growing population we need to ensure the land we do have publicly available is used for a multitude of activities rather than one.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Puketāpapa

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: The report seems somewhat focused on making golf more accessible to people who otherwise wouldn't play. But I think there is many more barriers to playing and perhaps people aren't that interested in golf anyway as it need some time investment in improving skill level before it is enjoyable

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Support

   Tell us why: Absolutely this land belongs to all Aucklanders.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I think the appetite for playing golf is not so high

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: Golf courses usually use lots of pesticides to maintain the greens and the trees are not suitable habitat for native species. A huge waste of land that could be used for nature conservation.

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why:

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   I support the idea that locking away large areas of land inside urban boundaries for the purposes of playing just one sport, golf, by a small number of dedicated golfers, is unconscionable and a huge waste of potential. I would support large sections of publicly owned golf courses to be set aside for nature restoration and for other recreational purposes.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Puketāpapa

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: There is a witch hunt mentality here about the use of public golf courses. This is perhaps overblown by the media as being golf for the rich. While that may be the case in a few instances, most Auckland golfers using public facilities are not rich.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: As long as the courses are mostly retained for golf purposes.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Support

   Tell us why: Golf needs to be more accessible to the general population. Many cannot afford to play.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: there needs to be some access to golf courses for the general public.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   yes. I am a golf club member and play competitive golf regularly.

   When I lived in the UK I lived close to Royal Wimbledon. This was a very elite course. 4 of the holes on the course were leased from the council. As part of that lease arrangement, ratepayers in that borough were allowed to play at the course at the 'members guest' rate at limited times. That was all day Monday and after 6pm Tues - Friday (which was do-able in the summer). The RW club absolutely hated it, but that was the deal.

   In Auckland we have 13 golf courses. The ACC needs to consider what access to play golf it needs to give to the ratepayers (including people living at their houses). It should not be a free for all and it should not be allowed to undermine the existing members of that club. But some limited access for ratepayers/residents needs to be considered.

   I find the situation at Remuera very annoying and most definitely inequitable. They are creating a very elitist club which is definitely limited to a very few well off people. That situation needs to be looked at.

The cost of visitor there is very prohibitive - like $120. The club is also making a very substantial profit on its driving range and this needs to be considered in the annual lease payments of the club. Money is being made here that is very excessive and the elitist attitude of the club is at times offensive. I respect that Remuera is running a business and its needs to be financially viable, but some of the profits derived from what is public land needs to go back to the public coffers.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Puketāpapa

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf is growing dramatically in participation numbers. It is becoming less and less true to say that fewer women, young people and ethnicities other than European are playing golf than white men.

   Many clubs have very active junior and women's programmes, encouraging those groups to start and continue playing golf

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I support increased equity, sport and recreation for all Aucklanders. It does not follow that this needs to be on land currently used for golf, nor that this land is better used for something other than golf.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Support

   Tell us why: I support increased participation in golf by everyone, including groups who are currently less likely to be golfers. However, this will not be achieved by converting public golf courses into other facilities.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

Tell us why: This is without doubt achievable while the land continues to be used for golf.

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: This is sensible but has nothing to do with golf courses.

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: All Aucklanders can use golf courses. It is unclear why this land is required for other sports when there are many other playing fields in Auckland.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Partially support

   Tell us why: It is unclear what " a broad golf service offering across the network" means in practice. It does not and should not require a reduction in the number of golf courses in Auckland.

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why: Absolutely. This should already be happening. It has no bearing on whether the land should be used for golf or not.

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   With participation in golf rocketing upwards in New Zealand, it would be foolish to reduce the number of facilities available for golf in Auckland, especially as the facilities most at risk are those which are at the affordable end of the range for the average Aucklander.

   The existing network of private and public golf facilities provide a wide variety of pricing for membership and green fees which makes golf accessible to a diverse range of participants in age, ethnicity, gender, and income levels making golf accessible to all.

Current “mid-level” golf courses are in demand and well-utilised. We need a broad golf service that appeals to a wider group of people IN ADDITION to the current courses and facilities.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Puketāpapa

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: It is based on inaccurate and outdated information. Golf is booming and we need to support more people to choose golf as a way to be active for all the wellbeing benefits it offers

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I support equity in sport and recreation but not at the expense of current courses and facilities. Some clubs like Remuera open their course to the public to walk around at set times which is a great way to let the community enjoy the course.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Support

   Tell us why: Golf has been doing a lot in recent years to engage young people and women in the game

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Many golf clubs do their bit to support the environment and are actually having a positive environmental impact in their communities e.g. Takapuna Golf Course for drainage. It is incorrect for this plan to imply that golf courses are currently ‘publicly owned land used exclusively for golfers’

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: I support a robust investment framework but this plan is nowhere close to achieving that.

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: It is incorrect to imply that golf courses are currently ‘publicly owned land used exclusively for golfers’

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Mid-level courses are currently in-demand and often it is hard to get a tee time at Auckland golf courses because it is so busy!

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why: The golf sector recognizes it's unique role in environmental conservation and we are committed to being a leader of climate action

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   The plan does not acknowledge all of the unique wellbeing aspects that Golf provides. I only started playing golf two years ago and it has helped me with my work/life balance and especially after the stress of lockdown the ability to go out into beautiful green space and hit a little white ball around is so peaceful.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Puketāpapa

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Please rewrite this proposal. There are no specifics in what this proposal actually means for the future of golf in Auckland. Everything in the draft is misleading and the questions asked are incredibly biased towards approving this proposal. With how these questions are formed you can not get accurate responses and overall they are just misleading. I have grown up playing golf my whole life and it is such an important game to myself and to many. Please consider rewriting this proposal.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Please explain what opening up publicly owned golf land means? Does that mean you will destroy and take away golf courses? Again, this is not a properly formed question and includes bias for the proposal to pass.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   I don't know

   Tell us why: What are these broad range of golf experiences? Please explain. There's no context to these questions.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   I don't know

   Tell us why: Please explain what these best practices are?

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   I don't know

   Tell us why: This statement is biased. How can you get accurate and true feedback with this.

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: These golf courses have built communities around them and you're planning to tear them a part without understanding the consequences. Why is this information not available to people before they choose to answer this question. Are you saying the same for all sports?

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This statement is not clear enough for me to form an opinion.

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Here is the response from Golf New Zealand:

   Aside from the reference to Remuera Golf Club's GEO certification, the Plan is negative and bias stating that some golf courses are high users of water, fertilisers, pesticides, and energy. The Plan has no balan

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Please rewrite this golf investment plan and this questionnaire. How is this non-bias? The proposal is not clear and lacks specificity. It seems incredibly misleading. Golf is a growing sport and contributing towards the vision of Auckland becoming the worlds most active city. Participation in golf has increased significantly year after year. Golf is not an exclusive game. Any person of the public can play. Golf is also one the most popular sports with a diverse participation base.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Puketāpapa

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The information circulated is inaccurate and is not a true reflection of the game of golf in Auckland

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The proposal will remove the ability to enjoy the game of golf how it is meant to be played it diminishes the enjoyment. Golf is played over 18 holes, reducing it to 9 holes reduces how golf is meant to be played. Publicly owned courses allow for all Aucklanders to participate in playing golf, how does reducing it to 9 holes increase equity?

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Broad comments with no data to support these claims. Who have they asked? I have not seen or asked to participate in any surveys regarding golf

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: Golf courses are great places for native plants, birds, wildlife and natural streams to flourish. Most courses I have been too have spent a lot of time and effort in making the course blend into the existing landscape

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: I believe that Auckland Council should spend more money on upgrading and investing into the golf courses. This will allow more Aucklanders an opportunity to play as the membership fees required to maintain and upkeep the course and club facilities will b

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf courses are for the enjoyment of golf. Reshaping them for other activities will not work.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Golf is a sport that can be enjoyed well into your twilight years. I am 50 years of age and can play with my 16 year old son. I was a very active sportsperson in my younger years and now I am not able to participate in my former sports of rugby league and basketball due to risk of getting injured. Golf still keeps me active, walking the golf course with my friends gives me a good workout. I have met and made some good friends while playing golf. A lot of people in my age group have taken up golf, especially those struggling with weight issues. Walking has helped them lose weight but the camaraderie and support they get from those playing golf motivates them to get off the couch. Turning golf courses into 9 holes is not how golf is meant to be played. If people want to play 9 holes then they can either play

Holes 1 - 9 or 10 - 18. They can play 1 hole if they want. But turning it from a 18 hole to a 9 hole disadvantages those who want to play 18.

I played golf in the summer before the winter season came and I played mostly rugby league. This slowed down when I had a family. But now that my kids are older I have returned to playing golf not league. We have a lot of cycling tracks around Auckland, the tracks in the CBD and waterfront are used frequently, the ones out in South Auckland not so much, will putting cycle paths on golf courses increase cyclists? Most golf courses are undulating not really great for cycling. Walking tracks? Chamberlain Park is next to Western Springs. Putting and driving ranges? yes they would be great if there was enough land or we get architects to redesign the clubhouse facilities to incorporate them so that we could get more people to come. Remuera has turned the spare land on their golf course to install a state of the art driving range and a new virtual golf experience. They have rich members and the backing of the 'Remuera elite'. Some of the others do not have this level of support

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Puketāpapa

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I don't have confidence that you will consider submissions fairly and that you already have an agenda to rip the heart out of accessible full-size golf courses, carve up some of the lands for housing and spoil the wonderful landscape that the existing courses provide for all citizens, including true sports and golf lovers

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Just as proper sports playing areas are needed for sports such as soccer, rugby, hockey, netball, tennis, swimming, and more, so too are full-sized properly maintained facilities required for the playing of golf. If your concerns were genuine you would be proposing ways in which more participation could be achieved, not by attacking the sport itself

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Increasing opportunities for participation does not require interfering with the courses themselves.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Partially support

Tell us why: I'd like to say fully support, but I don't trust my council based on past record

Key shift

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5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I have concerns that 'increasing benefits to all Aucklanders' will end up with decreased benefits to existing users (golfers). I could make a strong case that all football fields should be multi-purposed with bikeways across them and picnic tables instal

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf courses are for safe participation in a specified sport. By all means, allow walkways and cycleways around the perimeters but don't upset the courses layouts that provide for proper play of the sport

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Only add features if the primary purpose for proper golf retained

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Again, I don't trust your agenda

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Retain all golf courses. The greenscape open spaces are already viewable and enjoyed by Aucklanders

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Draft Golf Investment Plan

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Puketāpapa

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: 'The plan is poor. You claim that it explains the changes you will be making however this is clearly not true, given that it does not explain any changes - no changes are in fact described at all. You also make no commitment to retain land in the public domain, given you reference 'housing and business land' as alternative uses for golf course land.

   A Comment about Equality.

   This plan will see 'low hanging fruit' picked off. Rich well funded groups will be able to protect their golf courses (Remuera and Waitemata in particular) despite that land being the most valuable in the portfolio, while poorer communities using courses like Chamberlain park or Takapuna will bear suffer from the affects of your plan.

   The Plan - Key Shift 1.

   Golf courses are not local resources. What the plan does do is create conditions where local boards, unaccountable to the majority of Aucklanders, can make decisions about local courses which are used by and serve the public across the region. This clearly contradicts the 'benefit' of Key Shift 1.

   Key Shift 2.

   Your plan seems to be based on highly flawed analysis of current participation patterns.

   - You claim that participation rates are low among Asians. I play golf across a wide range of locations and Asian participation is in fact very high among people from North/East Asian backgrounds although perhaps it is low among people from South or South East Asian backgrounds. Use of 'Asian' as a demographic, when Asia is a massive continent with a highly diverse collection of ethnicities and nationalities is a statistical flaw and seems more than a little racist.

   - Pacifica participation. This is low but will not be helped by this plan which will seemingly inevitably lead to Chamberlain park being sold off. This is the one venue which in fact has a relatively high participation rate among pacific peoples.

   - Participation among women. Golf is in fact quite accessible to women. I wonder if this statistic is in fact related to low participation rates for women across all sports. Your plan will not address this.

- Participation among young people. For every under represented group there is always other groups that are over represented. In this case, over representation among older people reflects the fact that other sports become less accessible to older people for physical reasons. Most golfers I know have taken up the sports when they retire from other sports. Your plan will make ultimately be detrimental to the heath and wellbeing of older people as you do not place any value in participation among older people.

Key Shift 3.

Golf participation rates are high and climbing, The reference to a 2013 study claiming only a narrow segment of the population is not readily available to me so I cannot comment in detail. I have already provided my assessment of other claims relating to equity and participation rates and I have no reason to think that the proposed change will address these. In fact I believe that reference to 'a broad range of golf experiences and pathways' is language that means you will breakup some courses into 9 hole pitch 'n' put locations while protecting certain courses like Remuera. On this matter I cannot see any justification for your assessment of Remuera as an 'advanced/high performance' course but I believe it is code for 'don't worry rich politically influential people, we won't be coming for your local course'. I have played at Remueara and I can assue you that its nothing special. Pupuke on the other hand is known to have produced New Zealand's currnet top golfer, Lydia Ko, and has a similar slope and course rating yet is deemed by this plan to be a 'development' course, and is presumably interchangeable with the like of Waitakere or Takapuna.

Key Shift 4.

I do support the inclusion of environmental objectives into the management of public land. I can only hope that the council does actually place value on the environmental features of golf land that is not shared byt other potential land uses. Large, mature trees for instance are not often found in numbers at other sporting facilities.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This is a loaded question. I support equity in sport and recreation but i do not believe that your plan will achieve this.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I support your goal but you will not make golf more accessible or equitable by removing 18 hole courses and replacing them with highly truncated 9 hole courses. Beginner golfers also want to enjoy 18 hole facilities that present a variety of physical and technical challenges.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

Tell us why: No brainer.

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: You in fact devolve future decisions to local boards that are not accountable to the users of facilities in their area.

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I do not believe there are 'too many' publicly owned golf courses in Auckland. Removing golf courses to replace them with facilities for other sports is robbing peter to pay paul.

   Some courses can and do support walking trails and I believe this should continue. This means investing in some fences to protect walkers, it does not mean carving up courses with no obvious benefit. The recent plans to 'change' (aka kill) Chamberlain park involved at different times, 'Chinese' gardens, bike tracks, baseball fields and rugby fields and none of those other uses proposed by the local board had any merit.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf already attracts a relatively wide group of participants. If you want to make changes to improve this further you should provide public coaching and equipment hire options at a better level than is currently available.

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why: Council should be involved in this, rather than leaving it to local clubs.

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

Be honest, if the council had no desire to sell off or repurpose chunks of courses that provide the most equitable access to golf participation to beginners and to poorer, older and browner people while simultaneously protecting the exclusive rich lister playgrounds of Remuera and devonport this plan would look very different.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Puketāpapa

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Support

   Tell us why: Need to reallocate that space for all Aucklanders

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Support

   Tell us why: Keep it as park space though

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Support

   Tell us why: More pitch and putt please

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

Support

Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why:

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Support

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

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Your local board: Puketāpapa

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Think you need to know what you are doing & why. I'm interested in your comments about young people & nonwhites not golfing. This is because the council is not interested in pursuing goals to change this. There's certainly a need & the council needs to satisfy that need - by being proactive & providing the necessary facilities, at a cost to encourage that.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: The greatest Golf Course in the world (St Andrews in Scotland) is open to the public for walking on a Sunday. You should be able to provide other similar escapes & liaise with Private Golf Clubs to be on a revolving roster to accomplish something similar. That would be good for all the public.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Present participation seems to be around only profits & ease of operation. There is NO organization to help those less fortunate. Someone needs to recognize this & do something about it. There are plenty of Golf professionals willing & able to do such - in conjunction with increased facilities.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Just do something sensible for all Aucklanders & give them chances.

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf is the greatest pastime. In fact, one of the few sports you can play for ALL your life. It is fantastic for your health and all shapes & sizes can play. And you don't need to organize anything and you can play any day of the week & every day of the w

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Golf is the only sport anyone can play at any time. If there's another solution, it's that golf courses overseas are open for 24 hours, with floodlit fairways and greens. Something not catered for in Auckland. Also driving ranges that work the same.

   And special function Golf Today sites that offer food & play. Something we are well behind in promoting.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Partially support

   Tell us why: This must be done - sensibly. Certainly, in Favour of promotions for a wider range of people.

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I want common sense approach to the facility use. Golf is a very popular sport & Auckland needs to provide public facilities

   for all those wanting to play. But there are improvements necessary to even better use the facilities.

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Never forget the GREEN OPEN SPACE provided by golf courses - so important for today's multi-functional residential developments.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Puketāpapa

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Golf courses only serve privileged people. We need housing! People playing golf is not more important that people being housed!!!

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf courses only serve privileged people. We need housing! People playing golf is not more important that people being housed!!! Get rid of the golf courses!

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf courses only serve privileged people. We need housing! People playing golf is not more important that people being housed!!! Get rid of the golf courses!

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: Golf courses only serve privileged people. Get rid of the golf courses!

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: No more golf courses! Use the land for playgrounds, parks, housing, things that actually matter.

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why: Working with mana whenua on biodiversity and management of this land (which is Māori land) is imperative

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Land back. No more golf courses. High density.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Puketāpapa

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Support

   Tell us why: Never have I felt so buoyed with hope by a council proposal. Thank you for considering the environment and all Aucklanders.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Support

   Tell us why: We know that accessible, natural, green spaces are so important to mental and physical health. Where I live (Puketapapa) most of these spaces are reserved for the exclusive use of golfers to the detriment of everyone else. This loss of access to green spaces has been particularly galling since the closure of the Waitakere Ranges.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Why would you want to encourage people into golf when you could instead promote more accessible and healthy activities such as walking, cycling, running or sports which have broader appeal such as football or basketball. Young people are desperate for spaces to socialize and belong. I just can't see golf courses being one of them. Build skateparks, walking and biking tracks, football pitches instead.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

Tell us why: Reasons are hopefully obvious. RNZ documentary 'Fight For the Wild' demonstrated the number of native taonga species on the brink of extinction. We are tanking the planet.

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: "increasing benefits to all Aucklanders"

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: As above

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Does any other recreational pursuit enjoy this kind of promotion?

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why: As above

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   If you can make this happen - thank you, thank you, thank you

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