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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Rodney

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The draft document is fundamentally flawed. Assumptions are made that are incorrect, and there is no indication the author has informed himself about the golf courses in question. I refer in particular to the Omaha Beach Golf course (OBGC), where I am a member and volunteer. References to golf participation are wrong and again general observations. Reference is made to private golf course ownership and use which is inappropriate – for example the sale of land for development and use as a retirement village by the Pakuranga Golf Club, thereby providing funds to enable course and facility improvements for the benefit of its members and the public who play the course as green fee players.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: All the golf courses listed are freely available for use by the public as green fee players. The OBGC has very high use by green fee players. The incorporated society which runs the golf course has has a long term lease of the land (The northern 9 holes vested in the RDC in the 1970s, and the southern 9 holes transferred to the Council in around 2005) from the Auckland Council (originally the RDC), and all maintenance and development costs are met by the club. What does "opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders" actually mean? Is the purpose of the objective, as stated, to close down the golf course activity and use the land for another purpose or purposes?

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

   Don't support

Tell us why: There is unrestrained opportunity to play golf at these courses, subject only to payment of a green fee. Green fee income is an important contributor to the cost of the maintenance and improvement of the golf course. OBGC has a high female membership, and a thriving golf teaching programme, including for junior golfers. The implication is the Council could do it better when there's no evidence to support this, and when recreation and sporting activities are provided throughout Auckland by sports clubs including golf clubs.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: But the author doesn't recognise current management and conservation practices. At Omaha in particular. Everything done at OBGC including the recent establishment of 6 new wetland areas and removal of regional pest plants from the course has been done by the club with no contribution from Council other than providing a TOA.

Key shift

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

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Without recognising and understanding how the golf courses came to be established, how the Council came to "own" the land and what has been done by clubs operating as incorporated societies and meeting all development and maintenance costs, there is no proper foundation for an assertion that the Council can do better. By reference to the establishment of a golf course at Omaha Beach, this could not in any way be described as a "ad hoc" decision of the Rodney District Council. The vesting of land by developers of the Omaha Beach coastal settlement was done as part of a comprehensive development contribution programme, and the 2nd 9 golf holes south of Broadlands Drive was underpaid by a Plan Change that created the Special Omaha South Zone in the RDC legacy plan. Unless the report accurately identifies an existing situation before postulating a "better" alternative, the implication that the shift will benefit Aucklanders is not supportable.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: As with all the courses, OBGC was developed as a golf course and has been managed and used for this purpose , as are other land areas used for bowls, tennis, football rugby rugby league and cricket. Golf is NZ's highest participation sport. Many golf courses including the OBGC provide a walking and jogging opportunity alongside golfing activity. This same proposition could be presented in respect of Eden Park or Mt Smart Stadium.

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

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

Don't support

Tell us why: The starting premise is wrong- the OBGC is not an asset-based investment of the Council's. The land was essentially gifted by the developer who built the course, then from that point all investment, maintenance and environmental enhancement has been by the local community through the club. The "asset" wouldn't have become Council land without the actions of others, nor maintained and enhanced without the efforts of the club members for more than 30 years. The suggested alternative - "a broad golf service" -meaning what? What "wider group of people"? Golfers?

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Because again the starting premise is flawed, as unless the report can demonstrate actual knowledge of existing environmental management and identify shortcomings, how can the "better" alternative be even proposed? At Omaha the water storage lake and wetlands as well as the course itself provide habitat for a wide range of freshwater and coastal birds, including critically endangered species. A long term indigenous planting programme enhances the regionally recognised values of the Omaha-Taniko swamp forest and the Whangateau Harbour.

Other feedback

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

   A report of this nature and importance requires actual knowledge and information about the different golf courses- their historical beginnings, and present circumstances, derived first from in depth discussions with the lessees/golf course operators. Generalised statements and postulated "better" alternatives are not a proper basis for sound Council decision-making.

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Your local board: Rodney

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Much of the golf course land was gifted to the Council so cannot be classified as the council investing in the land. It should not be included in these calculations.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The council is not proposing the same approach with hockey fields, rugby fields, Eden park, mt smart park etc.

   Why are golf courses being singled out to be opened up beyond the core sport?

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Growing the sport of golf would be welcomed

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I think you'll find most agronomists are already adopting best practices where possible

Key shift

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: see previous

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The council is not proposing the same approach with hockey fields, rugby fields, Eden park, mt smart park etc.

   Why are golf courses being singled out to be opened up beyond the core sport?

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Many of the claimed assets (land) were gifted to the Council or as part of an exchange deal to support other projects (e.g. Takapuna golf course for SH1)

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

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Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Everyone has access to the golf courses whether as a member or by paying green fees and it those people who are investing in the golf courses not the council - you are being disingenuous !

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: for the reasons above

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: same reasons as above golf membership has grown substantially overr ecent years - everyone can participate

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: My golf course operates the best pracrice in ecosystem management and biodiverity of this land - you cannot make a one size fits all as each have their own needs -. Council needs to but out .

Key shift

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: for the reasons above it is trite to suggest you invest at all . As a golf course benenfits are available to all if they join or want to play as green fee members

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: these are golf courses in which clubs have invested millions of dollars not council - you are disingenuous . i cant believe as a rate payer i have had to pay for this work

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf courses provide ranges of services including in our case a community based social environment again you are seriously bulshitting people

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: for reasons above if you read our lease we are planting a 1000 natives a year we provide space for all sorts of bird species including endagered species .Get out our lives .

Other feedback

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

   You dont understand golf courses

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Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf is an outside sport which gets people moving and enjoying each others company.

   The public courses especially are important for the casual golfer and generally the other clubs have full memberships so there is a lot of people enjoying these spaces.

   They say they need to open to all Aucklander's which i assume excludes the Golfers as i cant remember when i last went to a park

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: As above comments

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

   Tell us why:

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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

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

   I don't know

   Tell us why: This seems to be the language of a new report assuming people before them were idiots

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Can they provide figures of people using say the Domain on a weekly basis or say Takapuna golf Course

   Sport and recreation for all Aucklanders means what?, Netball courts , Soccer fields..

   So lets limit it to whatever they intend to do

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

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

   I don't know

   Tell us why: Again what does that mean

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

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

   I don't know

   Tell us why: Are they sure all Golf clubs Don't have Environmental targets

Other feedback

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

   Seems to be they want land to part build a park and part build housing

   There a new Council coming in soon so seems a little strange to do this now

   I guess more wasted money which Auckland doesn't have.

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Organisation (if applicable):

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Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: improving recreational opportunities for Aucklanders is sound, but i can not find anything that suggests that, with a growing city, you will invest in new land for golf so that even more people can have access to golf at all levels as the city grows.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: As i understand it, over the last two years golf club membership has significantly increased. More peoplle who want to play are playing. The barriers are low. Green fees are not high for 3 - 4 hours of recreation on well-maintained courses. There is a separate issue of accessibility in areas where there are too few courses - such as Remuera and South Auckland. The closing of Aviation Country Club was a tragedy for Auckland

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: There is a tendency to be patronizing here. Golf is not hard to get into. it is easy. i think the plan is suggesting that each course should have a number of 'variants' to the game. But that changes it. Members can change or introduce variants if they wish. Many clubs do offer different ways of playing. The growing popularity of 9 hole options is one example. Warkworth offers a 'Flat 12' course for less mobile members. Leave it to the clubs. Teh Council should just stick to ensuring that ecolgoical values are met and, where possible, bits of the course can be freed up for other uses.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Why wouldn't you engage in 'best practice'?

Key shift

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

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: These words themselves mean little. YOu have not shown how the status quo is meeting or not meeting optimum benfits for all Aucklanders. How do you do this? How will you recognise when you have done it? So many things that i couldn't find answers to in the plan

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Golf courses are about golf. Most courses are used pretty fully during daylight hours. 100,000 is not a small number and i think compares very well with most other sports, so it is not clear what the problem is. You could put golf courses back in the Domain and in Cornwall park. That would help

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: it is a nonsense. i took up golf in my 50s. i had some lessons at a driving range, and then went and played with friends at Takapuna. Easy. i had very high scores but that is not a problem - i was learning. What you could do is offer to run golf competitions and coaching/training at schools so that more young chidlren take it up. That would broaden its appeal to the groups you are worried about.

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: yes, improve the conservation values of golf land. Excellent. But please also put a bit of effort into pest and weed management on all the council land that is near where i live. the noxious plants are a real problem and the Council seems to ignore it all, year after year as the achmena, privet and gorse and ginger and wattle thrive. Why?

Other feedback

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

The plan needs to start with some sort of estimate of how many golf courses are needed to cater for the future Auckland city and then plan for their designation into the Unitary Plan. Then go from there to this one

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Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: The Plan is clearly written as an inclusive document but experience having dealt with Council would suggest the outcomes have a more directed outcome ... refer below

Objectives

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: The reference to low women and younger person participation does not take into account the vast number of other activities these groups have available for discretionary participation. To say these groups are under represented and therefore their patronage must be increased is simplistic thinking showing an inadequate grasp of the dynamics at hand ... and if the dynamics are understood then the articulation presented is misleading.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: The simple law of diminishing returns ... the higher the standard the greater the expense when there is an optimum return beyond which costs go up for an unmeasurable practical return.

Key shift

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

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Historically land was gifted or granted to Councils from and through many different acquisition sources usually WITHOUT COST. At that time the land was to remain in perpetuity. Now Councils have found that they cannot simply afford to maintain these open green areas and are suddenly gob smacked at how valuable they are and so are looking for an elegant way of turning the public opinion toward divestment and repurposing of the funds. Originally the golf course occupancy was seen as a way of offering the public large green spaces, maintained, mown, landscaped by other persons / organizations whilst retaining SW ponding, treatment & overland flow path potential, active wildlife corridors, peaceful outlooks, your carbon capture before it became a "buzz word". That is all occurring now ... Council on the other hand has proven capable of stating one objective then morphing that into something different. Council track record is untrustworthy on these matters.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: These recreation areas only need to cover their overheads, they were largely gifted, having not cost anything only an accountant could come up with the idea of their incredible financial value that needs to be otherwise unlocked and reinvested. So ... if you want to include other sports then they need to be self funding to maintain their component of the access activity ... simple really ... and golf (although I'm not a golfer) is one way of doing that. Do not however be surprised if there are accidents, people being hit with golf balls for instance as its just a natural consequence of the activity (a bit like if you go fishing there is always the chance you could fall in the river, you generally expect to get wet and there is a chance of drowning)

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: That is already happening now at different levels of intensity and success depending on the individual circumstances of each locality ... it was a thing long before the recent new age green

enlightenment turned the whole conservation, eco management, bio diversity into an income earning science that by an large does not achieve any greater outcomes. Is there room for tweeks and improvement, sure probably is in places, so make them, but that should have already been happening in the past as good management of an assett without having to ask what is a pretty simple question to answer.

Other feedback

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

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Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Doesn't take into account who is to pay for all these extra facilities. Ignores health & safety issue. Takes no account of developments being made by individual clubs. Is a load of wishy washy rubbish with no actual defined targets and goals, just some percentages that someone has plucked out of thin air.

Objectives

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Clubs are actively trying to increase participation across all Aucklanders. You can't force people who aren't interested in golf to take it up just to support council aspirations.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Most clubs are trying to do this, but resource capacity (land and $) is limited

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

   Support

   Tell us why: My club Omaha Beach has already made great strides and is moving postively on this.

Key shift

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Auckland council own Omaha Beach golf course as bare trustees for the people of Omaha who paid for this with a targetted rate. Adopting this plan will only result in council attempting to close down golf and develop the land for housing and other activities in the future.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Many of the activities you note have health & safety consequences. The course is already used for walkers. Most are considerate and use it outside golf times, but there are always those who argue this is council land and they can go where they want to.

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: As outlined above

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

   It becomes apparent behind all the gobblety gook you are trying to gradually close down council owned course and repurpose the land for housing and parkland.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Concerned about reduction in access to Golf

Objectives

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Concerned about reduction in access to Golf

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Golf courses are lungs for cities. Caring for their ecosystems and using them for increased biodiversity seems incredibly sensible.

Key shift

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Not sure if centralized management is necessarily beneficial

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Concerned about reduction in access to Golf

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: If it means repurposing existing golf courses into golf style activities then this means reducing access to golf courses which I do not support. I do support increasing facilities with appeal to a wider group.

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Sounds good but is vague. What are the targets? Who chooses them and how often could they be arbitrarily changed?

Other feedback

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

   Dont reduce golf courses but do increase participation and other golf facilities. e.g. I would love to see extra mini courses (6-9 holes) being added to our city.

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Draft Golf Investment Plan

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Rodney

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The council report is innacurate and very out of date

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf is already inclusive and very well priced.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Why force a sport on someone who does not want to play

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Most clubs are already doing a great job of looking after the land and native species. Your report is out of date

Key shift

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

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Would be nice to actually get some support when requested. Or even an answer from an actual person.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Not enough land for golf as it is. Most clubs are full. There is a lot of land being used by other sports. Can we get access to that too ?

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Please explain assett based investment. Golf already apeals to a wide range of people. Have your report writers actually visited any of the golf courses in question ?

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Already in action. Most clubs are now involved in pest free 2050. Again, your report is way off the mark.

Other feedback

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

   UPDATE THE REPORT TO 2022

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Rodney

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Any reduction in sporting opportunities in order to provide land for housing, makes no sense. Sport builds character, teamwork, and exercise. It especially keeps our younger population away from screen activities which are unhealthy, mindless and anti social. By reducing the opportunity to play sport such as golf I cannot see how AKL Council think they are benefiting the Community which needs more green areas not less

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf already is avail to the community. AKL Council needs to direct their energy towards supporting this worldwide popular sport

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Nice words but no action that I am aware of by the Cpuncil. Be more specific. Words are cheap action is more beneficial. Why hasn't the Council done something already

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

   I don't know

   Tell us why: Everyday language instead of buzz phase would be welcomed by most people

Key shift

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

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

   I don't know

   Tell us why: See the previous comments

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: All Aucklanders can already play golf but choose not to. What are you really going to change. Lazy people are lazy and watch tv et

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: More theory. Explain how you intend to change the present inaction

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

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

   I don't know

   Tell us why: More gobbly gook

Other feedback

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

   In simple terms stop drowning in buzz words and communicate clearly in simple terms. If you don’t you won’t ever achieve what you want especially in connection with the lower socio community

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Rodney

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I have read through the documents the council posted. It is far too long - as the media has pointed out, it appears to be designed to overwhelm people. It is very hard to digest. I have multiple degrees and a senior lecturer at a university. Council needs to learn how to be more concise and specific, unless the aim is to put people off. I am extremely disappointed with Council. No wonder council is running out of money! This draft plan needs to put on hold until after our local body election. I live in hope of real change with the next council. Golf is gaining more members across a variety of cultures and age groups. It is a healthy activity, both physically and mentally. I see scope for mixing other groups within sites, such as bowls.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I read this section with confusion as to just how you proposed to do this. It felt more like a take over of golf courses.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Again, I do not believe that this will happen. I have learnt not to trust this council.

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

   Don't support

Tell us why: As above, I do not believe you will achieve this in the way you present this.

Key shift

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

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I believe you are just going to take them over and sell them. I do not trust the council.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: As above.

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This is already happening. Council do not need to be involved - I do not trust you.

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Council has not shown any ability to do this.

Other feedback

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

   Please put it on hold. This needs to wait until after the next election. To date, this council has shown a lack of ability to do anything in an economically sound way. The wastage is mind blowing.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Rodney

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Council are not the right people to make these decisions - too many conflicting/competing demands, particularly financial.

   Disgraceful state of council managed Chamberlain Park disqualifies council.

Objectives

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: There is a huge diversity of ratepayers using public courses, this should be encouraged.

   Make all council owned courses public with minimum green fees and all courses will enjoy huge and diverse patronage.

   Most other sports listed can be done on other council/public land - don't reduce availability of golf.

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

   Partially support

Tell us why: Golf courses are golf courses not Doc nature parks , just as roads are roads, skate parks are skate parks. They should be manage environmentally responsibly. Generally they are better manage than other council owned and managed land.

Key shift

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

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Council is not a good entity for deciding what is best interests. There is no such thing as best inerests of all Aucklanders.

   There are competing interests and for reasons outined above the council have too many conflicting interests including self interest particularly when it comes to selling taxpayer assetts to fund fiscal shortfalls and other areas of past neglect.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf courses for golfers, roads for cars, skate parks for skaters, walkways for walkers.

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Good idea however given the far lower land (capital)base of these other golf activities private enterprise can provide these.

   Council could lease small areas adjacent to courses for these activities - don't need to invest themselves.

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Set the same targets as for all council owned recreational land - most courses are far better maintaind now - except for Chamberlain Park.

Other feedback

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

This whole plan is couched as Investment = money. The current valuation/assett value of council owned golf courses seems to be driving this plan. 13 golf courses is still 13 golf courses. Their current dollar value should not be an issue here. It should just be about getting more recreation use out of them and that is better decided and managed by people with expertise in recreation. Give them the task, tell them how much money the council will provide and what the standards are, and let them do it. If council want to sell off some courses to get some money, be open about it, don't contrive a plan to do it.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Rodney

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I have read Golf New Zealand's counter and find their statistics do not align with the ones used to justify this plan. I particularly find the statement about lack of diversity particularly offensive. As the father of a son with a disability (Cerebral Palsy), golf is one of the few sports in which he can take part, enjoys, and over time can participate in a competitive way. Myself and my kids have met many people through the sport, all ages, genders and races.

   In your plan you stated "Auckland golf courses meet the needs of a relatively narrow segment of population" and then referenced a strategy document from 2013! I'd say alot has happened in 9 years. I would question hw the stats in that document stack up to the current stats provided by Golf New Zealand.

   I have no concern with challenging golf courses to be as environmentally friendly as possible, however is the same practice being applied to all council green land? Other sports fields?

   I would ask what the plan is to review the value of rugby and soccer fields across Auckland, and whether this will also be as aggressively reviewed.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

   Don't support

Tell us why:

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Rodney

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Whilst some of the overarching objectives appear worthwhile (increased participation, etc.), much of the information in the plan is outdated, inaccurate and misleading. It is concerning that the plan implies that golf's leadership organisations were consulted and are fully supportive, when I've now learned that they received the draft plan just two days before it was published and that council has refused to incorporate feedback & corrections into a revised plan.

   My initial view was that, despite some statements in the plan that didn't make sense to me, since the council and golf organisations were working together, they must be correct. I am now suspicious of the motives of the council.

   As this plan follows the debacle regarding Council's proposal to reduce the size of Chamberlain Park golf course, then closing holes rather than simply improving/installing additional fencing, it reinforces the suspicion that council has an ulterior motive and sees golf clubs as easy targets for land repurposing.

   I would be inclined to support the proposals once Auckland Golf, North Golf and Golf New Zealand have been properly consulted and had their collective input to the plan.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The land is already open to all Aucklanders - to imply otherwise is false.

   The implication that golf is a game for rich old white men couldn't be further from the truth. If you paid attention to the clubs and actually took a genuine interest, you would no doubt find many rich old white men and women of all ages at Remuera, Omaha and Waitemata - but not exclusively.

   You would find many working class men & women everywhere else. You would find high numbers of Asian golfers at Pupuke and Takapuna and many Maori & Pasifika at Chamberlain Park and Waitakere.

Lots of these people travel around the region to play at other courses. These are generalisations, but they're based on the fact that I've played at many golf courses so I've seen for myself.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: If only you paid attention the the organising bodies, you'd be aware that there are many initiatives already underway that share the objective as it relates to golf. The plan's wording is disingenuous to say the least - it is very clear that council would seek to use golf land for other purposes.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I see no need to differentiate between 'golf' land and any other publicly owned land. It should be a given that this objective should apply to any/all publicly owned land.

Key shift

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

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I would support this if the statement read "TO a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders WITH AN INTEREST IN PLAYING GOLF."

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Because there are already facilities for those who participate in other forms of sport and leisure, and if there aren't enough of them, that is also true of golf courses. In recent years there has been growing demand for golf, which shows no sign of diminishing - if anything, there will soon be a need for more golf courses.

   Golf courses are already available to everyone, as are football pitches, rugby pitches, cricket pitches, netball courts, reserves and playgrounds - where are the plans for those?

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Already being addressed by golf clubs and organisations.

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Again, there should be no need to differentiate between 'golf' land and any other publicly owned land. Council owns, manages or maintains all public land on behalf of the ratepayers, so manage it. If this is the responsibility of the lessees, negotiate with them.

Other feedback

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

   I'm keen to see council working closely on this initiative with Auckland Golf, North Golf and Golf New Zealand, and look forward to seeing a revised plan detailing how to grow the game of golf and cater for growing demand, that includes their valuable inputs, some of which are highlighted below:

   *Golf is growing in participation/membership and deserves support, otherwise will not be able to meet demand.

   *The value of golf - as with other sports - in terms of the physical, social, and mental health benefits is well known.

   *Golf clubs also make frequent positive contributions to their communities.

   *The sale, part sale, redevelopment or repurposing of golf courses on council owned or managed land which would diminish the value that golf can add to the city and people of Auckland.

   *Golf clubs are actively working on environmental conservation initiatives, protecting sensitive habitats and species and providing an escape from urbanisaton and intensification.

   *Golf's leadership organisations are already working to drive sustainability and climate action to create a better future for all New Zealanders and our environment.

   I'd also be interested to learn whether Council is developing similar Investment Plans for Rugby, Football, Netball, Cricket, Hockey, etc. Or is it only golf clubs that are seen as easy targets for land that can be repurposed?

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Rodney

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I think the current setup works well and i have seen more women and young people come into the sport in the past 2 years than ever before

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: See earlier comment

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: It works fine the way it is

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: See earlier comment

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

   I think we have enough report writing going on to try and change a sport that works fine and has grown i believe 10% in membership numbers since lockdown

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Rodney

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The report is riddled with factual inaccuracies. Very disappointing particularly since Golf NZ was not consulted and the council blatantly ripped off the Golf NZ young person strategy.

   Removing green spaces is a sure way to ruin our beautiful city.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Why? There is lots of public parks. I suspect this is a land grab.

   Golf is the only mainstream growing sport in the country.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Support the idea but this isn't the way to do ir

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Golf NZ, the clubs and Auckland golf are already doing this.

Key shift

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

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Support investment in our courses but not by the Council. You guys clearly aren't responsible to do what is best for the city given this process..

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

   Please do the right thing and pull the report full of errors

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Rodney

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: It does not appear to have input from the key golf stakeholders. NZ Golf, Auckland Golf, Northland Golf, the actual clubs and the like

Objectives

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Golf in a normal golf space is generally free from distraction and I see this as one of the fundamental requirements if golf is to be played in a shared place.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Golf already has the largest adult preparation however anything that can add to the diversity in all categories of participation must be good.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: We all must get the planet to a zero emissions status golf courses are no exception.

Key shift

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

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: As long as the frame work fully contains the views and information by including the golf organisations.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: As long as the inclusion does not detract from the ability to play the game in a safe meaningful way without distraction. The reason golf clubs are there is already the public will by past representation and the golf clubs have run successful use of the land over many years, this needs to be considered. Other organisations anecdotally must have had the opportunity to lobby for space for their activities and it would appear have not. To me this plan appears to be somewhat of a knee jerk by disenfranchised organisation that could not get their facilities provided. Again I note the lack of input from the major to minor golf organisations.

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: As long as it grows the game participation in a fully diverse manner. Not at the expense of the current participants and also not at the unreasonable gain of the new against the old.

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Any thing that promotes the natural ecosystems and there sustainability has my support.

Other feedback

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

   Yes if it is to be a meaningful document that can be acted on it mus include ALL stakeholders that when it is published for implementation they all know what they have gained and loss and are reasonably comfortable with compromises made.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Rodney

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: A lack of public consultation

Objectives

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Humanity needs open spaces to stay physically active and healthy.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Humanity needs community to stay physically active and healthy.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Its a golf course, not a reserve.

Key shift

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

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Not enough research and public consultation

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: These are dedicated publicly owned assets that are used for the physical and mental heath of the community. You need to promote their use, not break them up into some kind of one size fits all approach that is community devisive.

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: These are dedicated publicly owned assets that are used for the physical and mental heath of the community. You need to promote their use, not break them up into some kind of one size fits all approach that is humanly devisive.

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Invest in the community facilities (the club house should be centers of community catering across the board to all levels of society). Create a socially friendly health revolution that widens the community use of their clubhouse and facilities. There could be soft ball arena's, gymnasiums, tennis courts, etc (each club having three extra facilities).

Other feedback

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

   We need lateral solutions to people problems, not reactive ones.

   Widen each clubs scope so they end up providing exercise areas for all at the smallest cost.

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Your local board: Rodney

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Because they are golf course for golfers and a huge number of people play golf

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

   I don't know

   Tell us why:

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: They already are using best practice so why change things that are ok now

Key shift

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

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

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

Don't support

Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The golf course are beautiful green spaces in the city. Leave them alone

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There are plenty of parks and areas for people to use for their recreation and enjoyment. Leave the golf courses alone

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I don’t support because they are already being managed well.

Other feedback

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

   Leave your hands off the courses. Stop meddling

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Rodney

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Lots of words that actually says nothing, but sounds that golfing facilities are likely to be reduced

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Council is trying to fix something that ain't broken

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Plan looks like a lot of "hot air"

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Leave it as it is. Council need not interfere

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

   Golf will look after itself...Council tinkering not required

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Rodney

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I have no confidence in the current local government. They have made disastrous changes to the CDB and the city is worse than it was before the super city was created. The bicycle lanes are not used and parking in the city has been greatly reduced to the detriment of local businesses.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I am a golfer and enjoy the range of courses I can play.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I don't think Auckland government is capable of dealing with this issue.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Rodney

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The Council does not have the expertise to work out what recreation facilities the public wants and needs.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: If this actually means you plan to get rid of the golf courses, I do not support it.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf courses are being used by many Aucklanders across various age groups. My personal observation is that golf courses are being used more often than our local tennis courts or soccer fields. And yet, I do not see the council wanting to repurpose those recreational facilities. Golf courses encourage people with a variety of physical abilities to get out, exercise and socialise. These are all aspects of people's lives, especially for seniors, that should be encouraged by the council versus sitting on the side lines watching younger people play hockey, rugby, soccer, etc.

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Rodney

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This is not an investment plan, I do not believe Auckland Council directly invests in any golf facilities or golf course. Yes there are foregone opportunity costs if the land was developed, but the facts are there are significant recreation and environmental outcomes already being provided to the Auckland community at no cost to Council. This is unlike other parks, reserves and sport pitches which require direct OPEX and CAPEX.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The document is very light on how Auckland Council seeks to achieve improved outcomes. Currently the facilities are open to all Aucklanders. It is a misnomer that they are exclusive, we as rate payers have a choice whether we want to participate in different recreational pursuits, golf being one of them. Many golf facilities i know of are actively engaged with their communities through different events and activities.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This is already happening, it is clear that this document has been pulled together and cites outdated and inaccurate participation data. I suggest the authors check their facts and look at current NZ data, there has been significant increase in participation rates in golf over the past two years in NZ, it is already happening.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: From what i can observe this is already happening. Golf is one sport that has been ahead of this for many years.

Key shift

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

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This document does not give any confidence that anything would be robust. The document and this process is fundamentally flawed, information is out of date and there are no examples of how this would be implemented. It also assumes that Aucklanders do not benefit now. Golf is the number one participation sport for adults and is growing. I would estimated that the golf industry provides a significant boost to the local economy.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Why? Golf currently provides significant active recreation for Aucklanders, from small children to Octogenarians. I don't see any other sport or organised recreational pursuits doing this and at the same time maintaining the facilities and land at no cost to rate payers. Auckland Council could learn a lot from golf and apply the same operating models to other sport and recreation activities, so why change something that is working.

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The golf facilities already have broad appeal. Both my daughter (12yrs) and my son (17yrs) have started playing and i don't. They use the local clubs and driving range facilities.

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: On the face of it this question sounds commendable, but Council should be working with facilities to support and guide them not putting defined targets.

Other feedback

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

I do not believe this plan is a plan to invest. It is subversively trying to set a policy that will enable Council to carve off slices of land for other means.

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Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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

- ☐ Support
- ☐ Partially support
- ☑ Don't support
- ☐ I don't know

Tell us why

The plan is essentially a divestment of golf facilities which has no community evidence that this is desirable as a means of greater community involvement.

2. Objectives

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

	Objective	Support	Partially support	Don't support	I don't know
1	Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders	☐	☐	☑	☐
1A – Please tell us why	There are sufficient existing parks and walking/biking trails and playgrounds without changing the purpose of golf courses				
2	Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups	☐	☐	☑	☐
2A – Please tell us why	The 13 courses provide cheaper/casual access to attract low participation groups. Individual courses can set playing fees to suit now.				
3	Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land	☐	☑	☐	☐
3A – Please tell us why	This may result in reducing the ease of playing golf - more hazards increases difficulty and reduces attractiveness for lower interest groups.				

3. Key shifts

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

	Key shift	Support	Partially support	Don't support	I don't know
1	FROM ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils TO a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders	☐	☐	☑	☐
1A – Please tell us why	There are many existing alternatives				
2	FROM publicly owned land used exclusively golfers TO sport and recreation for all Aucklanders	☐	☐	☑	☐
2A – Please tell us why	There are many existing alternatives				
3	FROM asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses TO a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people	☐	☐	☑	☐
3A – Please tell us why	Golf courses are an existing recreational facility. Rezoning for housing is contrary to involving more participation				
4	FROM variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land TO best practice in ecosystem management	☐	☐	☑	☐

	and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets				
4A – Please tell us why					

4. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Auckland Golf Investment Plan?

These 13 golf courses service a wide range of the community - particularly those who are not able to join "private" courses for whatever reason. NZ Golf and private clubs are proactive in encouraging wider participation.
Applying an "asset investment" strategy to golf appears to be an attempt to rezone golf course land for housing - either directly or indirectly through higher council rating based on "asset"/zoning decisions which make it uneconomic to operate a golf club

Need more room? You can attach extra pages.

The plan has NOT had adequate consultation time/input from the community and is based on both inaccurate and/or outdated information.

There is no evidence to support the theory that the continuation of the use of the golf courses for golf is "unsustainable" and no evidence that other recreational uses of the land would result in their continued ownership becoming sustainable