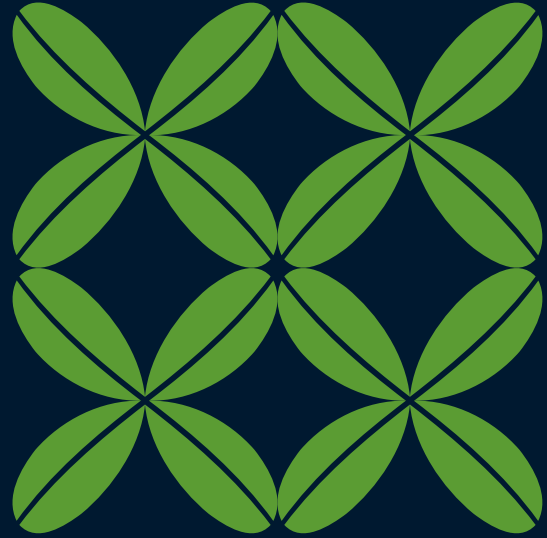
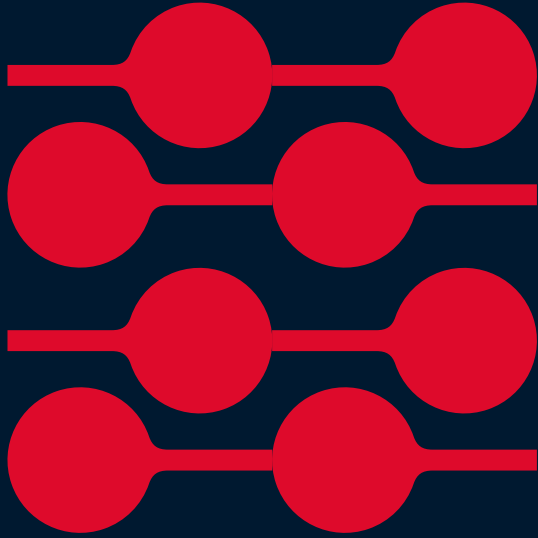




Upper Harbour Local Board Plan 2026 Summary of Feedback





Summary of feedback on the draft Upper Harbour Local Board Plan 2026

Purpose

This report summarises feedback received during the public consultation in June/July to inform the development of the Upper Harbour Local Board Plan. This summary aims to capture themes rather than detail every point of feedback received.

Executive Summary

Local board plans are strategic three-year plans developed in consultation with the community. They set out the direction for the local area reflecting community aspirations and priorities, and guide:

- decisions on local activities, projects, and facilities
- local board input into the council's regional strategies and plans, including the Auckland Plan
- how local boards will work with other agencies, including community groups, central government agencies and council-controlled organisations that play key roles in the area
- funding and investment decisions.

Local board plans focus on the key areas local boards are responsible for and include objectives and some of the key initiatives that will be carried out to achieve them.

Engagement Approach

The draft Upper Harbour Local Board Plan 2026 was developed using feedback received from public engagement carried out between November 2025 and April 2026. Feedback previously heard from the community on a wide range of topics was also considered.

Between 23 June and 23 July 2026, the local board consulted on the draft plan to hear the community's thoughts. Feedback was received through:

- Have Your Say events
- community and partnership events
- written submissions including online and hard copy forms, and emails
- Buzzy campaign for rangatahi (youth).

Support was provided to submitters including:

- translated and interpreted summary draft local board plans and feedback forms
- information at Auckland Council libraries
- online webinars and information available on the AK Have Your Say hub page.

This report summarises the key activities that took place and the feedback that was heard during both the early engagement and the consultation period.



Māori engagement

Mana whenua

In early 2026 mana whenua were invited to engage with staff from relevant local boards in joint hui. The below mana whenua identified an interest in the Upper Harbour Local Board:

- Ngāti Manuhiri
- Te Kawerau ā Maki.
- Ngā Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara
- Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua
- Te Patukirikiri.

Joint local board hui with staff took place with four mana whenua in February and March 2026. Te Kawerau ā Maki were unable to meet at the time, however provided detailed feedback by email and the local board met with Te Kawerau ā Maki in early June to discuss the feedback .

Mana whenua were sent a copy of the draft local board plan in June 2026 and encouraged to provide feedback, either in-person or in-writing. Feedback was received from Ngāti Manuhiri.

Marae and mātāwaka

Regional feedback was received via an online hui and written submission from Te Kotahi-ā-Tāmaki (Marae Collective).

Stakeholder and community engagement

Table 1: Summary of early engagement activities

Activity	Details
Mana whenua engagement – hui with Ngāti Manuhiri (March 2026)	An in-person hui with a Ngāti Manuhiri representative, staff from Upper Harbour, Hibiscus and Bay and Rodney local boards and Ngā Mātārae. Auckland Council's annual plan team joined online to discuss the annual plan consultation.
Mana whenua engagement – hui with Ngā Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara	An online hui with Ngā Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara representatives, staff from Upper Harbour and Rodney local boards and Ngā Mātārae.
Mana whenua engagement with Te Kawerau ā Maki	Provided email feedback as part of early engagement. A hui was held in early June to discuss the feedback.
Mana whenua engagement – hui with Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua	An on-line hui with a Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua representative, staff from Rodney and Upper Harbour local boards and Ngā Mātārae.
Mana whenua engagement – hui with Te Patukirikiri	An in-person hui with Te Patukirikiri representatives, staff from Upper Harbour and six other local boards and Ngā Mātārae.
Auckland Have Your Say (early engagement)	Auckland Have Your Say – November 2025 -4 January 2026. 57 online submissions were received.
Buzzly campaign	Buzzly is a digital platform and app designed to engage with young people (aged 13 to 24) in civic participation, policy making and community decisions. It has not been used in Upper Harbour previously and during the early engagement period five submissions were received from the Upper Harbour local board area via the Buzzly digital platform.



Regional stakeholders hui	In February 2026, an online regional stakeholder hui and in-person hui for north/west stakeholders and south stakeholders attracted 141 attendees.
Whenuapai Summer Series drop-in	Feedback was collected at a drop-in at a Whenuapai Summer Series event in December.. 35 simplified feedback forms were collected.

Table 2: Summary of consultation activities during the consultation period

Activity	Details
Albany Village Library interactive display	The Albany Village Library interactive display was on the wall as you entered the library during the consultation period 23 June and 23 July. The display had similar questions to the feedback form and captured 183 written comments and 227 sticky stars.
Neighbourhood Support Community event on 20 June	A drop-in at the Fernhill Escarpment Neighbourhood Support Community barbeque. This event enabled conversations with local community members who had not previously interacted with the local board. Seven feedback forms and other verbal feedback was collected.
Have Your Say Event -Hobsonville coffee and chat on 24 June	Two local board members attended the Hobsonville Coffee and Chat session on 24 June and talked about the draft local board plan and gathered verbal feedback from the approximately 25 attendees.
Have Your Say Event – Albany hub Chinese community session 30 June	An event for the Chinese community was supported by Harbour Sport and attended by 30 members of the Chinese community. Local board members spoke to the community in Chinese and this was supported by the draft summary document and feedback form in Simplified Chinese. 20 hard copy feedback forms were completed at the event.
Have Your Say Event – Albany hub session – general community session 30 June	An evening community session held at the Albany Hub was attended by three members of the community who provided verbal feedback and took submission forms to complete.
Greenhithe Residents Association AGM 30 June	Local board members attended the Greenhithe Residents Association AGM and recorded feedback from approximately 20 people.
Summerset Village talk on 2 July	Local board members talked to a group of approximately 100 residents and recorded approximately 15 different areas of comment. One hard-copy feedback form was received.
Whenuapai School Matariki event on 2 July	A drop-in at the Whenuapai School evening Matariki event was attended by hundreds of local people. The local board spoke to approximately 30 people in more detail, with 31 comments recorded and four hard copy feedback forms received.
Albany Village Library drop-in on 3 July	Local Board members held a drop-in session at the Albany Village Library on 3 July. Library patrons talked to the local board members in detail and were encouraged to add to the library wall engagement and to submit online using the kiosk set up at the engagement.
Greenhithe Matariki event with Upper Harbour Ethnic Peoples Circle on 4 July	A drop-in at the Greenhithe Matariki event was attended by approximately 200 predominantly local people. The local board spoke to approximately 30 people in more detail, with 31 comments recorded and four hard copy feedback forms received.
Albany Village Library drop-in on 8 July	Local board members held a drop-in session at the Albany Village Library on 8 July, talking to approximately 30 people. Library patrons talked to the local board members in detail and were encouraged to add to the library wall engagement and to submit online using the kiosk set up at the engagement.
Albany Chinese Association event on 11 July	A local board member talked to members of the Albany Chinese Association members and left copies of the summary document and feedback form in Simplified Chinese. Approximately 45 completed forms were dropped at the Albany Village Library
Empower Youth Session (Scott Point, Hobsonville Primary and	An engagement session with 34 young people from Empower Youth. Students were asked to rate how they felt about a number of statement such as “There are fun things in



Hobsonville Secondary schools) on 22 July	my community” and “Walking and cycling are important to me” and then comments were recorded. The event also included a ‘Shark Tank’ activity.
Albany hub session – Korean community on 22/7	A community event at Albany community hub with a Korean translator was held with 29 Korean community members, with 25 feedback forms collected. Harbour Sport supported the event, particularly around encouraging members of the community to attend, and providing information to the Korean community, particularly if they were unable to attend the event.
Other engagement with groups	Local Board members spoke about civics and the importance of providing feedback on the draft plan to numerous other groups across the local board area including: • street meetings and other gathering • Marina View School civics session. Staff hosted events with specific groups including: • Council staff event for northern local boards at Albany.
Advisory Panels session - Diverse Communities (Ethnic, Pacific, Rainbow) Panels on 2 July 2026	The hui brought together members of the Ethnic Communities Advisory Panel, Pacific Peoples Advisory Panel and Rainbow Communities Advisory Panel to discuss priorities within the Draft Local Board Plans 2026. The Chairperson and Deputy for Upper Harbour and thirteen other local boards were invited to the session.
Buzzly regional campaign	Seventy-nine pieces of feedback from Upper Harbour Local Board young people were collected through the Buzzly online feedback platform. Local board members supported a number of Buzzly youth activations including at Rangitoto College, Hobsonville Point School and at the Upper Harbour Youth Council art exhibition opening.
Marae and mātāwaka regional hui on 3 July 2026	Members of Te Kotahi a Tāmaki (Marae Collective) and others were invited to a hui and provided a regional submission on local board plans. There are no Te Kotahi a Tāmaki member marae in the Upper Harbour Local Board area.

Consultation feedback form questions

The online and hard-copy public feedback forms asked the following questions:

Question 1 - *Do you think that the draft Upper Harbour Local Board Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?*

Strongly agree / Somewhat agree / Somewhat disagree / Strongly disagree / I don’t know

Question 2 - *How well do these proposed priorities reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?*

Submitters were asked to rate the following focus areas and provide comments explaining their views:

- Community
- Natural Environment
- Built Environment
- Economy
- Transport

Very Well / Quite Well / Not Very Well / Not at all / I don’t know

Submitters were asked to rate the overall draft plan and provide supporting comments.



Question 3 - *Is anything important that you think is missing from the draft Plan that should be included?*

Submitters were invited to identify gaps, additional priorities, projects or areas requiring greater emphasis.

Yes / No / I don't know

Question 4 - *Do you have any other feedback you would like on the draft Upper Harbour Local Board Plan 2026?*

Submitters were invited to provide any additional comments, suggestions or issues not already covered elsewhere in the feedback form

Translated Materials

The draft local board Plan summary document and feedback form were translated into:

- Korean
- Simplified Chinese

Translated materials were provided in both digital and hard-copy formats to support participation from communities who may prefer to access information in languages other than English.

Summary of feedback

General feedback on the draft Upper Harbour Local Board Plan

Key themes identified in the feedback in all the sections below include:

- Mana whenua feedback
- Stakeholder and community feedback

Each section below contains the 'Objectives' and 'Advocacy Priorities' that have been co-created through consultation with the wider community and are drawn directly from the draft Upper Harbour Local Board Plan 2026.

Community

Objectives

- Our residents take part in and feel a sense of belonging to their community
- Our communities feel safe and supported and are resilient to adversity and change
- Our diverse communities, including youth, are empowered to achieve their goals and aspirations
- We have strong relationships with Māori and celebrate Māori culture and identity in Upper Harbour.

Advocacy priorities

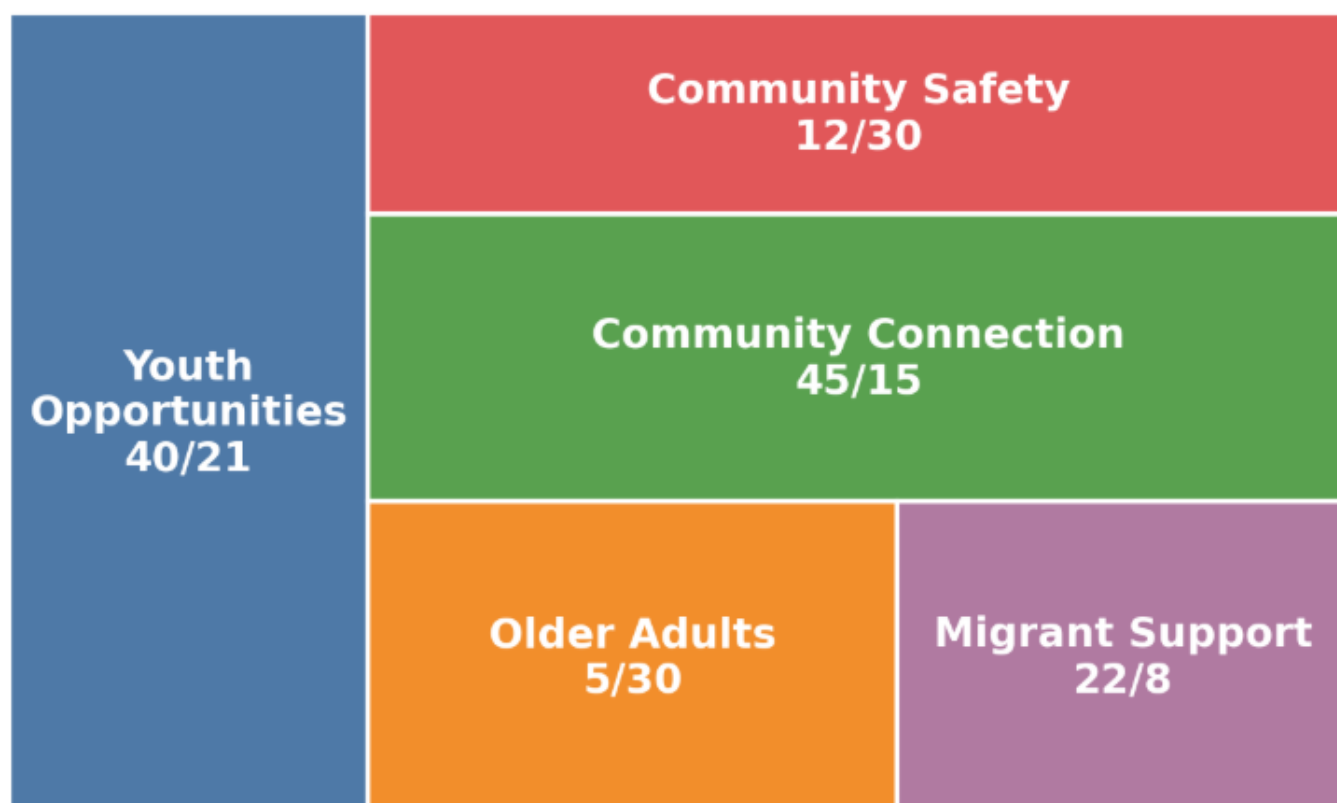
- Advocate accessible, multi-lingual and easy to use engagement methods that suit our residents for both local and regional consultations and engagement processes.
- Advocate for greater investment and coordinated action to address community safety, crime prevention, anti-social behaviour and homelessness, while protecting natural corridors and ensuring public spaces and public transport remain

safe, welcoming and accessible for all residents.

- Advocate for ‘Delivering Differently’ partnership funding to include more than just aquatics, sportsfields and active recreation. This will provide opportunities to partner with community organisations to deliver positive community outcomes.
- Advocate for public access to open space in Te Onekiritea / Bomb Point.
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Table 3: Summary of key themes for the Community section



How to read the graphic above:

Youth opportunities – 61 total submissions identified this space, 40 in support of what had already been identified in the plan, 21 submissions identifying gaps or concerns in the plan.

Of the top five themes that came up in the feedback relating to the ‘Community’ section of the draft plan, *community safety* and stronger recognition of *older adults* were the two themes where there were concerns or gaps identified.



Strong Support Themes	Requests / Concerns
Inclusive and connected communities	More community hubs and neighbourhood gathering spaces
Diverse and multicultural communities	Stronger recognition of older adults and retirement communities
Youth development and youth participation	More youth-focused social and recreation spaces
Māori engagement and cultural identity	Greater emphasis on community safety and crime prevention
Community belonging and participation	More geographic spread of facilities beyond Albany

Natural Environment

Objectives

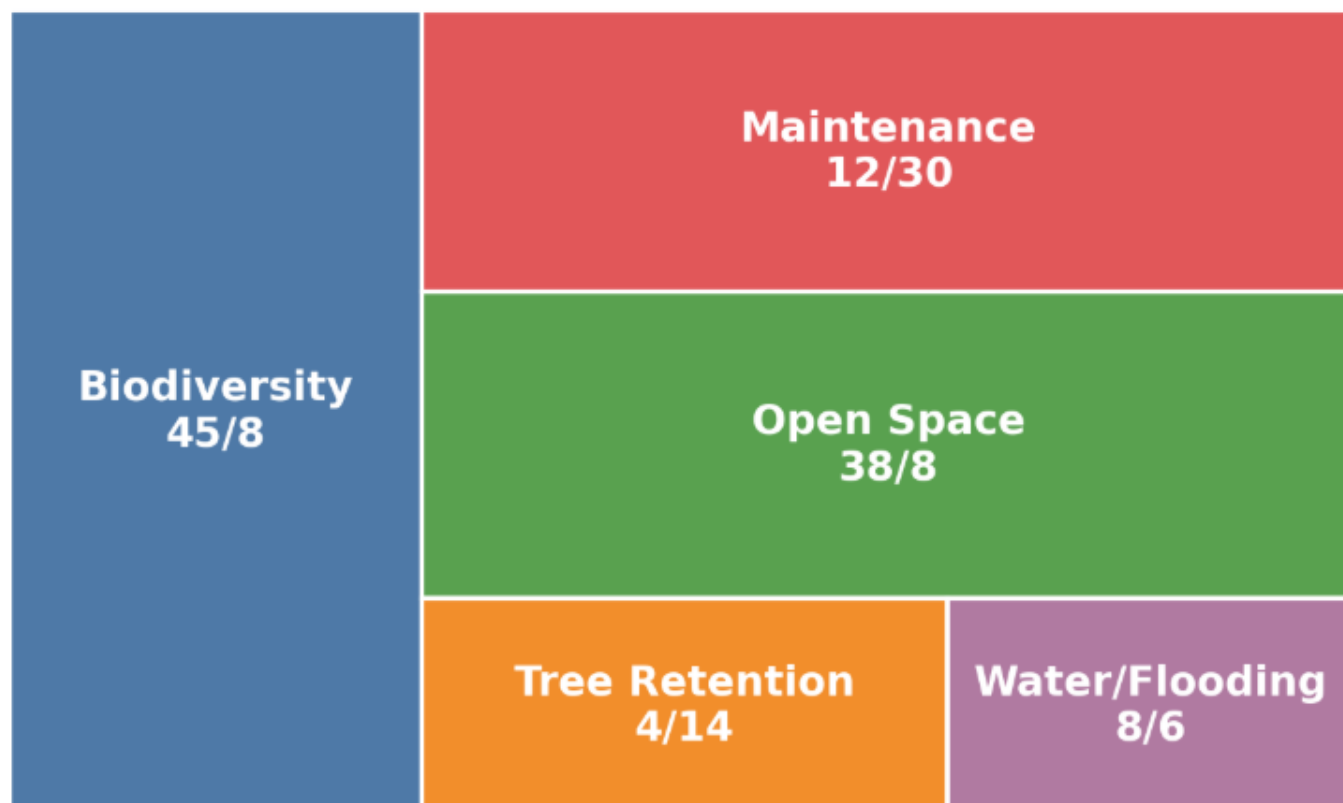
- Our indigenous and culturally valued biodiversity is protected by preserving and enhancing the habitats that support it
- Our communities are resilient to climate change, increasing flood risk and care for their surrounding environment
- Our communities can reduce emissions and waste while building resilience against climate change
- The mauri (lifeforce) of our harbour and waterways is respected and restored
- Support participation of ethnic peoples in developing innovative local solutions to climate change challenges
- Our communities practice kaitiakitanga (guardianship) principles
- Partner with mana whenua, mataawaka and community groups to restore Te Taiao, prepare for climate impacts and deliver initiatives that increase understanding of mātauranga Māori.

Advocacy priorities

- Advocate for planning and funding for infrastructure in growth areas that supports Auckland's climate goals.
- Advocate for regional funding and policy support to improve water quality and flood resilience by scaling blue-green infrastructure and the 'Making Space for Water' programme to mitigate urban development impacts on our waterways.
- Advocate for more funding for compliance and education to ensure that minimising construction and demolition waste is a priority.
- Advocate to prioritise funding, regulatory support and long-term planning to achieve a safe, sustainable and future-proofed approach to managing Auckland's biosolids (treated sewage waste).
- Advocate for continued use of the Natural Environment Targeted Rate to help improve pest control and ecological restoration.
- Advocate to prioritise development of a sub-regional community resource recovery centre in the north.



Table 4: Summary of key themes for the Natural Environment section



Of the top five themes that came up in the feedback relating to the ‘Natural environment’ section of the draft plan, *maintenance* and *tree retention* were the two themes where there were concerns or gaps identified.

Strong Support Themes	Requests / Concerns
Biodiversity protection	Better maintenance of reserves and environmental assets
Environmental restoration	Stronger protection of mature trees
Protection of waterways	Improved water quality outcomes
Open space preservation	Better weed control and reserve maintenance
Environmental partnerships and volunteering	More focus on flood resilience and climate adaptation



Built Environment

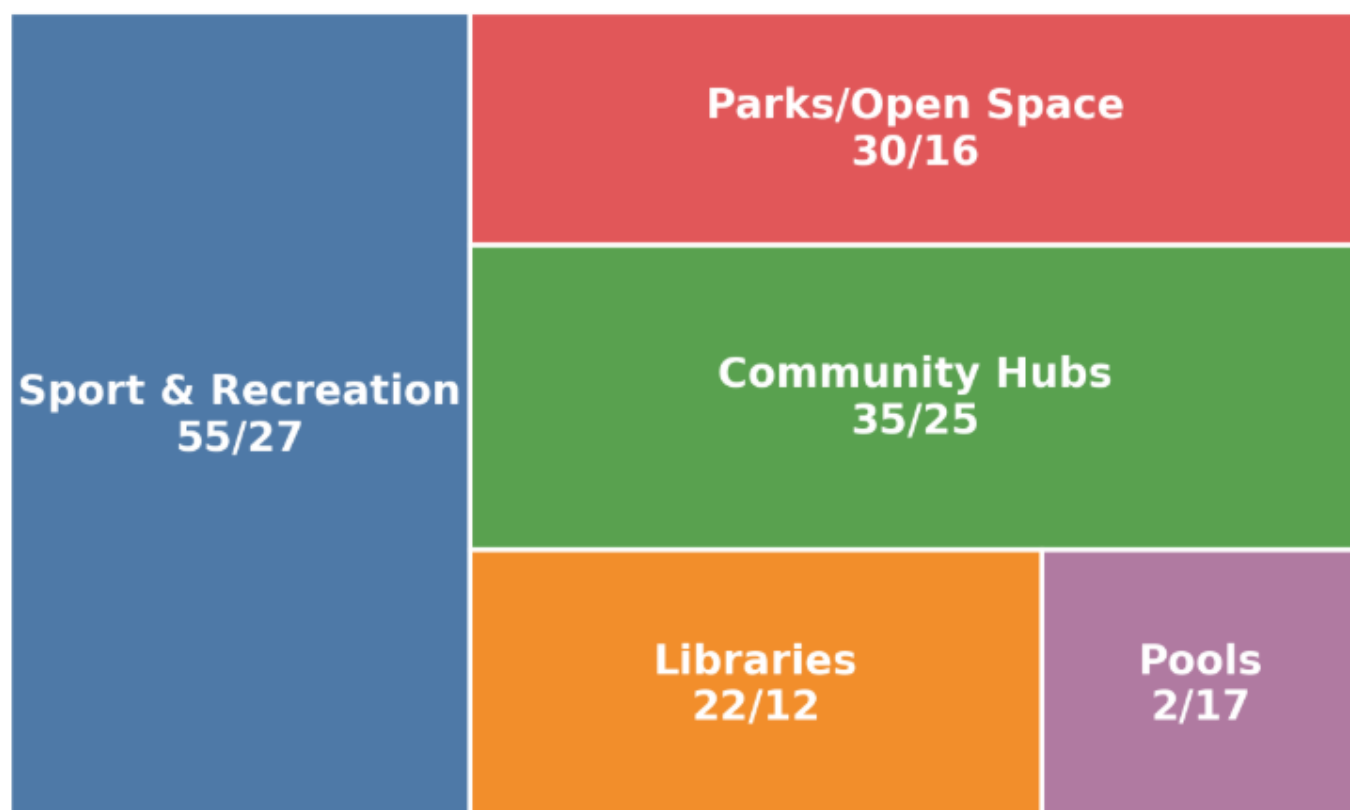
Objectives

- Albany is a vibrant metropolitan centre where people want to stop, shop, dine, work and connect
- Existing public spaces are maximised to strengthen local identity and enhance everyday life
- Upper Harbour has a range of fit for purpose multi-use sports, recreation and community amenities that serve a growing and diverse community
- Partner with community groups to ensure our local buildings and spaces are used creatively and effectively to meet the needs of a growing population.

Advocacy priorities

- Advocate for additional funding to add to existing local board funding for a fit-for-purpose library service in Albany.
- Advocate for more funding to complete the implementation of Te Kori Scott Point Masterplan.
- Advocate for additional mechanisms that support open space acquisition suitable for areas impacted by high growth and intensification, like Whenuapai and Hobsonville.
- Advocate for appropriate planning for and investment in community infrastructure.
- Advocate for appropriate investment to help North Harbour Stadium become a well-used, multi-purpose facility that meets the needs of the growing north Auckland community.

Table 5: Summary of key themes for the Built Environment section



Of the top five themes that came up in the feedback relating to the 'Built Environment' section of the draft plan, *accessibility and availability to facilities, particularly in high-growth areas* was identified as a concern or gap.

Strong Support Themes	Requests / Concerns
Sport and recreation facilities	More community hubs in growth areas
Community facilities	Greater investment outside Albany
Albany Library project	Better maintenance of existing assets
Te Kori Scott Point investment	More local gathering places
Multi-use recreation spaces	Accessibility



Economic Development

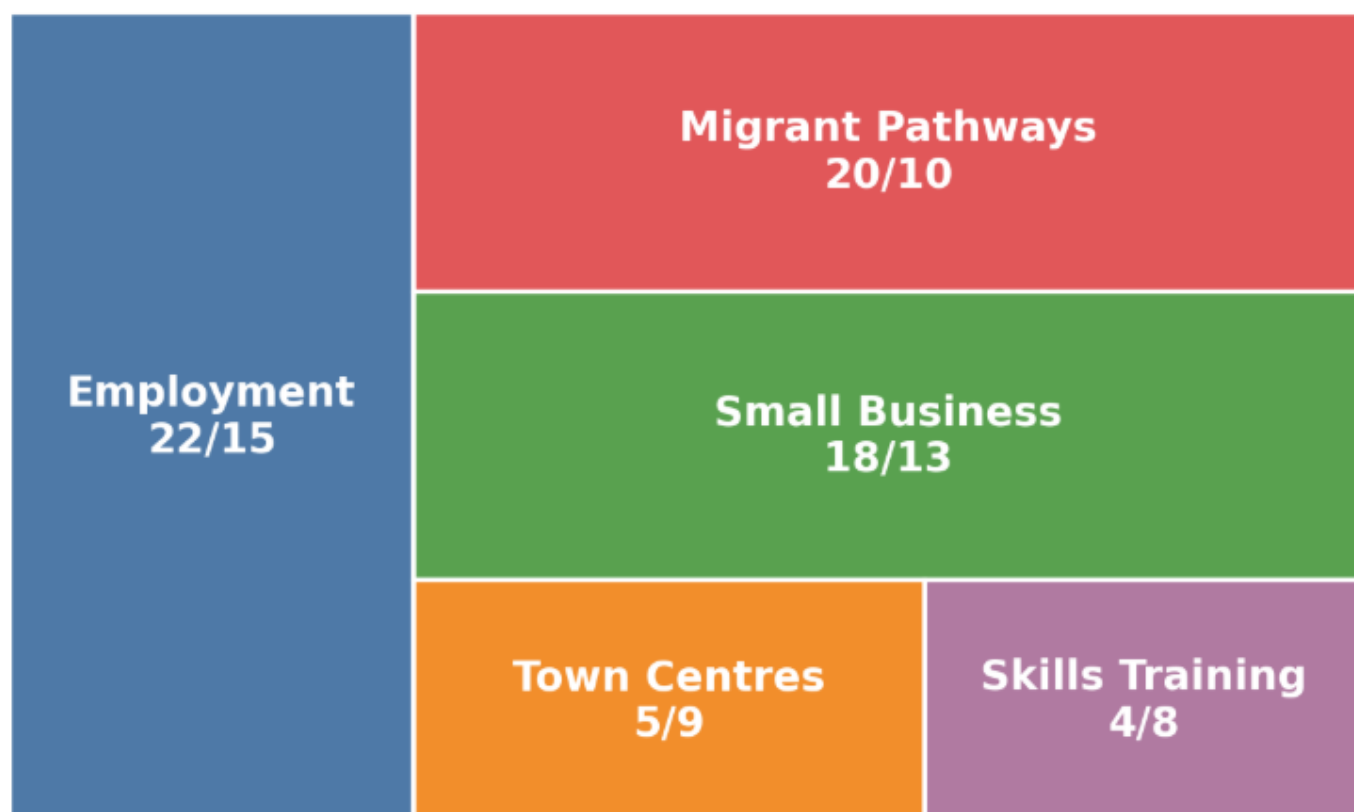
Objectives

- Our local businesses and industry are resilient, sustainable, can respond to climate change, changing government regulations and artificial intelligence.
- Our skilled workforce has ease of access to local quality employment opportunities
- Young people have the skills and training needed for quality, long-term employment
- Upper Harbour is a vibrant domestic tourism destination where people want to stop, play, shop, dine and connect.

Advocacy priorities

- Advocate for environmental sustainability and business resilience and continuity support for businesses.
- Advocate for retail and business land use planning to increase quality employment opportunities within our growth areas.
- Advocate for appropriate public transport and active transport options like cycle paths to reduce the need to use private vehicles to access employment opportunities.
- Advocate for a cross-sector collaborative approach, and investment, to complete and implement the North West Economic Development Plan, in partnership with neighbouring local boards such as Henderson-Massey.

Table 6: Summary of key themes for the Economic Development section



Of the top five themes that came up in the feedback relating to the 'Economic development' section of the draft plan, *employment pathways for youth and new migrants* and *support for small businesses* were the two themes where there were concerns or gaps identified.

Strong Support Themes	Requests / Concerns
Local employment opportunities	More local jobs closer to home
Small business support	More practical support for small businesses
Youth employment pathways	Stronger focus on workforce development
Economic resilience	More vibrant town centres and local destinations
Business partnerships	Greater employment opportunities for growing communities



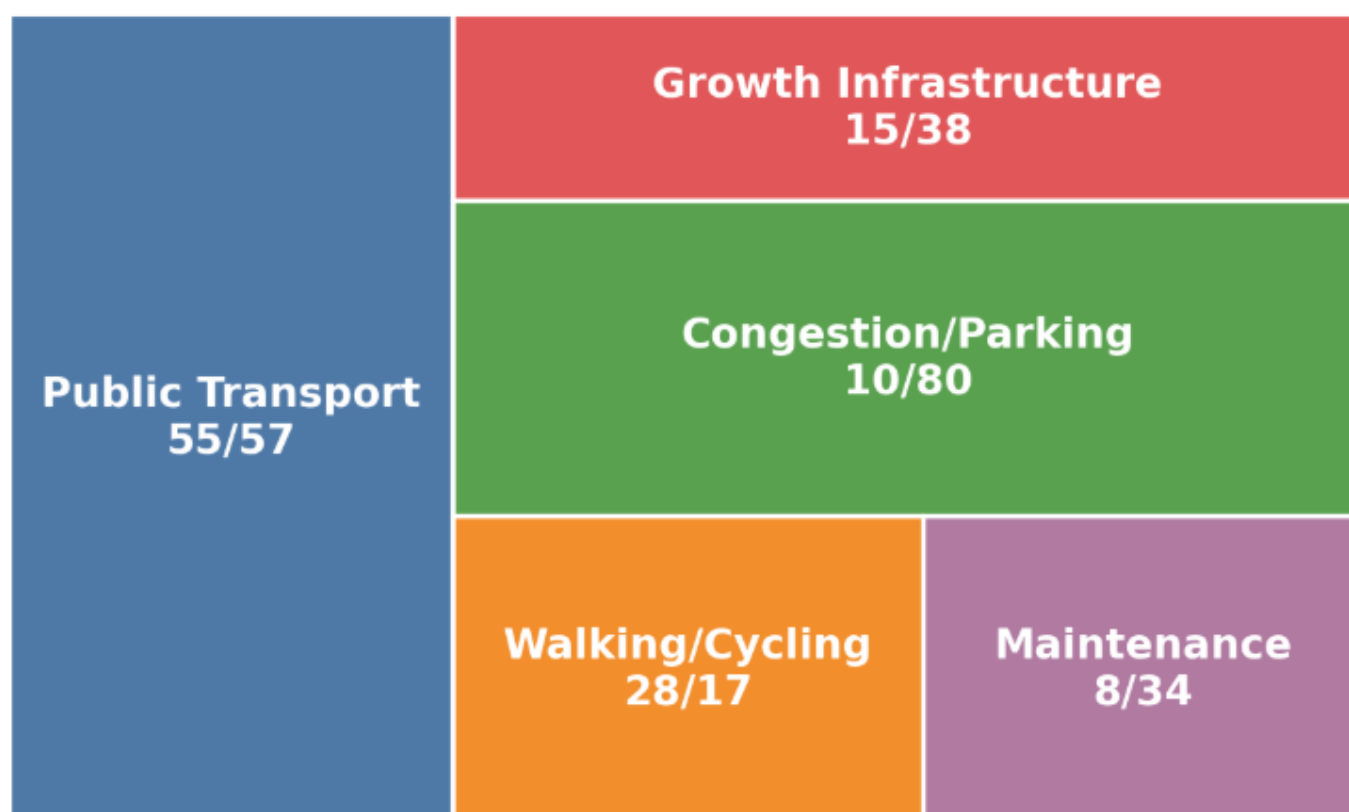
Transport

Priorities

- An accessible walking and cycling network within our neighbourhoods
- Prioritise investment in transport for the biggest transport-related challenges
- Advocate to improve the local public transport network in Upper Harbour, specifically for an affordable, frequent and reliable service that encourages higher usage and uptake
- Advocate to make public transport cheaper and easier for young people to use
- Advocate for Hobsonville ferry to be included in the \$50 a week Auckland public transport fare cap initiative
- Advocate for safer intersections and well-connected roads on arterial roads that are outside local board decision-making authority.
- Advocate for the completion of the Northwest projects including connecting State Highway 16 and State Highway 18, and providing Squadron Drive western links.

Advocate for the prioritisation of the Albany Highway Corridor Improvements.

Table 6: Summary of key themes for the Transport section



Of the top five themes that came up in the feedback relating to the 'Transport' section of the draft plan, *public transport* and *congestion/parking* were the two themes where there were concerns or gaps identified.



Strong Support Themes	Requests / Concerns
Public transport improvements	Public transport coverage gaps
Walking and cycling connectivity	Bus frequency and reliability
Safer transport infrastructure	Traffic congestion
Greenways and active transport	Parking pressures
Public transport affordability	Infrastructure not keeping pace with growth

Other feedback received

A variety of feedback on topics outside of those directly consulted was received. Feedback that relates to project ideas and similar activities will be considered as part of developing the draft work programme.

Who we heard from

The tables and graphs below indicate the demographic profile of those that answered the demographic questions.

Table 7: Ethnicity

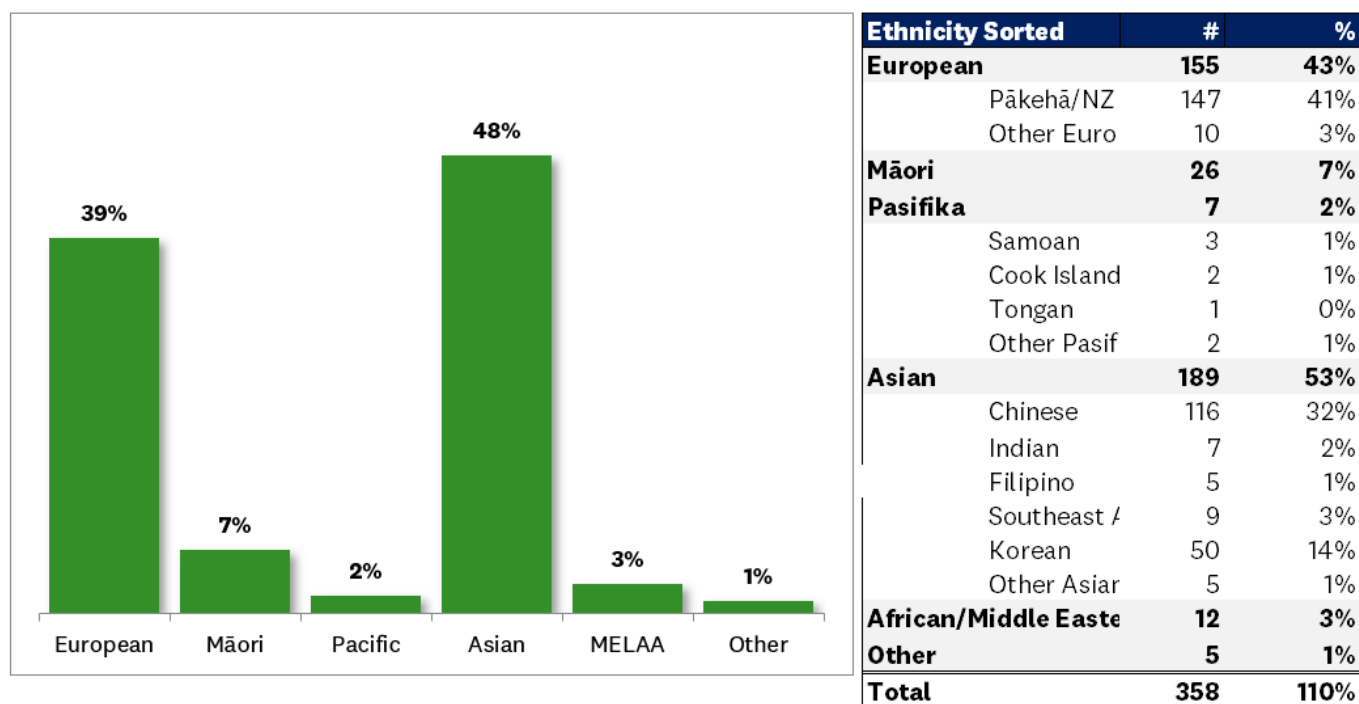




Table 8: Gender

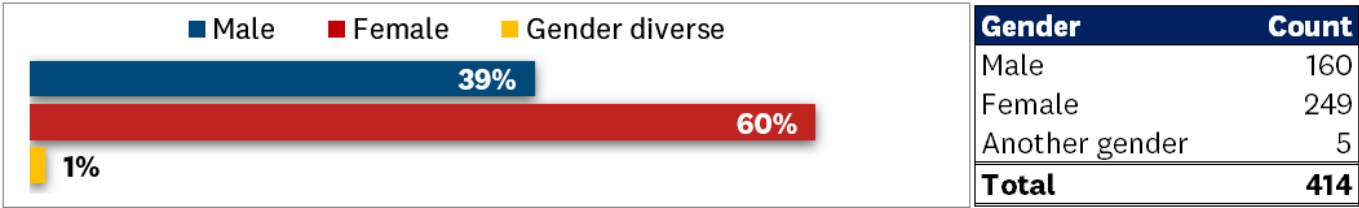


Table 9: Age

