



Consultation on the draft Local Board Plans 2026

Written Feedback

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AK Have your Say

Draft 2026 Henderson-Massey Local Board Plan

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the draft 2026 Henderson-Massey Local Board Plan.

Introduction

Active is a charitable trust with a vision of making Auckland the world's most active city. Our purpose is to unite and inspire leaders and organisations in Tāmaki Makaurau to enhance the wellbeing of Aucklanders and create more connected communities through sport and physical activity.

Active has chosen to focus its efforts on tamariki and rangatahi who are underactive or where historic inequities exist. This sees us working with and for tamariki and rangatahi who are:

- Māori
- living in low socio-economic areas
- disabled
- young women and girls
- from Pacific, Indian and Asian communities
- from the Rainbow community.

We are a key strategic partner of Sport New Zealand Ihi Aotearoa, Auckland Council and major grant-makers and funders. Active partners with, and invests in, a range of organisations and projects that get more people active in Auckland.

Response to the draft 2026 Henderson-Massey Local Board Plan

We have read the consultation documents and draft 2026 Henderson-Massey Local Board Plan to help inform this submission. We firstly want to acknowledge the significant investment into our sector by Local Boards. We were pleased to be able to support this investment by providing funding towards the Henderson-Massey Local Board Sport and



Active Recreation Facility Plan. Thank you for enabling us to partner with you on this important piece of work.

Community

Active agrees with the Community Objective *'Diversity is celebrated and valued. Our communities are empowered and feel a sense of belonging'* and support the following key initiatives:

- *Prioritise investment in communities with the most need*
- *Support initiatives led by the community, for the community*
- *Develop a cultural play programme for our open spaces and community facilities.*

We also support the Objective of *'Strong, enduring relationships with mana whenua and mātāwaka ensure Māori aspirations and priorities inform and guide local decision making'* and the key initiative:

- *Continue to support mana whenua naming of parks, reserves and facilities, including interpretive signage that tells the stories of sites of significance to Māori.*

We strongly support the Objective *"Young and old are supported to be involved in the community"* and the key initiatives:

- *Develop community-led play projects, including play options for people of all ages.*
- *Support programmes and spaces focused on youth and older people.*

We support the Objective *"Community places and open spaces work for everyone"* and the key initiatives:

- *Develop parks, community and play spaces that can be easily used and accessed by everyone and meet the needs of the community.*
- *Continue assessing leases and programming in community facilities, to make sure they meet the needs of a growing and diverse population.*

Built Environment

Active strongly supports the Objective *"Community places and spaces are more accessible, sustainable and improve our collective wellbeing"* and the following key initiatives:

- *Make sure we consider sustainability and accessibility when we build and maintain community facilities and buildings.*

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- *Continue to work with mana whenua to plan and design new community places.*

We see value in the Objective 'Urban villages and neighbourhoods are attractive and vibrant, with their own local identity' with particular reference to the following key initiatives:

- *Identify and progress neighbourhood transport initiatives that improve safety, such as walking and cycling paths and speed calming measures.*
- *Look for opportunities for more connecting neighbourhood paths guided by the Connections Plan 2019.*

Transport

Active strongly supports the Objective 'a well-connected walking and cycling network across Henderson Massey' and the following priorities:

- *Use the 'blue-green' network to expand our network of local paths*
- *Improve walking paths to Henderson town centre from the City Rail Link platforms*
- *Complete the Wai Horotiu Henderson cycleway and bridge*
- *Make it easier for people to get to and from public transport, focusing on the "first and last leg" of that journey*
- *Improve of public transport journeys*
- *Continue the funding partnership with the government to complete Te Whau Pathway.*

Active strongly support improvements in the active transport network which enables multiple benefits from improved health and wellbeing outcomes, equitable access, reduced traffic congestion and environmental benefits.

Advocacy

Active supports the following Local Board advocacy priorities:

- *Ensure funding remains in the council's 10 -year budget for the detailed design and construction phase for an aquatic facility in the north-west.*
- *Reuse flood -affected land as green space and 'carbon sinks' that absorb carbon dioxide, like forests and wetlands.*
- *Investment in a 30 -year 'blue -green' network programme as part of the council's 'Making Space for Water' strategy to restore natural waterways, manage floods and improve water quality.*



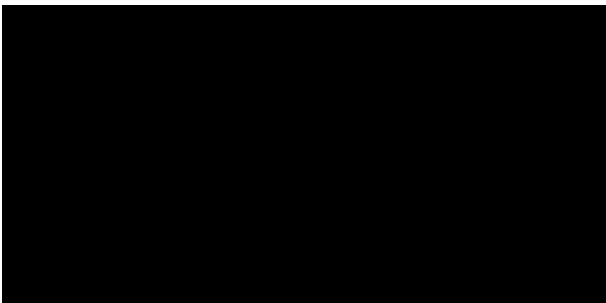
Overall comments

Overall, we see some positive outcomes from the draft Plan and welcome the focus on play and active transport. However, it is not clear how active recreation and sport are being reflected in this draft Plan. The positive outcomes generated by active recreation and sport are well documented. At a minimum we would like to see the Henderson-Massey Local Board Sport and Recreation Plan specifically referenced in the final Local Board Plan to ensure it remains a focus of investment for the Local Board.

We note the Chair's message states *'Henderson-Massey has a younger population than some other parts of urban Auckland. Young people are the future of our community, and our plan recognises this.'* We submit that more is needed than a focus on supporting local youth organisations, building world-class play structures and providing family-focused programmes and events in parks. We submit that a focus on youth (and tamariki) must include an understanding of the role active recreation and sport plays in their lives and the positive outcomes generated by investing into infrastructure that enables tamariki and rangatahi to be active.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the 2026 Henderson-Massey Local Board Plan consultation; this opportunity is greatly valued. Active is happy to expand on any of the points above in greater detail as required.

We look forward to the positive play, active recreation and sport outcomes Local Board investment in our communities will deliver.





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See Attached

22 July 2026

Auckland Local Board Plans

By email to: akhaveyoursay@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

E te Kaunihera, tēnā koutou katoa

Submission to: Auckland Council Te Kaunihera o Tāmaki Makaurau
Subject: **Draft Auckland Local Board Plans 2026**
From: Arts Council of New Zealand Toi Aotearoa (Creative New Zealand)

1. Creative New Zealand welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on Auckland Local Boards' three-year plans for 2026.
2. Arts, culture, creativity and ngā toi Māori build stronger, more connected communities across Auckland, and create vibrant and prosperous communities where people want to live, work and visit.
3. Auckland Council has 21 local boards, each playing an essential role in supporting arts and culture across the Auckland region. The **Auckland Local Board Plans are an important opportunity for Local Boards to build on their investment in the arts**, and unlock the arts' economic, cultural and social benefits.
4. We thank Auckland Council and each of the 21 Local Boards for their ongoing support of arts, ngā toi, culture and creativity in Tāmaki Makaurau, and look forward to continuing to work with you to realise the enormous potential creativity can bring to all your communities.

Arts, culture, creativity and ngā toi Māori are foundational community services that shape how people live, connect and feel about where they belong

5. From festivals, concerts, public art and murals to galleries, libraries, arts hubs and marae, creativity shapes how the city looks, sounds and feels. It creates vibrant communities that people are proud to call home.
6. We know that Aucklanders value the arts and are engaging with the arts more than ever before. Two in three Aucklanders agree that arts and culture have a vital role to play in the future of where they live. Support for public funding of the arts in Auckland has increased since 2020, with over half of Aucklanders believing Auckland Council should help fund the arts.

7. Our *New Zealanders and the Arts—Ko Aotearoa me ōna Toi* research¹ shows that Aucklanders recognise the economic and social benefits of the arts, with:
 - 75 percent of Aucklanders agreeing that the arts create jobs, both in and around the creative industries, and the majority agreeing that the arts contribute positively to our economy
 - over half of Aucklanders valuing the arts for creating opportunities to socialise and connect
 - 69 percent of Aucklanders agreeing that the arts play a role in raising awareness of societal and environmental issues.
8. Young people, Māori, Pacific peoples and Asian New Zealanders are also more likely than other Auckland residents to agree that the arts are an important way of connecting with their culture, and that taking part in the arts supports their identity. Rainbow communities and people with lived experience of disability participate highly in the arts and need more accessible and inclusive environments to support their engagement.

Together we can create healthy, sustainable and thriving arts ecosystems in local communities

9. Through the Local Board Plans, we encourage each of the Local Boards to prioritise investment in the following.
 - **Cultural programmes and events** which encourage people to visit their local town centres, attracting visitors and shoppers. These programmes and events also bring diverse local communities together, build social connections and bring public spaces to life.
 - **Events and festivals that boost economic development and tourism** are also essential pathways for artists, producers, technicians and arts administrators to build the skills, knowledge and expertise that support bigger events, such as Pasifika and larger musicals and concerts. Smaller festivals and events are crucial to build the skills, knowledge and expertise that support bigger events such as Pasifika and larger musicals, concerts and exhibitions.
 - **Public art, murals and activated public spaces** provide a sense of place, telling the history and stories of mana whenua and your communities' unique identities, and making public spaces safer. We encourage working with your local arts and culture

¹ Auckland residents survey findings in *New Zealanders and the arts—Ko Aotearoa me ōna toi* (2023): <https://creativenz.govt.nz/-/media/project/creative-nz/creativenz/publicationsfiles/2024-nzers-and-the-arts/20240730nzartsaucklandfinal.pdf>

organisations, artists and creatives to explore ways of working together to further community opportunities.

- **Community halls, venues and gathering spaces** are important facilities for people to gather, rehearse and participate in community choirs, dance, kapa haka, theatre groups, reading clubs, craft-making and more, to experience arts and culture.
- **Making council owned venues available to arts communities to use free of charge or at reduced rates.** Dedicated spaces for Māori and Pacific peoples in your local areas are also crucial cultural centres for whānau, hapū, iwi and the wider community.
- **Ensuring investment reaches across the wider arts ecosystem,** including creative infrastructure in the city that works closely with communities across all of Auckland, ensuring a network of cultural infrastructure and cultural facilities. This network needs resources to deliver in a complementary way, to support staff who have the skills, knowledge and experience to successfully deliver services and activities in ways that are fit-for-purpose, high-quality and responsive to the needs of residents and visitors.
- **Lean into *Toi Whītiki*,** Auckland Council's Arts and Culture Strategic Action Plan, which sets out a fantastic, community-led and region-wide roadmap.

Prioritise investment in arts, culture, creativity and ngā toi Māori as important community services

10. Our research demonstrates that Aucklanders place considerable value on the arts at a community level.² Arts and culture programmes and services support local board priorities, including:

- employment for rangatahi
- safer communities
- celebrating diverse communities
- town centre vitality
- stronger local economies.

² Auckland residents survey findings in *New Zealanders and the arts—Ko Aotearoa me ōna toi* (2023): <https://creativenz.govt.nz/-/media/project/creative-nz/creativenz/publicationsfiles/2024-nzers-and-the-arts/20240730nzartsaucklandfinal.pdf>

11. To ensure these programmes continue to serve crucial community functions, local boards' prioritisation of arts and culture in three-year plans is essential.

Supporting arts and culture in Local Board Plans delivers social, cultural, environmental and economic benefits

12. We know councils around the country are facing significant pressures, with tight budgets and growing community expectations meaning plans are being carefully designed to deliver value and a pathway for the future. Arts, culture, creativity and ngā toi are part of the solution.
13. Auckland Council's recently commissioned [The Arts Matter](#) research found that Council's investment in arts and ngā toi is advancing outcomes across Council's vision and priorities.³ This includes significant social, cultural, environmental and economic contributions that:
- support community connection at local festivals and events
 - grow local economies by creating jobs, supporting local businesses and driving tourism
 - boost environmental awareness through storytelling, education and building understanding of complex issues like climate change
 - build social resilience by revitalising city centres and transforming public spaces into safe, vibrant and socially cohesive hubs
 - spark innovation and learning with creative practice-building skills, including imagination, problem solving and learning.
14. The arts contribute \$18.5 billion to New Zealand's economy, 4.2 percent of our total GDP⁴ and more than our wine, seafood and international education sectors.
15. In 2024, Auckland's arts and creative sector contributed over \$8.5 billion to New Zealand's GDP, creating jobs and supporting local businesses. It is the largest arts and creative employer in the country, employing more than 50,000 people. The *Auckland Economic Monitor* shows 'Arts and recreation services' are experiencing strong growth in Auckland, with 11.7 percent of growth in contributions to Auckland's GDP and 7.1 percent of employment growth in the year to March 2024.

³ Auckland Council, *The Arts Matter*, 2026.

⁴ Infometrics Sector Profiles 2025, Manatū Taonga Ministry for Culture & Heritage, Arts and Creative Industry Profile Report.

16. However, this growth relies on a strong arts ecosystem and pathways for young people to experience creativity, in order to nurture and develop creativity.
17. Economic conditions are putting sustained pressure on the arts community – creators, presenters and supporters alike. Arts organisations operate on thin margins and are highly vulnerable to any changes in relationships with funders. Making a living from the arts is hard for artists and practitioners,⁵ and the wider arts ecosystem is fragile. While public engagement with the arts is strong compared with other countries, arts are often on the margins of public investment and support.

Ngā toi Māori and mātauranga Māori are distinctive to Aotearoa New Zealand and central to our unique national identity

18. Te reo, mātauranga Māori and ngā toi Māori are central to Auckland's unique identity, as the largest Māori city in the world. Success in protecting, revitalising and promoting Māori artforms supports many artists, practitioners and tourism operators in the region, and positively enhances Auckland's national and international reputation.

Together we can create healthy, sustainable and thriving arts ecosystems in local communities

19. We highly value Auckland Council and the Auckland Local Boards as partners in the arts, alongside mana whenua, iwi and hapū, community trusts and private givers. Demand for Creative New Zealand's services is high, and we are supporting a much lower proportion of proposals than we have historically. Private investments, including corporate sponsorship and private donations, are also down in the current economic climate.
20. Over the coming year we will be implementing our *tuku rauemi* approach. This means empowering communities as decision-makers, entrusting them to support arts and ngā toi Māori development that best meets their communities' needs. To do this, we will partner with organisations across the regions to lead local arts development and capability building, set their own priorities and make funding decisions.
21. We believe a regional partnership approach will strengthen co-operation on longer-term planning and investment between regional stakeholders, including local government and trusts, and Creative New Zealand. This approach will also create opportunities to grow

⁵ Creative New Zealand, *A Profile of Creative Professionals 2023*. New Zealanders employed in creative professions continue to experience low pay compared to New Zealanders earning a salary or wage. The median income for creative professionals is just \$37,000, substantially less than the median income of \$61,000 for New Zealanders earning a wage or salary.

investment regionally by leveraging Creative New Zealand funds, incentivising new investment, and helping arts organisations partner to secure philanthropic funding.

22. Auckland's communities are vital for the arts and ngā toi Māori to develop and grow. We want to see an arts ecosystem in the region where artists, creatives and ringatoi are supported to thrive, with viable creative careers and strong arts infrastructure. Together we can create a healthy and strong environment for the arts community, to help achieve its potential and share the benefits of the arts and ngā toi with all Aucklanders.

Creative New Zealand's interest in the arts in Auckland

23. Creative New Zealand receives funding through Vote: Arts, Culture and Heritage and the New Zealand Lottery Grants Board Te Puna Tahua. In 2024/25, Creative New Zealand **invested nearly \$61 million in the arts in New Zealand**, through investing in the arts, developing the arts, and providing leadership in the arts.
24. In 2024/25, we **invested \$17.7 million of direct financial support in Auckland**, almost 30 percent of our total investment by region. In addition, our investment in activity that takes place nationwide (17.2 percent) and online (4.5 percent) sees benefits flow to Auckland by supporting arts and cultural experiences presented in the region; and our international programme (7.1 percent) adds additional investment to Auckland via artists based in the region.
25. Under the Creative Communities Scheme, we provide funding to territorial authorities to support local arts activities. The annual allocation to Auckland Council under the Scheme is **\$1.33 million**. In 2024/25, this funding supported **246 projects** which engaged 26,539 participants and had 395,572 attendances. Allocations to territorial authorities under the Scheme are based on a population-based formula.

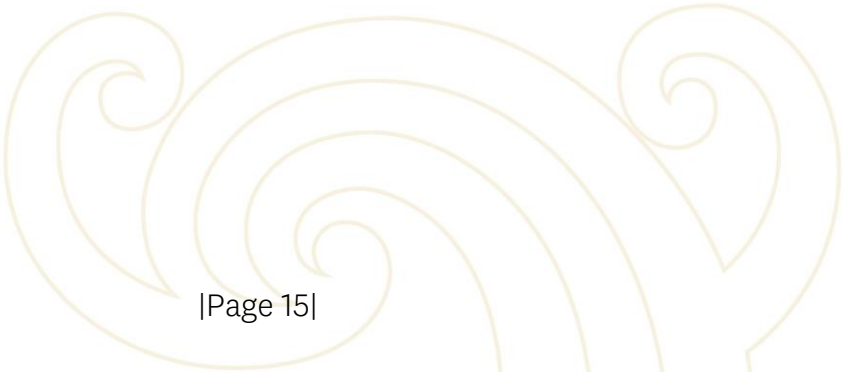
Final thoughts

26. Thank you again for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Local Board Plans.
27. To quote Deputy Mayor Desley Simpson at the launch of *The Arts Matter*, 'Arts matter because people matter. A culturally vibrant Tāmaki Makaurau is essential to our region's future and the stories we tell as a nation. So, let's champion creativity... as a foundation for belonging, for identity, for innovation and community resilience.' We wholeheartedly agree.

28. Please contact us if you have any questions or if you wish to discuss this submission further.
The key contact person is:

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Several members feel that the number of swimming pools and badminton courts in our community is insufficient. Compared to the number of swimming pools in the North Shore, East, or Central Districts, our entire West District is severely lacking in these areas.

Could this be increased? We also hope that the city council can consider adding more public indoor sports spaces, such as table tennis courts, badminton courts, and multipurpose sports rooms, to provide our community with healthier, safer, and more affordable recreational options. Many families want their children to learn to swim, but currently, there is a lack of affordable and accessible swimming pool facilities in the area. Teenagers and seniors also need safe indoor sports spaces, and low-barrier facilities like

table tennis courts allow people of different cultures, abilities, and ages to participate.

Community objectives

2. What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?

Strongly agree

Tell us why

We support the Local Boards' initiatives in this area because:

- Henderson-Massey families and schools need clearer waste sorting guidelines. Waste Sorting/Recycling Education can help families better understand waste sorting. ECE and schools need child-friendly learning materials. Multilingual (Chinese, Korean, Samoan, Tongan, Hindi) resources can increase participation, achieving the goals of reducing pollution, increasing recycling rates, and lowering waste costs.

- ECE and schools need more accessible environmental education resources.

ECE/school/family environmental education teaches children sustainable living from a young age, introducing them to the concept of "kaitiaki" (protecting nature) in Te Ao Māori. Libraries and community centres can provide activities that families can participate in together.

- Disaster preparedness education can enhance community resilience, especially Henderson-Massey was affected by floods previously. Families need to know how to prepare, ECEs and schools need simple preparedness materials, and communities need readily available resources (first aid kits, guides, workshops). Disaster preparedness education and resources can help enhance community resilience.

Built environment

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Strongly agree

Tell us why

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- To prepare for growth-ready neighbourhoods, new developments need more parks, community centres, play spaces, better transportation options (walking, bus, cycling), and more public facilities to support families and youth.

Opportunity and prosperity objectives

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Strongly agree

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We support the Local Board plans in this regard, especially given that young people in Henderson–Massey need more affordable skills training, recent graduates need local employment opportunities, and those returning to the workforce or changing jobs need short-term, low-cost courses. Youth Employment & Skills programs are crucial to address the high youth unemployment rate and the need for more local opportunities. Skills training enhances future employability. It is recommended that libraries and community centres offer free or low-cost courses, or plan affordable community education programs to help recent graduates with their short-term, low-cost courses, those returning to the

workforce with their flexible courses, and those changing jobs with their skills enhancement needs (IT, languages, business, caregiving, etc.). It is also recommended to incorporate financial literacy training to help young people learn how to manage their income, as families need to learn how to budget, save, and avoid debt, and those returning to the workforce need financial security. Multilingual financial literacy education can improve equity, and libraries and community centres could serve as financial literacy education centres.

Transport priorities

5. What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?

Strongly agree

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We support Local Board plans to provide more non-car-dependent travel options (e.g., improving the reliability and frequency of bus services, and the convenience of public transportation), enhance traffic safety around schools, and improve traffic management in rapidly growing areas (especially densely populated new Terraced housing areas). Several members specifically pointed out that the development of one-way streets in densely populated new Terraced housing areas near schools and the congestion caused by parents picking up and dropping off children around schools necessitate alternative transportation solutions. Walking and cycling routes need to be safer and more convenient.

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Priority: Safe school streets and CCTV around school and nearby streets.

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Additional recommendations include integrating youth counselling and support into local council programs, as juvenile delinquency rates appear to be on the rise. We hope

to see resources for youth mental health, community activities for youth (sports, arts, culture), career support for youth, and leadership training to support youth counselling and support.

As a church in this area, we have long cared for the Chinese community in the Henderson–Massey area, including the elderly, children, youth, and new immigrants. We are willing to proactively provide community services and would like to ask the local committee:

How can the Local Board work collaboratively with us in community service?

Does the Local Board have resources, facilities, grants, or collaborative projects to support us?

How can we become a long-term community partner of the Local Board to jointly enhance community services in this area?

1. Community (p.12)

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4. Opportunity and prosperity (p.20)

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We support Local Board plans to provide more non-car-dependent travel options (e.g., improving the reliability and frequency of bus services, and the convenience of public transportation), enhance traffic safety around schools, and improve traffic management in rapidly growing areas (especially densely populated new Terraced housing areas). Several members specifically pointed out that the development of one-way streets in densely populated new Terraced housing areas near schools and the congestion caused by parents picking up and dropping off children around schools necessitate alternative

transportation solutions. Walking and cycling routes need to be safer and more continuous.

6. **Priority:** Safe school streets and CCTV around school and nearby streets.
7. **Additional recommendations** include integrating youth counselling and support into local council programs, as juvenile delinquency rates appear to be on the rise. We hope to see resources for youth mental health, community activities for youth (sports, arts, culture), career support for youth, and leadership training to support youth counselling and support.

As a church in this area, we have long cared for the Chinese community in the Henderson–Massey area, including the elderly, children, youth, and new immigrants. We are willing to proactively provide community services and would like to ask the local committee:

- How can the Local Board work collaboratively with us in community service?
- Does the Local Board have resources, facilities, grants, or collaborative projects to support us?
- How can we become a long-term community partner of the Local Board to jointly enhance community services in this area?



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#56

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Submitter details:

Organisation: BestStart Educare Limited t/a Beststart Montessori The Children's House

Local Board: Henderson-Massey

Your feedback:

Community objectives

1. What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?

Strongly agree

Tell us why

Manawa aa whenua/ clover drive flood resilience project - I am a long-standing teacher at Beststart Montessori the children's house (28 yrs). young and old should be able to have a open shared green space for enjoyment.

we will use this space very effectively with our children and families & teachers being able to use during this space for gathering and learning.

appropriate carparking is needed

toilet facilities needed

Community objectives

2. What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?

Strongly agree

Tell us why

community garden for all to participate

Beststart Montessori families can fundraise for planting some native trees, or garden seating.

Built environment**3. What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

Strongly agree

Tell us why

families attending will use this space very effectively and respectfully.

Opportunity and prosperity objectives**4. What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

Strongly agree

Tell us why

It helps the centre grow in occupancy too as neighbouring families use this space

Transport priorities**5. What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

Strongly agree

Tell us why

we need good parking space on Clover drive if we were to attract families to visit the green space

6. We have limited resources. What should we focus on most?

neighbourhood business to contribute, Schools & Childcares to fundraise,

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like on the draft Henderson-Massey Local Board Plan 2026?

I have been a long-time resident of Clover drive (not living there) families has lived and moved on from this area, I am happy to get my organisation to participate in this project, via my manager Shrin Kumar.



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#24

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Submitter details:

Organisation: City Builders Association

Local Board: Regional Organisation

Your feedback:

Community objectives

- 1. What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

Disagree

Tell us why

Community objectives

- 2. What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

Somewhat agree

Tell us why

Built environment

- 3. What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

Somewhat agree

Tell us why

Opportunity and prosperity objectives

4. What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?

Strongly agree

Tell us why

Transport priorities

5. What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?

Somewhat disagree

Tell us why

6. We have limited resources. What should we focus on most?

Economic Development and findin a better financial balance

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like on the draft Henderson-Massey Local Board Plan 2026?

I support the Henderson-Massey Local Board Plan 2026 priorities around managing growth corridors, restoring local streams, improving parks and sports facilities, supporting town centres, and enhancing community wellbeing in this diverse and growing part of West Auckland.

However, with the 7.9% rates increase for 2026/27 already locked in amid ongoing council debt and cost pressures, the board must apply strong fiscal restraint and demonstrate prudent financial management under Local Government Act 2002 s.101. Growth brings infrastructure demands that should not disproportionately burden existing ratepayers. Fully cost and sequence initiatives, make clear choices on what to defer or scale back, and avoid spreading resources too thinly. Demand stronger efficiency in delivery of local services and facilities.

In particular, protect and efficiently maintain high-value assets such as sports fields, parks, and community centres that deliver strong returns on physical activity, youth development, and social cohesion. Prioritise practical stream restoration and environmental improvements that offer multiple benefits. In the final adopted plan and Local Board Agreement, clearly outline efficiency measures, trade-offs, and how core local priorities will be advanced without further rates escalation. West Auckland ratepayers need value for money and focused delivery on the things that matter most.



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#311

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Civic Trust Auckland (CTA)

Local Board: Regional Organisation

Your feedback:

Community objectives

1. **What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

Tell us why

Community objectives

2. **What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

Tell us why

Built environment

3. **What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

Tell us why

Opportunity and prosperity objectives

4. **What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

Tell us why

Transport priorities

- 5. What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

Tell us why

- 6. We have limited resources. What should we focus on most?**

- 7. Do you have any other feedback you would like on the draft Henderson-Massey Local Board Plan 2026?**

See Attached

Submission of Civic Trust Auckland
Draft Local Board Plans – all



www.civictrustauckland.org.nz

Introduction

1. Civic Trust Auckland (CTA) is a non-profit public interest group, incorporated in 1968, with activities and interests throughout the greater Auckland region

2. 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.

3. CTA is on Auckland 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. We submitted on Council's Annual Plan 2026/2027, and that submission is on our website [here](#). We understand that our submissions on the Annual Plan were made available for local board consideration. We refer in this submission to the draft local board plans to some of the points we made in our Annual Plan submission (in **bold**).

4. We would here like to thank the Local Board members for their work and advocacy. We have a couple of suggestions for your newsletters: that there could be more items about what has been happening in the local board area in addition to the standard Auckland Council notices, and that perhaps in each issue the chair could introduce one of the other board members, so that communities have more opportunity to get to know all of their Local Board members.

5. CTA generally supports the initiatives in the draft local board plans. Our focus is primarily on the Environment sections of the plans.

6. We would also like to commend the aspiration of various local boards to develop parks and spaces that are inclusive, can be easily used and accessed by everyone and meet the needs of the community, including (as per the Howick Local Board Plan) neurodiverse children. We emphasise the point we have made in previous submissions about universal design, and also playgrounds that are accessible for children with disabilities. We draw your attention in particular to Magical Bridge NZ Playground in Hamilton as an example of a playground that is intended to cater for children with disabilities.

7. In our February 2014 submission on the Proposed Auckland Unitary Plan, and in several of our other submissions, we supported the principle of universal design. Our 2014 submission said:

- Universal Design principles need to be incorporated into new builds and modifications of existing residential buildings in order to cater not only for people with disabilities but others who can benefit from improved access, including the ageing population, those using pushchairs, moving house or office, injured people and people carrying loads. This will ensure access to housing, jobs, public transport, businesses, community and recreational facilities throughout Auckland for all Aucklanders and increase the choice of where people can live, work and play.
- Incorporation of Universal Design principles will improve the quality of life for people who currently face significant barriers in terms of physical access. The economic benefit is that such people will be able to live in independent accommodation and those of working age will have more opportunity to work and thus support themselves and contribute more to the economy. These barriers include stairs and showers with lips.
- Solutions to these barriers include open plan houses with open plan bathrooms with wet shower areas, limited stairs, handrails. A percentage of new housing stock should cater for these needs. This would open up options in the private rental market, taking away the current reliance on Housing New Zealand houses and enable people with access barriers to buy or rent houses without the need for extensive and costly modifications. The Auckland Plan states on page 70, *“One in five Aucklanders has a disability, and this figure will increase with an ageing population. There is unrealised potential for Aucklanders with disabilities to contribute socially and economically. Barriers that prevent this, such as attitudes and physical access, must be addressed”*.
- On page 74, The Auckland Plan states, *“Other communities and groups, such as ethnic communities and those with disabilities, also face barriers. Removing structural or institutional barriers so that all Aucklanders are viewed and treated equally is fundamental to improving the well-being of all, and realising the full potential of our diverse populations.”*

8. We would like Local Boards to include in their advocacy to Council some requirement in policy and rules for the provision of accessible housing, universal design principles.

9. We would also like to see more advocacy with regard to public transport, for example, with stories in Local Board newsletters about successful and enjoyable rides on public transport, or perhaps competitions between local boards to see which one has the greatest number of public transport rides logged by their community in a particular month, similar to the Bike Month (March) and Biketober (October) initiatives.

10. We appreciate the friendliness and good service given by bus drivers across the city, which supports these very necessary services.

11. Although we can appreciate that advertising on buses is a useful way for Auckland Transport to gain revenue, we suggest that AT exercises caution when it comes to obscuring the passengers' view through the bus windows, and the perpetual circulation of mobile ratepayer-funded advertising certainly has its detractors.

12. It is good to see Local Boards encouraging the use of low-carbon transport options. However, CTA does not give unlimited support to scooters, as per our Annual Plan submission (pg 6), where we stated that: **“where a cycle lane has been provided, e-scooters *must* be ridden in the cycle lane.... e-scooters pose a danger to people on foot, especially those with hearing, sight, or mobility issues. Being passed closely by a scooter is a distressing experience for a pedestrian, and already many people have been injured by e-scooters. Nationally, between 2021 and 2023, there were over 7,000 ACC claims for e-scooter related injuries, with a 37% increase in 2023. There have been several deaths from e-scooters in Auckland and many serious head injuries. We therefore submit that e-scooters be banned from footpaths, at least in places where there is a high density of pedestrians. We also submit that the current speed limit for commercial e-scooters (we understand it is 25 kph) is too high for when scooters are sharing the same space as pedestrians.”**

13. We'd also like to draw to other Local Boards' attention the Henderson-Massey key initiative of investigating “smart” traffic lights that use sensors or cameras to give longer green lights where traffic is heavy, respond to rush hours, incidents and weather and prioritise buses. CTA supports some sort of light sequencing and enablement of left-turning when not crossing the path of oncoming traffic, thereby saving time and emissions.

14. We'd like Local Boards to promote car pooling as a transport option, and facilitate this within their Local Board area, namely, commuting (by neighbours, co-workers, or classmates), school runs (by parents taking turns driving a group of neighbourhood children to school and back), and business (efficient coordination of tasks and workers to enable shared transportation as needed).

15. CTA supports Local Boards investing in expanding the pedestrian network, and, although the cycling network cannot go everywhere, CTA supports its extension particularly where it enables commuting. We also support Local Boards advocating for such public transport measures as bus shelters and seating at bus stops. We also support the proposal by several Local Boards of an extra discount for students and children on public transport fares on top of the weekly \$50 fare cap.

16. We are pleased to see Local Boards including in their key initiatives to support their community to be better prepared for emergencies like floods and storms, including reviewing the provision of community-led emergency centres.

17. CTA is of the view that Local Boards can learn much from each other, and we would encourage members to read each others' Draft Local Board Plans and collaborate on matters of

mutual interest. Many aspects of plans relate to more than one board (especially to directly neighbouring boards) and some of them relate to Auckland as a whole, for example, as regards transport, climate change and community engagement, and shared management of the harbour edge of the Waitematā Harbour.

18. CTA notes that many Local Boards are intending to review the use of their Council buildings. Notwithstanding the temptation to sell assets deemed no longer to be of use, CTA supports rigorous investigation as to what alternative use those assets may be put to. We would particularly like to highlight this advocacy point from the Waiheke Local Board (pg 22 of their plan): *“Any available council property being considered for health facilities or affordable housing,”* as a much better alternative to selling underused Council buildings.

Area Plans

1. We include here a summary of Graeme Easte’s presentation to the Policy and Planning Committee on 10 March 2026 (here is a [link](#) to it), which CTA supports, advocating for the application of Area Plans. (Graeme began by playing the song “Little Boxes” by Pete Seeger.)

2. It was originally intended that the Unitary Plan (operative in 2016) would be supplemented with 21 Area Plans - one for each Local Board area - to reflect its local issues, challenges and opportunities over a 30-year time frame. All Local Boards did extensive workshoping with planning staff and community representatives, in order to fine-tune the application of the Unitary Plan process as it applied to their particular area but also to begin work on their own Area Plan.

3. Initially only four Area Plans were to be fully developed as pilots. Development of the remaining Area Plans was cancelled in about 2015. Ten of the 17 Local Boards subsequently developed "mini" Area Plans, Precinct Plans or Centre Plans for parts of their area.

4. Graeme recommended that work on expanding the coverage of Area Plans should start with those Local Boards which have expressed strong interest in such a workstream, and that the older existing plans should have priority for a refresh, but not at the expense of those Boards without Area Plans or only partial coverage.

5. Four Local Boards have Area Plans that cover their entire area:

- Devonport-Takapuna (plus 3 Centre Plans)
- Hibiscus and Bays (plus 3 Centre Plans)
- Māngere-Ōtāhuhu
- Ōtara-Papatoetoe

Ten Local Boards have only partial Area Plans or Centre Plans:

- Albert-Eden (1 Precinct Plan, 2 shared plans)
- Franklin (1 Centre Plan)
- Henderson-Massey (2 Centre Plans)
- Howick (2 Centre Plans)
- Manurewa } shared partial

- Papakura } Area Plan
- Puketāpapa (1 shared plan)
- Rodney (1 Centre Plan)
- Waitākere Ranges (1 Centre Plan)
- Waitemātā (3 Centre Plans + 1 shared plan)

Seven Local Boards have no Area or Centre Plans at all:

- Great Barrier
- Kaipātiki
- Ōrākei
- Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
- Upper Harbour
- Waiheke
- Whau

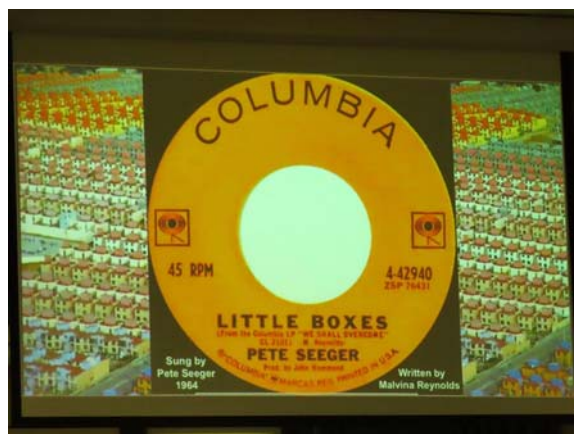
6. Local Board Chairs have told Graeme that having local plans has made a real difference to accommodating development in their ward, particularly as the urban environment intensifies.

7. Graeme's request to the Policy and Planning Committee:

(1) That in revising the existing Auckland Plan (the Auckland Spatial Plan) in line with the new legislation, and any consequent changes to the Unitary Plan, consideration be given to potential measures to protect and enhance **local** features and character.

(2) That when the work on the Regional Spatial Plan and the Unitary Plan begins to tail off, then freed-up staff time and resources be reallocated to work on new and revised Local Area Plans.

(3) That priority should be given to those areas without an Area Plan at all.



NB When quoting from Local Board plans in our submission, we use *italics*. When quoting from our Annual Plan 2026/2027 submission, we use **bold**. Following Council's apparent oversight of some of our submissions in the Annual Plan 2026-2027 process, our advice from Council staff

has been to resubmit those points relevant to the 3-Year Local Board Plans so that they may be considered at the earliest convenience.

Albert-Eden

1. We were pleased to see a photo of the Waiōrea Community Recycling Centre on the Local Board Plan cover. We have expressed our support for the centre in previous submissions, and some CTA members are regular visitors to the centre. We still think recycling centres and/or libraries could be a drop-off place for used batteries, and would again encourage Council to consider the merits of this idea.

2. CTA supports Albert-Eden communities that consistently say that *“climate action and environment projects are a priority”* (pg 10), and we support the Local Board in setting out a low carbon pathway in its Climate Action Plan. We endorse environmental restoration in areas like Te Auauanga, Waititiko, Pt Chevalier Beach and Mōtū Manawa Marine Reserve, rare lava rock forests and around the tūpuna maunga.

3. We are pleased that the plan reflects *“reducing emissions, protecting biodiversity, building community resilience”* (pg 11) and that the Local Board refers to the relevant Shoreline Adaption Plan to guide actions.

4. CTA also supports the following:

- *Help households be ready for an emergency, refresh the Albert-Eden Local Board Emergency Readiness and Response Plan and support marae and groups to join our Community Emergency Hub network* (pg 14).
- *Improve Chamberlain Park by adding a new local park and walking and cycling paths, restoring Waititiko / Meola Creek and shifting golf holes to keep an 18-hole golf course* (pg 15).

5. CTA submitted in June 2015 on keeping the 18-hole course, being only public golf course on the central isthmus and used by a diverse range of Aucklanders of all ages and ethnicities, at that time seeing in excess of 50,000 rounds per year, so we are very supportive of this outcome that accommodates broader community usage without surrendering the 18-hole nature of the golf course.

- *Make the most of land purchased in the flood buy-out by turning any suitable sites into new parks* (pg16).

- *Implement low carbon practices through capital projects when upgrading or developing our assets, for example minimising construction waste or adding renewal energy generation* (pg 16).

6. In our submission on the government's Emissions Reduction Plan in November 2021, we stated "that adaptive reuse of heritage buildings, as well as buildings in general should also be considered in the first instance. An example is the Civic Administration Building in Auckland's civic square, where a recent promotion for these apartments states: 'The most environmentally friendly new build is the one you don't actually build.... The CAB has reused its original steel frame.... Reusing such a large portion of the building (after passing considerable forms of strength testing) vastly reduces its carbon footprint.... Our team has painstakingly removed 19 floors/2,130 tonnes of concrete and diverted 98% of the demolition material from landfill.'"

7. We support the advocacy for *"Increased budget for buying open space, to ensure the shortfalls in service provision in urban areas can be addressed"* (pg 16).

8. CTA supports all the objectives listed on pages 18-19. In particular, we support the community changing their travel patterns *"to include more low carbon options."* However, please note our comments in the introduction to this submission about e-scooters.

9. We strongly support the following key initiatives in the plan: *"Work with Ministry of Housing and Urban Development and the three Tāmaki Makaurau rūpū of Marutūāhu, Ngāti Whātua and Waiohū-Tāmaki who are creating Te Kukūnga Waka (Carrington residential development). Provide community services for new communities coming to large-scale developments in our area, like Te Kukūnga Waka (Carrington residential development) and University of Auckland Epsom Campus* (pg 21); *and the advocacy* (pg 23): *"Preservation and use of the heritage building at the northern end of Te Kukūnga Waka (Carrington residential development), working with Marutūāhu and their aspirations."*

10. As per our submission on the 2023 Local Board Plan, CTA recognises the regional nature of Building One's heritage significance, as denoted by its inclusion on Council's heritage schedule as a Category A building, and its Category 1 building status on Heritage NZ's List, and strongly supports a community wellbeing hub being incorporated into this building on the Carrington residential site. Currently, we are concerned that Building One is deteriorating, and that with tiles removed from the roof, rain is getting in, to add to the damage done by vandals over the years the building has been left empty. We strongly urge the Local Board to lobby Auckland Council and the Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions and Transport to protect this Category I and Category A building so that it can be preserved. It is a matter of urgency to make the building watertight, for example, by the use of tarpaulins, or by having the tiles that were removed from the roof put back in place. CTA understands that the building was set aside for adaptive re-use and that within the Albert-Eden Local Board Area reside many of the 600 groups or individuals who have expressed interest in a tenancy in the building.

11. Our Annual Plan submission included the following: **“We also suggest the local board takes any action available, including enforcement orders, to halt and remedy what appear to be intentional actions that will harm the main building of Oakley/Carrington Hospital at the Unitec campus. The building is Category A Scheduled Heritage within the Auckland Unitary Plan (Item 1618), excluding the additions made after 1905, and is a Category 1 Historic Place on the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (HNZPT) List / Rārangī Korero (Item 96). [https://www.heritage.org.nz/list-details/96/Carrington%20Hospital%20\(Former\)](https://www.heritage.org.nz/list-details/96/Carrington%20Hospital%20(Former)).”**

12. That submission included a photo showing the roof of Building One. We include below a historic photo of the building and also an updated photo showing a close-up of the roof, the gap where the tiles should be continuing all the way around the building, then two photos showing damage inside the building.

13. We strongly support the Local Board retaining this objective in its plan: *“Protect and celebrate our historic heritage by being good stewards of the assets we own and supporting others to care for theirs”* (page 22) and we suggest that it follows that the Local Board should focus its efforts on Building One.





14. We support the Local Board's advocacy, especially: *"Planning rules to protect historic heritage, special character, viewshafts of the tūpuna maunga (ancestral mountains) and sites and places of significance to mana whenua."*

15. Our Annual Plan submission also included: **"the local board advocates to Council for the repurposing of the old Mt Eden Prison."**

16. We support the priorities to: *"Provide safe and accessible walking, cycling and micro-mobility options for people to use, including by adding missing links and connections"* (pg 28); *"Provide the missing walking and cycling connection running east to west across our local board area"* (pg 29); *"Set safe speed limits to provide a consistent and safe speed environment, working towards survivable speeds on our local roads;"* (pg 29) and *"Ensure footpaths are wide, accessible, and safe"* (pg 29).

17. We repeat our request from our 2023 feedback that a Liberty Swing be reinstated in Rocket Park, along with some of the other original equipment for this special park, to support children with disabilities, as per the objective in the 2026 plan (pg 14): *"We celebrate diversity, making sure everyone is empowered to participate and feel like they belong,"* the key initiatives (pg 14): *"Reduce barriers so everyone can be an active part of our community, especially children, young and older people, migrant communities, LGBTQ+ communities, people with physical or intellectual disabilities and transient populations; and Work with groups to ensure that our programmes work for everyone and that our spaces feel safe and accessible,"* the objective (pg 15): *"People and communities have access to spaces and services that improve their wellbeing, help them learn and meet their changing needs;"* and the objective: *"Our community is healthy and active and can include movement and fun in everyday life,"* with the associated initiative: *"Make our parks and public places fun so everyone has space and feels comfortable to play and recreate, especially children,"* and the objective: *"Our parks and open space meet the needs of our changing population"* (pg 15).

18. We understand that the original purpose of Rocket Park was to provide accessibility for children with disabilities. We draw the Local Board's attention to this [blog](https://www.magicalbridge.co.nz/) about the Magical Bridge NZ Playground in Hamilton <https://www.magicalbridge.co.nz/>

Aotea-Great-Barrier

1. CTA strongly supports the climate change and resilience initiatives that the Local Board has invested in (pg 10).

2. We support (in particular) the key initiatives to:

- *Partner with mana whenua to restore the mauri (life force) of whenua, moana, awa and taonga species and strengthen climate resilience on the island.*
- *Support the local Emergency Response Team to deliver emergency readiness, response and recovery initiatives to strengthen island resilience.*

- *Improve our council 'microgrid' to help us better capture, store and manage electricity locally.*
- *Ensure our village spaces, parks, reserves and beaches are safe, well-maintained and reflect our natural way of life.*
- *Partner with mana whenua, Department of Conservation and the community to investigate connecting track networks.*

3. We support all the Environment key initiatives and all the advocacy in this section. We are of the view that all the other Local Boards could support this advocacy as well, as much of it is relevant to the rest of Auckland.

4. In association with Tautaki Auckland, the Local Board developed the Aotea Great Barrier Island Destination Management Plan (focused on sustainable, regenerative tourism that balances economic growth with environmental protection) and CTA supports those identified efforts to those ends (pp 20-22).

5. We support the priorities under Transport, in particular (which we also supported in 2023): *"Support the introduction of a community passenger transport service"* (pg 25).

Devonport-Takapuna

1. In our last Local Board Plan submission, we encouraged the Local Board "to advocate for bike racks on buses that go across the Auckland Harbour Bridge," so we are very pleased to note that there are now 15 buses that carry bicycles over the harbour bridge.

2. We support the following objective: *"Our parks, facilities and recreational spaces are safe, accessible and meet the needs of our community"* and we particularly support the following key initiatives: *"Ensure accessibility is a key consideration in the development and maintenance of our parks, facilities and recreational spaces; Develop and maintain our parks, community facilities and recreational spaces with sustainable and locally sourced materials where possible;"* and *"Complete the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan."*

3. We support the objective to *"... explore opportunities to reflect Māori identity and support Māori wellbeing in our parks, public spaces and community facilities"* and the key initiatives associated with this objective.

4. We strongly support the Local Board's advocacy for the *"Establishment of a regional heritage facilities maintenance fund to support local boards to maintain, renew and preserve heritage buildings"* (pg 14).

5. We would have liked to have seen the retention of the objective that: *"Natural and built heritage are conserved and both colonial and Māori history and significant places are valued, promoted, and celebrated"* (page 19, 2023 Local Board Plan).

6. We support all of the Local Board's objectives under Environment (pp 16-17) and all the key initiatives, with comments as follows:

As regards *"Support appropriate planting and the principle of 'the right tree in the right place,'"* we note that trees that grow large sometimes block views of both landscapes and attractive buildings, and that trees should not be encased in concrete, nor should they be put in a place where they will impact on infrastructure such as water pipes. In 2023 we stated, in response to the 'right tree in the right place' principle that "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."

7. Regarding *"Support initiatives ... such as education on: using bike hubs and electric scooters ... different ways to travel for short journeys,"* please see our comments in the introduction to this submission about e-scooters on pages 2-3.

8. We support all the advocacy for the Natural Environment (pg 17).

9. We support all the Built Environment key initiatives (pg 19).

10. We would support the retention of the initiative from the previous plan: "Utilisation of regional funding to retrofit assets and upgrade them with solar energy saving measures" (pg 22, 2023 Local Board Plan).

11. We support the advocacy to the governing body as per page 20:

- *More funding to protect and renew our heritage assets.*
- *Invest in infrastructure and open spaces in areas where increased housing density is planned under Unitary Plan Change 120.*
- *Consult more with the Auckland Urban Design Panel for advice around large-scale developments.*

12. Regarding large-scale developments, we bring the Local Board's attention to the principles of universal design as outlined on pages 1-2 of this submission.

13. On page 24 under Transport, *"High dependency on motor vehicles"* is mentioned as a challenge, and we submit that the Local Board could encourage and advocate for the use of public transport, as per our suggestion on page 2.

14. We look forward to Local Boards having more control over local transport decisions as a result of the proposed legislation reform.

15. We support slowing traffic, in the interests of safety, as per the priority on page 24: *“Install speed advisory signs and other measures to help slow traffic across the area.”*

16. From our Annual Plan submission:

CTA supports the following activities/projects proposed by this local board:

- **Working with Council to support people impacted by flooding events**
- **Advocacy to the Governing Body or other entities for support, including the Lake Road upgrade, the development of the Francis Esmonde link and a new ferry terminal at Bayswater**
- **Completion and adoption of the Devonport -Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan to help guide decisions and investment in parks and open spaces.**

17. We note that The Flagstaff, the Devonport Local Community Newspaper, revealed (on 2 July, 2026) the [five 8-storey tower development plans](#) proposed for Devonport by Peninsula Capital. These multi-level buildings rising behind heritage streetscape (pictured below) clearly block the maunga behind and would surely impact the proposed UNESCO World Heritage Site status that is being sought for all the Tūpuna Maunga of Auckland.



18. If intensification of such a scale is to be considered, perhaps master planning for that end of the peninsula might include consideration of the RNZN vacating its current site (and possibly relocating to Whangarei), in part, good for housing in Auckland and also potentially positive for Northland.

Franklin

1. CTA supports the objectives and key initiatives (pages 17-18) under “Natural Environment,” and the advocacy on pages 18-19.

2. We suggest the retention of the following initiative from the 2023 plan (pg 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.”

3. Under Transport, we support the Local Board working towards safe travel by foot, bike and mobility scooter, and note the inclusion of mobility scooters (page 27).

4. We support the ideas listed in the Opportunities section (page 28), particularly that of leveraging the Manukau Harbour and Hauraki Gulf as a Blue Highway. We see this as benefitting other parts of Auckland too, reducing reliance on the roading network and congestion across the city.

5. Under Transport priorities, we note: *“Investigate options to improve safety and environmental protection on Franklin’s beaches, so that vehicle use does not create harm to people or place e.g. at Karioitahi Beach, Umupuia and Kawakawa Bay.”* In general, we do not support vehicles driving on beaches. We strongly support the priority to *“Work with community providers to facilitate youth uptake of walking and cycling as a mechanism to address congestion and parking capacity,”* which we see as also facilitating youth health and environmental health. We support advocacy for better public transport routes, including more ferry services.

6. From our Annual Plan submission:

CTA supports the following activities/projects proposed by this local board:

- **Continue to invest in community-led pest management and environmental restoration programmes, with an emphasis on initiatives that engage Māori and youth**
- **Local and community leadership in the delivery of initiatives and programmes where appropriate**
- **Progress delivery of the Paparata Local Purpose Reserve (Bombay) concept plan**
- **Investigate and develop options that will address community safety and environment at Karioitahi Beach so that this special place can be enjoyed by locals and visitors and the unique environment is protected**
- **Commence work to progress delivery of the Paparata Local Purpose Reserve (Bombay) concept plan , ensuring that the local community has the opportunity to partner in delivery where feasible.**
- **Continue to seek options for the development of Clarks Beach Reserves in line with future need so that the board is able to invest in improvements that align with both future need and existing community aspiration.**

CTA commends the Franklin Local Board for its intention to engage with the community in order to garner their ideas and input.

Henderson-Massey

1. We support the Local Board in continuing with the key initiative (pg 14) to *“Develop parks, community and play spaces that can be easily used and accessed by everyone and meet the needs of the community,”* and draw members’ attention to Magical Bridge NZ Playground in Hamilton, mentioned in the introduction to our submission.
2. We support all the key initiatives in the Natural Environment section (pp 17-18) and the advocacy on page 18.
3. Under Built Environment, we strongly support the objective of *“Community places and spaces are more accessible, sustainable and improve our collective wellbeing”* (pg 20), and in particular, the key initiatives of *“Make sure we consider sustainability and accessibility when we build and maintain community facilities and buildings”* and *“Identify and progress neighbourhood transport initiatives that improve safety, such as walking and cycling paths and speed calming measures.”*
4. Regarding sustainability and accessibility, please see our comments about universal design on page 2.
5. In the Transport section, we particularly support the following key initiatives: *“Look into and set up traffic flow solutions such as ‘smart’ traffic lights that use sensors or cameras to give longer green lights where traffic is heavy, respond to rush hours, incidents and weather and prioritise buses;” “Introduce a weekly public transport fare cap for children and young people in addition to the existing \$50 fare cap”* and *“Prioritise safety and ways to reduce the number of speeding vehicles in local streets and around every local school.”* While an enhanced pedestrian environment is desirable, so too is the free flow of traffic, sequenced where necessary.

Hibiscus and Bays

1. In our last Local Board Plan submission, we encouraged the Local Board to advocate to Auckland Transport for bike racks on buses that go across the Auckland Harbour Bridge, so we are delighted that there are now 15 buses that carry bicycles over the harbour bridge on the NX1 route.
2. Under Community on page 15, we support the key initiative of *“Support communities to share stories about local heritage in ways that help people understand their area, feel a sense of identity and belonging, and learn about local history. This includes using te reo Māori place names and a range of storytelling approaches.”*
3. We support all the key initiatives and advocacy under Natural Environment (pp 19-20). We note that one key initiative is: *“Support the development and increased use of parks, reserves and sports fields that are accessible, equitable and meet current and future community needs.”* A visit by a CTA Board member to the Alice Eaves Scenic Reserve in January this year

revealed that although there is supposedly a track alongside the Nukumea Stream that is suitable for wheelchairs, it was not possible to get the wheelchair past the kauri dieback cleaning station, it being misleading to describe the track as accessible for wheelchairs.

4. We support the key initiatives and advocacy under Built Environment (pp 22-23) and under Transport (pg 29).

5. From our Annual Plan submission:

CTA supports the following activities/projects proposed by this local board:

- **Supporting further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation, through increased monitoring and extending projects such as local stream restoration including the Weiti River**
- **Continuing our commitment to protecting our natural environment - such as advancing restoration efforts along the Weiti River and strengthening monitoring to reduce contamination and sedimentation in our waterways**
- **Ensuring Hibiscus and Bays is welcoming and supportive for all through collaboration with a broader range of local residents and an increased focus on inclusive design, so it is accessible and usable for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds**

CTA strongly supports this Local Board's focus on inclusive design, and would like to see other Local Boards focus on this as well, and for it to be included in Auckland Council's vision.

The remainder has been covered on page 2 of this submission.

Howick

1. We support the Local Board's long list of key initiatives on pages 14-16 under Community and will provide comments on the following. *"Work with Animal Management to address local issues, and clearly communicate rules and regulations to the community, especially the rules around having dogs in public spaces"* (pg 14). Some dog owners do not seem to know that their dogs should be on a leash at all times in public spaces, except in designated off-leash areas. Other owners clearly do know this, and are flouting this rule. We encourage this Local Board (and all others) to implement the \$300 fine for a dog being off-leash in an on-leash area, as well as the other infringements relating to dogs. There are owners who regularly walk their dogs off-leash, and their disregard for Auckland Council's Dog Management Bylaw is unfair on other dog owners and to those members of the public who have a real fear of dogs, whatever they look like and whatever size they are.

2. *"Develop inclusive play spaces designed for neurodiverse children, supporting safe, engaging, and enjoyable experiences for all"* (pg 14). We strongly support this initiative. Like universal design, such play spaces are suitable for everyone. Please see our note on page 1

about the Magical Bridge NZ Playground in Hamilton, established in December 2023, New Zealand's first fully inclusive and accessible playground designed for people of all ages, sizes, and physical or neurological abilities.

3. We support the objectives and key initiatives under Natural Environment on pages 18-21, and the advocacy on pages 21-222 noting, however, as in our 2023 feedback, as regards the following key initiative: *“Support the Tūpuna Maunga Authority to protect and enhance Ōhūiarangi / Pigeon Mountain”* that we do support protecting the maunga but we do not support the removal of trees from any of the maunga across Auckland. We maintain the position that particular trees that are not wanted on the maunga should live out their natural lives while replacement planting of other species is planned for.

4. We support the objectives and key initiatives under Built Environment on pages 24 - 26, though we caution with regard to *“Look into selling underperforming properties to help fund priority projects.”* It may be better for these properties to remain in Council ownership rather than be lost to the private sector, and rather than use their sale to fund projects, make them perform better. This is a case where the community should be consulted about the use of buildings within their area, as regrettably, some Council buildings are not fully utilised due to lack of information about them, and also regrettably, some underused Council buildings are not maintained and become unusable.

5. Under Transport, the priority *“Identify high congestion areas and investigate options for improvement to reduce travel time and keep our emissions low”* seems to in part be answered by *“Provide safe, reliable, and timely public transport, with improved bus services, accessible routes, and well -designed, sheltered bus stops for the community.”* We think there is an opportunity for all Local Boards to promote public transport more, for Local Board members to use it more themselves, and to investigate barriers to people using transport. We would like to see, for example, employers offer more incentives for their employees to use public transport and for the reintroduction of glide time, where practicable, to remove the barrier of being late for work.

6. From our Annual Plan submission:

CTA supports the following activities/projects proposed by this local board:

- **Run regular seminars for community groups/organisations on the local grant's application process**
- **Continue advocacy of the Tāmaki Estuary on water quality and coastal erosion**
- **Support our volunteer groups with resources needed for ecological volunteering, such as stream clean-ups and pest plant weeding**
- **Tackling the challenges of environmental protection and restoration remains a high priority**
- **Continue to support environmental groups and explore new initiatives**

Kaipātiki

1. We note the following on page 4 (From the Chair): *“To ensure a sustainable network of community assets, the board will take a fiscally responsible, long-term approach to renewing them. This includes reviewing the condition and performance of existing assets and recognising that, under ongoing limited funding, some assets may need to be considered for decommissioning (for example removing or deconstructing them).”* We repeat what we have written above in this submission, that unfortunately, some Council buildings are not fully utilised due to lack of information about them, and also unfortunately, some underused Council buildings are not maintained and become unusable. In our view, the community should be consulted about the use of buildings in their area.

2. In the 2023 draft plan, CTA supported the initiative (pg 14) 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.”* We are therefore pleased to know that the Birkenhead Pool and Leisure Centre now has solar panels installed on its roof, that roof work is underway at the Glenfield Centre to add solar panels, and that the Board Office is in line to receive solar panels as well.

3. CTA supported the Kaipātiki Local Board’s advocacy to the Governing Body in the draft 2023 plan (pg 18) *“to protect and celebrate our built and cultural heritage”* and would like to see this retained in the 2026 plan.

4. Also in the 2023 plan, we supported *“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”* (page 23) and we are pleased to note that the changes proposed by the Kaipātiki and Devonport-Takapuna Local Boards to rules for local beaches and reserves came into effect in January 2026.

5. Again, we support advocacy to *“reinstate legislation that provides general tree protection Central Government”* (page 20), and would also continue to support the following, if it were included in the plan: *“for urban planning legislation to adequately protect special ecological areas”* (2023 plan, pg 23).

6. We strongly support this new advocacy: *“Advocate to introduce waste recovery schemes that make those who create waste responsible for dealing with it”* (pg 20).

7. We are pleased that the following key initiative has been retained: *“Consider the effects of climate change when developing places and spaces by avoiding areas or activities that are vulnerable to climate risks like drought, extreme rainfall, coastal flooding and heat.”*

8. We continue to support *“continued improvement of the bus and ferry network serving Kaipātiki with: cheaper ferry and bus fares, maintaining our existing three ferry services – with increased frequency, more buses going to more destinations more often,”* and also *“a continued*

move to electric buses and ferries serving Kaipātiki” (pg 31). In our view, the Waitematā Harbour could be used much more for transport - being a waterway that does not need maintenance the way roads and rail do.

9. Under Community, one of the key initiatives is: *“Invest in natural solutions that improve our parks and public spaces, including planting notable trees for shade, wildflower meadows for increased biodiversity and natural play items such as māra hūpara.”* We support this initiative (alongside all the others), and appreciate that the wildflower meadows will attract more insects and other biodiversity than grass. We would like to see fruit trees included in the plantings in parks and public spaces, for the additional benefit of providing food for the community. We also like the use of māra hūpara, not only for the connection with both nature and local Māori history, but also due to its attractiveness and sustainability.

10. We support all the objectives, key initiatives, and advocacy under Natural Environment (pages 19 - 21). A number of our board members have enjoyed walking along the treetop boardwalk at Kauri Glen Reserve.

11. Under Transport, we strongly support the following priority: *“Consider introducing reduced speed limits (safer speeds) on a case-by-case basis on roads where vulnerable road users are often present, and where the impact on traffic flow will be minor”* (pg 31). It is our understanding that driving in a city, constantly stopping and starting at traffic lights, a lower speed limit tends to affect travel time only by seconds.

12. Under Economic Development, we support the following two key initiatives: *“Support local businesses to use more sustainable practices, such as reducing waste, cutting greenhouse gas emissions and using resources more efficiently,”* and *“Promote retail opportunities provided by the Wairau zero-waste hub and other second -hand providers like op-shops.”*

13. From our Annual Plan submission:

CTA supports the following activities/projects proposed by this local board:

- **Support environmental groups, community volunteers, and our diverse communities to carry out environmental restoration projects, including stream clean-ups, habitat improvement, native riparian planting, and pest control**
- **Improvements to Little Shoal Bay / Wai Manawa Reserve**
- **Healthy Waters Ngā Wairau project, working alongside that project to ensure the parks, sport, and recreational outcomes are being suitably included and considered**
- **Invest in maintenance and renewal of our parks, playgrounds, community buildings, recreation facilities, and other public spaces so they continue to meet our communities needs**
- **Support a community-led approach for the delivery of relevant and diverse services that develop and connect the community**

- **Make substantial progress on the planning and delivery of major local projects, including the Beach Haven Coastal Connection (Stage 3), Birkenhead War Memorial masterplan implementation, and improvements to Little Shoal Bay / Wai Manawa Reserve**

CTA endorses the Kaipātiki Local Board’s community-led approach, and congratulates this local board on the huge response (about 5,000 people) to its consultation on the future use of recreation at A.F. Thomas Park. However this consultation was done, it clearly worked, and perhaps lessons can be learned by other local boards.

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu

1. In our 2023 submission on the Local Board Plans, CTA supported the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board to “Revive the Māngere Gateway Heritage plan to enhance Stonefields and promote and regain heritage values” (pg 17). We understand that the Local Board has been actively working to revive this plan, including funding programmes designed to enhance the Otutāua Stonefields, and we are pleased about this.

2. We support all the key initiatives under Natural Environment in the current draft plan (pp 17-18), in particular: *“Support the creation of a new Māngere Ōtāhuhu Community Recycling Centre, making it easier for people to recycle and reduce waste,”* and we endorse the opportunity under Economic Development that *“The proposed community recycling centre could help create new sustainable community enterprises and provide more jobs.”* We also particularly support: *“Fund education and community programmes that work with people to reduce and manage household waste, prevent illegal dumping, and build shared care and pride in our local environment,”* and *“Work with the community to develop and deliver local climate action plans and support community-led projects that help people cut emissions, use energy wisely and choose low -carbon ways to get around.”*

3. We would like to note that CTA is very supportive of Respect Mt Richmond / Ōtāhuhu in its efforts to save the exotic trees on that maunga. On page 10 in your plan it is noted that *“Māngere -Ōtāhuhu has low tree canopy cover”* and that a key initiative (pg 17) is *“Work with landowners and developers to plant more trees (ngāhere) across private land, new developments and green open spaces;”* and an advocacy point (pg 18) is *“Funding to help local boards achieve regional and local targets for urban ngāhere (tree) cover in the areas where there is less than 15 per cent of tree canopy cover. This provides habitats for birds and insects, and shade from extreme heat.”* It is our view that exotic trees contribute to the canopy just as much as natives, and they also provide habitat for fauna and shade for people. We have proposed in various submissions that unwanted trees be left to live out their natural lives, and that it should be only then that they are replaced with other trees.

4. We note the challenge stated in the Built Environment section (pg 19): *“Plan Change 120 proposes to avoid building homes in flood-prone parts of Māngere-Ōtāhuhu to improve safety, but pushes to build new housing into fewer areas. This could increase pressure on already stretched local infrastructure and services.”* In [our submission](#) on Plan Change 120, we

supported those communities which stated that infrastructure and services would be put under pressure by intensification, including in our points as follows: 7(c) “CTA submits that to reduce capacity in certain locations, such intensification could be reallocated elsewhere in order to meet the arbitrary 2 million total required by PC120. This might be done by, for example, allowing THAB in some locations or allowing a variation in the number of floors in an apartment block; 8(c) PC120 needs to include planning for infrastructure, in order to support safe, resilient, and sustainable intensification. This includes schools, hospitals, green space, and transport. Growth should be directed to places where the necessary infrastructure is planned, funded, and deliverable; 8(d) In our view, it is poor planning to rely on potential legislation and/or private investment for future infrastructure. We know that some parts of the city have been waiting years for appropriate infrastructure and we know that the availability of funding for such work is not increasing. CTA considers that development should not be enabled where infrastructure is not practicably able to be provided.” The ability to accommodate such changes is now more attainable given the reduction of the government’s target from 2 million homes down to 1.4 million homes.

5. CTA supports all the key initiatives on page 20, particularly: *“Make sure new community buildings are designed to work well in a changing climate, are healthy and contribute to a quality built environment,”* as well as all the advocacy on page 21.

6. We also support all the priorities under Transport (pg 26).

7. From our Annual Plan submission:

CTA supports the following activities/projects proposed by this local board:

- **Deliver coastal and storm -water resilience work in the Manukau Harbour -adjacent suburbs (such as improvements to seawalls or planting buffer zones) to support long - term climate adaptation**
- **Continue the native tree planting and understory restoration programme across key reserves and corridors (for example around waterways in Māngere East and Favona**
- **Roll out community -led waste -minimisation and resource -recovery initiatives — supporting local groups to divert material from landfill**
- **Work with Auckland Transport and Economic Development Office to support our transport and economic aspirations**

CTA supports the efforts of Respect Mount Richmond Ōtāhuhu to save the trees on their local maunga from felling by the Tūpuna Maunga Authority. This group is having to raise community money to defend itself in court against the TMA, which is funded by Council (ratepayer) money. We do not think that removing trees from the maunga aligns with Auckland's Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy. This strategy states that it will have been successful when (amongst other aims) it has:

- **increased canopy cover to 30 per cent across Auckland's urban area, and at least 15 per cent in every local board area**

- increased the network of green infrastructure on public land
- improved links between green spaces by establishing ecological corridors
- instilled a sense of pride in Aucklanders for their urban ngahere.

The strategy also states that “Protecting existing ngahere is crucial to safeguarding the added values and benefits mature trees provide (pg 42). The benefits provided by trees become exponentially greater as they mature. It’s also more cost effective to care for mature trees.... People often have strong emotional connections to landmark, mature trees in their neighbourhoods, and are more likely to mourn the loss of a large tree. Additionally, some native species, such as kākā, and bats, prefer taller trees and their presence can significantly improve the biodiversity value of an area (pg 45).”

CTA submits that there needs to be better alignment between the Urban Ngahere Strategy and the Tūpuna Maunga Authority’s Operational Plan, and that the views of all Aucklanders need to be taken into account.

Manurewa

1. In the 2023 plan, CTA was pleased to note: “increase awareness of the notable tree schedule to protect more of our trees” (page 26) and we supported the key initiative to “Replace every tree removed from the streetscape due to damage, storms and accidents within one year” (page 27). We understand that due to financial constraints, further storm damage, and high operational costs have meant that this goal was not met, but we encourage the Local Board to continue with tree replacement. We submit that awareness of the notable tree schedule could be included in the Local Board’s advocacy to the Governing Body.

2. Regarding the key initiative *“Look at options to improve access and usability across our parks and facilities. This may include identifying and removing physical barriers, upgrading paths, amenities, and signage, and working closely with disability groups to meet their needs”* (pg 17) we draw the Local Board’s attention to the Magical Bridge NZ Playground in Hamilton as being a playground that caters for children with disabilities.

3. CTA supports all the climate change and sustainability initiatives on page 17, as well as the key initiatives under Natural Environment on pages 20-21 and the advocacy on page 22.

4. We support the Economic Development key initiatives of: *“Support industrial zones to move to a low-impact, low-carbon economy and adapt to the impacts of climate change,”* and *“Support initiatives that strengthen community economic resilience in response to climate change. This may include community-led renewable energy projects, such as solar generation and storage, that reduce energy costs, create local jobs, and increase energy security.”*

5. We support the Transport priorities on page 29 and 30, particularly: *“Continue to support evidence-based ways to slow down traffic. This could be speed humps and raised pedestrian crossings around schools;”* and *“Look at options to improve safety and traffic management like*

slowing down traffic and improved parking around the Homai quadrant which includes Sturdee Road.” We understand that when driving in a city and constantly stopping and starting at traffic lights, a lower speed limit tends to affect travel time only by seconds. We note that some suburbs have introduced 30 km or 40 km limits in some areas, which seem to work well.

6. From our Annual Plan submission:

CTA supports the following activities/projects proposed by this local board:

- **Continue to support ways to plant and retain more trees on public and private land and suburban streets**
- **Deliver a new neighbourhood park at Glenveagh Reserve.**
- **Continue to invest in our two illegal dumping pilot programmes: a proactive illegal dumping collection initiative and an illegal dumping enforcement programme.**

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

1. With regard to the advocacy to *“Work with relevant agencies to advocate for policies and initiatives that reduce dog attacks, support responsible ownership, and keep our community safe”* (pg15), CTA suggests that this advocacy could include asking Auckland Council to direct its Animal Management Officers to remind/warn dog owners that they need to keep their dogs on a leash at all times, except in off-leash areas, and if they do not, they are liable for a \$300 fine.

2. We support the Natural Environment key initiatives (pp 17-18), particularly *“Support rangatahi as leaders in climate action and investigate opportunities for rangatahi led environmental initiatives.”* We also support the advocacy in this section (pp18-19).

3. We support the Built Environment key initiatives (pp 21-22) and the advocacy on page 22. We recommend the example of the Magical Bridge NZ Playground in Hamilton as a playground that caters for children with disabilities, as regards the initiative: *“Develop playground designs which are inclusive of all ages and abilities.”*

4. We support the following Economic Development key initiatives page 24: *“Support initiatives which encourage businesses to do something about their impact on the environment”* (pg 24) and *“Support initiatives which encourage local procurement and the promotion of services within our community”* (pg 25).

5. CTA supports the Transport priorities (pp 27-28).

6. From our Annual Plan submission:

CTA supports the following activities/projects proposed by this local board:

- Partnering with mana whenua and community groups on restoration, food resilience planting, and environmental education
- Exploring increased compliance resourcing and enhancing community emergency preparedness
- Continuing work to improve our parks and open spaces, including progressing plans for Waikaraka Park, focused on making sure local facilities, parks and green spaces keep pace
- Advancing important environmental restoration projects like Ōmaru Creek, continuing to care for our natural environment guided by shared values.

CTA congratulates the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board on the completion of the Te Kōpua o Hiku bridge at the Panmure Basin, which will mean safer, easier walking and cycling.

Ōrākei

1. In the 2023 draft plans, CTA supported the seismic restoration of the Remuera Library and we are pleased to see this project completed.
2. We strongly support the first key initiative on page 21: *“Ensure that the heritage of our people, places and buildings is recognised, protected and valued by working with council organisations, supporting community groups and investing in eligible projects.”*
3. We also support the Natural Environment key initiatives (pp 17-18) and the advocacy on page 19.
4. Alongside *“Encourage developers to prioritise sustainable design in their developments”* (pg 21), CTA would like to see *“Encourage developers to prioritise universal design in their developments,”* and we refer the Local Board to page 2 of this submission, where we have written about universal design.
5. Regarding the initiative: *“Look for opportunities to provide new venues for community use such as land reclamation (creating new land by filling in areas of water), buying property or working with community providers,”* firstly, we would urge the Local Board to undertake extensive consultation before considering land reclamation, due to the expense, the requirement for constant maintenance, and the vulnerability to flooding. Further, when we read on the next page the initiative: *“Decommission under-used assets like Leicester Hall, to invest in better value assets and services,”* we question why the Local Board would consider new venues for community use when there already are such venues, such as Leicester Hall, which has a kitchen, off-street parking, and is wheelchair accessible. We suggest that the Local Board considers that the community might like to be involved in the maintenance of such buildings, and potentially making it more fit for purpose, rather than looking to provide new buildings.

Furthermore, are such venues as Leicester Hall well-known to the community? Could they be advertised in the Local Board newsletters?

6. Potentially, *“Review[ing] the local board’s lease portfolio to ensure that leased sites are providing the best value to community and identify what might be missing”* would bring to light what is needed, what is already available, and what could be done to make the best use of such assets.

7. We support the priorities under Transport and the associated advocacy. We support speed limits for e-bikes, e-scooters and low-powered vehicles, and we would like to see a ban on e-scooters using footpaths, in line with the Local Board aiming at more safety for pedestrians.

8. From our Annual Plan submission:

CTA supports the following activities/projects proposed by this local board:

- **Increasing investment in restoration and pest-management programmes to grow and protect your natural environment. Our reserves and open spaces are one of the most vital resources in Ōrākei**
- **Continued investment in growing and protecting our parks and playgrounds.**

CTA endorses efforts by this board to work with the neighbouring Waitematā Local Board on matters regarding the health of the Waitematā Harbour that connecting those board areas.

Otara-Papatoetoe

1. CTA supports the initiatives on page 14 under Community: *“Support climate resilience and local sustainability education and engagement initiatives for young people;”* and *“Continue to develop a ‘multi -park management plan’ that manages the use, development and protection of all parks, reserves and open spaces in the area.”*

2. We support the Natural Environment key initiatives on pages 17-18 and the advocacy on page 18.

3. We suggest that the criticism on page 26 of *“Unreliable, infrequent and limited public transport options encourage more residents to travel by car”* is less valid than it was 3 years ago, as public transport in Auckland is improving all the time. We are of the view that what is needed is more promotion of public transport to people who do not think outside of taking their car with them everywhere they go.

4. We support the priorities on pages 27 and 28 under Transport. As per our submission 3 years ago, we support free public transport, not only to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and congestion, but to improve the health of the population, as overall, we do not move enough. We have suggested in previous submissions a trial of free transport.

5. We agree that Puhinui Station is a crucial transport hub, and, as we stated in our 2023 submission, we are of the view that the AirportLink service needs more publicity.

6. From our Annual Plan submission:

CTA does not support this local board changing garden edging to chemical application, as this is an environmental risk, with chemicals running into waterways, killings beneficial insects and disrupting the natural soil balance. We note that weeds can build up resistance to the chemicals.

We do support this local board's seismic strengthening of Papatoetoe Town Hall, a 1917 heritage hall which is still in frequent use for community events.

Papakura

1. Under Community, we support the key initiative: *"Support the protection of sites of Māori and European significance including the enhancement of Pukekooiwiriki Paa."*

2. CTA also supports the Natural Environment key initiatives on pages 18-20 and the advocacy on page 20.

3. Thank you for including *"Support 'universal access' design so people of all ages and abilities can access our facilities, and 'Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design' (CPTED) in upgrades where budgets allow"* in your key initiatives under Built Environment. CTA is a strong supporter of universal design, and your draft plan is the only one we have seen that mentions this design principle, which we see as catering not only for people with disabilities but others who can benefit from improved access, including the ageing population, thus increasing housing options for more people and improving the quality of life for people who currently face significant barriers in terms of physical access.

4. Under this same objective, *"Resilience, safety and universal access,"* we point out that in addition to native trees to *"provide shade, shelter and heat-resilient landscaping,"* that non-native trees provide the same benefits, and some provide fruit as well.

5. Also on page 24, under *"Objective 6: Regeneration and service property optimisation: Identify and sell assets that are underused and reinvest the money from the sales into upgrades for community spaces and facilities to benefit the community,"* we suggest (as we have to several other Local Boards) that some Council buildings are not fully utilised due to the community lacking awareness of them, that some underused Council buildings are not maintained properly

and so become unusable, and that the community should be consulted about the use of buildings in their area.

6. We support all the priorities and advocacy under Transport (pp 33-36).

7. From our Annual Plan submission:

CTA does not support discontinuing funding for the following: ecological and environmental volunteers; Pest Free Urban South; Papakura Stream restoration; Wai care water quality education programming; Manukau Harbour Forum; and Finding Papakura Bats initiatives.

We do support the reduction of the number of public rubbish bins in public spaces as long as this leads to less rubbish, not more.

We also support the following:

- **Progress a refresh of the greenways plan and other pathway opportunities (in particular , the McLennan Memorial Park pathway , plus connecting Kauri Flats School to Pulman Park, as well as connections around Hingaia to Drury).**

Puketāpapa

1. Regarding the key initiatives under Community, we make the following comments.

“Assess the possibility of additional space for off-leash dog exercising.” We hope that this initiative will lead to more compliance in on-leash areas, which is a problem across the city, with people out walking feeling intimidated by dogs and also by some of their owners, who do not like being challenged about their off-leash dog(s).

“Review current community services and facilities and assess how well they meet the needs of a growing population to identify any unmet needs and plan for future investment.” We recommend that such a review involve strong engagement with the community, as part of this review may reveal that there are some services and facilities about which the community is not aware.

“Fund a masterplan for Monte Cecilia Park to consider the future use of the park, including the Liston Village land and any other future community facilities.” We are grateful for the Local Board opposition to the proposed demolition of dwellings at Liston Village, due to the ongoing and growing need for housing for elderly people.

2. We support the key initiatives under Natural Environment on pages 18-19, especially the updating of the Puketāpapa Local Climate Action Plan and the Puketāpapa Urban Ngahere Action Plan 2021, as we are aware that plans can be written and celebrated but then forgotten,

partly as a result of new people coming into various roles. We also support the advocacy on pages 19-20.

3. Under the Built Environment key initiatives (page 22) CTA is pleased to see *“Find ways to respond to the future growth expected in our area as a result of Proposed Plan Change 120, for example review the area plan for parts of Puketāpapa and Albert-Eden local boards.”* We would encourage the Local Board to review the area plan, as per our notes about area and centre plans (on page 4-5).

4. We support the advocacy (pg 23): *“Advocate to build power lines underground, particularly where footpath space is limited”* and *“Advocate for ‘beautification’ at the White Swan Road Transpower substation in Mt Roskill.”* Aside from the issue of limited space, we support beautifying streetscapes by removing visual contamination.

5. Under Economic Development, we support the key initiatives (pg 25): *“Sustainable business programmes that help reduce carbon emissions”* and *“Fund programmes that help reduce pollution”*

6. We support under Transport, the priority *“Seek transport solutions that better-manage traffic flow during peak times, like ‘dynamic’ lanes that can change direction or use, and responsive traffic lights to help reduce waiting times”* (pg 27). We have read that the Henderson-Massey Local Board is looking at “smart” traffic lights, so perhaps these two Local Boards could share their learnings such traffic lights, initially with each other, then with other Local Boards.

7. From our Annual Plan submission:

CTA supports the following project proposed by this local board:

- **Investigating how to respond to the future growth expected in our area as a result of Proposed Plan Change 120: Housing Intensification and Resilience**

We also support the following projects, particularly the community informed vision:

- **Deliver new neighbourhood park at 3-7 Howell Crescent, Roskill**
- **Wairaki Stream Ecological Enhancement and daylighting projects**
- **Developing a Monte Cecilia Master Plan, providing us with a community informed vision, and enable us to strategically invest in the park in the years ahead.**
- **Focusing our environmental restoration work along the awa and coastline. In particular control of pest plants and animals, protection of native species and the restoration of walking tracks so they feel safe and accessible to the community again.**

Rodney

1. A key initiative under Community on page 12 that we support is *“Include climate-resilient design features in all minor works and renewals so climate-resilience becomes a routine part of everyday delivery.”*

2. Under Community on page 13, *“Transition facilities to multi-use, adaptable places and review our underused buildings and spaces to repurpose or sell and reinvest where growth and usage are highest,”* we suggest that such facilities are of high importance to the community and that if they are considered underused currently, then selling them is not the right response. Perhaps those community groups that currently take advantage of the community discount offered (up to 50% off) could be encouraged to pay the full amount, as they would presumably consider this preferable to losing the building. We like the key initiative of *“Make community facilities more multi-purpose by coordinating bookings, using movable equipment and offering a wider mix of activities across halls, libraries and recreation spaces.”*

3. Under Advocacy on page 14, CTA strongly supports *“Advocate for more investment in regional parks in our local board area to meet the pressures of population growth and tourism.”*

4. CTA supports all the key initiatives under Natural Environment (pp 16-17) and the advocacy (pp 17-18).

5. We support the advocacy under Built Environment, especially *“Advocate to make sure new development does not go ahead before essential infrastructure is in place.”* Our comments about infrastructure and PC120 on page 14 are relevant to this.

6. Under Transport, we support the key initiative *“Improve public transport frequency, reliability and services hours on key routes”* (pg 28).

7. From our Annual Plan submission:

CTA supports the following activities/projects proposed by this local board:

- **Progress reserve and playgrounds projects, enhance greenways, increase rural roadside weed control, and maintain heritage sites**

We particularly support this local board’s aim to maintain heritage sites.

- **Support volunteers to restore biodiversity through planting, pest plant and animal control, species protection, and local education**
- **Provide waste education, school freshwater programmes, and community-led stream restoration and catchment management plans to improve waterway health**
- **Supporting volunteers and environmental groups with planting, pest control, and clean -ups to protect biodiversity and create safe habitats for wildlife.**

Upper Harbour

1. CTA supports the Natural Environment key initiatives on pages 15-16.

2. In the 2023 draft plan, the Local Board stated 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 pleased to see that in the current draft plan, included is: *“Support community-led initiatives and projects that encourage sustainable lifestyles, waste minimisation climate resilience and adaptation,”* along with further support for people to take positive environmental action.

3. We support all the advocacy on page 16 and 17, particularly *“Advocate for more funding for compliance and education to ensure that minimising construction and demolition waste is a priority,”* as this has been a submission point for CTA, for example, in our submission on the government’s Emissions Reduction Plan, as referred to on page 6 of this submission.

4. Under Built Environment, key initiative, page 19: *“Improve or dispose of assets that provide lower community benefits to provide more funds for priority spaces and facilities,”* as with our comments for other Local Boards, we caution about disposing of Council buildings because they are such a useful asset for the community, and suggest that instead, community groups may prefer to pay more for hire than lose the use of a building forever, and that buildings could be better advertised, for example, via Local Board newsletters. We therefore support the initiative on page 20: *“Support different uses of community spaces, including sharing spaces with community lease holders and creating hubs and community partnership opportunities.”*

5. We support the transport priorities on page 26, particularly: *“Advocate to make public transport cheaper and easier for young people to use”* and *“Advocate for Hobsonville ferry to be included in the \$50 a week Auckland public transport fare cap initiative.”* Perhaps the Upper Harbour Local Board would like to join the other Local Board that are advocating for young people to be entitled to a further discount on the \$50 fare cap.

6. From our Annual Plan submission:

CTA does not support reducing discretionary funding across all programmes and projects including environmental outcomes, events and activations, cycling initiatives and community outcomes.

We do support reducing maintenance like bollard and post and rail repairs and some garden maintenance, cost savings that most local boards are considering.

We do not agree with the proposed Option 2: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee at Albany Stadium Pool by \$1 (Fees will become \$2), and certainly not Option 3: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by \$ 4 (Fees will become \$5).

We suggest that an alternative to increasing those fees would be to better monitor and enforce other existing regulations, e.g., implement the already existing fines (\$300) for walking a dog off-leash in an on-leash area. Such infringements could perhaps be

attended to by compliance officers who are already looking at issues of non-compliance by members of the public.

We do support the following:

- **Prioritise support for initiatives that deliver outcomes for our environment including community -led ecological initiatives, construction waste education, and the restoration projects.**

Waiheke

1. CTA supports all the Natural Environment key initiatives pages 16-17 and highlight *“Promote responsible pet ownership,”* as this is an initiative that we think all Local Boards could adopt. We also particularly like *“Continue to support and endorse organisations that enable Waiheke to move toward a fossil-fuel free future”* and *“Investigate the feasibility of using solar microgrids to power our community facilities.”*

2. We are also very supportive of all the advocacy on page 18 and would like all Local Boards that have shores to adopt those same points, and all the Local Boards in Auckland to join you in advocating to *“Ban the sale and use of fireworks in Aotearoa.”*

3. We support all of the key initiatives under Built Environment (pp 20-22) and recommend investigating the Magical Bridge NZ Playground in Hamilton for the initiative: *“Make sure we prioritise accessibility and inclusivity when we renew our playgrounds and facilities in line with the ‘Waiheke Be Accessible’ plan.”*

4. We support all the advocacy on page 22, in particular *“Any available council property being considered for health facilities or affordable housing,”* as a much better alternative to selling underused Council buildings.

5. As regard the priorities under Transport, CTA particularly supports *“Advocate for legislative change that would enable Waiheke ferries to be included in the Public Transport Operating Model;”* *“Advocate for the integration of AT HOP cards so monthly passes can be used on all ferry services;”* and *“Support work toward ensuring routes to all Waiheke schools are safe for walking and cycling.”*

6. We also suggest encouraging seniors who travel for free on HOP Gold cards to Waiheke to make a donation at the ferry terminal at Matiatia or online, perhaps towards a Waiheke community or an ecological need.

7. From our Annual Plan submission:

CTA supports the following activities/projects proposed by this local board:

- **Deliver investment in key areas, specifically:**
- **programmes which protect, restore, and enhance the island's natural environment**
- **Deliver actions within the Waiheke Local Carbon Action Plan**
- **Create connection to places and heritage through the installation of historical and cultural markers and dual naming of parks**
- **Improve walking/cycling network connections as outlined within the Waiheke Pathways Plan**
- **Ecological restoration and pest management programmes remain a high priority and the increase in birdlife and improved eco -systems is a testament to the on-going investment in this space**
- **Delivering actions from our Climate Action Plan remains a priority . To support resiliency on the motu, solar panels will be installed at Onetangi Sports Pavilion and Ostend Hall, and we will investigate development of community microgrids.**

CTA notes that many local boards had planned the dual naming of parks and we hope that these plans have either already been carried out or will soon be underway.

We suggest that learnings from investigating the development of community microgrids could inform other local boards.

Waitākere Ranges

1. In the 2023 Local Board Draft Plan, CTA supported this key initiative, which in various forms has been 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 would encourage its reinstatement in this year's draft plan.

2. Under Community, we support *“Prepare a Waitākere Ranges Local Parks Management Plan for our 200 local parks”* (pg 14). We like the emphasis on supporting *“well sited tree planting in parks,”* and the intention to *“Investigate a solar panel pilot on a community facility.”* The Aotea / Great Barrier Island Service Centre could perhaps assist with this pilot, being fully powered by solar energy.

3. We note on page 15 *“Support for continued recreational use of the Avondale Racecourse,”* and CTA supports this aspiration too, this multi-purpose large green space serving not just West Auckland but other residents across the city, such as with the longstanding Avondale Market. The land also has a vital role in absorbing excess rainfall and slowing floodwaters. We support this board and the Whau Local Board in their request to Auckland Council to purchase the property as a public asset.

4. We support the Local Board in continuing to work to *“formally recognise the area as a Dark Sky place”* (pg 16).

5. It is pleasing to see the 27 active environmental volunteer groups being recognised and appreciated by the Local Board (pg 16).

6. CTA supports all the Natural Environment key initiatives (pg 18) and the advocacy (pg 19).

7. In the Transport section, we endorse the statement that *“Freeing up road space for those without alternatives (e.g., tradespeople) is essential”* (pg 26). We support the Transport priorities (pg 28), particularly, *“A bus or shuttle services to places like Piha, and appropriately sized buses on narrow / vulnerable bush clad routes.”*

8. From our Annual Plan submission:

CTA supports the following activities/projects proposed by this local board:

- **Mobility scooter, walking and cycling connections, particularly through parks**
- **Continue to invest in environmental restoration programmes with a focus on the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area and our waterways**
- **Deliver park development, including play and amenity improvements in Swanson, Te Henga and Titirangi**
- **Provide tree planting and shelter to provide shade and amenity in parks, as well as berm planting in streets with low tree cover**
- **Continue to invest in local climate action to increase resilience and decrease emissions**
- **Working on fit-for-purpose transport improvements like investigating a trial bus service to Piha, advocating for smaller buses, and creating safer local connections**
- **Improve Glen Eden town centre, and protect and enhance the nationally significant Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area**
- **Support the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area Forum work programme, particularly community engagement**
- **Review maintenance of local parks and facilities to ensure they are well maintained while looking for savings**

Waitematā

1. In CTA's submission on the 2023 draft plan, we strongly supported 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 would like to see this point retained in the 2026 plan.

2. In CTA's submission on the 2023 draft plan, under “Our Places” there were a detailed points about the city's historic heritage which we would like to see included in the 2026 plan to provide more detailed form than the somewhat general objective (pg 23 in the 2026 plan) *“Our unique special character and our historic heritage is valued, protected and enhanced.”* In last year's

draft plan, we read: “We want to increase understanding, protection and conservation of city centre heritage places, landscapes and stories” (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).

3. There was also this key initiative (pg 36): “Provide feedback on resource consents and planning processes to ensure heritage sites and Special Character Areas are protected” and the following advocacy (pg 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 Waitematā environment; and 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.”

4. We submit that some of this advocacy in points 2 and 3 above be included again.

5. We also supported the following initiatives (pg 44): “Support the preservation of significant heritage buildings such as Carlile House, the former Fitzroy Hotel and St James Theatre.” We are pleased to see that the St James Theatre is currently being restored and we wish the Local Board to support initiatives that make the facility viable. Carlile House and the Fitzroy Hotel are languishing and we submit that the Local Board include some advocacy position that would enable efforts to retain these buildings.

6. As last year, CTA submits that an important addition to the draft plan is the recognition that significant parts of the landscape need protecting, particularly the Waitematā Harbour and volcanic cones, and notwithstanding governmental aversion to amenity, the views of that harbour from certain identified vantage points and the view of and between the volcanic cones that it would we are all assured qualify as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

7. Under Community, as regards the key initiative on page 15: *“Review our portfolio of buildings and consider reducing our asset footprint to have fewer but better assets that are fit for purpose and well used,”* as part of any proposed community facility rationalisation, CTA opposes the sale of Grey Lynn Public Library, and consider that building (pictured below left) which faces the busy arterial route of Great North Road, usefully provides the basis of expansion on the site (pictured below right), which runs down to Arch Hill Reserve.



8. We support all the key initiatives under Natural Environment on pages 18-19 and the advocacy on page 20.

9. Under Built Environment, we particularly appreciate the opportunity expressed as *“We value our special character and historic heritage areas and want to enable appropriate development that does not compromise the values that make them special to our community”* (pg 22).

10. We support the long list of key initiatives on pages 22-24. Having strongly supported the key initiative in the 2023 plan to: *“Deliver seismic strengthening, restoration and modernisation of Leys Institute Library and Gymnasium to preserve as a heritage taonga for future generations”* and having submitted for this through a number of Council processes, CTA is pleased to see the key initiative in the 2026 draft plan: *“Complete the refurbishment of the Leys Institute and Gymnasium into a valuable library and community facility and celebrate its reopening alongside the Friends of Leys Institute and the wider community”* (pg 23).

11. We support the advocacy on page 24-25: *“Enabling appropriate development, such as infill housing behind a character property and raising the height of houses, in special character and historic heritage areas without compromising the features that make them valued by the community.”* We note the risk of over-intensification and so our support is very much subject to avoidance of negative effects that may compromise the underlying heritage values.

12. We support the idea to *“Reduce barriers to outdoor dining, street trading and activations making it easier for bars, cafes and community groups to use footpaths and street space to create vibrant people friendly streets.”*

13. We particularly support the priority of *“Review streets where slower speeds are appropriate and explore opportunities for low-traffic neighbourhoods and greater safety around schools.”*

14. CTA has the view that this initiative is essential for pedestrian safety: *“Provide clear direction on the management of micromobility that balances safety, accessibility for different groups, particularly in high-density and pedestrian areas.”* Having people on skateboards, bicycles and e-scooters ride down the footpaths on Queen Street is plainly dangerous for pedestrians. It

seems that no one is taking any responsibility for this, despite the increasing number of accidents and near accidents with e-scooters, the latter making walking in the city centre in particular an experience fraught with anxiety. Furthermore, adults don't seem to know or care that riding a bicycle on the footpath is illegal, and while bylaws state that skateboarders must not ride in a way that could be dangerous, intimidating, or a nuisance, simply riding a skateboard on the footpath on Queen St is dangerous and intimidating.

15. We also note, as mentioned in the Challenges section for Transport, “aging and uneven footpaths,” with many trip hazards, but it is also to be seen with new paving (e.g., on Victoria Street East), where slippery materials were used and currently signs are up to warn pedestrians about slipping, as some people have already slipped and fallen. Pedestrians were also put in danger with the slippery-when-wet tiles that were installed some years ago on Karangahape Road. Such design mistakes should not be repeated.

16. From our Annual Plan submission:

3(d) CTA does not support the currently proposed further expenditure on High Street in the city centre. As we said during our 23 March presentation, this expenditure is unnecessary, and, notwithstanding the supportive consultation results produced, the changes are, in fact, unwanted by many of the High Street businesses, which have had to bear several disruptions over the last couple of decades.

3(e) Council does not have endless money and there is no demonstrable return for the level of investment envisaged for High Street. If a redesign does go ahead, however, it should be simplified. The existing road already provides good natural drainage, and so, rather than digging up the whole street, something like the CCMP vision (below left), perhaps just substitute different new kerbstones, like the ones Council has used successfully up in Karangahape Road (below right).



3(f) Emily Place has \$10.5 million in line to be spent; however, there are other projects around the city that we consider are more worthwhile, for example, fixing the Ernest Davis steps, and other projects that would enhance the neighbourhood.



(In conjunction with fixing the Ernest David steps, it would be a worthwhile project at the same time to consider creating a pocket park at the bottom of the steps adjacent to the scheduled Station Hotel. This would involve Auckland Transport.)

3(g) CTA strongly supports [Jan Gehl's 2010 proposal](#) to make Hobson and Nelson Streets two-way: (see pp 104-107). This would transform these streets from high-speed, one-way "motorway-focused" roads, which would slow traffic and improve local connectivity. Consideration might also usefully be given to retention of the level and southern-most span of the soon to be demolished Hobson Street on-ramp. It's an existing and potentially useful piece of urban infrastructure.

Whau

1. Under Community (pg 14), we support *"Develop a Whau Local Parks Management Plan to guide the use, enjoyment, maintenance, protection and preservation of the 146 parks and reserves in the local board area."*

2. Under *"Community and environment are prepared for climate change and lower emissions"* (pg 14) we support the following key initiatives: *"Support community groups to help people of all backgrounds and abilities to get emergency ready for local hazards including severe weather events;" "Increase programmes and education around climate change risks and ways to take*

action, including in schools and for our diverse communities;” “Plant more trees to increase our tree canopy cover in our town centres, parks, and road reserves;” and “Support implementation of the Shoreline Adaptation Plans (Manukau Harbour North SAP and Waitemata Harbour West SAP) to manage coastal erosion and coastal flooding risks affecting council land and assets.”

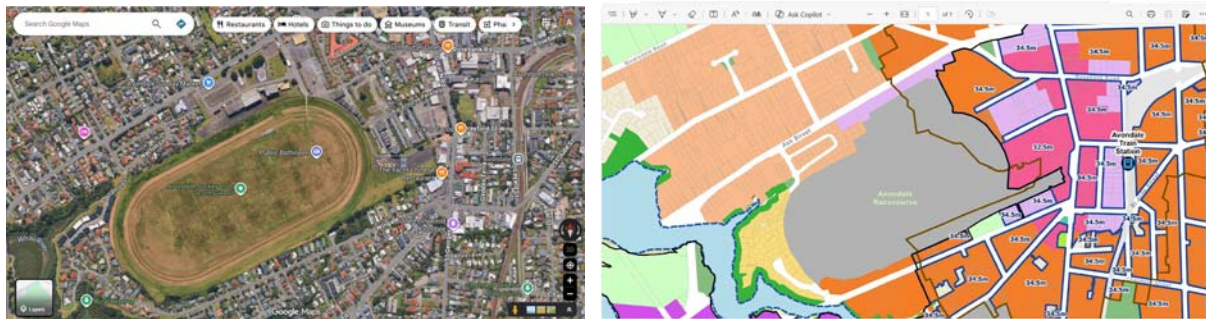
3. CTA supports all the key initiatives under Natural Environment (pg 17) and the advocacy on page 18.

4. We support the key initiative (pg 20) “Plant trees in town centres and along road reserves to create green corridors that connect small and large open spaces,” using the principle of the right tree in the right place.

5. We support “Install physical markers to celebrate the historical Māori portage route between Waitematā and Manukau Harbours via the Whau River” (pg 20), noting that for the Auckland Heritage Festival in October 2017, CTA held two events, in collaboration with Walk Auckland, where participants walked the portage routes in Otahuhu and New Lynn.

6. We strongly support “Investment in greenspace, including funding to secure Avondale Racecourse to provide open space and recreation areas for the community.”

7. We note the document titled ‘Avondale - Town Centre Regeneration High Level Project Plan, produced by Eke Panuku in November 2017. ([AVONDALE](#)) It notes *The Avondale Racecourse is adjacent to the town centre. It provides an attractive outlook and contributes to the character of the area through its racing activities and the popular Sunday markets. The racecourse also represents a potential future opportunity to significantly contribute to housing supply in Auckland.*



8. More recently, a submission by NZTR to Auckland Council’s proposed Plan Change 120 to encourage intensive housing development rezoning for buildings up to 34.5m high. CTA considers the scale of development proposed is evident in the height limits anticipated under PC120 seems excessive. CTA supports the Whau Local Board’s proposed ‘Investment in greenspace, including funding to secure Avondale Racecourse to provide open space and recreation areas for the community.’ Some of the community’s wishes for retention of open space are outlined on [this link](#) below:

9. Under Economic Development, we endorse *“Support local businesses to reduce emissions and waste and lessen their impact on local waterways.”*

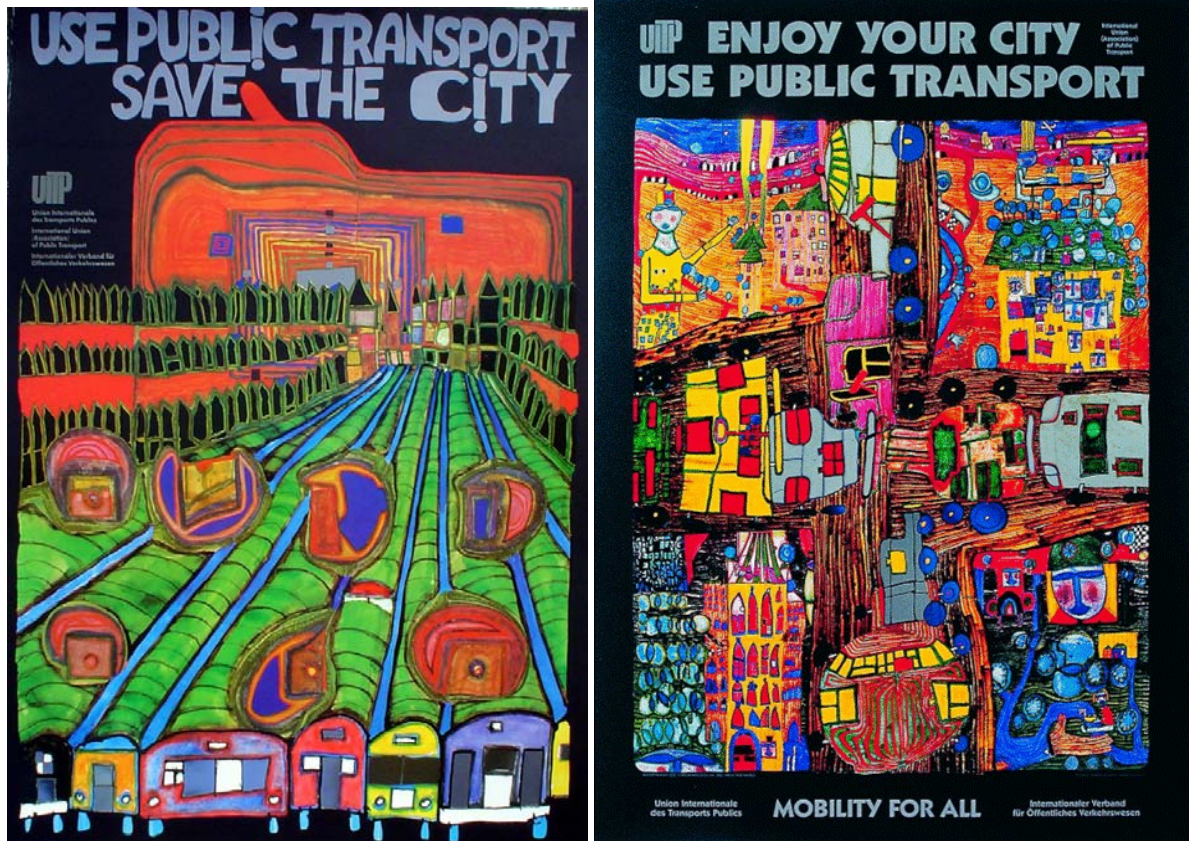
10. We support all of the Transport priorities on pages 24-25, particularly noting *“Encourage more public transport use and multi -modal travel through ... provide bike infrastructure on trains and buses.”* We note that 15 buses on the NX1 route now have space for bicycles, and that buses that travel to and from Whau could be similarly outfitted.

11. From our Annual Plan submission:

CTA supports the following activities/projects proposed by this local board:

- **Improve water quality and flood resilience of Whau streams and rivers through collaboration with volunteers, local schools, community hubs, organisations, and neighbouring local boards**
- **Develop a Local Parks Management Plan to guide decisions on managing use, development, and protection of all 146 parks, reserves and open space within the Whau**
- **Plan and design a local park in conjunction with the stormwater pond construction at the old Crown Lynn Pottery site**
- **Improve coordination for community resilience and emergency preparedness across Whau hubs, houses, and other community spaces**
- **Progress Whau heritage initiatives including to renew and provide interpretation for existing Pou and to install physical markers along the historic portage route that links the Waitematā and Manukau harbours.**
- **Aim to improve the water quality and flood resilience of our waterways and fund a coordinator to support emergency preparedness.**
- **Advocate for the acquisition of a significant proportion of Avondale Racecourse to remain open space.**
- **Construction of Te Hono library and community centre, design of a pool and recreation centre in the Whau area and a park at Crown Lynn Place.**
- **Aim to deliver initiatives that recognise the rich heritage in our area.**

We conclude by sharing these two inspiring posters by Hundertwasser that promote public transport:



Date of submission: 23 July, 2026



Have Your Say on the Draft Henderson-Massey Local Board Plan 2026

#310

Note: This simplified 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.

Submitter details:

Organisation: Community Groups Feeding the Homeless Inc.

Local Board: Regional Organisation

Your feedback:

Community objectives

1. What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?

Tell us why

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2. What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?

Tell us why

Built environment

3. What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?

Tell us why

Opportunity and prosperity objectives

4. What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?

Tell us why

Transport priorities

- 5. What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

Tell us why

- 6. We have limited resources. What should we focus on most?**

- 7. Do you have any other feedback you would like on the draft Henderson-Massey Local Board Plan 2026?**

See Attached

Submission of Community Groups Feeding the Homeless

Draft Local Board Plans - all



Organisation: Community Groups Feeding the Homeless Inc.

Date of submission: 23 July 2026

The focus of Community Groups Feeding the Homeless (CGFH), in existence for 8 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). We maintain a [list](#) of free community meals in the city centre.

We greatly appreciate the support that local boards in general give to people experiencing homelessness and at risk of experiencing homelessness, including the funding provided by the Manurewa Local Board to support the Waka of Caring drop-in centre, and by the Waitematā Local Board for Sunday Blessings, WeCare and CGFH itself.

We repeat our advocacy as per the 2023 Local Board Plans for pātaka kai (<https://www.patakai.co.nz/>) and community fridges to be established and supported in all Local Board areas.

In our 2023 feedback, we suggested that once the food scraps bins were in place, that the community be encouraged to place any edible food that they don't need in a pātaka kai or community fridge rather than in their food scraps bin.

We would also like to remind Local Boards that all the Sikh gurdwaras throughout Auckland are open 24/7, with food available for anyone in need.

We see the Local Board newsletters as a useful way to inform local communities about such things as pātaka kai and encourage the public and food outlets to donate their excess food to them, and to donate unneeded clothing or household goods to op shops or centres like the Waka of Caring drop-in centre.

CGFH would like to express our appreciation to the libraries and community centres that provide a safe and welcoming place for homeless people and support them in a number of ways.

We include extracts from our 2 July written submission and our 17 July oral submission to government on the Summary Offences (Move-on Orders) Amendment Bill that we consider are relevant to Local Boards:

“Housing First needs more funding and visibility. It has a dedicated website and is mentioned on the websites of members of its collective, but in our experience, the programme is not well known in New Zealand. More landlords need to know that they can place their houses into the Housing First pool and the tenancy and property will be managed, with the rental payments guaranteed ... We think the government and councils could help to publicise the programme more, such as in local board newsletters, on billboards and on buses.

“Members of CGFH have advocated since 2016 for the re-establishment in Auckland of a night shelter (ideally, a number of small to medium-sized night shelters), which most other cities in New Zealand have, and which existed in our city until 2012. For

people experiencing homelessness, a night shelter would provide a place to sleep and potentially somewhere to store their belongings.

“In addition to night shelters, we have advocated for (more) funding from both central and local government to provide activities for homeless people during the day, such as the programmes carried out at the Auckland City Mission, so that these people can be occupied, feel valued, gain confidence, contribute, and learn a skill. We acknowledge Heart of the City’s successful Street Guardians¹ initiative, which we understand is still operating, as “a positive approach to addressing begging in the city centre. It gives people who would otherwise be begging the opportunity to spend a day undertaking activities with community organisations, such as restoring wetlands to planting trees and cleaning beaches.

“We have also advocated to Auckland Council that lockers for homeless people (and others, such as travellers) be provided, in Auckland, perhaps at the central railway stations. This should mean that fewer items are left on the street and thus would facilitate people to become more actively involved in the community, to travel on public transport, and to seek work. It should also mean that people are more able to retain their important documents, essentials medications and personal belongings ... The new railway stations could be good places for lockers.

“We also think lockers for homeless people to store their gear would go some way to solving the problem of people leaving bedding and other items on the street. The new railway stations could be good places for lockers.”

Having read the Local Board draft plans, we would like to share the Waiheke Local Board’s advocacy (pg 22) with regard to underused Council buildings, that “Any available council property being considered for health facilities or affordable housing.” We would extend this to suggest that unused or underused Council buildings could be considered as night shelters for people experiencing homelessness.

We endorse the support and/or recognition of these local boards for those experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless, and/or advocating for kai sovereignty, as expressed in their draft plans, as follows.

Albert- Eden

Work with organisations, such as Auckland City Mission, Lifewise or Salvation Army, to provide support to people experiencing homelessness, including accommodation facilities, wrap-around services and kai (food) (pg 15).

More resources to address the growing need for mental health and emergency housing services in local areas (pg 16).

Aotea- Great Barrier

Support investigations and initiatives into local housing solutions for kaumātua, pensioners, papakāinga (settlement) and worker accommodation.

Devonport-Takapuna

Increased funding and resourcing for the council’s regional homelessness initiatives.

Howick

Develop a holistic approach to community resilience by integrating social wellbeing, economic resilience, disaster readiness, and sustainable food-growing initiatives.

Kaipātiki

Work with community organisations to support improved outcomes for our homeless.

Support community-led low carbon food initiatives that also promote kai (food) sovereignty (people and communities having control over their own food systems).

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu

Support community gardens, māra kai and other initiatives to improve food security at a local level.

A regional approach to solutions that address homelessness , rough sleeping and poor housing standards for the most vulnerable in our communities.

More resources to help build the resilience of our most vulnerable communities and better prepare them for emergencies and disasters.

Manurewa

Support initiatives that improve the health and wellbeing of our people in partnership with community organisations, including initiatives addressing homelessness.

Work with community partners who are working to reduce harm related to smoking, vaping, gambling, alcohol, drug use, solvent and inhalant abuse, and unhealthy diets.

Continue to fund a community broker role to deliver the Ngā Hapori Momoho Thriving Communities Strategy, connect the community with council departments and elected members and use external funding services.

Continue to support Auckland Teaching Gardens and fund other community food initiatives such as local food markets and community gardens.

Continue to fund locally led food sovereignty and initiate ways to strengthen community-led food systems in Manurewa.

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

Investigate opportunities for community -led initiatives such as projects that help residents to grow their own food.

Otara-Papatoetoe

We need to work with government agencies, community groups, and social services to address the underlying causes of homelessness. Together we can make sure our policies and programmes focus on long-term community resilience and compassion for our communities of greatest need, including people experiencing homelessness.

Work with experts and community leaders on how to best help people experiencing homelessness.

Advocate for a meaningful, collaborative approach between Auckland Council and central government to address the underlying causes of homelessness, noting that policies like 'move-on orders' do not solve the problem.

Support māra kai and community garden initiatives – including through the Ōtara Kai Village, to continue to provide our communities with education and healthy options.

Papakura

Support placemaking, community-led activations, māra kai and food security initiatives that build resilience and local identity.

Upper Harbour

Advocate for shared agency solutions for issues such as community safety, homelessness and protecting our natural corridors that keep our public spaces safe and easy to access for the whole community.

Waiheke

Partner with health organisations to ensure mental health and disability support for tangata whaiora (a person seeking wellness) is accessible for all members of our community.

Any available council property being considered for health facilities or affordable housing.

Advocate for and use national policy changes (like National Environmental Standards for Detached Minor Residential Units) to lower the permitted standards for minor dwellings, making sure these are prioritised for long-term residential housing.

Support the vision of the Waiheke Food Charter, to work toward a sustainable local food system.

Waitākere Ranges

Investigate opportunities to promote kai sovereignty.

Waitematā

Waitematā ... works with communities and partners to support people experiencing homelessness.

As a local board, we recognise and respond to complex challenges such as homelessness, public safety perceptions, ageing infrastructure and pressure on limited open space.

Homelessness continues to be a complex and visible issue in parts of Waitematā and requires coordinated responses beyond the local board's direct control.

Support local and regional initiatives and organisations that address homelessness, particularly youth homelessness.

Support and strengthen our network of community gardens and food resilience initiatives that enable communities to grow, share, and access healthy, culturally appropriate kai, while building local capability and connected, sustainable neighbourhoods.

The delivery of affordable, public, and community housing in the city centre and inner suburbs that helps addresses homelessness, supports quality urban living, enables people to live close to jobs and services, and sustains long-term community wellbeing.

Improved access for people experiencing mental health, addiction, and social challenges through coordinated, place-based service delivery that enhances safety, inclusion, and wellbeing in the city centre.

Whau

Develop a low carbon, resilient, local food system that provides Whau residents access to fresh and healthy food.

Support our vulnerable people and rough sleepers through cross -agency partnerships and community programmes.

Increased Housing First placements in Auckland, with priority for high-need areas such as the Whau.



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Submitter details:

Organisation: Community Waitakere

Local Board: Regional Organisation

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Community objectives

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Tell us why

6. We have limited resources. What should we focus on most?

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like on the draft Henderson-Massey Local Board Plan 2026?

See attached submission.

Submission to the Draft Henderson-Massey Local Board Plan 2026

Submitted by: Community Waitākere

Introduction

Community Waitākere welcomes the opportunity to submit on the Draft Henderson-Massey Local Board Plan 2026.

For more than 35 years, Community Waitākere has worked alongside communities across West Auckland to strengthen community leadership, environmental stewardship, resilience, equity and collaboration. We partner with mana whenua, mātāwaka, community organisations, schools, volunteers, government agencies and local boards to support community-led solutions that improve social, environmental and economic wellbeing.

As an organisation based in Henderson, Community Waitākere has deep and longstanding relationships throughout the Henderson-Massey Local Board area. We strongly support the overall direction of the Draft Plan and commend the Board for recognising the diversity of the community, the importance of Māori and Pacific aspirations, the challenges of climate change and urban growth, and the critical role of community organisations in achieving positive outcomes.

Overall recommendations

Community Waitākere recommends that the Henderson-Massey Local Board:

- Increase long-term investment in community-led development, community led environmental initiatives and neighbourhood leadership.
- Expand multi-year strategic partnership funding for trusted community organisations.
- Strengthen investment in community climate resilience and emergency preparedness.
- Increase support for Māori, Pacific and culturally diverse community leadership.
- Continue investing in youth leadership and participation.
- Recognise community organisations as strategic partners in delivering Local Board outcomes rather than solely as grant recipients.

Community

We strongly support the Board's vision of "**a connected, safe and resilient community**" where diversity is celebrated, communities feel a sense of belonging, Pacific aspirations are supported, rangatahi are empowered and communities are prepared for climate change.

The draft plan identifies significant challenges, including funding pressures on community organisations, population growth, increasing diversity, ageing community facilities and limited understanding of climate-related risks.

Community Waitākere welcomes the Board's commitment to:

- prioritising investment in communities with the greatest need;
- supporting community-led initiatives;
- engaging with culturally diverse communities;

- strengthening Pacific aspirations;
- supporting youth leadership;
- improving community resilience;
- ensuring community spaces remain accessible and inclusive.

Our recommendations

To strengthen these commitments, we recommend the Board:

- establish long-term partnership agreements with key community organisations;
- increase investment in neighbourhood-based community development;
- support community connectors who strengthen relationships between residents, services and local government;
- provide operational funding that enables organisations to build long-term capability rather than relying primarily on short-term project grants;
- invest in local leadership programmes that enable residents to lead community change.

Strong communities are created through ongoing investment in relationships, trust and local capability.

Māori outcomes

Community Waitākere strongly supports the Board's commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and its partnership with Te Kawerau ā Maki and Hoani Waititi Marae, including support for the Kaitūhono role, Rangatira ki Rangatira hui, a Te Kawerau ā Maki community officer, and aspirations for marae development.

We encourage continued investment that:

- supports Māori-led community initiatives;
- embeds mātauranga Māori within environmental programmes;
- strengthens Māori participation in local decision-making;
- creates leadership opportunities for rangatahi Māori.

These investments strengthen both Māori wellbeing and the wider community.

Pacific communities

Community Waitākere particularly welcomes the recognition that Pacific peoples are significant contributors to West Auckland and supports the Board's commitment to engage with Pacific communities to advance their social, educational and economic aspirations.

We recommend the Board expand investment in Pacific-led initiatives, leadership development and community capacity-building through trusted Pacific organisations and collaborative partnerships.

Natural environment and climate resilience

Community Waitākere strongly supports the Board's vision that communities become active kaitiaki of the natural environment and its emphasis on restoring biodiversity, strengthening waterways, supporting volunteer groups and enabling community-led climate action.

Specific feedback in relation to this section is provided at the end of this document.

The Plan appropriately recognises:

- ongoing flood recovery;
- loss of urban tree canopy;
- climate adaptation;
- the importance of blue-green infrastructure;
- community environmental volunteers;
- community-led resilience.

We particularly support:

- updating Project Twin Streams;
- supporting ecological restoration;
- expanding environmental education;
- developing the Glen Road eco-designed nursery;
- advocating for long-term blue-green infrastructure investment.

Our recommendations

We encourage the Board to:

- expand investment in community climate resilience programmes and local environmental management in general;
- establish neighbourhood resilience initiatives;
- strengthen support for existing community based not for profit organisations;
- increase investment in environmental education and citizen science;
- continue supporting catchment-based partnerships across West Auckland.
- Ensure resource and support is available for iwi to fully participate in the process of grounding delivery in mātauranga at a community level.

Community-led environmental restoration simultaneously delivers biodiversity, climate resilience, community wellbeing and stronger neighbourhood connections.

Built environment

Community Waitākere supports the Board's focus on accessible community facilities, vibrant town centres and community-led placemaking.

We particularly support:

- sustainable and accessible community facilities;
- the Henderson Urban Regeneration Programme;
- community-led neighbourhood improvements;
- public art, planting and placemaking;
- safer walking and cycling connections.

Community organisations are important partners in activating public spaces and creating neighbourhood identity.

Opportunity and prosperity

The Plan correctly identifies youth unemployment, lower household incomes and skills shortages as key challenges while recognising the strength of local organisations and the creative sector.

Community Waitākere supports initiatives that:

- prioritise local businesses;
- provide mentoring and work experience;
- strengthen creative industries;
- improve pathways for rangatahi into employment.

We encourage greater investment in community organisations delivering employment pathways, volunteering opportunities, digital inclusion and social enterprise development.

Transport

Community Waitākere supports the Board's commitment to improving public transport, walking and cycling, safe routes to schools, the Northwest Busway and Te Whau Pathway.

Accessible transport improves equity by increasing access to employment, education and community participation while reducing emissions.

Strategic partnerships

One of the strongest features of the Draft Plan is its recognition that community organisations are essential partners in achieving local outcomes. The Plan states that implementation will be achieved by working with partners and prioritising budgets accordingly.

Community Waitākere recommends that the Board strengthen this commitment through:

- multi-year strategic partnership funding;
- flexible operational funding alongside project grants;
- collaborative planning with trusted organisations;
- shared measurement of long-term community outcomes;
- investment in organisational capability.

Stable partnerships enable organisations to retain skilled staff, leverage philanthropic investment, build stronger collaborations and deliver greater value for public investment.

Specific feedback on wording

This section provides feedback on terminology and wording within the plan specific to the section - *Te taiao māori - Natural environment Page 16*

Opportunities page 17

Existing:

We have excellent environmental community volunteer groups that are committed to sustainable practices and improving our natural environment.

Feedback:

Include reference to community based not for profit organisations as well as volunteer groups. These organisations support many of the volunteer groups to ensure their long-term sustainability and overall impact.

Proposed:

We have excellent environmental community volunteer groups and community based not for profit organisations groups that are committed to sustainable practices and improving our natural environment.

Existing:

Working with others across the region to develop a 'blue-green' network to help better manage climate -related risks.

Feedback:

Ensure the definition of 'blue green network' is not just seen as the proposed projects within Auckland Council Healthy Waters Make Space for Water programme. A blue green network already exists, but there is scope to improve its function through the addition of new assets within that network but it's equally important to reference ongoing support to projects and initiatives that enhance the function of the existing blue green network.

Proposed:

Working with others across the region to expand and enhance a 'blue -green' network, to help better manage climate -related risks and enhance local environments.

Existing:

Supporting natural approaches to climate change that work with the environment, including building resilient waterways, relocating assets where needed and using natural barriers like wetlands and planted areas to protect areas from flooding.

Feedback:

Referencing existing and new projects, as well as reference to community. Removing the word building, as it insinuates that we are in control and can build our way out, which we can't! We've suggested 'working towards' instead of 'building'. Barriers is perhaps a strong term and suggests that these areas create barriers, but that's not always the case. Consider 'enhancing natural flood protection function' or similar.

Proposed:

Supporting existing and new natural approaches to climate change that work with the community and environment, including working towards resilient waterways, relocating assets where needed and using natural like wetlands and planted areas to enhance natural flood protection.

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Key Initiatives

Existing:

Support volunteer groups to coordinate community ecological restoration work in Harbourview – Orangihina Park.

Feedback:

Reference community based not for profit organisations alongside volunteer groups as mentioned earlier. Macron on Ōrangihina. Also reference the need to coordinate contracts managed by council across HW, Park, CF, Arb and Eco, to ensure contractors and contract managers working in the space are working together, alongside community efforts towards the outcomes in the 2021 restoration plan. Add deliver alongside coordinate.

Proposed:

Support volunteer groups, community based not for profit organisations and council contractors and contract managers to coordinate and deliver ecological restoration work in Harbourview – Ōrangihina Park.

Existing:

Support community groups, volunteers and schools to do awa restoration, pest control and learn about the environment.

Feedback:

Include reference to community based not for profit organisations. Include reference to providing connection to and learning about the local environment and taking action to protect and enhance those areas. We believe that people need to learn about and be connected to a place before they will take action to protect it.

Proposed:

Support community groups, community based not for profit organisations, volunteers and school to learn about, and take action to protect and enhance their local environment. E.g. awa restoration, pest plant and animal control etc.

Existing:

Support volunteer environmental groups to work with Te Kawerau ā Maki in using mātauranga Māori in local ecological initiatives.

Feedback:

As above, we believe this would need to include Te Kawerau ā Maki to have capacity to do so. 'Using' is possibly a strong word, and maybe not appropriate from iwi perspective. Perhaps consider guided by, informed by, grounded in etc. Reference a wider audience that includes council contractors and other stakeholders.

Proposed:

Support local environmental groups and organisations to work with Te Kawerau ā Maki to ensure ecological initiatives are grounded in, and guided by mātauranga Māori.

Existing:

Feedback:

Reference collaborative approach to the 'updating' process that includes input from all stakeholders. Consider changing term 'manage flooding', as it implies control over something we can't control. Restore can be a hard concept to quantify, in that we can never restore to what it once was, but we can 'enhance' it to what it will be.

Proposed:

Support a collaborative approach with stakeholders to update 'Project Twin Streams' to make sure our community, local boards, mana whenua and Auckland Council can work well together using waterways, water catchments and community action to better reduce the social and ecological impacts of flooding, and to help enhance community and ecological outcomes.

Advocacy

Existing:

Funding to design and build the Harbourview / Orangihina wetland from the completed concept design.

Feedback:

Include advocacy to increase investment into delivering outcomes in the 2021 Harbourview Ōrangihina Restoration plan alongside the wetland plan. Also to include design elements from the Harbourview Ōrangihina Master Plan including pathways, access elements, informal natural play elements etc.

Proposed:

Funding to design and build the Harbourview / Orangihina wetland from the completed concept design.

Increased funding to community led delivery of the the 2021 Harbourview Ōrangihina Restoration plan, including accessibility, viewing and nature play elements in line with the Harbourview Ōrangihina Master Plan.

Conclusion

Community Waitākere strongly supports the Draft Henderson-Massey Local Board Plan 2026.

We commend the Board for its strong commitment to diversity, community-led development, Māori partnerships, Pacific aspirations, climate resilience, youth leadership and equitable outcomes.

We encourage the Board to further strengthen the final Plan by making an explicit commitment to:

- sustained investment in community-led development;
- long-term strategic partnerships with trusted community organisations;
- increased investment in neighbourhood resilience and climate preparedness;
- stronger support for Māori, Pacific and culturally diverse leadership;
- multi-year funding arrangements that build organisational capability and maximise community impact.

Community Waitākere looks forward to continuing to work alongside the Henderson-Massey Local Board, Te Kawerau ā Maki, Hoani Waititi Marae, local organisations and residents to achieve a thriving, inclusive and resilient Henderson-Massey.

This version is designed as an **organisational advocacy submission**. It closely aligns with the Board's draft priorities while also advancing Community Waitākere's strategic interests in **community-led development, strategic partnership funding, climate resilience, Māori and Pacific leadership, and long-term investment in community capability**, all of which are consistent with the draft plan's stated objectives and implementation approach.



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Organisation: For Communities Against Alcohol Harm

Local Board: Regional Organisation

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See attachment sent through HMLB Inbox.

23 July 2026

Local Board Plan
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Henderson-Massey Local Board Plan 2026

Introduction

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft Henderson-Massey Local Board Plan 2026 (the draft plan).

This feedback is provided on behalf of Communities Against Alcohol Harm (CAAH). We are a charity that supports communities in navigating alcohol licensing processes to reduce alcohol-related harm across Aotearoa.

Since 2014 CAAH has provided advice and support to local community organisations, members of the public, local government members and stakeholders relating to applications for alcohol licences within local community areas initially in South Auckland but now throughout Aotearoa.

We are active in the community supporting work to reduce alcohol related harm. We offer pro bono support to objectors. We also support local board members in your alcohol licensing role.

Feedback

Overall we support the vision and priorities set out in the draft plan.

In particular we support the Board's community focus area and vision for *A connected, safe and resilient community, with places where everyone can meet, play, learn and feel included. Te Ao Māori, Pacific culture and diversity is the foundation of our shared identity.*

CAAH recommends referencing in the plan a specific "safety" and "community well-being" goal as this appears to be a gap. We know that residents experience alcohol-related harm such as noise, nuisance and anti-social behaviour. The proliferation of off-licences can significantly impact community perceptions of safety.

We therefore recommend including a goal that covers: *Our communities feel safe and supported and are resilient to adversity and change.*

We recommend the addition of a key initiative to support this goal: *Support community safety approaches including alcohol harm reduction programmes.*

We also recommend the local board include an advocacy position: *Advocate for legislative and policy change to help reduce social harm from alcohol, tobacco and vaping.*

CAAH welcomes opportunities to partner with the local board to continue helping people navigate complex alcohol licensing processes and working to reduce alcohol-related harm in the Henderson-Massey area.

We would like to present our feedback to the local board if this option is available.

Ngā mihi,

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Organisation: Forest & Bird

Local Board: Regional Organisation

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Submission on Henderson-Massey Local Board Plan

23 July 2026

➤ Emailed to: hendersonmasseylocalboard@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

1. Submitter details

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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 44 branches throughout New Zealand carry out community conservation projects and advocate for nature. Forest & Bird has seven branches in the Auckland region.

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. The branch carries out a range of activities across its area, including weed control, pest control, native plantings, education events, content creation and environmental advocacy. This includes ongoing work at Matuku Reserve and Habitat Te Henga in Waitākere, the Colin Kerr-Taylor Memorial Reserve in Kumeu and trapping efforts at Oringihina within the Henderson-Massey Local Board area. Everyone involved in the branch is a volunteer, including the committee, trappers and supporters.

Forest & Bird also has one of its national conservation projects located in the branch area: Ark in the Park. Located within Cascade Kauri Park and the Waitākere Ranges Regional Park, Ark in the Park is a partnership between Forest & Bird and Auckland Council, supported by mana whenua Te Kawerau ā Maki, and the surrounding community in a de-facto buffer zone. This unfenced ecosanctuary aims to enhance native biodiversity and ecosystem functioning, across more than 2,200 hectares. The project is a flagship community restoration project.

Our Approach

This submission responds to the draft Henderson-Massey Local Board Plan 2026. Forest & Bird's Waitākere branch is also submitting separately on the draft plans of other local boards within our operating area - namely Whau, Waitākere, Rodney and Upper Harbour. Comparison across boards has been valuable to our process.

We are structuring our submission to include Objectives, Key Initiatives, and Advocacy items, just as they appear in the draft Local Board Plan, along with commentary on some items and localised specifics. We have underlined new wording for objectives and initiatives and used strike-through to signal removal of some wording in our proposed modifications.

Te hāpori / Community - A connected, safe and resilient community, with places where everyone can meet, play, learn and feel included. Te ao Māori, Pacific culture and diversity is the foundation of our shared identity.

We welcome the Board's commitment to strong, enduring relationships with mana whenua and mātāwaka. We agree with all draft objectives and key initiatives under Community and would like to suggest the following additional key initiatives:

Objectives	Key Initiatives
Community places and open spaces work for everyone <u>while providing climate resilience and space for nature</u>	<u>Invest in natural solutions that improve parks and public spaces, including native plantings, large shade trees, rain gardens, swales and daylighted streams, in local parks and open spaces, including wetlands or floodable areas in larger sites.</u>

Communities are prepared for rapid urban change and supported to be resilient to the effects of a changing climate.	<u>Support community-led kai security initiatives, including community gardens and produce sharing and education on food growing, preparation and reducing food waste.</u> <u>Provide grants to local groups for projects or actions which will have a positive impact on community resilience (such as those maintaining or creating carbon sinks, or nature-based solutions such as restoring wetlands, creating room for streams to flow naturally, protecting sand dunes and mangroves)</u>
<u>We adopt best practices for all council maintenance and projects to maximise the net benefit to community and nature.</u>	<u>Consider and evaluate the environmental and climate impact of all local board projects and include climate impact statements in council reports covering net emissions, biodiversity loss, effects on impermeable surfaces and stormwater, and resource use and recovery.</u>

Advocacy

We support the advocacy point currently under Community. We would like to suggest the following additional advocacy point:

- Ongoing, multi-year, dedicated grant funding for community environmental and restoration groups, so they can plan and deliver programmes across multiple seasons rather than one funding cycle at a time - to Governing Body.
- Advocate for long-term (50 to 100 year) climate risk-scenario planning - to Governing Body.
- Advocate for the use of non-potable water for irrigation of sports and recreation facilities - to Watercare.
- Advocate for greater public understanding of infrastructure maintenance and fault-reporting policies - to Governing Body, Auckland Transport and Watercare.
- Ensure an adequate level of renewals funding to keep existing community assets well maintained and adapted to be resilient to climate change - to Governing Body.

Commentary

We welcome the Board's focus on connected, resilient communities and its recognition of the important role of partnerships with mana whenua and communities in achieving lasting local outcomes. Henderson-Massey's draft plan carries substantial, practical commitment to partnership with Te Kawerau ā Maki and other mana whenua and mātāwaka groups with an interest in the area.

Auckland Council's Open Space, Sport and Recreation Strategy recognises that parks and open spaces can deliver multiple benefits for both people and nature. Well-designed, nature-rich spaces give people everyday opportunities to connect with nature, provide habitat for wildlife, strengthen community resilience to climate change, and contribute to healthier, more liveable neighbourhoods.

We support this plan's placement of climate resilience within Community rather than only under Natural Environment. Embedding environmental and climate considerations within the Community outcome helps ensure these priorities are reflected in the everyday work of community development, rather than being left solely to environmental work programmes.

Te taiao māori / Natural environment - Communities are empowered as kaitiaki of their natural environment, where mātauranga Māori is essential to restore and protect our ecosystems. Te ora o te wai is sustained and enhanced, the urban ngāhere grows larger, and sustainable practices are part of daily life.

We agree with all draft objectives and key initiatives under Natural Environment and suggest the following additional key initiatives

Objectives	Key Initiatives
All communities lead the way in kaitiakitanga of healthy habitats that protect and sustain biodiversity.	<u>Support responsible cat ownership through desexing and containment encouragement, working with neighbouring Local Boards on control of feral and stray cats in areas of high biodiversity value.</u> <u>Ensure monitoring and compliance of dog access rules keep high-value conservation areas free of dogs while providing space for responsible pet ownership elsewhere.</u> <u>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.</u> <u>Work with Auckland Council to identify storm buy-out sites suited to community-led native planting, weed control and other low-risk interim uses under the region-wide Future Land Use Expressions of Interest process, prioritising sites that can also function as natural flood storage, consistent with the Making Space for Water programme.</u>
The mauri of the awa, harbour, and ngāhere in Henderson-Massey flourishes	<u>Support implementation of the Waitematā Harbour West Shoreline Adaptation Plan throughout the board area with preference for nature-based solutions wherever practicable</u> <u>Prioritise the restoration of wetlands where they exist or can be re-established.</u>

	<u>Work with Healthy Waters to provide education and support that ensures commercial and industrial sites upgrade their on-site stormwater management to prevent contamination at the source.</u> <u>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</u>
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Advocacy:

We support all the current advocacy points under Natural Environment, particularly the funding sought for the Harbourview-Orangihina wetland and the 30-year blue-green network programme. We would like to suggest the following additional advocacy points:

- Stronger monitoring of activities that cause sediment runoff, and stronger penalties for those who knowingly cause harmful sedimentation, particularly around growth areas such as Redhills - to Governing Body.
- Local board and volunteer groups to be more directly involved in setting and monitoring council-contracted ecological services delivered in Henderson-Massey - to Governing Body.
- Advocate for the reinstatement of general tree protection legislation - to Central Government.
- Advocate to make room for rivers and streams to flood safely, by restricting new development in flood-prone areas and supporting managed retreat where needed - to Governing Body
- Raise awareness of and advocate for dark sky areas and reduced light pollution around the Henderson-Massey Local Board Area - to Governing Body.
- Protection of valuable local environmental amenity and ecosystems (water, forests, sites with rare and indigenous flora and fauna) i.e. when providing feedback on Unitary Plan changes, Private Plan Changes and Fast-Track Legislation applications. - to Governing Body and Central Government
- Increased air quality, freshwater and coastal water quality monitoring - to Governing Body.
- Continued Natural Environment Targeted Rate funding to maintain and grow current investment in pest control, kauri dieback management and biodiversity restoration across Tāmaki Makaurau - to Governing Body

Commentary

The Board has recognised the importance of restoring waterways, expanding urban ngahere, supporting community kaitiakitanga and working alongside Te Kawerau ā Maki to strengthen ecological health across the area. Initiatives such as Project Twin Streams, the Harbourview-

Orangihina wetland and the proposed blue-green network provide a strong foundation for long-term environmental restoration.

Henderson-Massey is one of Auckland's most urbanised local board areas, with only small remnants of indigenous vegetation and wetland remaining. These scattered forests, streams, estuaries and coastal margins function as one connected ecological network rather than isolated sites. Continuing to strengthen ecological connections across the wider landscape, while increasing urban tree canopy, restoring wetlands and improving freshwater habitat, will make native species and ecosystems more resilient as the area continues to grow.

The Board's restoration ambitions will be most successful when they are accompanied by action to reduce the pressures driving environmental decline. Improving stormwater management, reducing sediment runoff from growth areas such as Redhills, protecting inanga spawning habitat, supporting responsible pet ownership and safeguarding remaining natural areas will help ensure restoration efforts deliver lasting environmental gains across the wider catchment

Te taiao kua hangaia / Built Environment - Places and spaces are easy to access and use by everyone. Our buildings and public spaces celebrate Māori identity, grounding us in a unique sense of place. Vibrant town centres reflect our shared pride and local identity. We are prepared for growth so that our neighbourhoods thrive now and in the future.

We agree with all draft objectives and key initiatives under Built Environment and would like to suggest the following additional key initiative:

Objectives	Key Initiatives
Community places and spaces are more accessible, sustainable and improve our collective wellbeing.	<u>Protect and grow accessible green space and native tree canopy as part of the Henderson Urban Regeneration Programme, the Te Atatū town centre masterplan, and development within the Redhills Precinct.</u>

Advocacy:

We support all the current advocacy points under Built Environment as drafted and would like to suggest the following additional advocacy point:

- Funding for construction and demolition waste compliance and education - to Governing Body.
- Advocate that Auckland's planning rules require urban green space, particularly indigenous canopy trees and nature-based stormwater management such as swales and rain gardens, to be designed into all higher-density development - to Governing Body
- Increased funding to actively monitor and enforce compliance with green infrastructure and canopy requirements attached to resource consents, so that planting and green space required at the time of consent is not lost - to Governing Body
- Advocate that infrastructure capacity be confirmed before new housing and town centre development proceeds, and that intensification not be enabled within Significant Ecological Areas - to Governing Body and Central Government

- Native tree canopy and permeable surfacing standards to be built into the detailed design of Henderson Town Centre and the Redhills Precinct as they are developed - to Governing Body.

Commentary

Henderson-Massey is undergoing significant change through the Henderson Urban Regeneration Programme, the Te Atatū town centre masterplan and continued development at Redhills. Decisions made through these projects will shape not only how communities grow, but also the quality of the natural environment for decades to come.

Integrating native tree canopy, connected open space and nature-based stormwater management into new development from the outset is far more effective than attempting to retrofit these features later. As neighbourhoods become denser, well-planned green infrastructure will play an increasingly important role in reducing urban heat, improving water quality, supporting biodiversity and creating healthier places for people to live.

Ngā angitū me ngā whai hua tanga / Opportunity and Prosperity - Prosperous, lively town centres where people can easily work, shop, and connect close to home. High-quality, well-paid local employment and a diverse economy that supports environmental responsibility and social sustainability.

We agree with all draft objectives and key initiatives under Economic Development and offer the below objective and key initiative to integrate into the plan:

Objectives	Key Initiatives
Sustainable economic activity	<u>Support projects that engage, advise, educate and assist local businesses and residents to minimise waste and build a circular economy.</u>

We support all the current advocacy points under Opportunity and Prosperity as drafted, and have no further additions to suggest.

Tūnuku / Transport - Everyone has options to get around without driving, and safe, well-kept roads help traffic flow easily.

We agree with all draft objectives under Transport and would like to suggest the following additional priority:

Objectives	Priorities
A well-connected walking and cycling network across Henderson-Massey.	<u>Prioritise native tree canopy along cycleway and shared path routes, and permeable surfacing on new or renewed parking areas</u>

Commentary

The Board's commitment to improving walking, cycling and public transport provides opportunities to deliver environmental benefits alongside safer and more accessible travel. Integrating native tree canopy, permeable surfaces and nature-based stormwater management into transport projects can improve neighbourhood amenity, reduce runoff into local waterways and strengthen ecological connections across the urban landscape.

As Henderson-Massey continues to grow, every transport investment provides an opportunity to create cooler, greener and more resilient neighbourhoods. Incorporating green infrastructure into streets, shared paths and town centres from the outset will help ensure transport projects contribute positively to both people and nature.

Conclusion

Henderson-Massey is changing rapidly, bringing both opportunities and challenges for the natural environment. We hope the recommendations in this submission help strengthen the Board's existing direction and support a future where thriving communities are matched by thriving streams, wetlands, ngahere and harbour environments. Thank you for considering Forest & Bird's submission.



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Submitter details:

Organisation: Gardens4Health

Local Board: Regional Organisation

Your feedback:

Community objectives

1. **What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

Agree

Tell us why

Community objectives

2. **What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

Strongly agree

Tell us why

Built environment

3. **What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

Somewhat agree

Tell us why

Opportunity and prosperity objectives

4. What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?

Strongly agree

Tell us why

Yes to the creative centre!

Transport priorities

5. What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?

Strongly agree

Tell us why

6. We have limited resources. What should we focus on most?

Developing an understanding of the existing kai system - from community gardens to pātaka kai to ethnic grocers to food poverty stats. Without good healthy kai for everyone, a fundamental facet of wellbeing is missing.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like on the draft Henderson-Massey Local Board Plan 2026?



Submission on 3 year local board plan for Henderson-Massey.

Tēna koe,

I am writing on behalf of Gardens4Health: a network that is connected to over 130 community food gardens across the Auckland isthmus. Our team works every day with communities dedicated to improving access to fresh, healthy kai in their neighborhoods, most of whom do so without receiving any payment. We have seen first hand the impact of negligent kai infrastructure in our communities and how this impacts everyone. We want our leaders to have a robust plan for food resilience that is grounded in the existing work of communities, and our Council to be active in addressing the rapid increase of food inequity that is impacting everyone. This work cannot be done by volunteers alone.

A strong local food system is about much more than food. It supports healthier people, strengthens community connections, builds resilience to economic and climate challenges, encourages local enterprise, and contributes to thriving neighbourhoods. Investing in local food initiatives can help deliver many of the outcomes the Local Board is already seeking to achieve, including improved health and wellbeing, stronger communities, environmental sustainability and greater local resilience.

Across Henderson-Massey, community organisations, schools, mana whenua, growers, volunteers and local businesses are already making an important contribution to improving access to healthy food. However, increasing pressures on household budgets, climate uncertainty, population growth and rising demand for food support demonstrate the need for stronger local coordination and continued investment.

I believe the Henderson-Massey Local Board has an important opportunity to strengthen its existing commitments by recognising food as a strategic priority and working alongside communities to build a healthier, more resilient and more equitable local food system.

The actions below are practical, evidence-informed steps that can be implemented over the next one to three years to improve access to healthy food, strengthen community resilience, and support the long-term wellbeing of everyone who lives, works and learns in Henderson-Massey.

How these actions support your existing commitments

These recommendations align closely with the outcomes and aspirations of both the Local Board Plan and the Auckland Plan 2050. Together, they would contribute to healthier communities, stronger neighbourhoods, environmental sustainability, climate resilience, local economic participation and greater social connectedness.

By strengthening the local food system, the Local Board can help create lasting benefits that extend well beyond food itself, improving quality of life while supporting communities to become more resilient, self-reliant and better prepared for future challenges.

Recommended Actions

1. Understand the local food system

- Commit to a local food system wānanga involving Local Board members, mana whenua, community organisations and other key stakeholders.
- Map existing food-related services, programmes, community assets, growing spaces, food providers and local champions across the Local Board area. Identify existing strengths, gaps and opportunities, and explore how current resources and investment could be better aligned to maximise impact, collaboration and equity.
- Develop a shared understanding of the local food system will help inform future investment and strengthen collaboration across the community.

2. Strengthen community partnerships

- Actively engage with the organisations, volunteers and community leaders already working to improve local food access and wellbeing.
- Visit community gardens, food hubs, māra kai, food rescue organisations, cooking and nutrition programmes, schools and local initiatives. Listen to the experiences of those working on the ground and build ongoing relationships that support genuine collaboration and shared decision-making.
- Promote existing initiatives through Local Board communication channels to increase community awareness, participation and support.

3. Invest in local food initiatives

- Increase support for proven community-led food initiatives through funding, programming and longer-term partnerships. This could include supporting community gardens and māra kai, strengthening local food hubs, providing dedicated funding for key coordination roles, improving access to small grants, streamlining Council processes, and providing greater certainty through longer-term lease arrangements where appropriate.
- Build the capability and sustainability of successful community initiatives, which represents a practical investment in the long-term resilience of the Local Board area.

4. Create healthier food environments

- Support initiatives that enable access to nourishing food and drink for everyone. This may include expanding access to drinking water, supporting culturally appropriate food initiatives, encouraging healthier food options at community events and Council facilities, celebrating businesses that provide healthy choices, and supporting community organisations to offer nutritious food through their programmes.
- Although Local Boards have limited influence over commercial food marketing, they can play an important leadership role by creating environments that encourage healthier choices and promote community wellbeing.

5. Celebrate and grow local food leadership

- Champion the stories, people and initiatives that are already strengthening the local food system.
- Share local successes through community events, digital communications and neighbourhood networks. Increase public awareness of local food initiatives and encourage greater participation across the community.
- Work alongside community organisations, mana whenua, schools, growers, businesses and residents to develop a shared vision for a resilient local food system that is better prepared for future economic, environmental and social challenges.

I believe the Henderson-Massey Local Board has an opportunity to become a leader in creating a healthier, more resilient and more connected community through practical investment in its local food system.

Supporting better access to good, nutritious and affordable food is not simply a response to current challenges. It is an investment in healthier people, stronger communities, greater resilience, local economic development and a more sustainable future.

By working alongside local communities and building on the strengths that already exist, the Local Board can help create lasting benefits for current and future generations while delivering on its vision for a thriving Henderson-Massey.

Thank you for your consideration and for your ongoing commitment to the wellbeing of the Henderson-Massey community.

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Healthy Auckland Together

Local Board: Regional Organisation

Your feedback:

Community objectives

1. **What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

Tell us why

Community objectives

2. **What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

Tell us why

Built environment

3. **What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

Tell us why

Opportunity and prosperity objectives

4. **What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

Tell us why

Transport priorities

- 5. What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

Tell us why

- 6. We have limited resources. What should we focus on most?**

- 7. Do you have any other feedback you would like on the draft Henderson-Massey Local Board Plan 2026?**

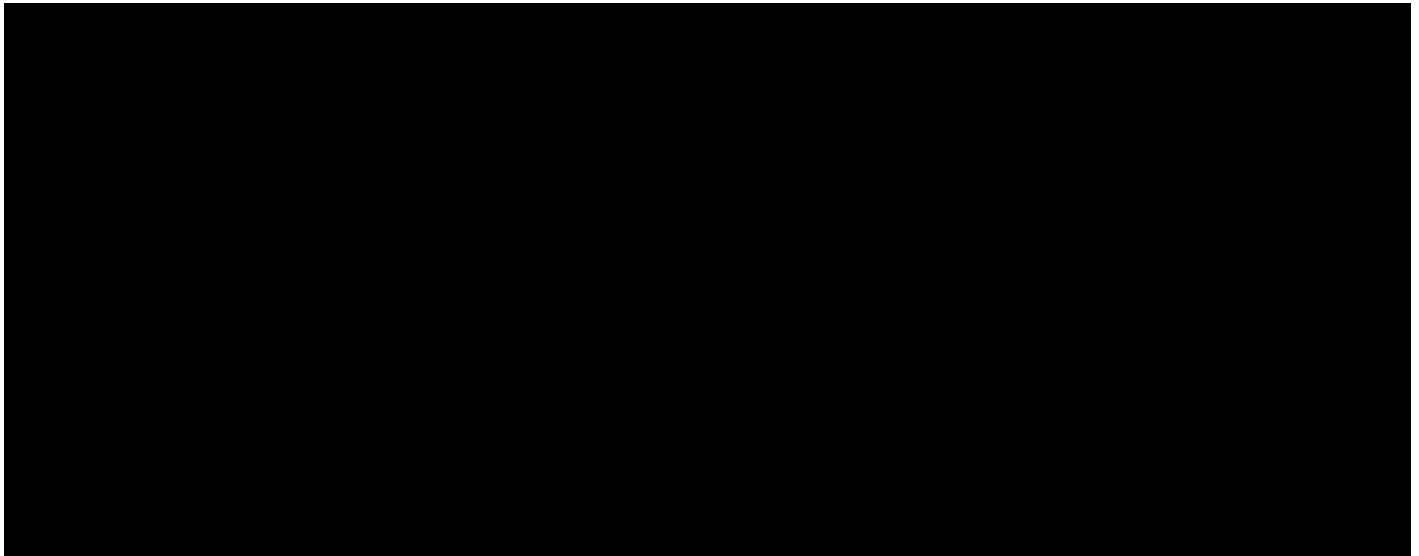
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Healthy Auckland Together submission on the Henderson-Massey Draft Local Board Plan 2026

Thank you for the opportunity for Healthy Auckland Together (HAT) to provide a submission on the Henderson-Massey draft Local Board Plan 2026 (the Plan).

Ngā mihi,



About Healthy Auckland Together



Healthy Auckland Together is committed to improving Tāmaki Makaurau so that it is an environment where all people can live full and healthy lives. By working collaboratively, we want to make it easier for everyone to be active, eat better and live longer lives. Healthy Auckland Together is a coalition of more than 30 partners representing local government, mana whenua, health agencies, non-government organisations, academia and consumer interest groups.



Creating a healthy city

Aucklanders deserve to live in communities that support all ages and all abilities to have freedom and build connections within their neighbourhoods. How our cities and neighbourhoods are designed, built and managed has a significant impact on the health and wellbeing of the people who live, work and learn in these areas.

However, increasing cost pressures on households, petrol and diesel vehicles dominating our streets, inequitable access to quality green space, and urban intensification without community-friendly design have led to a city with high demand for food support, decreased rates of active travel amongst children and diminishing outdoor play. These changes demonstrate the need for stronger local coordination and continued investment to improve the wellbeing of our communities.

Henderson-Massey Local Board has a key role in the community and street spaces that enable good lives for all people. Enabling access to nourishing food, providing more opportunities to play and creating safe and healthy street environments will contribute to outcomes identified in the Auckland Plan 2050.

Mana Whenua

Engagement with Mana whenua is critical for improving outcomes for Māori. When iwi and Māori are involved in decision making around the built and natural environments, tamariki and whānau are supported to connect with local whenua, waterways, histories, mātauranga and cultural practices. Involvement in transport design and decisions, required under the Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009, supports Māori identity being reflected in the transport network.

Local Food Systems

A strong local food system is about more than food. It strengthens community connections, builds resilience to economic and climate challenges, encourages local enterprise, and contributes to thriving neighbourhoods. Working alongside communities and investing in healthy local food initiatives can help deliver many of the outcomes the Local Board is already seeking, including improved health and wellbeing, stronger communities, environmental sustainability and greater local resilience.

Outdoor Play

Engaging in outdoor play is a fundamental right of children in Aotearoa New Zealand and is an important contributor to physical, mental, social, emotional, and cultural wellbeing across the life course. When children engage in outdoor play, they experience better physical health through increased strength, bone health, cardiovascular and metabolic health; better mental health through stress reduction, emotional resilience and improved confidence, creativity, curiosity, and problem-solving; and greater social wellbeing through connections with others, belonging and intergenerational relationships.



Healthy Transport

The transport system has a significant impact on the health and wellbeing of everyone, wherever they live. How we get about has positive impacts, adults and children who travel actively, whether they scoot, cycle or walk are protected against cardiovascular diseases, breast cancer, colorectal cancer and diabetes; improve learning and social connectedness in children and supports overall mental wellbeing. In contrast, reliance on petrol and diesel vehicles has led to increasing air pollution from vehicle emissions, causing damage to our cardiovascular and immune systems, leading to asthma, hospitalisations and deaths in communities; and ever-increasing vehicle sizes pose greater safety risks to our most vulnerable road users.

Recommendations

Through cleaner air, safer streets, more opportunities for play and access to nourishing local food, Henderson-Massey can be a place where communities live longer, healthier lives. To support these outcomes for your communities, Healthy Auckland Together suggests the following recommendations.

Community

The Henderson-Massey Local Board plan is to be commended for including actions on strengthening the opportunities for communities to celebrate inclusion, cultural heritage, events, sports and recreation in parks and town centres.

We **support** all your objectives, particularly those that acknowledge play and cultural approaches to play, as well as the identity of open spaces.

We noticed there was an **absence** of food systems mentioned in the plan.

The draft Local Board plan could be strengthened to enable opportunities for play, improve accessibility and increase access to nourishing food.

To improve outcomes for your communities, we **recommend** that:

- An objective is added to “Adopt a healthy local food strategy plan with implementation embedded in workplans.” More information about developing a local food strategy can be found in Appendix 2.
- Wording is included that gives effect the Henderson Massey 2025 Play plan.

Natural Environment

The Henderson-Massey Local Board plan does well for including extensive actions to care for, protect and restore the natural environment in Henderson-Massey. The natural environment is interconnected with the health and wellbeing of communities. A strong natural environment supports mental wellbeing and mitigates the impact of air pollution and high temperatures on our most vulnerable.



We **support** your objectives for “The mauri of the awa, harbour, and ngāhere in Henderson -Massey flourishes” alongside “communities are resilient to climate change and know about ways to incorporate sustainability into their daily lives.”

To improve outcomes for your communities, we **recommend** that:

- A priority is included to improve the urban ngāhere, particularly along roadways.

Built Environment

Henderson-Massey’s built environment are key places for people to learn, work and play, and good access to supportive and welcoming public spaces contributes to the health and wellbeing of communities. Safe and well-designed town centres facilitate play and improve access for pedestrians.

We **support** your objective for “Urban villages and neighbourhoods are attractive and vibrant, with their own local identity” particularly on improving transport initiatives on safety.

To improve outcomes for your communities, we **recommend** that:

- Wording is strengthened to incorporate schools, town centres and marae when considering calm speeds.
- Include a priority that includes play being integrated into urban spaces, working with new developments and existing built environments.

Transport

The overall implementation of the Henderson-Massey Local Board’s new responsibilities in transport is a positive approach to enabling good health through increased safety and active travel.

Improving equity in transport is crucial for a healthier community and requires addressing wider systematic issues, including unsafe driving behaviour, congestion, personal safety issues and prioritising environments that support children’s independent mobility. Understanding the social stigma experienced by youth while cycling and using public transport is also relevant to improving uptake of healthy behaviours. The involvement of Māori, Pacific and disabled communities when developing actions is integral to good equity outcomes.

We **support** all of the objectives outlined to improve safety, accessibility and to promote active and public transport.

To improve outcomes for your communities, we **recommend** that:

- Wording is included to incorporate safe speeds around schools, town centres and marae.
- A priority is added that advocates for a time of use charging scheme that is equitable and raises funds that are used to improve public and active transport
- An Objective is added to embed Māori identity, partnership and kaitiakitanga in the transport network.



Conclusion

Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment on the Henderson-Massey Draft Local Board Plan 2026.

Appendix 1 Tabled Recommendations

Community			
Objective	Priority	Stance	Recommendation
1	1	Strengthen	Change wording to “Develop community-led play projects, including play options for people of all ages, and implement the 2025 Play plan.”
-	-	-	Addition Add an objective to “Adopt a healthy local food strategy plan with implementation embedded in workplans.” More information about developing a local food strategy can be found in Appendix 2.
Natural Environment			
Objective	Priority	Stance	Recommendation
2	-	Addition	Add a priority to “Strengthen our urban ngāhere by planting more native plants and trees in open spaces and along roadways”
Built Environment			
Objective	Priority	Stance	Recommendation
1	-	Addition	Add priority to “integrate play into urban spaces, working with new developments and existing public spaces”
3	2	Strengthen	Change wording to “Identify and progress neighbourhood transport initiatives that improve safety in school catchments, town centres and around marae, such as walking and cycling paths and speed calming measures.”
Transport			
Objective	Priority	Stance	Recommendation
3	1	Strengthen	Change wording to “Prioritise safety and ways to reduce the number of speeding vehicles in local streets, including safe speeds in school catchments, town centres and around marae.
2	-	Addition	Add a priority to: “advocate for a time of use charging scheme that is equitable and raises funds that are used to improve public and active transport.”
-	-	Addition	Add an objective to “Engage with Mana whenua to embed Māori identity, partnership and kaitiakitanga into Henderson-Massey’s transport network.”



Appendix 2 Developing a healthy local food strategy

1. Understand the local food system

Commit to a local food system wānanga involving Local Board members, mana whenua, community organisations and other key stakeholders.

Map existing food-related services, programmes, community assets, growing spaces, food providers and local champions across the Local Board area. Identify existing strengths, gaps and opportunities, and explore how current resources and investment could be better aligned to maximise impact, collaboration and equity.

Developing a shared understanding of the local food system will help inform future investment and strengthen collaboration across the community.

2. Strengthen community partnerships

Actively engage with the organisations, volunteers and community leaders already working to improve local food access and wellbeing.

Visit community gardens, food hubs, māra kai, food rescue organisations, cooking and nutrition programmes, schools and local initiatives. Listen to the experiences of those working on the ground and build ongoing relationships that support genuine collaboration and shared decision-making.

Promote existing initiatives through Local Board communication channels to increase community awareness, participation and support.

3. Invest in local food initiatives

Increase support for proven community-led food initiatives through funding, programming and longer-term partnerships.

This could include supporting community gardens and māra kai, strengthening local food hubs, providing dedicated funding for key coordination roles, improving access to small grants, streamlining Council processes, and providing greater certainty through longer-term lease arrangements where appropriate.

Building the capability and sustainability of successful community initiatives represents a practical investment in the long-term resilience of the Local Board area.

4. Create healthier food environments

Support initiatives that enable access to nourishing food and drink for everyone.

This may include expanding access to drinking water, supporting culturally appropriate food initiatives, encouraging healthier food options at community events and Council facilities, celebrating businesses that provide healthy choices, and supporting community organisations to offer nutritious food through their programmes.



Although Local Boards have limited influence over commercial food marketing, they can play an important leadership role by creating environments that encourage healthier choices and promote community wellbeing.

5. Celebrate and grow local food leadership

Champion the stories, people and initiatives that are already strengthening the local food system.

Share local successes through community events, digital communications and neighbourhood networks. Increase public awareness of local food initiatives and encourage greater participation across the community.

Work alongside community organisations, mana whenua, schools, growers, businesses and residents to develop a shared vision for a resilient local food system that is better prepared for future economic, environmental and social challenges.



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Submitter details:

Organisation: Henderson-Massey Youth Council

Local Board: Henderson-Massey

Your feedback:

Community objectives

- 1. What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

Agree

Tell us why

Very inclusive, maybe just more detailing to ensure full support from communities such as rangatahi.

Community objectives

- 2. What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

Somewhat agree

Tell us why

Points are reasonable and needed in the Henderson-Massey community.

Built environment

- 3. What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

Somewhat agree

Tell us why

Rangatahi want to see diversity on the stage of Henderson-Massey. We are keen to see how this will be enabled.

Opportunity and prosperity objectives**4. What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

Strongly agree

Tell us why

Rangatahi value creative pursuits, especially in a place as Henderson-Massey that needs more artistic representation and embellishment.

Transport priorities**5. What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

Somewhat agree

Tell us why

We are excited to see what this looks like with the new transport terminal in Westgate.

6. We have limited resources. What should we focus on most?

Rangatahi are affected by a lot of the opportunity objectives and would like to be uplifted by a better economic, social and creative scene in Henderson-Massey especially given the caliber of schools and young people in the area.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like on the draft Henderson-Massey Local Board Plan 2026?

We would like to see these positive changes actually happen!



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Submitter details:

Organisation: Kai West Collective

Local Board: Henderson-Massey

Your feedback:

Community objectives

1. What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?

Strongly agree

Tell us why

We strongly support the proposed community objectives.

The draft Plan recognises the importance of diversity, belonging, Māori and Pacific aspirations, community resilience and creating welcoming places for people to connect. These are all foundations of thriving communities.

We encourage the Local Board to strengthen these objectives by recognising the role that local food systems play in achieving them. Food brings people together across cultures and generations, creates opportunities to share knowledge and traditions, strengthens neighbourhood connections and supports community resilience.

We recommend including a stronger commitment to Kai Motuhake—supporting communities to have greater agency over how food is grown, shared and accessed. This could include supporting community gardens, māra kai, food forests, local markets, food skills programmes and neighbourhood food initiatives.

There is also an opportunity to develop a Henderson-Massey Kai Charter that brings together mana whenua, mātāwaka, Pacific communities, schools, community organisations, growers, businesses and residents around a shared vision for strengthening the local food system. A

coordinated approach would help connect people, knowledge and resources while strengthening collaboration and long-term community resilience.

Community objectives**2. What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

Strongly agree

Tell us why

We strongly support the proposed natural environment objectives.

The commitment to kaitiakitanga, restoring the mauri of our waterways and ngahere, protecting biodiversity and preparing for climate change aligns closely with Kai West's vision.

We encourage the Local Board to consider food systems as an important contributor to environmental outcomes. Community food forests, edible landscapes, māra kai and regenerative growing practices improve biodiversity, increase urban canopy, strengthen soil health, reduce waste and help communities become more resilient to climate change.

There is also an opportunity to develop an Edible Henderson-Massey initiative by:

Mapping existing public fruit and nut trees.

Planting more fruit trees in suitable parks and public spaces.

Propagating heritage fruit trees and celebrating their whakapapa and local history.

Sharing information about harvesting seasons, caring for trees, recipes and preserving seasonal produce.

This approach connects environmental restoration with community wellbeing, food resilience and local identity.

Built environment**3. What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

Strongly agree

Tell us why

We support the proposed built environment objectives.

As Henderson-Massey continues to grow, we encourage the Local Board to consider how neighbourhoods can also support healthy and resilient local food systems.

Community spaces should provide opportunities for people to gather, grow food, learn new skills and access affordable fresh produce. Integrating community gardens, food forests,

edible streetscapes and local markets into neighbourhood planning creates places that are vibrant, connected and healthy.

Planning food into our public spaces strengthens local identity while contributing to wellbeing, climate resilience and social connection.

We also encourage the Henderson-Massey Local Board to be a strong advocate through the upcoming Auckland Unitary Plan Review (2026–2036) by championing policies that enable and protect community-led food systems.

This includes advocating for:

Greater provision for community agriculture, māra kai and food forests within urban areas.

A streamlined approvals process for community food growing initiatives on suitable public land.

Protection of existing community growing spaces through long-term planning.

Increased opportunities to incorporate edible landscapes, fruit trees and productive planting into parks, reserves, streetscapes and new developments.

Recognition of local food systems as essential community infrastructure that contributes to climate resilience, biodiversity, community wellbeing and neighbourhood resilience.

As Henderson-Massey continues to grow and intensify, the Unitary Plan presents a significant opportunity to ensure that future neighbourhoods are designed not only to accommodate more people, but also to support healthier, more connected and food-resilient communities.

Opportunity and prosperity objectives

4. What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?

Strongly agree

Tell us why

We support the proposed economic development objectives.

Local food systems are an important part of a thriving local economy. Supporting local growers, food producers, community markets and food enterprises creates employment, keeps money circulating within local neighbourhoods and improves access to affordable healthy food.

We encourage the Local Board to continue supporting community-led markets and local food enterprises that provide pathways for emerging businesses, rangatahi, social enterprises and local entrepreneurs.

Food is not only an economic opportunity, it also strengthens neighbourhood identity, community resilience and social wellbeing.

Transport priorities**5. What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

Strongly agree

Tell us why

We support the proposed transport priorities.

Safe walking, cycling and public transport networks are important for community wellbeing and reducing emissions.

We also encourage the Local Board to consider transport through a food access lens. Many people rely on public transport, walking or cycling to access shops, markets and community food initiatives.

Planning neighbourhoods where people can easily access affordable fresh food close to where they live supports healthier communities while reducing transport costs and emissions. Safe connections to local markets, community hubs and food growing spaces should form part of neighbourhood planning.

6. We have limited resources. What should we focus on most?

We encourage the Local Board to prioritise investment in initiatives that deliver multiple community outcomes rather than addressing issues in isolation.

Supporting Kai Motuhake through a coordinated local food systems approach is one such opportunity. Investment in backbone coordination, neighbourhood food resilience, community leadership and a Henderson-Massey Kai Charter would strengthen community wellbeing, climate resilience, local enterprise, social connection and equitable access to healthy food while making better use of existing community knowledge and resources.

By investing in coordination alongside community-led initiatives, the Local Board can maximise the impact of limited resources and create lasting benefits for future generations.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like on the draft Henderson-Massey Local Board Plan 2026?

Overall, Kai West strongly supports the direction of the draft Henderson-Massey Local Board Plan.

We encourage the Local Board to recognise local food systems as an enabler that contributes across many of its priorities, including community wellbeing, Māori and Pacific aspirations, environmental restoration, climate resilience, economic development and neighbourhood resilience.

We believe there is an opportunity to develop a Henderson-Massey Kai Charter that brings together mana whenua, mātāwaka, Pacific communities, community organisations, schools, growers, businesses and residents around a shared vision for Kai Motuhake.

The Charter would provide a coordinated approach to connecting people, knowledge and resources, aligning existing initiatives, strengthening partnerships and supporting collective action over the long term.

By investing in a connected local food system today, Henderson-Massey can continue to build healthier communities, stronger neighbourhoods and a more resilient future for everyone.

Kai West Collective Submission to the Henderson-Massey Local Board Plan 2026–2029

Tēnā koutou e te Poari ā-Rohe o Henderson-Massey,

Kai West welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft Henderson-Massey Local Board Plan.

We commend the Local Board for developing a plan that places community resilience, Māori outcomes, climate action and equitable outcomes at the heart of its decision making. These priorities closely align with Kai West's vision of creating a West Auckland where everyone has access to healthy, affordable and culturally appropriate food through a thriving local food system.

At Kai West, we believe food is much more than nourishment. Food is a connector. It strengthens relationships, supports health and wellbeing, celebrates culture, creates economic opportunities, regenerates our environment and builds resilient neighbourhoods.

We believe Henderson-Massey has an opportunity to strengthen many of the outcomes already identified in this Plan by recognising the role of **Kai Motuhake**—communities having greater agency over how food is grown, shared and accessed through connected, community-led local food systems.

Why Local Food Systems Matter

Supporting local food systems contributes directly to the aspirations already identified within this Plan by:

- Strengthening community resilience and preparedness.
- Improving equitable access to healthy, affordable and culturally appropriate food.
- Supporting Māori and Pacific aspirations through community-led initiatives.
- Creating opportunities for local enterprise and employment.
- Improving biodiversity and climate resilience.
- Building stronger neighbourhood identity and belonging.
- Creating healthier, more connected communities.

Rather than viewing food as a standalone issue, we encourage the Local Board to recognise it as an enabler that contributes across community, environment, economic development, climate resilience and wellbeing.

Our Recommendations

1. Recognise Kai Motuhake as a Local Priority

Support **Kai Motuhake** by recognising the important role local food systems play in delivering community wellbeing, equitable outcomes, climate resilience and neighbourhood resilience.

Food should be recognised as an important contributor to many existing Local Board priorities rather than a separate work programme.

2. Develop a Henderson-Massey Kai Charter

We encourage the Local Board to support the co-design of a **Henderson-Massey Kai Charter**.

A Kai Charter would bring together mana whenua, mātāwaka, Pacific organisations, schools, community organisations, growers, local businesses and residents around a shared vision for strengthening the local food system.

The Charter would:

- Create a shared vision for food resilience.
- Connect people, knowledge and resources.
- Align community initiatives.
- Identify shared priorities.
- Encourage collaboration rather than duplication.
- Strengthen partnerships between community and local government.
- Support collective advocacy.
- Provide a framework for measuring progress over time.

The Charter is not another strategy. It is a mechanism for coordinating collective action around shared outcomes.

3. Strengthen Community Food Infrastructure

Continue investing in neighbourhood initiatives that improve access to healthy food, including:

- Community gardens and māra kai.
- Community food forests.
- Local food hubs.
- Community kitchens.
- Food skills programmes.
- Seed libraries.
- Composting initiatives.
- Local food resilience projects.

These initiatives contribute to stronger neighbourhoods while supporting the Board's goals around resilience, inclusion and community wellbeing.

4. Grow an Edible Henderson-Massey

We encourage the Local Board to establish an **Edible Henderson-Massey** initiative.

This could include:

- Mapping existing public fruit and nut trees.
- Increasing fruit tree planting in parks, reserves, schools and public spaces.
- Protecting and propagating heritage fruit tree varieties.
- Sharing the whakapapa and stories behind significant fruit trees.
- Installing educational signage that includes harvesting seasons, tree care, recipes and food preservation ideas.
- Supporting seasonal harvest events and preserving workshops.

Food-producing landscapes improve biodiversity while creating accessible sources of healthy food and celebrating local identity.

5. Integrate Food into Climate Action

The Local Board has identified climate resilience and kaitiakitanga as key priorities.

Community food forests, regenerative growing practices and edible landscapes offer opportunities to:

- Increase urban canopy.
- Improve soil health.
- Reduce waste.
- Support biodiversity.
- Increase carbon sequestration.
- Improve neighbourhood resilience.
- Build community stewardship.

Where appropriate, food-producing landscapes should be considered alongside ecological restoration and urban greening projects.

6. Advocate for Community Food Systems through the Auckland Unitary Plan Review

As Henderson-Massey continues to experience significant growth and urban intensification, we encourage the Local Board to be a strong advocate through the upcoming Auckland Unitary Plan Review (2026–2036) to ensure future neighbourhoods are designed to support healthy, resilient and connected local food systems.

We recommend advocating for:

- Greater provision for community agriculture, māra kai and food forests within urban areas.
- A streamlined approvals process for community food growing initiatives on suitable public land.
- Protection of existing community growing spaces through long-term planning.
- Increased opportunities to incorporate edible landscapes, fruit trees and productive planting into parks, reserves, streetscapes and new developments.
- Recognition of local food systems as essential community infrastructure that contributes to community wellbeing, climate resilience, biodiversity, neighbourhood resilience and local economic development.

Embedding these provisions into the Unitary Plan will help ensure that future growth creates neighbourhoods where people not only live, but also have opportunities to grow, share and access healthy, affordable and culturally appropriate food close to home.

7. Support Community Leadership and Backbone Coordination

Henderson-Massey already has an incredible network of organisations, schools, mana whenua, Pacific organisations, volunteers and community leaders working to improve local wellbeing.

The greatest opportunity is not creating more projects—it is strengthening the connections between existing people, knowledge, resources and initiatives.

Investment in backbone coordination enables:

- Better collaboration.
- Stronger partnerships.
- Reduced duplication.
- Better sharing of knowledge and resources.
- More effective investment.
- Stronger neighbourhood leadership.
- Greater collective impact.

Without coordination, activities often remain isolated.

With coordination, communities build capability, relationships and local infrastructure that become self-sustaining over time.

8. Support Local Food Enterprise

Food is also an important contributor to local prosperity.

We encourage the Local Board to support:

- Community-led farmers markets.
- Local growers.
- Food entrepreneurs.
- Social enterprises.
- Community food businesses.
- Affordable market spaces.
- Rangatahi food enterprise opportunities.

These initiatives strengthen the local economy while improving community access to affordable fresh food.

9. Create Neighbourhood Food Resilience

As Henderson-Massey continues to grow, we encourage investment in neighbourhood food resilience.

Every neighbourhood should have opportunities for people to:

- Learn to grow food.
- Access local fresh produce.
- Share food and knowledge.
- Build relationships.
- Participate in local food initiatives.

Strong local food systems create communities that are healthier, more connected and better prepared for future economic and climate challenges.

Closing

Kai West believes Henderson-Massey has an exciting opportunity to become a leader in creating a connected local food system that strengthens people, place and the environment.

By investing in local leadership, supporting backbone coordination and co-designing a **Henderson-Massey Kai Charter**, the Local Board can bring together people, knowledge, resources and action around a shared vision for **Kai Motuhake**.

Together, these actions will strengthen community wellbeing, support Māori and Pacific aspirations, improve climate resilience, foster local enterprise and create neighbourhoods where everyone has equitable access to healthy, affordable and culturally appropriate food.

We look forward to continuing to work alongside the Henderson-Massey Local Board, mana whenua, mātāwaka, Pacific communities and local organisations to help grow a resilient, connected and community-led food system for West Auckland.

Ngā mihi nui,

Kai West Collective



Have Your Say on the Draft Henderson-Massey Local Board Plan 2026

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Organisation: Le Moana West Collective

Local Board: Henderson-Massey

Your feedback:

Community objectives

1. **What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

Tell us why

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Tell us why

Transport priorities

5. What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?

Tell us why

6. We have limited resources. What should we focus on most?

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like on the draft Henderson-Massey Local Board Plan 2026?

RESPONSE: SUBMISSION DRAFT HENDERSON – MASSEY LOCAL BOARD PLAN 2026

SUBMITTED BY LE MOANA WEST COLLECTIVE

BUILDING PACIFIC COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AND COLLECTIVE IMPACT IN
HENDERSON-MASSEY.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Le Moana West Collective supports the direction of the Draft Henderson-Massey Local Board Plan 2026 and its focus on wellbeing, resilience, youth leadership and partnership.

We recommend that the final plan specifically recognise Le Moana West Collective as a key Pacific umbrella network and strategic partner. Through its established connections with more than 200 Pacific organisations and leaders, the Collective provides a direct pathway for engaging Pacific communities and advancing their social, economic and educational aspirations. Partnering with this existing network will strengthen investment, avoid duplicating engagement structures and accelerate outcomes for Pacific communities across Henderson-Massey.

Le Moana West Collective believes that many of the outcomes identified within the Draft Local Board Plan can be accelerated through long-term partnership with Pacific community leadership.

Our primary recommendation

Is to work alongside the Henderson-Massey Local Board to develop a three-year Pacific Strategic Plan. This would establish shared priorities, strengthen alignment and guide long-term partnership and investment.

Through this plan, we propose working together across key areas including Pacific leadership and governance, community engagement, economic development, youth development and wider community wellbeing. These priorities would also support the Local Board to achieve its broader aspirations and outcomes for Henderson-Massey.

The following sections outline the rationale, opportunities and proposed areas of focus for this partnership.

WHO & WHY LE MOANA WEST COLLECTIVE?

Le Moana West Collective is a Pacific-led collective impact initiative and was established in response to a shared aspiration among Pacific leaders: while many organisations were working tirelessly within their own communities, there was no dedicated Pacific platform that intentionally connects people, organisations and sectors to collectively influence systems, share knowledge and respond to community priorities.

Unlike a single organisation delivering a specific programme, the Collective acts as a backbone organisation, providing the coordination, relationships and collaborative infrastructure that enable communities to work together.

Today, the Collective is connected to over 200 Pacific organisations, churches, schools, sports clubs and organisations, youth groups, health providers, cultural organisations, government agencies, funding partners and community leaders across West Auckland. One of the largest Pacific community leadership networks in Auckland.

The Collective works across multiple sectors including:

- Community leadership and organisational capability
- Youth leadership and governance
- Health and wellbeing
- Education and future pathways
- Climate resilience and emergency preparedness
- Cultural revitalisation
- Creative industries
- Civic participation
- Economic development
- Sport and active wellbeing.

The Collective exists to strengthen relationships, build leadership capability, reduce duplication, enable collaboration and support community-led solutions that create lasting impact.

LE MOANA WEST COLLECTIVE SUPPORTS COMMUNITY BY

- Convening diverse Pacific organisations around shared priorities.
- Strengthening relationships between communities, mana whenua, Auckland Council, government agencies and philanthropy.
- Supporting community-led design and collective decision-making.
- Building leadership, governance and organisational capability.
- Connecting organisations to funding, partnerships and opportunities.
- Strengthening civic participation and community voice.
- Facilitating knowledge sharing across sectors.
- Coordinating collaborative responses to complex community challenges.
- Amplifying Pacific aspirations through trusted leadership.

Importantly, Le Moana West Collective does not seek to replace existing organisations. The Collective creates the conditions for organisations to achieve greater impact together than they could individually by investing in relationships, leadership and collective capability,

This approach aligns strongly with Auckland Council's commitment to community-led development, partnership and locally driven decision-making. As Henderson-Massey continues to grow and diversify, trusted community infrastructure becomes increasingly important.

Partnering with Le Moana West Collective provides the Henderson-Massey Local Board with an established, credible and community-led pathway for engaging Pacific communities, strengthening collaboration and delivering on the aspirations of the Draft Local Board Plan.

PARTNERSHIP IMPACT FOR THE HENDERSON MASSEY LOCAL BOARD

Le Moana West Collective provides	Benefit to Henderson-Massey Local Board
Brings an established ecosystem connecting more than 200 Pacific organisations and leaders across West Auckland.	A trusted and coordinated pathway to engage Pacific communities, strengthen participation, identify shared priorities and invest more effectively in community-led outcomes.
Trusted relationships built over time	Stronger partnerships, greater community trust, local board outcomes aligned and achieved.
Community-led design and collective action	Stronger solutions informed by lived experience
Cross-sector collaboration	Reduced duplication and improved coordination
Leadership and governance development	Stronger future community leadership
Digital and community infrastructure	Increased participation and communication
Proven collaborative initiatives	Existing platforms to support Local Board priorities
Long-term community capability	Sustainable outcomes beyond individual projects. One pathway, wider reach, greater impact.

LEARNING FROM THE SUCCESS OF WHAU PASIFIKA

One of the strongest examples of the long-term value of investing in Pacific community leadership can be found within the neighbouring **Wahu Local Board**.

In 2019, the Whau Local Board commissioned the **Whau Pacific Peoples Plan**, the first Pacific strategy developed by an Auckland Local Board. The strategy recognised that improving outcomes for Pacific communities required more than consultation; it required an enduring partnership with Pacific communities themselves.

Following the adoption of the Plan, Pacific leaders came together to establish the **Whau Pasifika Komiti**, to guide implementation and strengthen relationships across the Pacific community. With the continued support of the Whau Local Board, this leadership group evolved into **Whau Pasifika Trust**, a registered charitable trust that has become a respected and enduring Pacific backbone organisation and has a strong relationship with the Whau Local Board and is now acknowledged and part of their local board plans.

Today, Whau Pasifika plays an important role in:

- connecting Pacific organisations, churches, schools and community groups
- strengthening Pacific leadership and governance
- coordinating community engagement
- supporting youth leadership
- delivering cultural and community events
- advocating for Pacific aspirations
- building partnerships with local government, public agencies and philanthropic organisations
- strengthening community participation and collective action.

The Whau Local Board invests in the relationships, leadership and community infrastructure that supported communities to organise themselves, collaborate effectively and influence long-term change.

This investment continues to generate value for both the community and the Local Board through stronger relationships, greater trust, more meaningful engagement and increased community capability.

HENDERSON-MASSEY HAS AN EVEN GREATER OPPORTUNITY

According to the 2023 Census:

Local Board	Pacific Population	Percentage of Population
Henderson-Massey	27,669	22.2%
Whau	16,050	19.7%

Henderson-Massey is home to **approximately 11,600 more Pacific residents** than the Whau Local Board area, making it the second largest and most diverse Pacific communities in

Pacific communities contribute significantly to the social, cultural, economic and civic life of Henderson-Massey through churches, schools, sports organisations, cultural groups, youth organisations, businesses, health providers and countless volunteers.

The experience of the Whau Local Board demonstrates that investing in Pacific leadership creates enduring benefits for both communities and local government.

Henderson-Massey now has an opportunity to build on that successful model and establish its own legacy, one that reflects the strengths, aspirations and leadership already present within its Pacific communities.

LE MOANA WEST COLLECTIVE IN ACTION

Through Le Moana West Collective, the initiatives have already engaged more than 50 organisations across West Auckland, demonstrating the Collective's ability to connect, coordinate and mobilise Pacific communities around shared priorities. These initiatives contribute directly to the aspirations outlined throughout the Henderson-Massey Local Board Plan by strengthening community participation, leadership, wellbeing, climate resilience, creativity, innovation and civic engagement.

TE TUPU TAHI – FUNDING CAPABILITY & ADVOCACY

Te Tupu Tahī is a Pacific community leadership and capability-building initiative that strengthens community-led funding, leadership development, mentoring and collaborative learning, it empowers Pacific communities to identify priorities, co-design solutions and build a stronger, more connected Pacific community ecosystem.

Contributes to the Local Board Plan by:

- Strengthening grassroots community leadership.
- Building organisational capability across Pacific organisations.
- Supporting community-led initiatives that respond to local priorities.
- Encouraging collaboration rather than competition.
- Creating stronger networks between community organisations.
- Increasing the long-term sustainability of Pacific community leadership.

DIGITAL VĀ – STRENGTHEN DIGITAL COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

Digital Vā is a digital community that elevates community stories, strengthens community connection and knowledge sharing, across the Pacific ecosystem.

Through culturally responsive digital platforms, Digital Vā:

- celebrates Pacific stories and achievements
- shares funding, employment and community opportunities
- connects organisations and leaders
- promotes events and community initiatives
- enables knowledge exchange
- strengthens communication across West Auckland.

Digital Vā demonstrates how digital platforms can become essential community infrastructure by making information more accessible, strengthening community voice and supporting ongoing collaboration.

Contributes to the Local Board Plan by:

- Improving community participation.
- Increasing access to information.
- Strengthening digital inclusion.
- Celebrating community identity.
- Connecting communities across Henderson-Massey.
- Building stronger relationships between organisations.

CIVICS NAVIGATION: STRENGTHENING PARTICIPATION & COMMUNITY VOICE

Civics Navigation supports Pacific communities to understand local systems, engage confidently with decision-making processes and build practical pathways into civic participation and leadership.

The initiative helps communities understand how local government works, participate in consultations, engage with elected members and contribute confidently to decisions that affect their lives.

Contributes to the Local Board Plan by:

- Increasing civic participation.
- Strengthening democratic engagement.
- Building community confidence.
- Supporting informed community decision-making.
- Growing future civic leaders.

PACIFIC YOUTH THE NEXT GENERATION OF GOVERNORS

Pacific Youth Governance Pathways creates opportunities for rangatahi to develop governance capability, contribute to decision-making and grow as confident leaders in community and civic spaces.

The initiative supports young people through mentoring, governance education and practical leadership experiences, preparing them to contribute to school boards, charitable trusts, community organisations and future governance roles.

Contributes to the Local Board Plan by:

- Growing future community leaders.
- Increasing youth participation.
- Building governance capability.
- Supporting leadership succession.
- Strengthening representation across community governance.

TAUTAI O LE MOANA – GROWING SYSTEMS LEADERS & COMMUNITY INNOVATORS

Tautai o le Moana is a systems innovation initiative that strengthens Pacific people's ability to shape solutions across the issues that affect their lives and futures.

The initiative supports communities to move beyond identifying problems by strengthening the conditions for community-led change through systems thinking, Indigenous knowledge, innovation and collective action.

It equips community leaders to work collaboratively across sectors, identify root causes and co-design practical solutions that improve long-term outcomes.

Contributes to the Local Board Plan by:

- Building systems leadership.
- Supporting community innovation.
- Encouraging collaborative problem-solving.
- Strengthening community-led design.
- Creating sustainable solutions to complex challenges.

SĀUNI – CLIMATE ACTION & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Sāuni strengthens Pacific readiness for climate impacts and emergencies through culturally grounded planning, community education and trusted local response networks.

Working alongside:

- Auckland Emergency Management
- Health New Zealand
- Te Kawerau ā Maki
- Pacific churches
- community organisations
- local leaders
- neighbourhood networks,

Sāuni demonstrates how collaborative leadership can strengthen resilience across West Auckland. Rather than responding only after emergencies occur, Sāuni focuses on building community capability before emergencies happen.

Its work includes:

- emergency preparedness education
- culturally appropriate communication resources
- community resilience workshops
- neighbourhood preparedness planning
- youth climate leadership
- strengthening trusted community response networks
- connecting communities with government agencies.

This model reflects the Draft Local Board Plan's aspiration to build communities that are resilient, informed and prepared.

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Developed in partnership with Auckland Emergency Management, Health New Zealand, Te Kawerau ā Maki, Community Waitākere and Pacific community leaders, Sāuni demonstrates how community-led approaches can strengthen resilience before, during and after emergencies.

Contributes to the Local Board Plan by:

- Strengthening climate resilience.
- Improving emergency preparedness.
- Supporting neighbourhood leadership.
- Building trusted communication networks.
- Encouraging environmental stewardship.
- Strengthening community recovery.

TUSITALA CREATIVES – GROW PACIFIC CREATIVE ECONOMY

Tusitala Creatives is a creative development initiative that invests in emerging storytellers, artists and content creators. Through collaboration, mentoring and creative opportunities, it strengthens cultural identity, builds creative capability and contributes to a vibrant Pacific creative economy.

By amplifying Pacific voices and celebrating community stories, Tusitala Creatives strengthens identity, representation and community visibility while creating pathways into creative industries.

Contributes to the Local Board Plan by:

- Growing the creative economy.
- Strengthening cultural identity.
- Supporting emerging creatives.
- Creating employment and entrepreneurship pathways.
- Celebrating Pacific diversity.

Moana Wayfinders is a STEM and future pathways initiative that empowers young people to navigate education, innovation, employment and leadership with confidence and cultural grounding.

Through mentoring, experiential learning and industry partnerships, the initiative strengthens STEM capability while connecting Pacific identity and Indigenous knowledge with future opportunities.

Contributes to the Local Board Plan by:

- Supporting educational achievement.
- Increasing STEM participation.
- Building future workforce capability.
- Strengthening innovation.
- Growing youth aspirations and leadership.

TU HAKE KE POI – WELLBEING THROUGH MOVEMENT & CULTURAL IDENTITY

Tu Hake ke Poi is a Pacific movement and wellbeing initiative that strengthens identity, confidence and belonging through culturally grounded physical activity.

The initiative promotes lifelong wellbeing while strengthening leadership, participation and community connection.

Contributes to the Local Board Plan by:

- Improving health and wellbeing.
- Strengthening cultural identity.
- Encouraging active lifestyles.
- Building community participation.
- Supporting intergenerational connection.

OLAGA LEI – HOLISTIC WELLBEING & COMMUNITY FLOURISHING

Olaga Lei is a wellbeing-focused initiative that supports Pacifica community through connection, care, dignity and community-led support. Olaga Lei brings together families, organisations and communities to foster resilience and collective care.

Contributes to the Local Board Plan by:

- Supporting holistic wellbeing.
- Strengthening family and community connections.
- Building community resilience.
- Encouraging culturally grounded support.
- Creating communities where people experience dignity, belonging and opportunity.

Together, these initiatives represent an integrated model of Pacific communities working alongside each other. Each initiative strengthens a different dimension of community life while contributing to shared outcomes across Henderson-Massey and the wider West Auckland region.

Le Moana West Collective offers an established platform through which the Henderson-Massey Local Board can strengthen existing community infrastructure, deepen engagement and support Pacific communities to continue leading positive change across West Auckland.

FEEDBACK FOR THE DRAFT HENDERSON-MASSEY LOCAL BOARD PLAN

The following sections provide our response to each of the key focus areas within the Draft Local Board Plan.

1. COMMUNITY

SUPPORTING CONNECTED, INCLUSIVE AND EMPOWERED COMMUNITIES

Le Moana West Collective **strongly supports** the Community objectives outlined within the Draft Local Board Plan.

PACIFIC COMMUNITIES ARE COMMUNITY BUILDERS

Pacific peoples contribute significantly to the social fabric of Henderson-Massey.

Every week, Pacific communities lead and participate in:

- church ministries
- cultural groups
- schools
- youth programmes
- sports clubs
- community events
- family support networks
- health initiatives
- volunteering

- neighbourhood leadership.

These activities create social cohesion, strengthen belonging and improve wellbeing. They also represent significant community investment that often occurs outside formal funding systems.

The Draft Local Board Plan presents an opportunity to recognise these existing strengths and support the leadership that already exists within Pacific communities.

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Strong communities require strong leaders.

Le Moana West Collective has intentionally invested in strengthening Pacific leadership across multiple generations through the initiatives mentioned above.

- **Te Tupu Tahi**, building organisational capability and community leadership.
- **Pacific Youth Governance Pathways**, preparing future governors and trustees.
- **Tautai o le Moana**, developing systems leaders and community innovators.
- **Civics Navigation**, strengthening democratic participation.
- **Olaga Lei**, strengthening collective wellbeing.
- **Tu Hake ke Poi**, strengthening leadership through movement and cultural identity.

Together, these initiatives demonstrate that leadership development is not a single programme but an interconnected pathway that strengthens the capability of communities to respond to future challenges.

INVESTING IN COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

Community infrastructure is often understood as buildings, parks and public facilities. While these are essential, equally important is the investment in **social infrastructure**, the relationships, leadership, trust and networks that enable communities to work together.

OVERALL FEEDBACK:

1. Communities are most effective when they are empowered to lead, rather than simply participate can strengthen these objectives.
2. Community engagement to move beyond consultation towards genuine partnership, where communities are involved in shaping priorities, co-designing solutions and contributing to decision-making.
3. Pacific communities possess significant social capital, cultural knowledge and leadership capability that can contribute to the future development of Henderson-Massey.
4. Henderson-Massey has an opportunity to become a leader in recognising social infrastructure as an essential component of community development.

Investment in community leadership generates long-term returns through:

- stronger community participation
- improved collaboration
- increased volunteer leadership
- greater community resilience
- stronger civic participation
- improved health and wellbeing
- more effective partnerships.

2. NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY-LED ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE

Le Moana West Collective **strongly supports** the Draft Local Board Plan's commitment to protecting biodiversity, restoring waterways, improving environmental sustainability and strengthening community resilience to climate change.

These priorities closely align with Pacific worldviews, where the wellbeing of people is inseparable from the wellbeing of the natural environment.

CLIMATE CHANGE IS A COMMUNITY ISSUE

Climate change is often discussed as an environmental challenge, yet for many Pacific communities it is also a social, cultural and economic issue.

Pacific peoples are among those most affected by:

- flooding and severe weather events
- housing insecurity
- financial hardship
- health inequities
- disruption to employment
- impacts on cultural and community gathering spaces.

Many Pacific families also carry strong personal and cultural connections to island nations that are already experiencing the effects of rising sea levels and climate change. As a result, climate resilience is deeply personal for Pacific communities.

Building resilience therefore requires more than emergency planning. It requires trusted relationships, culturally responsive communication and community leadership before emergencies occur.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP BUILDS RESILIENCE

Communities respond most effectively during emergencies when strong local relationships already exist. Churches, cultural organisations, schools and trusted community leaders often

become the first points of contact for families seeking information, support and assistance.

This highlights the importance of investing in community leadership as part of emergency preparedness. Strong relationships established before an emergency become the foundation for effective communication, coordinated responses and community recovery.

Le Moana West Collective currently contributes to these outcomes through
Sāuni – Climate Action and Emergency Preparedness.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GREATER PARTNERSHIP

Le Moana West Collective believes there are significant opportunities to strengthen community participation in environmental stewardship across Henderson-Massey. Environmental stewardship is strengthened when communities are active participants rather than passive recipients.

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO PLACE

A strong sense of belonging develops when people feel connected not only to one another but also to the places where they live.

We encourage the Local Board to continue investing in projects that strengthen connections to local parks, waterways, forests and coastal environments through community-led activities that celebrate the cultural diversity of Henderson-Massey.

These could include:

- community planting days
- Pacific and Māori environmental learning programmes
- youth environmental leadership initiatives
- restoration projects led by local communities
- storytelling that connects cultural knowledge with local places
- shared celebrations of environmental stewardship.

These initiatives strengthen both environmental outcomes and community wellbeing.

INVESTING IN RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

Environmental resilience cannot be separated from community resilience.

Communities that know one another, trust one another and work together are better prepared to respond to emergencies, recover from disruption and care for their local environment.

This is why investment in relationships and community leadership should be recognised as an essential part of environmental planning. By strengthening Pacific leadership, neighbourhood

networks and collaborative partnerships, the Local Board will also strengthen Henderson-Massey's capacity to respond to future environmental challenges.

OVERALL FEEDBACK:

Le Moana West Collective encourages the Henderson-Massey Local Board to:

- recognise community leadership as an essential component of climate resilience and environmental stewardship
- continue investing in community-led climate preparedness and resilience initiatives such as **Sāuni**
- strengthen partnerships between Pacific communities, mana whenua and environmental organisations
- support Pacific youth leadership in climate action and environmental restoration
- invest in culturally responsive environmental education and community engagement
- recognise Indigenous and Pacific knowledge systems as valuable contributors to local environmental outcomes.

3. BUILT ENVIRONMENT

CREATING PLACES THAT REFLECT COMMUNITY, CULTURE AND BELONGING

Le Moana West Collective **strongly supports** the Draft Local Board Plan's commitment to creating accessible, sustainable and welcoming community spaces that enhance collective wellbeing.

Investment in the built environment must go beyond buildings, roads and facilities. It should strengthen social and cultural connection by creating spaces where communities feel represented, connected and empowered to participate.

Community infrastructure should meet practical needs while reflecting the identity, diversity and aspirations of the people who use it.

DESIGNING PLACES FOR PEOPLE

There is an opportunity to ensure future community facilities are designed alongside communities rather than for communities.

We encourage the Local Board to continue investing in participatory planning processes that enable communities to shape the future of their neighbourhoods.

A BUILT ENVIRONMENT THAT REFLECTS PACIFIC IDENTITY

Pacific peoples make up more than **22 percent of the Henderson-Massey population**, yet there are limited public spaces that visibly celebrate Pacific cultures, languages and stories.

The built environment presents an opportunity to strengthen belonging by ensuring Pacific identity is reflected in the places where people gather.

This could include:

- Pacific-inspired public art and sculpture
- bilingual and multilingual signage
- culturally responsive landscape design
- storytelling integrated into public spaces
- opportunities to celebrate Pacific history and migration
- spaces for cultural performances and community events
- design elements that reflect the rich diversity of Pacific cultures.

When people see their cultures and histories reflected in public places, those places become spaces of pride, ownership and belonging.

COMMUNITY SPACES THAT BUILD CONNECTION

Le Moana West Collective's engagement across West Auckland consistently highlights the importance of accessible and culturally welcoming community spaces.

Many Pacific organisations currently rely on schools, churches, community halls and temporary venues to deliver programmes and bring communities together. While these spaces are valuable, they often have limited availability and were not designed to support long-term collaboration between community organisations.

There is an opportunity to develop community spaces that better support:

- collaboration between organisations
- youth leadership
- cultural learning
- community capability building
- governance development
- creative industries
- family wellbeing
- digital inclusion
- community innovation.

Investment in flexible, multi-purpose community facilities will enable organisations to work more collaboratively while reducing duplication of resources.

STRENGTHENING LOCAL CENTRES THROUGH COMMUNITY

The Draft Local Board Plan highlights the importance of vibrant town centres and neighbourhoods.

Le Moana West Collective **supports** this direction and encourages the Local Board to consider community activity as an important driver of local centre vitality.

When community organisations, artists, youth groups, cultural organisations and local businesses regularly activate public spaces, town centres become places where people choose to spend time rather than simply travel through.

The Local Board has an opportunity to support community-led activation programmes that strengthen both economic development and community connection.

- Pacific-led events
- markets, performances
- cultural festivals
- youth showcases
- creative activations

All of which contribute to safer, more vibrant and economically active neighbourhoods.

UNIVERSAL DESIGN AND ACCESSIBILITY

We also encourage the Local Board to continue prioritising accessibility in all future community developments.

Accessible spaces should consider the needs of:

- children and young people
- older adults
- disabled people
- families
- culturally diverse communities
- people with limited access to transport
- those who experience language barriers.

Inclusive design ensures community facilities can be used confidently and safely by everyone.

Accessibility is not only about physical access, it also includes cultural accessibility, affordability and the ability for communities to feel welcomed and represented.

OVERALL FEEDBACK

Le Moana West Collective encourages the Henderson-Massey Local Board to:

- ensure community facilities are designed through meaningful community co-design processes
- strengthen cultural representation within public spaces through art, storytelling, language and design
- support community-led activation of town centres and neighbourhoods

- invest in flexible, multi-purpose community facilities that encourage collaboration
- recognise that the built environment should strengthen both physical infrastructure and social cohesion.

4. OPPORTUNITY AND PROSPERITY

Investing in People, Leadership and Local Enterprise

Le Moana West Collective **strongly supports** the Draft Local Board Plan's commitment to fostering economic growth, strengthening local prosperity and positioning Henderson-Massey as a thriving regional centre for creativity, innovation and opportunity.

We encourage the Local Board to adopt a broad understanding of prosperity, one that recognises economic success is strengthened when communities are connected, capable and empowered to participate.

Prosperity is not measured solely by employment or business growth. It is reflected in the opportunities available for people to learn, create, lead, innovate and contribute to their communities.

For Pacific communities, prosperity also includes cultural wellbeing, educational success, entrepreneurship, leadership development and intergenerational aspirations.

Investment in people creates stronger local economies.

PACIFIC COMMUNITIES ARE ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTORS

Pacific peoples make significant contributions to the Henderson-Massey economy through:

- small businesses and entrepreneurship
- creative industries
- construction and trades
- education
- health and social services
- sport and recreation
- hospitality and retail
- churches and community organisations
- volunteering
- cultural events and festivals.

These contributions extend beyond economic activity alone.

Pacific communities also contribute thousands of volunteer hours each year through churches, sports clubs, cultural organisations, youth programmes and community initiatives that strengthen social cohesion and reduce pressure on public services.

Recognising and investing in these community assets creates long-term social and economic value.

GROWING FUTURE PATHWAYS

Henderson-Massey has one of Auckland's youngest growing populations.

This presents an enormous opportunity to invest in the next generation of leaders, innovators, entrepreneurs and skilled professionals.

Le Moana West Collective is already supporting these future pathways through our youth initiatives.

- **Pacific Youth Governance Pathways:** preparing future governors and trustees.
- **Tautai o le Moana:** developing systems leaders and community innovators.
- **Civics Navigation:** strengthening democratic participation.

Together, these initiatives are helping young people navigate education, employment and leadership with confidence while remaining grounded in their cultural identity.

GROWING THE PACIFIC CREATIVE ECONOMY

The Draft Local Board Plan identifies Henderson-Massey as a regional centre for creative industries. Le Moana West Collective **strongly supports** this aspiration.

Pacific creativity is one of West Auckland's greatest strengths. Artists, musicians, storytellers, designers, filmmakers, performers and digital creators contribute significantly to the cultural vibrancy and economic life of the region.

Creative industries also provide meaningful employment opportunities for young people while strengthening identity and community pride. We encourage the Local Board to continue investing in Pacific creative leadership as an important contributor to Henderson-Massey's creative economy.

Investment in community organisations should also be recognised as economic development.

Strong community organisations:

- employ local people
- purchase local goods and services
- attract external funding
- develop leadership
- create volunteer opportunities
- support local businesses
- strengthen neighbourhood resilience.

Le Moana West Collective is strengthening organisational capability, governance and collaboration across Pacific organisations.

Investment in community capability creates long-term economic returns.

OVERALL FEEDBACK

Le Moana West Collective encourages the Henderson-Massey Local Board to:

- recognise community leadership and organisational capability as important contributors to local economic development
- invest in youth leadership, education and future pathways that prepare Pacific young people for emerging industries
- support Pacific entrepreneurship, social enterprise and business capability
- strengthen investment in Pacific creative industries and cultural enterprise
- encourage collaboration between education providers, industry, community organisations and local businesses
- continue investing in community capability initiatives that strengthen long-term economic resilience.

A Prosperous Henderson-Massey

Prosperity is strongest when every community has the opportunity to contribute its strengths. Pacific communities bring leadership, entrepreneurship, creativity, cultural knowledge and a rapidly growing young population that will play an increasingly important role in Henderson-Massey's future.

By investing in people as well as places, and by strengthening the capability of communities to lead, innovate and collaborate, the Henderson-Massey Local Board can help create an economy that is inclusive, resilient and reflective of the diversity that makes West Auckland unique.

5. TRANSPORT

CONNECTING COMMUNITIES TO OPPORTUNITY

Le Moana West Collective **supports** the Draft Local Board Plan's commitment to improving walking and cycling networks, strengthening public transport and creating safer streets across Henderson-Massey.

Investment in transport has a direct influence on social inclusion, educational outcomes, economic participation and overall community wellbeing.

For many Pacific families, transport is not simply about travelling from one place to another. It is about maintaining connections with family, church, school, sport, culture and

community.

TRANSPORT SUPPORTS COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Pacific families often navigate complex daily journeys that extend beyond traditional commuting patterns.

Many households travel between multiple destinations throughout the day, including:

- schools and early learning services
- workplaces
- churches and faith communities
- sports clubs and recreation facilities
- cultural events and community gatherings
- health and wellbeing services
- family and caregiving responsibilities
- volunteering and community programmes.

For many households, particularly larger families and young people, reliable and affordable public transport is essential for participating fully in community life.

Transport planning should therefore reflect how communities actually live, gather and move throughout Henderson-Massey.

SAFE AND ACCESSIBLE COMMUNITIES

Le Moana West Collective **strongly supports** investment in:

- safer walking and cycling routes
- safer school environments
- accessible public transport
- improved connections between neighbourhoods
- safer crossings and pedestrian infrastructure
- transport that is inclusive for children, older people and disabled communities.

Designing streets that prioritise people encourages greater community participation and creates places where families feel safe to walk, cycle and connect.

TRANSPORT AND EQUITY

Reliable transport is an equity issue.

Communities with limited access to private vehicles are more dependent on affordable, frequent and reliable public transport.

When transport barriers exist, they can reduce access to:

- employment opportunities

- tertiary education
- healthcare
- community services
- youth programmes
- cultural activities
- leadership opportunities.

Improving transport accessibility contributes directly to reducing inequities and increasing participation across all aspects of community life.

CONNECTING COMMUNITY PLACES

Transport planning should consider the places where communities naturally gather.

These include:

- schools and tertiary education providers
- churches and faith-based organisations
- sports facilities
- parks and open spaces
- libraries and community centres
- cultural venues
- town centres
- future community hubs.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN TRANSPORT PLANNING

We encourage the Local Board and Auckland Transport to strengthen engagement with Pacific communities during the planning and design of transport initiatives.

Le Moana West Collective is well positioned to support culturally responsive engagement through its established relationships with Pacific organisations, churches, schools, youth groups and community leaders across West Auckland.

Community-led engagement can help ensure transport solutions reflect the lived experiences and travel patterns of the people who use them every day.

OVERALL FEEDBACK

Le Moana West Collective encourages the Henderson-Massey Local Board to:

- advocate for reliable, affordable and accessible public transport that supports participation in community life
- continue investing in safe walking and cycling infrastructure that connects neighbourhoods, schools, parks and community facilities
- prioritise safer streets around schools, public transport hubs and community gathering places

- strengthen engagement with Pacific communities when planning transport improvements
- consider the transport needs of large families, young people, older adults and disabled communities
- recognise transport as an important contributor to equity, wellbeing and community participation.

6. PRIORITY INVESTMENT

Investing in the Foundations that Create Lasting Community Impact

Le Moana West Collective recognises that the Henderson-Massey Local Board operates within limited resources and must make difficult decisions about where investment will achieve the greatest long-term benefit.

In this context, we encourage the Local Board to prioritise investment in initiatives that build enduring community capability, strengthen relationships and create the conditions for communities to lead their own development.

Investing through Le Moana West Collective enables the Henderson-Massey Local Board to direct funding where it can achieve the greatest reach and impact. One coordinated investment can strengthen multiple Pacific organisations, communities and initiatives across Henderson-Massey, while reducing duplication and making better use of limited resources.

OUR INVITATION: A PARTNERSHIP FOR THE FUTURE

The Henderson-Massey Local Board has an opportunity to create a lasting legacy for one of Auckland's largest and most diverse Pacific communities.

The Draft Local Board Plan provides a strong foundation. It recognises the importance of connected communities, youth leadership, climate resilience, inclusive public spaces and community-led approaches to local development.

With a larger Pacific population and an existing Pacific leadership ecosystem already in place, the Local Board can build upon proven foundations rather than starting from the beginning.

The next step is to move beyond consultation towards genuine partnership.

OUR COMMITMENT

Le Moana West Collective is committed to continuing to work alongside:

- Henderson-Massey Local Board

- Auckland Council
- Mana Whenua
- Government agencies
- Philanthropic organisations
- Community organisations
- Schools
- Churches
- Businesses
- Local residents.

Together, we can strengthen Pacific leadership while contributing to a Henderson-Massey where every community experiences belonging, participation and opportunity.

A SHARED FUTURE

There is a Samoan proverb that reminds us.

"E le mafai ona tatou folau to'atasi."

We cannot navigate the journey alone.

We respectfully invite the Henderson-Massey Local Board to join us in this shared journey.

Together, we can strengthen relationships.

Together, we can grow leadership.

Together, we can invest in community capability.

Together, we can create a Henderson-Massey where Pacific communities and all communities are connected, resilient and thriving.

Fa'afetai tele lava.

Submitted by Le Moana West Collective

Convened by Tapasā Navigating Futures



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Local Board: Regional Organisation

Your feedback:

Community objectives

1. What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?

Strongly agree

Tell us why

See attached

Community objectives

2. What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?

Tell us why

Built environment

3. What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?

Strongly agree

Tell us why

See attached

Opportunity and prosperity objectives

- 4. What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

Tell us why

Transport priorities

- 5. What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

Somewhat agree

Tell us why

See attached

- 6. We have limited resources. What should we focus on most?**

- 7. Do you have any other feedback you would like on the draft Henderson-Massey Local Board Plan 2026?**

See attached

23 July 2026

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Local Board Plans 2026

Thank you for the opportunity for the National Public Health Service – Northern Region, Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora, to provide technical advice on Auckland Council’s Local Board Plans 2026.

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1. Introduction and overview

This technical advice is provided on behalf of the National Public Health Service – Northern Region (**NPHS-NR**), Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora. NPHS-NR has statutory responsibilities to improve, promote and protect the health and wellbeing of people and communities under the Healthy Futures (Pae Ora) Act 2022,¹ and local authorities have duties to improve, promote and protect public health under the Health Act 1956. The Local Board Plans 2026 (**the Plans**) will influence the conditions in which people live, learn, work, travel and connect across Tāmaki Makaurau. For that reason, NPHS-NR welcomes the opportunity to provide advice that supports healthy, safe, resilient and equitable local communities.

Our overarching and plan-specific feedback relates to four of the five focus areas in the Plans and reflects NPHS-NR's priorities for community health:

- Safe, accessible and active transport.
- Reducing alcohol, tobacco and vaping harm.
- Food security and nutrition.
- Improving air quality and heat resilience.
- Equitable and inclusive communities.

Across all Focus Areas in the Plans, NPHS-NR recommends that Local Boards uphold initiatives and objectives that contribute to equitable health outcomes and focus on those with the greatest need. This includes prioritising actions that benefit Māori, Pacific peoples, disabled people, children and young people, older people, migrant communities and communities experiencing higher deprivation.

¹ s3a Health NZ is mandated to 'protect, promote and improve the health of all New Zealanders'
s13(c) Health NZ is to 'promote health and prevent... ill health, including by collaborating with other agencies and organisations'
s14(1)(k) Health NZ is to 'collaborate with other agencies and organisations... to address the wider determinants of health'

It also includes working in ways that uphold Te Tiriti o Waitangi, support meaningful engagement with mana whenua and mataawaka, and enable communities to shape local solutions. Areas where this is particularly relevant in a health context have been highlighted in the body of our advice.

Where NPHS-NR has not made a specific comment on a focus area, objective or priority within a Local Board Plan, this should be read as general support for the direction of that content. **Appendix I** summarises the specific amendments NPHS-NR recommends for individual Local Board Plans. Recommendations about harmful commodities in Part Two: General Comments should also be taken as suggested amendments to all Plans.

2. General comments

NPHS–NR values the role Local Boards play in supporting community wellbeing and local action on the wider determinants of health.

In the Northern Region (Auckland and Northland), around 15% of adults reported hazardous drinking in 2024/25, a slight increase from 13% in the previous year.² An estimated 7% of adults in the region smoke tobacco daily, trending upwards slightly over the last three years.³ Daily vaping is more common, with 10% of adults in the region reporting daily vape use – almost double the rate observed in 2020/2021 (6%).⁴

Physical activity and food security indicators also highlight areas where local action can support better health outcomes. Only 40% of adult Aucklanders are sufficiently physically active, and only 38% of children use active transport to and from school, an important proxy for physical activity.⁵ For fruit and vegetable intake, only 4% and 6% of Auckland adults meet the guidelines, respectively, while 15% of children are missing breakfast more than 3 times during the week.⁶

NPHS–NR encourages the inclusion of clear objectives and initiatives in Local Board Plans to reduce harm from alcohol, tobacco and vaping products; improve active and public transport options; and increase access to nourishing food environments.

² 2024/25 NZ Health Survey. https://minhealthnz.shinyapps.io/nz-health-survey-2024-25-annual-data-explorer/_w_9a4a831f8ccc4040a80cc15c9d98d87f/#!/explore-topics

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⁵ NZ Healthy Survey Data. <https://www.health.govt.nz/publications/regional-data-release-new-zealand-health-survey>

⁶ See 6

The following suggested objectives and initiatives are intended to be practical options that sit within Local Board influence, partnership and advocacy roles.

Suggested objectives and initiatives include:

Support community-led aspirations to reduce harm from alcohol, tobacco and vaping products. For example:

- Providing clear mechanisms for communities to raise concerns about alcohol harm, and ensuring those concerns can inform alcohol licensing processes and any future review of Auckland Council's Local Alcohol Policy.
- Supporting community members to navigate the process of applying for an alcohol ban area.
- Seeking feedback on community concerns about public areas that should be smokefree or vape-free.
- Collaborating with local community organisations and partners with shared goals to reduce harm.
- Engaging with public health organisations, including NPHS-NR, to share information, strengthen local evidence and support community-led harm reduction initiatives.

Support community participation in decisions about how alcohol is sold and supplied locally. For example:

- Objecting to alcohol licence applications of concern and supporting community members or groups if they wish to object through this process. This process can also involve recommending stronger conditions on licences that can mitigate alcohol harm.
- Reflecting community preferences in any future review of Auckland Council's Local Alcohol Policy (LAP).

Promote safe, inclusive and healthy public spaces. For example:

- Prioritising provision of public events that are free from alcohol, tobacco and vapes.
- Ensuring signage is clear and visible in public smoke-free and vape-free designated areas.
- Reporting non-compliance of tobacco, vape or alcohol retailers through relevant channels.
- Raising community awareness of available mechanisms to make complaints about non-compliance. In the case of tobacco and vape retailers, this includes our [smoking and vaping complaints toolkit](#).
- Support community provision of healthy food and drink, including urban agriculture, community gardens and well-located public drinking fountains.
- Support and invest in a comprehensive approach to play opportunities, including formal play infrastructure and initiatives that integrate play into public spaces and community settings, enabling participation by people of all ages, abilities, and cultural backgrounds.
- Improving road safety through evidence-informed measures such as lower speeds in high-pedestrian areas and on local roads, raised crossings, safer school travel environments, and other measures that support active transport and accessible local streets.
 - NPHS-NR strongly endorses the holistic framing used in Papakura's Plan under Focus Areas Three (Built Environment) and Five (Transport). This framing takes a determinants-of-health-based approach, and as a result NPHS-NR supports the use of this language across all other Plans.

3. Local Board Plans: Individual Technical

Advice

Alongside this overarching advice, NPHS-NR provides targeted feedback for seven Local Boards: Henderson-Massey, Waitematā, Māngere-Ōtāhuhu, Ōtara-Papatoetoe, Manurewa, Papakura and Whau. These Local Boards were prioritised based on the higher numbers of alcohol, tobacco, and vape retailers in their areas, as well as the proportion of priority populations within Local Board Areas, including Māori and Pacific communities.

3.1 Henderson-Massey

NPHS-NR supports the plan from the Henderson-Massey Local Board. In particular, NPHS-NR supports:

- Focus Area One: Community

NPHS-NR supports objectives associated with community aspirations to reduce harm from alcohol, tobacco and vapes. Smoking data in the Henderson-Massey Local Board area reflects the efforts being made to decrease smoking-related harm, with 8% of adults smoking regularly in 2023, down from 15% in the Census five years prior.⁷ We particularly endorse the initiative to support community safety approaches, specifically including alcohol harm reduction, and encourage the strengthening of this by collaborating with local community organisations and partners with shared goals to reduce harm.

- Focus Area Three: Built Environment

⁷ Tobacco Control Data Repository. <https://www.tcddata.org.nz/new-zealand-census/cigarette-smoking-behaviour-prevalence-maps-2013-2018-2023/?name=Territorial+Authority+and+Auckland+local+board&x=-369170&y=1749118&zoom=10>.

Objectives one, two and three support accessibility to active and public transport, which can contribute to improved physical activity, mental wellbeing, social connection and access to local services.⁸

NPHS-NR supports, in part, objective three of Focus Area Five: Transport. We recommend that road-calming measures, raised crossings and lower speed environments be explicitly referenced, as these measures can reduce injury risk and improve safety for people walking, cycling, using mobility aids or accessing schools and community facilities.

3.2 Māngere-Ōtāhuhu

NPHS-NR supports the Plan from the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board. In particular, NPHS-NR supports objective three of Focus Area Two: Natural Environment. NPHS-NR also supports initiative five, objective three from Focus Area One: Community as this contributes to local food security and equitable access to nutritious foods. These measures can directly support improved health outcomes for local communities.

NPHS-NR supports in part:

- Focus Area One: Community

In the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board area, 14% of adults smoked regularly in 2023, down from 20% in the Census five years prior.⁹ We acknowledge the opportunity noted around having a culturally diverse range of active and established community groups that provide a strong platform for community-led transformation. NPHS-NR encourages the Local Board to support community participation in decisions about how alcohol, tobacco and vaping products are

⁸ Sergio A. Useche, Francisco J. Llamazares, Cristina Marin (2024) Good for the planet... and for you too? Comparing five travel and health-related outcomes among active, motorized, and public transport commuters. *Journal of Transport & Health*, Volume 38, 101893.

⁹ See 7.

sold, supplied and experienced in local neighbourhoods, including through local advocacy, community engagement and collaboration with public health partners.

- Focus Area Two: Natural Environment

NPHS-NR supports in part objective three and recommends that it explicitly include urban ngahere (forests) planting along road corridors and in high-heat areas. This would support efforts to improve air quality, reduce urban heat and strengthen wider health and wellbeing co-benefits.¹⁰

- Focus Area Five: Transport

NPHS-NR supports in part objectives one, two, and three. Road calming measures, raised crossings and lower speed limits are effective ways to improve safety and lower the risk of injury in local streets. As a result, NPHS-NR recommends that these measures be included as part of these objectives.

3.3 Manurewa

NPHS-NR supports the plan from the Manurewa Local Board. In particular, NPHS-NR supports:

- Focus Area One: Community

NPHS-NR supports the initiative focused on upstream measures to reduce harm related to smoking, vaping, alcohol and other community harms. In the Manurewa Local Board area, 12% of adults smoked regularly in 2023, down from 19% in the Census five years prior.¹¹ NPHS-NR strongly endorses the objectives and key initiatives to work with community partners to reduce harm and identify

¹⁰ lungman T, Caballe SV, Segura-Barrero R, Cirach M, et al.,. Co-benefits of nature-based solutions: A health impact assessment of the Barcelon Green Corridor (*Eixos Verds*) plan. (2025). Environment International. 196: 109313

¹¹ See 7.

opportunities to increase community safety. NPHS-NR values the Manurewa Local Board's role in supporting community participation in decisions about how alcohol is sold and supplied locally. NPHS-NR also supports the objective to ensure community facilities are welcoming, accessible and designed so that everyone can use them.

- Focus Area Two: Natural Environment

NPHS-NR supports objective three, initiative one, as this measure mitigates the negative health impact of poor air quality and helps to improve heat resilience in the local area. NPHS-NR also supports objective four, as this objective contributes to positive health impacts associated with food security and access to nutritious foods.

- Focus Area Five: Transport

NPHS-NR supports objectives one to three as they contribute to increased opportunities for active travel, improved access to public transport, reduced transport barriers and broader health benefits associated with physical activity, social connection and access to essential services.

NPHS-NR supports in part initiative two, objective one of Focus Area Three: Built Environment. We recommend that people walking, cycling, using mobility aids and accessing public transport are explicitly reflected as part of encouraging people to stop, spend time and participate in community spaces.

3.4 Ōtara-Papatoetoe

NPHS-NR supports the Plan from the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board. In particular, NPHS-NR supports:

- Focus Area Two: Natural Environment

NPHS-NR supports objectives two and four (initiative one) in particular, as these priorities contribute to food security, education, and equitable access to nutritious foods locally. NPHS-NR also supports initiative two in objective four as it supports the ongoing efforts to mitigate negative health outcomes associated with poor air quality, as well as improving local heat resilience.

- Focus Area Five: Transport

NPHS-NR supports objectives one, two, three and five.

NPHS-NR supports in part initiative one, objective two of Focus Area Five. We recommend that road-calming measures, raised crossings and lower speed environments are explicitly included to improve safety for people walking, cycling, using mobility aids and accessing schools, services and public spaces.

NPHS-NR opposes in part the current framing of objective four of Focus Area Five because it may privilege general private vehicle access rather than the specific accessibility needs of people who have limited or no practical transport alternatives, particularly disabled people and their whānau. NPHS-NR recommends reframing the objective to focus on transport accessibility for disabled people, older people, whānau with mobility or access needs, and others who may need to use private motor vehicles. Suggested wording: "Provide safe and accessible transport options for people who need to use private motor vehicles, while continuing to support active, public and low-emissions transport choices."

We commend the initiative in Focus Area One: Community, and support the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board to continue engaging with alcohol licensing and local alcohol policy (LAP) processes and encourage supporting community participation in how alcohol is sold and supplied in the local area. NPHS-NR opposes, in part, the initiative, as there is not currently a process through which the Local Board can oppose new vape shops. However, we encourage the use and promotion of the [smoking and vaping complaints toolkit](#) to report retailers that are non-compliant with legislation.

3.5 Papakura

NPHS-NR supports the Plan from the Papakura Local Board. In particular, NPHS-NR supports:

- Focus Area One: Community

NPHS-NR strongly endorses the initiative to support community safety approaches, including alcohol harm reduction, and encourages the Local Board to strengthen this by collaborating with local community organisations and partners with shared harm reduction goals. In the Papakura Local Board area, 9% of adults smoked regularly in 2023, down from 18% in the Census five years prior.¹² NPHS-NR also encourages initiatives that support community aspirations to reduce harm from alcohol, tobacco and vaping products.

NPHS-NR also supports initiative two, objective two within Focus Area One, as it contributes to food security and local access to nutritious food.

- Focus Area Two: Natural Environment

NPHS-NR supports objective three within Focus Area Two. This objective will help improve local environmental conditions by mitigating the impacts of poor air

¹² See 7.

quality, supporting urban cooling and strengthening community resilience to increasing temperatures associated with climate change.

- Focus Area Three: Built Environment and Focus Area Five: Transport

NPHS-NR supports the Built Environment objectives in the Papakura Local Board Plan. We particularly note the Plan's positive approach to transport, including pedestrian safety and shaded areas. These measures can support active transport, improve local amenity and contribute to better air quality and heat resilience. NPHS-NR recommends that similar wording be considered for the transport and built environment sections of other Local Board Plans where appropriate.

3.6 Waitematā

NPHS-NR supports the Plan from the Waitematā Local Board. In particular, NPHS-NR supports:

- Focus Area One: Community

NPHS-NR supports initiative eight, objective two as it contributes to priorities related to food security and access to nutritious food. NPHS-NR also supports priorities related to minimising alcohol and tobacco related harm, including vaping. In the Waitematā Local Board area, 4% of adults smoked regularly in 2023, down from 9% in the Census five years prior.¹³ We encourage the Waitematā Local Board to continue supporting initiatives that are focused on further decreasing local smoking prevalence.

- Focus Area Two: Natural Environment

NPHS-NR supports initiatives two and three within objective one, as these initiatives mitigate the negative health outcomes associated with poor air quality

¹³ See 7.

and improves local heat resilience. NPHS-NR also supports initiative five, objective three, as it contributes to food security and local access to nutritious foods. NPHS-NR particularly supports initiative three of objective three, as it helps build community connection around active transport and can strengthen the population health benefits associated with walking, cycling and other active modes.

- Focus Area Three: Built Environment

NPHS-NR supports objectives one (all initiatives) and two (initiatives three, four and six) as they support the improvement of active transport and mitigate the negative health impact of poor air quality, respectively.

- Focus Area Five: Transport

NPHS-NR supports objectives one to five. These objectives support safer and more accessible transport options, encourage physical activity through active transport, improve access to employment, education and services, and contribute to reduced exposure to transport-related air pollution, which mitigates the negative health impacts associated with poor air quality.

There are no specific suggested amendments for Waitematā Local Board, other than the general comments in Part Two of this submission.

3.7 Whau

NPHS-NR supports the Plan from the Whau Local Board. In particular, NPHS-NR supports:

- Focus Area One: Community

NPHS-NR strongly supports the objective to collaborate with local community organisations, businesses and partners such as New Zealand Police to build safe local spaces. This objective could be strengthened by adding an initiative to

engage with public health organisations, including NPHS-NR, to share information, strengthen local evidence and support harm reduction initiatives. NPHS-NR also supports initiative three, objective one, as it contributes to healthy food environments and equitable access to nutritious food. NPHS-NR further supports initiative three, objective six, as it contributes to efforts to reduce the health impacts of poor air quality and urban heat.

- Focus Area Three: Built Environment

NPHS-NR also supports initiative two, objective one of Focus Area Three: Built Environment, as it contributes to reducing exposure to poor air quality and urban heat.

- Focus Area Five: Transport

NPHS-NR supports objectives one and three within the Whau Plan.

NPHS-NR supports in part objective two of Focus Area Five. We recommend including effective strategies such as lower speed environments, raised crossings and other road safety measures, particularly around schools and community facilities. These measures would support safer, more liveable streets and contribute to health and wellbeing objectives in Focus Area One: Community.

4. Conclusion

Thank you for the opportunity to provide technical advice on Auckland Council's Local Board Plans 2026. NPHS-NR values its ongoing relationship with Auckland Council and Local Boards, and welcomes continued engagement on actions that support healthy, safe, resilient and equitable communities across Tāmaki Makaurau

Appendix 1: Overview of Suggested Amendments to Local Board Plans

Table 1: Henderson–Massey

Focus Area	Stance	Detail
One	Support in part	Include support in the plan for community-led aspirations to reduce harm from alcohol, tobacco and vaping products. Include support in the plan for community participation in decisions about how alcohol is sold and supplied locally.
Five	Support in part	Objective three should explicitly include road-calming measures, raised crossings and lower speed environments to improve local street safety, particularly for children, pedestrians, cyclists and people using mobility aids

Table 2: Māngere–Ōtāhuhu

Focus Area	Stance	Detail
One	Support in part	Objective two should include ways that the Local Board can support community participation in decisions about how alcohol is sold and supplied locally. Include support in the plan for community-led aspirations to reduce harm from alcohol, tobacco and vaping products.
Two	Support in part	Objective three should include urban ngahere (forests) planting along road corridors and high-heat areas to support improved air quality, heat resilience and wider health co-benefits.
Five	Support in part	Objectives one to three should include road-calming measures, raised crossings and lower speed environments to improve road safety locally.

Table 3: Manurewa

Focus Area	Stance	Detail
One	Support in part	Include support in the plan for community-led aspirations to reduce harm from alcohol, tobacco and vaping products. Include support in the plan for community participation in decisions about how alcohol is sold and supplied locally.
Three	Support in part	Objective one should explicitly include people walking, cycling, using mobility aids and accessing public transport as part of encouraging people to stop, spend time and participate in community spaces.

Table 4: Ōtara-Papatoetoe

Focus Area	Stance	Detail
One	Oppose in part	NPHS-NR opposes in part the initiative that seeks to oppose new vape shops, despite our support for harmful commodity reduction in communities. There is not currently a process through which the Local Board can oppose new vape shops. Instead, we encourage the use and promotion of the smoking and vaping complaints toolkit to report retailers that are non-compliant with legislation, and to include in the plan initiatives associated with community participation and engaging in future regulatory opportunities.
Five	Support in part	Objective two should include road calming measures, raised crossings and lower speed limits to effectively improve road safety locally.
	Oppose in part	Objective four should be reframed to focus on transport accessibility for disabled people, older people, whānau with mobility or access needs, and others who may need to use private motor vehicles, while continuing to support active, public and low-emissions transport choices.

		Suggested wording: "Provide safe and accessible transport options for people who need to use private motor vehicles, while continuing to support active, public and low-emissions transport choices."
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Table 5: Papakura

Focus Area	Stance	Detail
One	Support in part	Include support in the plan for community-led aspirations to reduce harm from alcohol, tobacco and vaping products. Include support in the plan for community participation in decisions about how alcohol is sold and supplied locally.
Three	Support in part	Objectives one and three should include lower speed environments, raised crossings and other road safety measures to improve local street safety, particularly around schools and community facilities.

Table 6: Whau

Focus Area	Stance	Detail
One	Support in part	Include support in the plan for community-led aspirations to reduce harm from alcohol, tobacco and vaping products. Include support in the plan for community participation in decisions about how alcohol is sold and supplied locally.
Five	Support in part	Objective two should include lower speed environments, raised crossings and other road safety measures to improve local street safety, particularly around schools and community facilities.



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Submitter details:

Organisation: PETRA WORSHIP CENTRE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Local Board: Henderson-Massey

Your feedback:

Community objectives

1. **What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

Agree

Tell us why

I agree but would strongly recommend to have a language insertion for the church communities in the second bullet point. Samoan are not just proud Samoans but they serve God through the church. This is their identity and how they feel they belong

Make this visible in the narrative and you will be guaranteed of their support.

Community objectives

2. **What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

Somewhat agree

Tell us why

Can we build more community gardens

Built environment

3. **What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

Somewhat agree

Tell us why

The outlook is becoming ugly with the increase of new buildings and town houses. We are loosing the backyard where children and families learn life skills, learn about culture, the land and nature. What is happening to all these tall buildings?

Opportunity and prosperity objectives**4. What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

Somewhat agree

Tell us why**Transport priorities****5. What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

Somewhat agree

Tell us why

Need a simple transport route for easy commuting

Transport costs is getting high

6. We have limited resources. What should we focus on most?

More community halls

Multi Sport complex

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like on the draft Henderson-Massey Local Board Plan 2026?

Simply your funding process

Be more visible in the community



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Submitter details:

Organisation: Revive Rathgar

Local Board: Regional Organisation

Your feedback:

Community objectives

1. **What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

I don't know

Tell us why

Community objectives

2. **What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

I don't know

Tell us why

Built environment

3. **What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

Somewhat agree

Tell us why

Revive Rathgar is a group of organisations, schools, community facilities and individuals who have come together to enhance local identity and support a safe, attractive neighbourhood in the Rathgar Road area.

Our submission on the draft Local Board Plan:

Following multiple hui, discussions and planning sessions, the community developed a series of actions that they feel are vital to the outcomes of the plan's Built Environment objective - Urban villages and neighbourhoods are attractive, vibrant, with their own local identity

Here are the actions the Rathgar community are asking for:

- Local board support for student-led murals – to enhance alleyway environments and reconnect schools and early childhood centres.
- Achieving the direct wish of community for a pedestrian crossing on Larnoch Road near Roseridge Rest Home - to reconnect residents with their local shops.
- Improved lighting and maintenance for local alleyways to promote them as safe and efficient walking connections for all ages – starting with Pinedale Place (2 alleyways) and Kingdale Road to Kingdale Reserve alleyway.

We need the Local Board to proceed with urgency: We heard in our walk-through with Local Board members on 5th May this year that current secondary school students have been struggling with unsafe and uninviting alleyway environments for years – some for all their school life. We urge the local board to prioritise this work so that current students will get to enjoy the enhancements to their walking environment before they leave school.

We urge the local board to immediately pursue the installation of a raised zebra crossing on Larnoch Road with additional safety improvements:

- Additional slow down and safety signage
- A traffic light-controlled raised zebra crossing with push buttons and audible signals to cross
- Painted road markings heading towards the crossing
- Widening and levelling the footpath on either side of the crossing
- Installing yellow tactile pavers at the crossing for vision impaired

A reminder: On 6th October 2025, 40 Rathgar community members from Rathgar and West Auckland gathered, and were joined by Henderson-Massey Local board candidates, some of who are now elected members. These local board members publicly committed to supporting the installation of a raised zebra crossing on Larnoch Road, along with additional safety improvements. We ask that the Local Board and Auckland Transport commit to a firm, funded delivery date for the crossing to be installed.

Opportunity and prosperity objectives

- 4. What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

I don't know

Tell us why

Transport priorities

- 5. What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

Strongly agree

Tell us why

- 6. We have limited resources. What should we focus on most?**

- 7. Do you have any other feedback you would like on the draft Henderson-Massey Local Board Plan 2026?**



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Organisation: Safekids Aotearoa

Local Board: Regional Organisation

Your feedback:

Community objectives

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Tell us why

Community objectives

2. **What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

Tell us why

Built environment

3. **What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

Tell us why

Opportunity and prosperity objectives

4. **What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

Tell us why

Transport priorities

- 5. What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

Tell us why

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Submission via HMLB Inbox - see attachment.

Embedding a Child Impact Lens in Local Board Plans 2026

Strengthening Prevention Through Evidence-Based Planning

Mō tātou, ā, mō ngā uri ā muri ake nei
For us and our children after us

About Ririki Haumarū | Safekids Aotearoa

Ririki Haumarū | Safekids Aotearoa is the national lead organisation for child injury prevention and mokopuna safety promotion in Aotearoa. Our mission is to reduce the incidence and severity of preventable unintentional injuries and to ensure tamariki grow up safe, well, and able to flourish.

Child Unintentional Deaths and Injuries in Aotearoa New Zealand

Our *Safekids Aotearoa Data Book (2024)* shows that unintentional injuries are the second leading cause of death for tamariki in Aotearoa, resulting in over 6,600 hospitalisations each year.

Within this burden, tamariki Māori are 1.5 times more likely to die from injury than European/Other children, and Pacific children experience the highest hospitalisation rates (792.4 per 100,000).

These inequities are compounded by poverty, with over 60% of tamariki Māori injury deaths occurring in the most deprived communities. Together, these findings confirm that child injury prevention is both a health and equity issue, demanding targeted, system-level action.

Context

Unintentional injury is a leading cause of hospitalisation for tamariki in the Auckland region. Between 2019 and 2023, 9,395 children aged 0–14 years were hospitalised due to unintentional injuries across the Auckland region.

Over the same period, in the Western Local Board areas there were 739 tamariki hospitalised in Henderson-Massey Local Board area, 483 in Whau and 297 in Waitākere Ranges Local Board areas.

Across Auckland, falls account for 51% of the hospitalisations (4,814 cases), followed by motor vehicle traffic injuries (376 cases) and dog-related injuries (226 cases).

Detailed cause-specific and Local Board-level breakdowns are provided in Appendix 1 for reference.

These patterns reflect environmental design, infrastructure quality, and regulatory settings that influence risk. Local Board Plans shape many of these conditions. Community feedback emphasises safer streets, well-maintained parks and playgrounds, strong neighbourhoods, and safe public spaces which are priorities that are directly connected to child safety outcomes. Ensuring children can move, play, and grow safely is foundational to community wellbeing.

Why a Child Impact Lens Matters

Research indicates that while communities highly value children, children are not consistently centred in broader policy and infrastructure decisions (L'Hote, & Volmert, 2021). Children are often associated primarily with home and school settings. As a result, transport environments, parks investment, public space upgrades, youth initiatives, and regulatory advocacy are not always viewed through a child wellbeing lens.

Embedding a child impact lens is a governance approach that improves decision-making quality and long-term outcomes by ensuring that:

- Future projects reduce preventable harm
- Investment is proportionate to identified need
- Infrastructure upgrades align with injury patterns
- Youth and community programmes incorporate prevention

The importance of a child-centred lens is underscored in the Henderson-Massey Local Board area, which recorded the second-highest proportion of children and young people relative to its population, according to 2023 Census data, as cited in the plan

A Practical Child Impact Question:

Henderson-Massey Local Board may wish to consider incorporating a structured child impact consideration within planning and decision-making processes. A guiding question could be: **How would this initiative affect unintentional harm for children in our Board area?**

Key Challenges for Local Boards

From an unintentional child injury perspective, several environmental challenges are evident. Injury burden is not evenly distributed across Auckland. Proportionate responses that align investment with need strengthen both prevention and equity. The data highlights several areas where planning decisions intersect directly with child safety.

	Safe traffic environments	Falls from playgrounds	Dog-related harm
Key Statistic	Between 2019-2023, there were 376 motor vehicle traffic crash (MVTC) hospitalisations of tamariki aged 0-14 years across Auckland. These include injuries to child occupants, pedestrians, and cyclists. Henderson-Massey: 44 MVTC hospitalisations	Falls are the single largest contributor to injury burden. Falls account for 4,814 hospitalisations, from 2019-2023, representing 51% of all tamariki hospitalisations in Auckland. Henderson-Massey hospitalisations All falls: 338 Playground falls: 105	Between 2019-2023, there were 226 hospitalisations due to contact with dogs across Auckland. Harm from dog-related injuries remains unacceptably high, particularly for young children. Henderson-Massey: 17 hospitalisations
What the Data tells us	Children are injured when: - Roads are designed for vehicle speed rather than pedestrian safety - Crossings are not visible or protected - Walking and cycling routes lack separation - High-traffic environments sit alongside schools and parks	Policy makers should be encouraged to comply with all relevant safety standards for creating safe environments for the children in their care. Playground fall injuries occur when: - Playground surfaces do not adequately absorb impact - Equipment design does not align with age-specific risk - Public spaces are poorly maintained	Research indicates that registration requirements alone are insufficient without effective implementation Dog-related injury is associated with: - Unregistered or unrestrained dogs (roaming dogs) - Cost barriers to registration and sterilisation - Inconsistent enforcement resourcing - Limited access to safe fencing and containment
Policy Levers & Prevention Investment	- Advocate for safe speed environments including permanent 30km/h limits in school zones - Prioritise raised crossings and traffic calming measures - Support safe active transport routes to school - Align advocacy with high-burden neighbourhoods	- Prioritise playground audits, upgrades, and maintenance - Prioritise funding to high-incidence areas such as delivering culturally responsive falls-prevention education	- Advocate for strengthened dog-control implementation - Support low-cost registration and sterilisation initiatives - Increase resourcing in high-incidence areas - Support community-led and Māori-led/Pasifika-led prevention approaches
Takeaway	Every child should be able to walk, cycle, and travel safely. Children's safety on our roads and sidewalks depends on safe speed environments and protected pedestrian infrastructure.	Preventing falls requires safe play environments and culturally responsive falls prevention education accessible to whānau and communities.	Children's safety depends on effective dog control systems that prevent harm before it occurs.

Aligning Child Injury Prevention with Council's Focus Areas

The feedback themes identified by Auckland Council for safer streets and shared spaces, local parks and playgrounds, town centre upgrades, youth programmes, climate action, and strengthening cultural identity are directly connected to child safety and prevention.

A child impact lens does not sit alongside these priorities; it strengthens them. By embedding prevention considerations within these focus areas, Local Boards can ensure that future projects and services contribute to measurable reductions in preventable harm:

- Safer streets and shared spaces are core prevention tools that reduce motor vehicle injury risk.
- Local parks and playground upgrades directly influence fall-related injury outcomes.
- Town centre improvements affect lighting, traffic movement, and pedestrian safety.
- Youth programmes provide opportunities for prevention education and positive engagement.
- Climate action and cleaner neighbourhoods influence safe, active transport environments.
- Supporting cultural identity and strong communities enables community-led and culturally responsive prevention approaches.

Local Board Prevention Opportunities

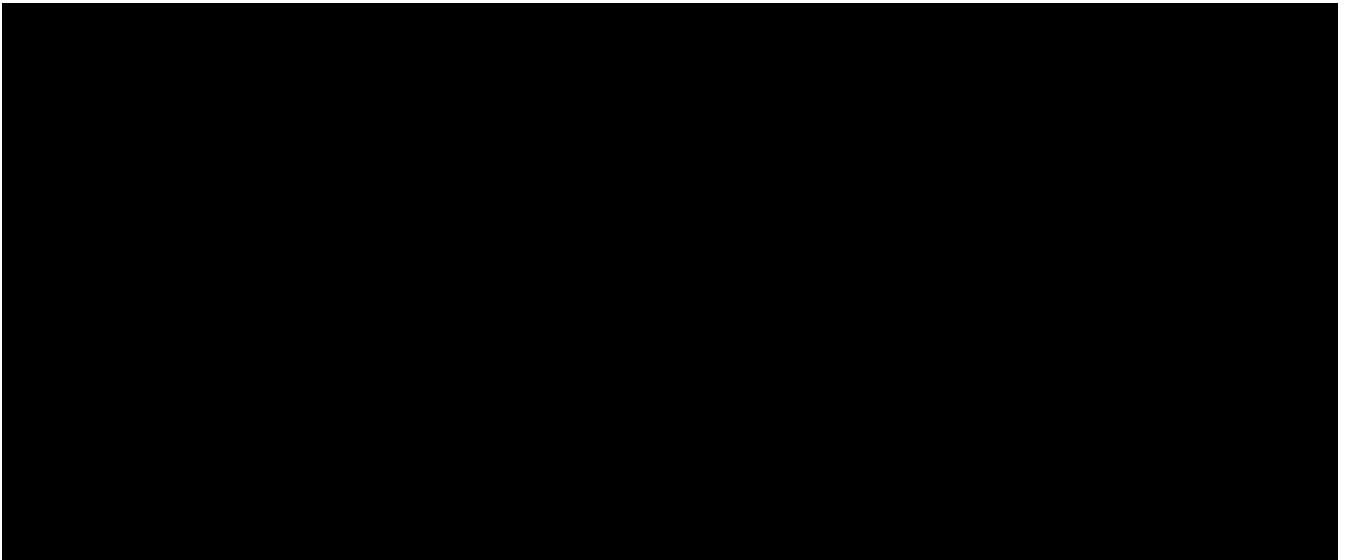
As Local Boards review feedback and shape priorities for the next three years, there is an opportunity to:

1. Make children visible within planning decisions
2. Align investment with areas of highest injury burden
3. Strengthen proportionate responses
4. Embed child injury prevention into infrastructure, regulatory, and community initiatives

This approach supports informed local decision-making before detailed plans are drafted. Unintentional child injury is predictable and preventable. Local Board Plans influence the environments that shape child safety every day. Embedding a child impact lens ensures that future planning decisions contribute to safer streets, safer play environments, and stronger communities for tamariki across Southern Auckland.

As Local Boards refine priorities and develop detailed plans, Ririki Haumarū | Safekids Aotearoa is available to provide further briefing, data interpretation, or expert advice to support the integration of child injury prevention into planning decisions.

Mauri ora,



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Appendix 1: Unintentional Injuries of Tamariki in the Auckland Region

Table 1: Causes of Tamariki Hospitalisations 2019 - 2023 for all Auckland Local Board Areas, All scenes, 0-14 years old.

Cause of Injury	Number of hospitalisations	%
Fall	4814	51%
Struck by or against	752	8%
Other Specified	681	7%
<i>Caught, crushed, jammed or pinched in/ between objects</i>	401	4%
Cut/Pierce	536	6%
Fire/Hot object or substance	392	4%
<i>Fire/Flame</i>	23	0%
<i>Hot object/substance</i>	369	4%
Transport: Motor Vehicle Traffic	376	4%
<i>Motorcyclist</i>	35	0%
<i>Occupant</i>	204	2%
<i>Other & Unspecified</i>	<6	0%
<i>Pedal Cyclist</i>	25	0%
<i>Pedestrian</i>	111	1%
Transport: Pedal Cyclist, other (off road)	375	4%
Natural/Environmental	354	4%
<i>Contact with dog</i>	226	2%
Poisoning	271	3%
Overexertion	252	3%
Unspecified	168	2%
Transport: Other Land Transport (e.g. quad bikes)	159	2%
Suffocation	111	1%
Transport: Pedestrian, other (e.g. driveway runovers)	45	0%
Drowning	43	0%
Other Specified, nec	29	0%
Transport: Other Transport	26	0%
Firearm	6	0%
Machinery	<6	0%
Grand Total	9395	100 %

Henderson-Massey Local Board Data on Unintentional Injury Hospitalisations

Table 2: Number of tamariki hospitalisations due to unintentional injuries in the Henderson-Massey Local Board area, 2019-2023, ages 0-14 years old

Cause of Injuries	No. of hospitalisations
Cut/Pierce	38
Drowning	<6
Fall	370
Natural/Environmental	29
<i>Contact with a dog</i>	17
Other Specified	59
<i>Caught/crushed/jammed/pinched in/between objects</i>	36
Other Specified, nec	<6
Overexertion	28
Poisoning	32
Struck by or against	51
Suffocation	11
Transport: Motor Vehicle Traffic	44
<i>Motorcyclist</i>	<6
<i>Occupant</i>	29
<i>Pedestrian</i>	12
Transport: Other Land Transport	7
Transport: Other Transport	<6
Transport: Pedal Cyclist, other	15
Transport: Pedestrian, other	<6
Unspecified	13
Fire/Hot object or substance	30
<i>Fire/Flame</i>	<6
<i>Hot object/substance</i>	28
Total	739

Scene of Unintentional Injuries

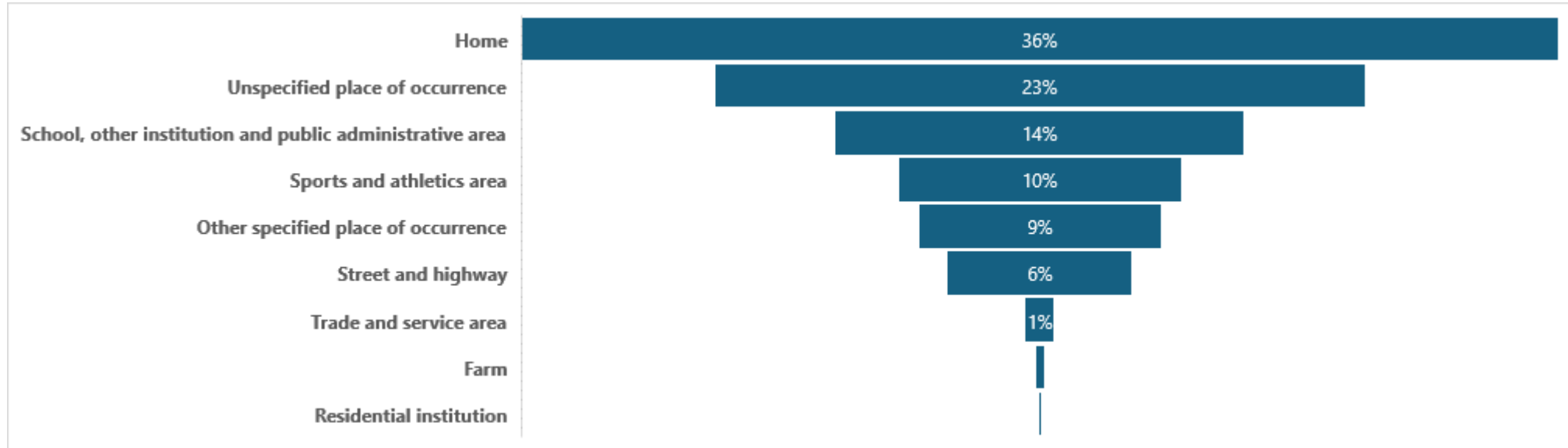


Figure 1: Scene of unintentional injuries leading to hospitalisations, tamariki aged 0-14 years old, Auckland Region Local Board Areas, 2019-2023

Number of Hospitalisations – All Local Board areas

Table 3: Tamariki Hospitalisations due to unintentional injuries, Auckland Region Local Board Areas, 2019 - 2023, 0-14 years old

	Local Board	No. of Hospitalisations	Percentage	Average hospitalisations per year
1	Manurewa	893	10%	179
2	Māngere-Ōtāhuhu	772	8%	154
3	Henderson-Massey	739	8%	148
4	Ōtara-Papatoetoe	731	8%	146
5	Howick	590	6%	118
6	Maungakiekie-Tāmaki	575	6%	115
7	Papakura	528	6%	106
8	Franklin	511	5%	102
9	Whau	483	5%	97
10	Albert-Eden	476	5%	95
11	Hibiscus & Bays	455	5%	91
12	Kaipātiki	453	5%	91
13	Ōrakei	392	4%	78
14	Puketāpapa	325	3%	65
15	Waitakere Ranges	297	3%	59
16	Rodney	286	3%	57
17	Devonport-Takapuna	279	3%	56
18	Waitematā	271	3%	54
19	Upper Harbour	256	3%	51
20	Waiheke	71	1%	14
21	Great Barrier	12	0%	2
	Grand Total	9395	100%	1879

Specific Causes: Motor-Vehicle Traffic Crashes

Table 4: Number of tamariki hospitalisations due to motor vehicle traffic crashes by type of incident, Auckland Region Local Board areas, 2019 - 2023, ages 0-14 years

Local Board	Motor Vehicle Traffic Crash - Injury Type				Total
	Motorcyclist	Occupant	Pedal Cyclist	Pedestrian	
Manurewa	6	33	<6	10	51
Henderson-Massey	<6	29		12	44
Māngere-Ōtāhuhu	<6	21	<6	9	34
Ōtara-Papatoetoe	7	12	<6	11	34
Papakura	<6	17	<6	8	31
Maungakiekie-Tāmaki	<6	13	<6	7	24
Albert-Eden		10	<6	6	20
Whau		9	<6	9	19
Puketāpapa	<6	10		<6	17
Kaipātiki		8		7	15
Howick		9		6	15
Franklin	<6	<6	<6	<6	13
Ōrakei	<6	6		<6	11
Rodney	<6	6	<6	<6	11
Hibiscus & Bays		<6	<6	<6	10
Devonport-Takapuna	<6		<6	6	9
Upper Harbour	<6	6			7
Waitematā	<6	<6			6
Waitākere Ranges		<6		<6	<6
Grand Total	35	204	25	111	376

Specific Causes: Dog-Related Injuries

Table 5: Number of tamariki hospitalisations due to dog-related injuries, Auckland Region Local Board areas, 2019-2023, ages 0-14 years

Local Board	Number of Hospitalisations
Ōtara-Papatoetoe	30
Māngere-Ōtāhuhu	28
Manurewa	26
Papakura	22
Henderson-Massey	17
Franklin	15
Maungakiekie-Tāmaki	14
Howick	11
Whau	10
Puketāpapa	9
Albert-Eden	8
Devonport-Takapuna	6
Waitākere Ranges	6
Kaipātiki	<6
Ōrakei	<6
Hibiscus & Bays	<6
Waitematā	<6
Upper Harbour	<6
Rodney	<6
Waiheke	<6
Total	226

Specific Causes: Selected Fall Types

Table 6: Hospitalisations of tamariki due to selected types of falls by Local Board Area, Auckland Region, 2019-2023, ages 0-14 years old

Local Board	Fall involving playground equipment	Fall on same level from slipping, tripping and stumbling	Fall involving ice-skates, skis, roller-skates or skateboards	Other fall on same level	Other fall from one level to another	Fall from, out of or through building or structure	Fall on and from stairs and steps
Manurewa	114	43	42	48	24	14	15
Henderson-Massey	105	45	27	22	28	19	13
Ōtara-Papatoetoe	101	39	23	32	22	12	12
Kaipātiki	91	27	25	16	13	7	7
Howick	88	37	33	27	29	12	7
Māngere-Ōtāhuhu	87	46	24	32	33	18	12
Ōrakei	85	34	18	15	7	<6	6
Albert-Eden	83	30	28	28	17	<6	<6
Maungakiekie-Tāmaki	82	38	25	24	10	15	12
Franklin	79	36	25	19	20	9	<6
Hibiscus & Bays	77	32	29	16	17	12	7
Papakura	69	27	26	26	25	6	8
Whau	69	37	26	22	10	15	15
Upper Harbour	59	24	19	8	6	<6	<6
Rodney	53	17	10	15	14	<6	<6
Devonport-Takapuna	52	19	18	12	9	6	<6
Waitākere Ranges	50	23	20	12	11	<6	6
Waitematā	47	20	18	15	6	6	<6
Puketāpapa	37	31	10	17	9	6	<6
Great Barrier	<6	<6	0	<6	<6	<6	0
Waiheke	<6	8	<6	<6	<6	0	<6
Total	1433	614	450	411	316	178	145



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Organisation: Tapasa

Local Board: Regional Organisation

Your feedback:

Community objectives

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Tell us why

Community objectives

2. **What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

Tell us why

Built environment

3. **What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

Tell us why

Opportunity and prosperity objectives

4. **What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

Tell us why

Transport priorities

- 5. What do you think of the ways we propose to meet the community's needs in this area of focus?**

Tell us why

- 6. We have limited resources. What should we focus on most?**

- 7. Do you have any other feedback you would like on the draft Henderson-Massey Local Board Plan 2026?**

See attached feedback collated from 234 participants of the Pacific community.



Summary Report: Pasifika Community Feedback

Local Board Plan 2026 – Early Engagement (Rangatahi & Community Voices)

Prepared for: *Louisa Vaeluaga, Engagement Advisor – West Auckland Local Boards*

Prepared by: *Ruta Tonumaivao, Tapasā Navigating Futures*

Overview

- **Total responses analysed: 234** (survey and in-person workshops – talanoa)
- **Primary audience:** Strong representation from **rangatahi (under 18)**
- **Ethnicity:** Predominantly **Pasifika**

Data Collection Methods

Feedback was gathered using a mixed-method, culturally grounded approach:

- **Online surveys**
- **Teacher-led talanoa in schools**
- **Youth-led talanoa with peers** (informal, relational engagement)
- **In-person community workshops (talanoa sessions)**

Insight:

This approach enabled depth + scale:

- Surveys provided breadth
- Talanoa provided rich, culturally grounded insights

Local Board Representation

Henderson-Massey Local Board (strongest representation)

- Ranui
- Massey
- Henderson
- Te Atatū South
- Glendene

Whau Local Board

- New Lynn
- Kelston
- Avondale



Waitākere Ranges Local Board

- Limited representation (e.g. Sturges area)

Key Insight

- **Henderson-Massey:** Strong engagement and reach
- **Whau:** Moderate participation
- **Waitākere Ranges:** Underrepresented

Recommendation:

Increase targeted engagement in **Waitākere Ranges communities** in upcoming phases.

Demographic Snapshot

Age Distribution

- Majority of responses from rangatahi (under 18)
- Additional input from adult community members and families

Insight:

Youth voice is central and highly influential in shaping priorities.

Ethnicity

- Majority: **Wider Pasifika communities**

Tuvaluan, Cook Islands, Samoa, Tuvalu, Tokelau, Kiribati, Fiji, Tonga, Māori, and mixed identities.



Key Themes from Feedback

What matters most

- Community connection and belonging
- Youth programmes and activities
- Parks, open spaces, recreation
- Culture, arts, and identity

“Being able to connect with people in my community and feel safe where I live.”

“Having spaces where young people can hang out and do positive things.”

“Our culture and events keep us together and strong.”

What communities want more of

- More **youth opportunities and safe activities**
- More **community events and gatherings**
- Stronger **family and wellbeing support**
- Accessible **community spaces and facilities**

“More things for youth to do so they stay out of trouble.”

“More events that bring everyone together.”

“Support for families and places where we can go without worrying about money.”

Key concerns

- Safety and crime
- Lack of youth activities
- Community disconnection
- Pressure on families

“There’s not enough for young people, so they get into trouble.”

“Safety is a big issue in our area, especially at night.”

“Some families are struggling and need more support.”



Priority improvements

- Investment in **youth programmes**
- Improved **community spaces**
- Increased **support services**
- More **culturally grounded initiatives**

“More youth programmes would make a big difference.”

“We need better parks and places to gather.”

“Helping families will help the whole community.”

Key Insights

Youth-led priorities are clear

Across 234 responses:

- Strong demand for **safe, engaging spaces**
- Clear link between **lack of activities and safety concerns**

Engagement method is effective

- Talanoa (teacher-led and youth-led) enabled:
 - Deeper, more honest insights
 - Higher participation
 - Stronger cultural relevance

Confirms value of **relational, community-led engagement**

“It’s easier to talk when it feels like a real conversation, not a survey.”

Culture and identity are central

- Cultural connection is central to wellbeing. Strong emphasis on:
 - Cultural expression
 - Community events
 - Identity and belonging

“Our culture is what keeps our community strong.”



Alignment with Engagement Approach

Findings strongly validate the current plan:

- Facilitator-led engagement across community groups
- Talanoa-based methods
- Youth-focused engagement (including peer-led)
- Multi-channel feedback collection

Recommendations

Engagement

- Expand youth-led talanoa model
- Increase outreach in Waitākere Ranges
- Continue leveraging schools, churches, and community networks

Investment Priorities

1. Youth programmes and safe activities
2. Community spaces and facilities
3. Cultural events and initiatives
4. Family and wellbeing support

Data Improvements

- Capture Local Board area directly
- Continue building on mixed-method engagement (survey + talanoa)

Closing Summary

“Across 234 responses gathered through surveys and talanoa, Pasifika communities—particularly rangatahi—are calling for greater investment in youth opportunities, safe community spaces, and culturally grounded initiatives, while highlighting the need for stronger engagement in Waitākere Ranges and across Whau.”

The inclusion of community voice highlights a clear message:

Engagement that is **by the community, for the community** leads to more meaningful, actionable insights.



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Local Board: Henderson-Massey

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Tell us why

Please see attached submission

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Submission to Henderson-Massey Local Board Plan 2026

From: Te Atatū Peninsula Business Association (TAPBA)

23 July 2026

Te Atatū Peninsula Business Association (TAPBA) welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft Henderson-Massey Local Board Plan 2026.

As the Business Improvement District (BID) representing the Te Atatū Peninsula town centre, TAPBA works closely with businesses, residents, community groups and agencies to advocate for a vibrant, resilient and well-connected Peninsula. We are pleased to see many of our priorities reflected in the draft plan and wish to express our support for the following projects and objectives.

Page 14 – Community

"Communities are prepared for rapid urban change and supported to be resilient to the effects of a changing climate."

Comment:

TAPBA strongly supports this objective. Te Atatū Peninsula has experienced significant population growth and intensification, placing considerable pressure on local infrastructure and services. As a peninsula with a single access and egress road, our community is particularly vulnerable during weather events or emergencies. Support for community resilience in the face of rapid urban change and climate-related events will become increasingly important over time.

Page 15 – Advocacy

"Ensure funding remains in the council's 10-year budget for the detailed design and construction phase for an aquatic facility in the north west."

Comment:

TAPBA supports the continued advocacy for an aquatic facility in the north-west, recognising the important role such regional facilities play in supporting growing communities.

Page 17 – Natural Environment

"Support volunteer groups to coordinate community ecological restoration work in Harbourview–Orangihina Park."

"Funding to design and build the Harbourview/Orangihina wetland from the completed concept design."

Comment:

TAPBA supports both initiatives. Rapid intensification has placed considerable pressure on existing wastewater infrastructure, and the proposed wetland represents an opportunity to improve environmental outcomes while enhancing an important local amenity. We also

acknowledge the valuable contribution made by volunteer groups in restoring and protecting Harbourview–Orangihina Park.

Page 20 – Built Environment

"Town centres thrive and adapt to growth."

"Work alongside the Te Atatū Business Association on a community-led masterplan for Te Atatū town centre."

Comment:

TAPBA is pleased to see support for the Te Atatū Peninsula Masterplan included in the draft plan.

Completion of Stage One has provided valuable insights into the opportunities and challenges facing our town centre and will help inform the next stage of this important project. A completed Masterplan has the potential to deliver lasting benefits across a range of areas, including public spaces, transport, accessibility, and economic development.

TAPBA is preparing to undertake the significant task of raising approximately \$100,000 to complete Stage Two of the Masterplan. As a small business association, the support of Henderson-Massey Local Board and our elected representatives will be instrumental in bringing this vision to life.

Page 22 – Opportunity and Prosperity

TAPBA supports the following objectives:

- *Investigate opportunities for local economic development planning in smaller town centres.*
- *Support business associations and Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to develop projects and strategies that benefit town centre businesses.*
- *Prosperity grows at the local level.*
- *Prioritise local businesses and suppliers in local board-funded projects.*

Comment:

Local businesses are the backbone of our community. Supporting smaller town centres and Business Improvement Districts helps ensure economic growth is shared across Henderson-Massey and contributes to vibrant, connected communities.

Page 24 – Transport

"Use the 'blue-green' network to expand our network of local paths."

"Continue the funding partnership with the government to complete Te Whau Pathway."

Comment:

TAPBA strongly supports the completion of Te Whau Pathway. This transformational project will provide a safe walking and cycling connection between Green Bay and Te Atatū while delivering significant environmental, transport, recreation and health benefits.

Te Whau Pathway is much more than a shared path; it is an investment in community connectivity, environmental stewardship and alternative transport options. Its completion will be of benefit to the entire region.

Safe Streets

"Address the issue of parking congestion in local streets created by high-density housing developments."

Comment:

TAPBA strongly supports efforts to address parking congestion associated with high-density housing developments.

Several streets on Te Atatū Peninsula have become increasingly difficult for emergency services to access due to on-street parking. In addition, reduced visibility for pedestrians, traffic bottlenecks and parking infringements have become common concerns for residents.

Addressing these issues is essential to ensuring our streets remain safe, accessible and fit for purpose as the Peninsula continues to grow.

Conclusion

TAPBA congratulates Henderson-Massey Local Board on the development of a draft plan that recognises the challenges and opportunities facing our growing communities.

We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with the Local Board to support local businesses, advocate for our community, and help make Te Atatū Peninsula a vibrant and resilient place to live, work, shop and visit.