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Draft Golf Investment Plan 2022

Hibiscus & Bays

Local Board

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Why can't golfers be left alone to play a round of golf. People don't have to play a full 18 holes they are able to only play 9. Or they can just go and hit a few balls at the driving range. If you start opening the area up so other non golfers can use the land and then they get hit by a wayward golf ball, who is going to be liable? Not the bloody council I bet.

   We have a cycle lane for those who want to go for a bike ride, you don't see golfers there practicing their swing. You also don't see golfers playing out in the hauraki golf along with the boaties.

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 same reasons as 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: Stop putting the prices up might help retain patrons and help to let lower paid people to play

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

   Partially support

Tell us why: It would be hypocritical of any governing body to preach anything about protecting the environment and then to do nothing about it

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: Not sure what you mean by benefiting all Aucklanders seeing as at the moment you are only interested in looking after cyclists . That is not benefiting to all Aucklanders. Yes all aucklands have the opportunity to use the cycle way but then the same can be said of the golf courses.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Again health and safety, are you the council going to be liable for all the ACC claims from non golfers getting hit by golf balls. Why should golfers make way for others when they are there playing their sport. You don’t see a bunch of cyclists or other groups walking onto the rugby field or cricket pitch during a game.

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

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

   I don't know

   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?**

   Find somewhere else to build your expensive houses that no ordinary everyday New Zealander can afford

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Your feedback

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

   Support

   Tell us why: I agree that this huge amount of land in Auckland that should achieve multiple benefits in a more compact city.

Objectives

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Golf needs to change its image from a predominantly white, rich, elitist sport, and this can be part of it. The rich have enough land in Auckland without effectively exclusive use of an additional 500ha+.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Golf needs to modernise away from a perception of rich and white.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Great opportunity for multiple environmental benefits on this land - stormwater, ecology, carbon sequestration. I imagine golf course fertilizer use is a significant source of contaminants in our streams.

Key shift

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: A region wide strategy makes enables prioritisation of sctions that align with what we want. I want the land to stay as public land, with multiple uses, not sold for housing.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: Golf needs to change its image from a predominantly white, rich, elitist sport, and this can be part of it. The rich have enough land in Auckland without effectively exclusive use of an additional 500ha+.

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Loads of untapped opportunities in golf course land.

Other feedback

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Your feedback

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   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Objectives

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

   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

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

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

Support

Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: At Pupuke we have a growing membership, there is plenty of walking tracks, every time I play we see walkers and sometime dogs, They are welcome. I regularly see cyclists. There are activities to bring new younger members, also especially for women there is She Loves Golf. The club house is used by other groups such as the art classes. It is very well used. If too many people came onto the golf course it could be dangerous to them and the players> i know what it is like to be hit by a golf ball hit from 150 meters away. I was lick it missed muy head by 50mm. So safety is an issue. There is no special requirement to join Pupuke

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: Safety is the main issue

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

   Support

   Tell us why: I agree with new / low participation groups joining, I have given away used equipment to help new members

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

   Support

Tell us why: There is a lot of native planting at Pupuke, I cant wait to see more native birds arrive, I wish the club was allowed to remove some of the old gum trees, which often fall down. Natives are much nicer and attract the native birds

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: Partially support so long as it aligns with the club constitution

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: You cannot mix sports and still have golf safely, why not open up Maraes to sports for everyone

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 would be unaffordable with less courses

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: I support this, but the club is not allowed to remove old, potentially dangerous Gum and Pine trees (they often fall over or break in high winds

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: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Need to keep open green spaces.. due intensive housing & motorways.. Golf is a sport enjoyed by thousands... courses are well maintained green belts... we need healthy sport... Golf is a great inter generational activity.... Golf is enjoyed by visitors to Auckland... They are created for the purpose of golf & need to remain that way !

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 Aucklanders can go to a public golf course & play golf.. You can't access Eden Park & hit golf balls .. can't hit golf balls on a beach ! Any Aucklander can go into a public golf course, hire clubs & 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**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: You either try to learn to play golf ... or play golf on a golf course.. that's how you have a "golf experience"!

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

   Partially support

Tell us why: Most golf courses are invested in the above! Golfers know what's best for golf courses … they can get advice from conservationists but for Gods sake don't let those agenda seekers make decisions

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: Because "robust investors" are agenda implants… like Panuku , paid… often separatists with a race agenda as opposed to a needs agenda. Public golf courses are open to Aucklanders .It's a GOLF course for playing GOLF… I don't play golf but it brings much pleasure to many Aucklanders regardless of age, sex or nationality

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: It's GOLF COURSE !! We have BOWLING greens for bowlers, shooting ranges for shooting, swimming pools for swimmers.

   Who can't go onto a public golf course & try to learn to play ?

   You lot have f**ked up so much of Auckland… ruined parks, destroyed our CBD, intensified housing without providing sensible amenities… car parks… easy access for ambulances ..

   No common sense

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: If I wanted to go to a public golf course I can… I simply don't trust a "broad golf service" anymore than I trust a broad "surf life saving movement" Leave it 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've told you why

Other feedback

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

No

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I paly golf and enjoy it. There are not many 18 hole public courses near the Auckland CBD. We need to keep public courses available, especially 18 hole courses. I do get the fact that they consume large amounts of land for Golf, excluding other sports. I would like to see some of the land assigned to other sports, such as Disc Golf. Such sports can co-exist with traditional golf and encourages wider participation.

   I do not support any of the land being used for housing. We need to retain what green spaces we have.

Objectives

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: As per my 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**

   Support

   Tell us why: Land use for other sports can encourage wider participation. They must however remain 'free' in order to do so. Disc Golf fora example can be as inexpensive as buying 1 $25 disc. Basketball similar.

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

   Support

Tell us why: No comments really, apart from agreeing with the plan totally 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

   Support

   Tell us why: As above. Wider participation as long as some public18 hole golf courses remain.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: Again, wider participation in other sports is a great idea.

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: Again, as long as we retain golf courses, then diversifying and encouraging new golfers is a good idea.

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: Not really sure what this actually means, but obviously we need to follow best practice systems.

Other feedback

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

   We do need to retain the open green spaces. I do want to see this land used for housing. I would like to council to consider increasing the number of Disc Golf courses. This sport is on the increase in participation world wide. Is is easy to play, practically free, suitable for all ages/abilities, great for families and appeals to a wide ethnically divers population.

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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: As a beginner golfer since lockdown I have come to enjoy the golf courses at hand around auckland both public and private.

   Fact of the matter is more and more people are getting into golf naturally and each course is getting busier and busier as it is. Limiting these courses or making them smaller will put increased pressure on them as well as increasing the green fees and rates of the private courses.

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 plan is not centred around investing in the courses to bring them up to your standards, instead, it is investing in changing or removing golf to cater to whats already on offer. Walking is the biggest promoter for AC yet if we use Awhitu (my home club), it is right next door to a regional park. The public often walk through the course to get to and from the park as well, how will removing this course logically increase more walking activities? Golf is literally a walking activity

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: Ill always support the promotion of golf but it needs to be done the right way. Look at TopGolf in the US and Australia. We need more facilities like this for casual people wanting to have a hit, but not at the cost of the current golfing facilities.

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

   I don't know

   Tell us why: The metrics are super vague. I dont understand how Awhitu scored lowest vs less green courses such as waiuku or omaha?

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:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: As stated there is not enough facilities to cater for the current golfing population in akl, let alone reduce this. Have you surveyed the numbers of golfers in Auckland this year?

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Refer above answer regarding vague metrics

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Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There are enough parks for non golfers

Objectives

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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**

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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Your local board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: it sounds great but having walked around pupuke golf course during the lock downs, a simple exercise would be to close the course one day a week so everyone can walk around it without the fear of been hit by a golf ball, no one walked on the greens, etc so

   also why mow hundred wide strips of grass, time to allow the course to resemble a links course

Objectives

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

   Support

   Tell us why: you do feel like you shouldnt be walking on them when people are playing golf - would be great to have cycle paths, etc

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: it amazes me how much grass is mown at pupuke and how few trees are planted along the fairways and between them

Key shift

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

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   Support

   Tell us why:

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: with auckland's increasing population and council's recent decision to seek of its potential pocket parks we need to keep every other piece of open space that there is

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: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Greater use as a public space. More people able to use these green open spaces for activities to appeal to a broad range of ages and demographics.

   I live near Pupuke Golf Course and when we were in Covid level 4 lock down and golfing was not allowed, I would walk every day up to the golf course and I counted nearly 60 people over two-three golf holes - that didn't include the rest of the golf course. There were people walking dogs, kicking balls around, little (and big) kids on bikes, older people walking, joggers, people having picnics... it was AMAZING! Then when golf started up I went back up and I counted 10 people (all golfers). I couldn't cross the golf course as I didn't want to interrupt the golfers and was worried I would get hit by a ball. So sad to not see all those people enjoying the space. There was every size, age, and demographic represented. So sad not to have it anymore.

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: Greater use as a public space. More people able to use these green open spaces for activities to appeal to a broad range of ages and demographics. I live near Pupuke Golf Course and when we were in Covid level 4 lock down and golfing was not allowed, I would walk every day up to the golf course and I counted over 50 people just over two golf holes. There were people walking dogs, kicking balls around, little (and big) kids on bikes, older people walking, joggers, people having picnics... it was AMAZING! Then when golf started up I went back up and I counted 12 people (all golfers). I couldn't cross the golf course as I didn't want to interrupt the golfers and was worried I would get hit by a ball. So sad to not see those little kids running, riding bikes around. There was every size, age, and demographic represented. So sad not to have it anymore.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: I support turning 18 hole golf courses into 9 holes and the rest turned into public spaces for other activities such as walking tracks and bike tracks, forest areas that connect to Centennial Park and Kowhai Reserve. In the case of Pupuke Golf course the

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

   Support

   Tell us why: I supporting turning part of the golf courses into community forest areas. For example part of Pupuke Golf course could that connect to Centennial Park and Kowhai Reserve - a wonderful opportunity to introduce native planting and be a fantastic ecologic

Key shift

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

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Refer comments above

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: Greater use as a public space. More people able to use these green open spaces for activities to appeal to a broad range of ages and demographics. I live near Pupuke Golf Course and when we were in Covid level 4 lock down and golfing was not allowed, I would walk every day up to the golf course and I counted over 50 people just over two golf holes. There were people walking dogs, kicking balls around, little (and big) kids on bikes, older people walking, joggers, people having picnics... it was AMAZING! I supporting turning part of the golf courses into community forest areas. For example part of Pupuke Golf course could that connect to Centennial Park and Kowhai Reserve - a wonderful opportunity to introduce native planting and be a fantastic ecological treasure for future years. Would also be good to have a connection from Park Rise Campbells Bay up to a main transport route (East Coast Road). This would mean people from the other side of East Coast Road could walk (or ride) through a lovely park/forest area down Park Rise or through Centennial Park to enjoy the beaches.

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: Prefer that we reduce number of golf holes from 18 to 9 so other spaces can be freed up to other uses as public spaces e.g. walk and cycle ways, native planting and forests, etc

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: I supporting turning part of the golf courses into community forest areas. For example part of Pupuke Golf course could that connect to Centennial Park and Kowhai Reserve - a wonderful opportunity to introduce native planting and be a fantastic ecologic

Other feedback

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

   Great job Auckland Council - you are on the right track (pardon the pun) - your vision is fantastic. Build it and people will definitely use it. I have already seen a glimpse of what it will be during Covid 19 when golf was halted... a huge number of people that came out to play, exercise, socialize, relax and enjoy the space. This plan isn't a "want" it is a "need"... we need it, the community needs it.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback

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

   Support

   Tell us why: need to cater for beginner golfers and maybe have walkways and toddler playgrounds

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: wondering what "opening up to all Aucklanders" means. Golfers do need to focus on their game!

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: need to cater for beginners and provide the opportunity for coaching

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

   Support

   Tell us why: have clean watercourses and well maintained bush areas and grounds

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: what is meant by "a robust investment framework"

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: how does this work out in practice?? Aucklanders other than golfers need to have self-contained areas and activities so that they do not impinge on sports people. Football fields rather than golf courses would be a better option for access by "all Aucklanders"!!

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: what are theoptions??

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: a planned programme would be good

Other feedback

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

   Any incrusion into well-maintained golf courses would need to be carefully planned and contained to set areas

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback

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

   I don't know

   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**

   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**

   I don't know

   Tell us why:

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

   I don't know

   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

I don't know

Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: Came to mention disc golf. An up and coming sport in NZ a which is really getting some public following from serious sporty people to casual families spending a day out together. Wellington already has a publicly owned golf course that has a disc golf course too and it works. Let's open up more people to the joys and simplicity of disc 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

   I don't know

   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

   I don't know

   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: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: It is based on spurious debatable premise that the Council does not apply to other public recreational spaces. Dubious statements about declining numbers of 18 hole golfers, and specific statements about low usage by certain groups - which the Council do not apply to other public facilities e.g cycling, rugby, cricket etc. These assertions are selectively make to build a prejudiced case against golf on publicly owned grounds of equity in use of recreationally land which Council do not apply elsewhere. There is serious bias in the used to build a case which is clearly simply anti-golf. Sadly, the language used and self evidently desirable but nebulous objectives stated are so clearly intended to produce their pre-determined outcome so the result of the "consultation" is assured! If I ever wanted to secure an outcome whilst appearing to be consultative then the phrasing of this draft plan would secure it...very disappointing.

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: Apply this objective to any publicly owned recreationally focused land and you would find the same issues. This argument should therefore be used to open up all pitches for any sport or organised recreation. Obviously it will not be...just for golf! How is this a fair objective???

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: Good golf facilities are already doing this, with great junior programmes, ladies golf classes, provision of a variety of shorter or twilight competitions etc etc.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Self evident that this should already be happening...and is for the most part. Where it isn't, then it is Council land...sort it out within the current provision.

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: To focus on golf provision for this general aim is totally biased against the sport. It seems increasingly evident that this is all a smoke screen to close some golf facilities under the guise of objectives which by their careful wording are hard to object to, but are largely irrelevant in the context to which they are being applied. This Objective is a prime example of it.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Rugby pitches are exclusively for rugby player, soccer for footballers, cycle ways for cyclists and golf course for golfers. There is no difference...another example of an objective couched in language intended to bring but one outcome....close golf courses. Be honest about it!

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: Depends what this means.....investment will be needed for this....but what detailed proposals are there here?

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Again, it depends on meaning. Why are Council course not beacons of excellent for best practice in ecosystem management. How will this policy change current practice in ways that the current model cannot. It smacks of an attempt to garner positive respons

Other feedback

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

Sadly, unlike many Council consultations I feel this Plan is disingenuous. The phrasing of heavily slanted objectives will inevitably lead to the pre-determined outcome. Publicly owned golf courses are a soft target for those with a particular agenda. One by one, the courses will be picked off or suffer a lack of investment which will reduce their usage and therefore make it easier to close them.

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Your local board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: With Covid, participation in golf clubs through memberships has increased so that many clubs are now full. If clubs are closed or reduced in size I think it will be inevitable that membership of remaining courses will become more expensive and the sport will be more elitist. So the aim of getting greater public use of golf courses may not be realised for those who cannot afford the costs. However, as long as the proposed future use is for recreation then that could be an improvement. I am strongly opposed to golf club land being used for housing, thereby reducing recreation areas.

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: See comments 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: It seems to reduce golf courses that cater for "average" or higher handicap golfers. Instead, it appears to cater for low handicap golfers on some courses and then a variety of Mickey Mouse options to encourage women and young non-golfers.

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 sounds like bureaucratic gobbledegook in order to do away with traditional former local body decisions.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: See earlier comments.

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This provides the "Super City" the opportunity to muck around with these amenities in any way that the bureaucrats who write this twaddle see fit at the time. Experience of the amalgamation suggests decisions will not necessarily be in the interests of sa

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 like more gobbledegook.

Other feedback

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

   Decisions should be made in the interests of all Aucklanders and not be sidetracked by the views of a minority.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Fantastic to not be loosing these assets but making them more accessable. I love it!

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: The spaces are huge - I still think it is important that golf has the space but I am sure they can work together. We NEED more green spaces as everyone is chopping trees for views and building massive houses with no yard or light!

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: Because it is usually only wealthy people that have money and time that can participate.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Because if we dont look after it we will loose it!

Key shift

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

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Because the past hasnt worked

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: Because not everyone can afford to play golf all day.

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: I'd love to play golf!

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: Because we need to look after our environment.

Other feedback

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

   Please no dogs - shared spaces need to be people friendly - no dog poo left to stand in. They chase animals and pee under trees you want to sit under.

   They will chase the golf balls. Please consider this otherwise they will all become dog parks - creating another type of non-inclusive space. Aucklanders need more parks to lie under trees and relax.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Its objectives and proposals make good sense and don't focus on profit.

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: Access should not be limited to those with adequate financial resource to join a club.

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: It will/would improve life experience for the lower income section of Auckland's population.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: We need more "green" (bush and tree) spaces for our future survival.

Key shift

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

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

Support

Tell us why: Because it is the correct focus.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: We need more outdoor sport and recreation facilities as Auckland's population grows.

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: The more people making use of public facilites for healthy activities the better our communities will be.

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: Because I am involved as treasurer of Centennial Park Bush Society and it is succeeding with Pupuke Golf Course.

Other feedback

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

   Possibly make it more specific that golf course land can NOT be sold for housing development.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback

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

   Support

   Tell us why: During the lockdowns, we were able to use the public land on the golf course as golf was not allowed at level 4. . It was fantastic for our family and community. We could picnic on it, throw a ball around, and just enjoy the wide open spaces that seem so rare these days. For mental health humans need wide open green spaces and the Pupuke Golf Course that we used was exceptional. It is such a shame now, that we are back to normal, as we can't go over there and enjoy it. Yes - we do love the Centennial Park forest, but there is some thing about wide open spaces and views that are uninterrupted. We are a family of 5 with 3 children all at primary, intermediate and high schools.

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: the land on the Golf Courses are all enormous, and seems a bit bizarre only using this huge space just for golf. It needs to be shared and enjoyed by all. I do appreciate that if it wasn't for golf the land would be built on and we really need to protect these precious spaces. The earth is becoming too crammed.

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**

Support

Tell us why: The golf course use excessive sprays and weed killer every where. It is not good for the land , ecosystems etc. Its not sustainable to keep treating green spaces like that.

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

   Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: as above

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

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

   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

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Your assumptions around community use a incorrect. Even if you put in other sporting facilities many people would not use them. ANY SUGGESTION of reducing open green space is strongly opposed. THere are plenty of places for more housing other than golf courses!!!!

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: Many are already open to others. The one I have most to do with is Centennial Park which is used for walking and riding by many in the community

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I don't think it is council's role to try to democratise golf clubs many of whom encourage junior golf

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Centennial Park (Pupuke) is home to a wide range of wildlife, has few pest plants and has comprehensive predator control. Centennial Park has an ecological management plan but the Centennial Park Bush Society has been carrying out restoration on the golf

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: Leave greenspace alone. It is essential for everyone even if they never set foot on it. It is becoming one of the few spaces for large trees due to council's ineffective tree protection rules.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf courses allow and protect open greenspace. Filling them with artificial turfs, concrete paths etc will not help our climate goals.

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: Again I don't think this is council's remit.

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: as above, needs funding. The biggest issue for Pupuke is that the club cannot afford the tree management it needs. The course is effectively within a park and council should step up and increase funding for tree management and water course management as w

Other feedback

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

   I am extremely skeptical of any bean counter initiatives around public land like this. The fact that housing is mentioned at all in the document means I oppose it.

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#312

Draft Golf Investment Plan

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Council has publicly owned land everywhere for all sorts of sports eg football, tennis, swimming pools etc. Most of these cant be shared by other members of the public and why should golfers be forced to compromise their enjoyment of golf clubs just because require a lot of land (which Council seems to more and more interested in making money that providing facilities for its ratepayers

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 comments 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**

   Support

   Tell us why: I think Auckland Council should be actively targeting people in the community that may not otherwise be able to afford to play golf

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

   Support

   Tell us why: I am committed to environmental sustainability

Key shift

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

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

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

   I don't know

   Tell us why: This is a woolly objective that means nothing

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: see comments 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

   Support

   Tell us why:

   See comments above

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: These questions appear very repetitive

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: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Have reservations about trying to mix golfers, walkers, cyclists, families etc on a golf course, all at once.

   You may spray a shot off the T onto a walking area, and cause injury and/or shock to those going for a stroll !!

   If you have ever been hit by a stray golf ball you would not have a bar of what is proposed.

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: Refer 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**

   Support

   Tell us why: More people participating in golf would be amazing outcome, but have serious doubts that this will be the eventual outcome, as there are many competing sports and opportunities for everyone to embrace.

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

   Partially support

Tell us why: Best eco practice is a great objective, but needs to be balanced with reality as to the current situation for each course & cost of achieving ideological targets.

Tick the box that the target/s have been reached, but will it make a jot of difference to t

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:

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

   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?**

   As a golfer for over 50 years, I will have to seriously consider the future of playing on council courses, where I may have to compete with a range of other people doing all sorts of other activities on or close to the same area.

   Recipe for a disaster, with many people competing for same outdoor space with different agendas....

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Designed to achieve greater participation in golf across a wider range of people, and maintain the facilities in a sustainable way.

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: Don't necessarily need to open up all publicly owned land to achieve this goal.

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: Need more people participating in the sport to sustain it.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Makes sense to have a sustainable management plan for the land the course is on, in the face of ongoing climate change challenges.

Key shift

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

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Needs to be a consistent approach across the region, but still giving significant input to local communities to reflect their needs. One size all approach will not deliver the most effective outcomes.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: We do not want golfers walking away from the sport if they feel their opportunities to play the game are significantly reduced due to introduction of other golf options that put too much pressure on availability of the facility.

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: We need to have a broad range of facilities that cater for all needs, but not at a cost that requires people to travel significant distances outside of their local community to access the right facility.

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: Makes sense to have a consistent approach to environmental management.

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: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: It Is totally unnecessary and at a time when Auckland Council funds are under extreme pressure, it certainly neither a priority nor a core service.

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: There is already more than enough opportunity for everyone in Auckland to 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**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Again, totally unnecessary

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I am a member of a golf club on public land (Pupuke) and we already wholly meet the above objective

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: Completely unnecessary in this case

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This is the politics of jealousy. Our club, and others like us, cater for golfers of all ages, gender and socio-economics.

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: Again, totally unnecessary and utterly superfluous!

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: We already wholly fulfill this at Pupuke

Other feedback

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

   Stop interfering in matters that shouldn’t concern you and concentrate on providing core services to your long suffering ratepayers!

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I believe golf is a growing sport supporting mental and physical health and adding to the beauty of the 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**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: My particular golf course (Pupuke) already allows and supports the walking public access to the course creating a positive atmosphere of mutual co- operation

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

   Support

   Tell us why: This should and does already happen without compromising the current use of the course eg "she loves golf"

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Golf course are encouraged to operate in an environmentally friendly way

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: Subject to council being aware of the true facts in any situation and acting sensibly

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: As long as the condition of the golf course is not compromised

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 are historical in nature and should not be compromised

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: Golf course are encouraged to consider the environmental impact of their land management

Other feedback

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

   I believe , despite the headlines suggesting a diminshing interest, golf is a growing sport (as shown by factual evidence), contributing to the physical and mental well being of the community. Current courses have a historical significance in Auckland and it would be a real travesty if that were compromised by ill thought decisions. I would hope that a common sense and logical approach be taken in any considerations.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: It's clear that your data is wrong / very out of date. You failed to consult properly with our national sporting body, Golf NZ. I simply don't recognise some of the things you are obviously implying.... and this one in particular is embarrssing for you: QUOTE "public land used exclusively by a small number of regular golfers'. How on earth do you arrive at that conclusion, given that golf is one of the highest participation sports in Auckland and outstrips football, cricket and rugby? How can you present your statement to the public as a fact – it smacks of opinion based on age-old stereotypes about golf. I regularly play with Maori, Pasifika, Asian people from all walks of life and of all ages – it's a wonderful beauty of this sport that when I book a tee time for me playing individually, I have no idea who else I might be playing with at that tee time. That's down to the booking system. I have met so many wonderful people this way. Golf participation is increasing not decreasing and therefore we'll need more space to meet demand.

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**

   I don't know

   Tell us why: What else would you do with the land? It's not clear.

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: Many golf clubs do a lot of good for their communities in this area. Leave it to them, don't impose. At my club, members volunteer to man the driving rage when we have junior trainign sessions.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: It's worth saying that at my club, members have contributed personally over $500k to course developments that include wonderful enhancements to ecosystems (BTW, AKL Council owns the land at my club). Have you done any reserach to identify the extent of me

Key shift

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

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

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

   I don't know

   Tell us why: I don't know because there is NO commentary on how this will all be funded. The funding model for this land is currently green fees and memberships and most clubs don't 'profit'. They maintain this land and buildings and aim for the fees to cover that. The vast majority of NZ club membership fees are tiny compared to Europe and the US. I can play South Head for $30. Takapuna is not much more. These are small sums for 4hrs of active sport. I can go for a (free) walk, run, any other form of exercise at any local reserve, field etc. I don't think turning dedicated golfing spaces into free parks, for example, is adding anything. Who'd pay for maintenance?

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   I don't know

   Tell us why: Because the plan has NO indication of whether participation in any other activity on the land will get anywhere near the participation of golf. I book my tee times the maximum allowable period – two weeks in advance - in order to get a game. There are times courses are so over-booked. Has anyone actually gone onto Golf NZ and tried to book some of these courses. So more golf facilities please to cover the increasing demand.

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: Because what is 'a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people'. And where do you get this view that it's played by a NARROW GROUP OF PEOPLE?

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

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

   Partially support

Tell us why: I think the golf clubs will do this to the guidelines and targets you set and if council pays for the assessments that provide the foundation for improvements.

Other feedback

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

I'm shocked at how out of date your GIP feels. It seems as if one author with a very prejudicial and stereotyped view of golf has put an opinionated plan together that bears no resemblance to the reality. Sure, there are exclusive, private and snooty golf clubs in NZ. But I can't afford to join them and nor can my friends. And the authors of this report shouldn't assume that all clubs are like that. If they were, golf wouldn't be among the highest and most democratic participation sports in NZ would it? It is for a reason, partly that courses exist on council owned land that don't require a commercial return on investment and can, therefore, supply this majority... how shall i Say it... 'low-end' mass market of people like me. Golf NZ has data that proves how embarrassing some of your statements are. I'm an AKL taxpayer and I'm truly angry with a shoddy plan that has no doubt cost AKL taxpayers. You are here to serve us well. This Plan doesn't because the basis on which it was written is so thoroughly biased and incompetent.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Poorly drafted, biased against existing participants, quite clearly drawn up by someone who has strong anti golf views and has not spent adequate time visiting the clubs mentioned.

   Populist, simplistic views of what golf is as a sport, discounts the existing wide use of courses already by the public for walking, e.g. Pupuke, Waitemata.

   Paternalistic attitude towards Asians and Pacifica by believing that changing golf course usage, they will all of a sudden become interested in sport. Furthermore shows a complete lack of understanding of the very high participation in golf by young Koreans, Chinese and increasingly Indians in the game.

   Everyone of the Auckland golf clubs mentioned have a significant number of members that are young Asians.

   Disregards all the existing and planned course development work undertaken by the clubs with regard to removal of exotics and replanting of native plants, see the work at Omaha Beach.

   Completely disregards the health and social benefits golf provides to all participants but especially those over 50 years old. Disregards the full usage of the courses, up to 14 hours per day, 365 days a year, compared to the limited usage of other sports grounds.

   Completely biased against golf. Are the same criteria going to be used for re-purposing all Council owned sports fields? How are you going judge lack of participation in Rugby by a 50 year old Asian woman? There is no chance she could play rugby, but there is every chance she can learn and play golf until she is 80 plus.

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: Reducing the amount of land for Golf, with its increasing participation and games played, is short sighted politically motivated. Existing council leased land already has members of the public walking on the courses.

Will you take the same view and open up other council owned sports grounds to members of the public for other sports activities, e.g. the new hockey fields in Albany, will people now be able to play football on these fields, or run their dogs or use the turf for mountain biking?

Sole use of a sport facility for the designated sport is not uncommon and makes practical sense. Are you going to allow golfers to play golf on the Greenhithe Pony club fields? Allow horse riding on cricket pitches?

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 best left to those that know what they are doing. Auckland Council if they are serious about this, should contract this work to Golf New Zealand and not try to reinvent the wheel.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Existing golf clubs are well aware of their responsibilities and already take care of the land. There is no need to politicize it by trying to bring it under the Global Warming crisis or by attaching Maori beliefs to it.

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: Auckland City Council has consistently shown bias towards the old Auckland areas and neglected the outlying areas such as Rodney, Franklin and Waitakere. I have no faith in them being able to treat any of these issues fairly.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Will you do the same for all publicly owned sports grounds? Will Mt Smart be opened up to ad hoc cricket grounds to support the rising number of Indians living in the city? Will the Onewa Domain netball fields be opened up to sevens rugby? What about Eden Park, opened up to inner city horse riders?

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 not Auckland Council's role, best undertaken by those who know, Golf New Zealand.

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: The clubs affected are already working well in this area and all the council could do is audit against measures that the club in question has agreed to.

   ACC should provide knowledge and experience to the clubs to assist them in future developments on the

Other feedback

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

   This is not an Investment plan. It is an attack on a sport and club members because they are perceived to be of an age, ethnicity and wealth, which upsets some activists.

   Golf clubs such as Clarks Beach and Waitakere have a substantial number of Maori members, and every club mentioned has a large significant number of Asian members. Golf satisfies so many health benefits, incorporates a more diverse group of Aucklanders than any of the mainstream sports, allows people to be physically active and socially interactive well into their late 80's even 90's.

   No other sport includes so many diverse nationalities, or is so accepting of them. Cricket does not have active women players in their 60's, nor are there any significant number of Chinese heritage players. Netball has very few men playing, Hockey not many Koreans.

   Is ACC going to open up all their other sports field and stadiums to other sports is the over riding equity question, or is this just an attack on Golf?

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Whilst I like the idea of opening up the green spaces to be more inclusive of uses, as a casual golfer I don't want any golf courses to be cut up or stripped back. In this case it is likely that the first options to get taken away will be the cheaper courses i.e. Chamberlain (already had one attempt to be taken) and Takapuna which are the two which actually are most likely to make golf accessible to more people. If walking tracks can be added inside around the course without getting in people's playing way or bare sections on the fringes of courses be turned into other things then that is great.

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: As said above, great it it can be achieved without the detriment or cutting up of current courses. If these things can be added into the current formats or maybe with some "minor tweaks". But also get more people into golf, give Auckland youth a subsidy if they want to get into golf. Expense would be the biggest hurdle as to why most people don't at a younger age.

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: Great, lots more people would probably be into golf if perceptions on it were changed and costs could be lowered or just more accessibility was available i.e schools. When I was at school I never got the chance to play golf as a sport but would have loved

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Of course looking after the land is great, especially for golf when the biggest asset is the land and how it performs.

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: Whilst I agree need to look forward, there are plenty of general spaces for "All Aucklanders" to enjoy. Some Aucklanders like golf, hence the amount of golf clubs. There are plenty of other green spaces around for Aucklanders to use.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Plenty of other spaces already for all Aucklanders. If extra things can be incorporated into current golf formats then all good.

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: Getting the game of golf out to more people will be great. I wish I had more options in it when growing up. But as long as the cheaper courses stay because those are the likely starting points for people to get involved, Chamberlain and Takapuna especial

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: Looking after the land is always a good thing

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: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I think there already alot of places for people to use for outdoor activities so why take out existing golf courses. Also whats stopping council from selling land or developing into houses etc to make money

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 above there is already many parks/beaches/footpaths for people to use

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: could be good for people as currently not alot of practise facilities but people can practise by playing on courses already

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: sounds good in theory but surely golf course have positive effect rather than developments of houses etc

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: golf can be expensive for everyday joe lower prices would be beneficial but how realistic considering costs of upkeep of courses

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Tell us why: as above there are alot of places for general public to use already

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: make better courses and more doesnt seem important to add a 'broad golf service'

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?**

   Like the idea of making courses cheaper but not at the cost of the quality of the courses or selling out land for more financial gain/destruction of parks for housing

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Having an increased interest from the public to grow the game of golf in NZ is important, the Auckland region needs to grow outwards not be further compacted or compressed by closing golf courses to build more houses in exisiting suburbs.

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 feel there are plenty of open spaces/reserves and beaches for young families to use for exercise or other recreational activities. Having children run onto an active course wouldn't be an ideal situation for both parents and golfers

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: Growing the game is always a positive

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

   Support

   Tell us why: If there are ideas to re develop/design parts of existing golf courses to improve local ecosystems then that is a great idea, water recycling options would be great if applicable

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: Increasing pressure on local courses to be used for new or additional housing is not practical, the current density around most Auckland suburbs is enough and removing green or open spaces like golf courses only further compresses these areas and does not benefit all Aucklanders

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Exterior pathways around golf course for exercise is a good idea but having other sports integrated or crossing over with golf courses does not sound functional.

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: The idea to introduce pathway programs to a new generation of golfers, having schools or new clubs promote and introduce the sport to the public and newcomers of all ages is an excellent idea

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?**

   Having an increased focus on growing the interest in the sport of golf within Auckland and New Zealand is only going to help Aucklands current golf courses. Any golf course is a large open green space that should not be considered for additional housing in already developed suburbs as this also does not address the needs or wants of all Aucklanders. Creating new pathways around courses for public recreational purposes can be a good idea to local residents to enjoy these open green spaces and interest people in taking up the sport. Making current courses more eco friendly or bio diverse to promote wildlife is always a positive.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The draft plan has basic fact wrong, you can't tell the public you are informing them and then give them incorrect or out of date information

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: They are all accessible to the public already

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 you bothered to investigate these clubs are doing these things already

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Many of these out let's are well down the biodiversity/eco track, the Nz green superintendents assn works with all stakeholder

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

   Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Parks alongside gold courses are empty, use them

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 have a range of different offers

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: As mentioned the industry is well down this track

Other feedback

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

   Clearly minimal effort has been made to contact and discuss with stakeholders, start again, talk to those who know the facts

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Plans to increase golf participation are to be commended.

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: In the first instance you talk about increasing golf participation. Utilising golf courses to fulfill "other" sport and recreation opportunities does not achieve this. It is robbing Peter to pay Paul. A sustainable sport and recreation plan must allow for "new" sport and recreation land to be made when developing our city....not less as seems to be the case at present.

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: Developing "new" facilities that cater for learners/beginners is to be commended. My fear is that the current plan is trying to "sell off" current facilities as monetary assets and actually reduce the available land for people to play.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Biodiversity is important for the planet. I'm not at all convinced however that Auckland's golf courses are not biodiverse. I would argue that a golf course offers far more biodiversity than ANY current land development project being undertaken either p

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: I think any investment plan has to take into account current users needs and wishes and prioritise these. Putting "new" users needs ahead of the current users needs is neither fair nor reasonable. Providing sport and recreation services for the growing city of Auckland requires investment and allocation of "new" resources, including land, not chopping up what is currently available and trying to make that work.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: What we saw during 2 years of lockdowns during Covid was that our green spaces are used by all sorts of people and are not "exclusive" to anyone. My observation of Takapuna Municipal golf course and Pupuke was that the community embraced these spaces when golf was not allowed and continue to do so today now that golf is back. People walk their dogs daily on these courses, kids kick balls around in the evenings and walkers, runners, cyclists use them through the day/evening as well. Both are hugely popular with golfers and are busy all day/every day. What this tells me is that there are NOT enough golf facilities in Auckland full stop. Trying to package this up as a means to sell-off public land and re-purpose it under this poorly put together plan is an example of a council not understanding the value of putting aside more recreation land as it grows and develops.

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: Why are the "assets" only quantified in dollar terms (land value). Surely the asset is the continued use of the green space over time. This argument has been tried time and again in New York City with various public officials trying to carve up Central

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: Show me how a golf course is any less biodiverse than any other recreational space. I would argue many are more ecologically balanced than any housing development I have seen.

Other feedback

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

Like all organisations the Auckland Council is trying to make ends meet. Reducing the available public land, or "re-purposing" it under the name of creating greater access for all is mostly bullshit wrapped up under a "draft golf investment plan". Selling off public land for commercial gain is not the mandate of a publically elected Council. Developing more recreational spaces for a growing city and population is. Focus on that instead please.

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Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Majority of land and participants already use the land

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: Majority of land and participants already use the land

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Majority of land and participants already use the land

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Majority of land already covering this subject

Key shift

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

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

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

Support

Tell us why: Agree

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Majority of land and all Auckland participants already use the land

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: Majority of land and all Auckland participants already use the land

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: Agree

Other feedback

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

   I understand there are a number of incorrect facts and the council have ignored Gold NZ input on this plan.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: It is negative, misinformed and a totally unfinished product. It represents a missed opportunity and is really a disinvestment plan in disguise.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This is a plan about golf, not "all Aucklanders." "All Aucklanders" have plans like the Open Space plan. This plan should be dedicated to golfing and golfers.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: I support this but your current draft has few details on how you are going to do this. As such, it represents a missed opportunity to do any good.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I support the concept but your Draft shows several golf courses are already function at their target levels and several others are not far off. You make this look like golf courses are failing the environment when in fact they are not.

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 speak American English. I don't know what "key shift" means in this context. Change to capital letters? Probably not. Further, this Plan does not provide the robust investment framework you state.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The public has huge amounts of recreational land available. Golfers have a relatively limited number of courses to play golf on. An investment plan for golf should not have this as a key shift, whatever a key shift is. An investment plan for golf should describe a plan for expanding golf facilities in Auckland. This Draft is a disinvestment plan.

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 a golf investment plan. You are not supposed to disinvest from golf and give the assets to the general public. You are missing a great opportunity to make Auckland a better city through golf.

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Again, most of the golf courses on Council land exceed or are near their targets. Get the rest up to snuff and move on.

Other feedback

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

   Feedback on the Auckland Golf Investment Plan.

By way of introduction, I am Charles Johnston. I hold American citizenship and New Zealand permanent residency. I emigrated here in 1996, to work on a Maori Tourism Development Project in Northland. Afterwards, I taught Tourism papers at AUT between 1998 and 2018. Regarding golf, I learned to play in Detroit, Michigan, at age 10. During the summer school holidays, the Detroit Department of Parks and Recreation gave lessons to school children at the local publicly-owned golf course. Afterwards, we could play at a discounted rate. Seven years later, I made my high school golf team, with an 8 handicap. Upon entering university I had no more time for golf so I effectively gave it up until just before retirement. I have been a member at Pupuke G.C. since 2016.

I would like to thank the Council, and Pupuke Golf Club, for forwarding this document and allowing feedback. I will refer to this document as the Draft.

This document is entitled: the Auckland Golf Investment Plan. However, it has no actual title page, which is just the first of many omissions. Some opening obvious points: Having the word "golf" in the title means the text should be directed towards the game of golf and golfers. Investment, according to the Cambridge English Dictionary is "the act of putting money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or get an advantage, or the money, effort, time, etc. used to do this:"

I note that the first 13 pages of the Draft do not address the word "investment" as it applies to golf and golfers.

My initial reaction upon reading this document was that it is not even close to being a finished policy. Most websites written on the subject of 'how to write public policy' assert that it is important to write with a consistent voice and tone throughout. This Draft fails this criterion utterly. The first thirteen pages or so are negative in tone and overtly hostile towards golf, golfers and golf investment. Afterwards, the Draft becomes more positive in tone and contains some good suggestions. However, the Draft in its current state is so unfinished it would not be useful to make close comments, as I would do when I was marking students. Therefore, I will limit my remarks to addressing the tone and concepts.

Policy objectives, page 2.

Three policy objectives are listed. The first, "increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly-owned golf land to all Aucklanders" is inappropriate and overtly negative. Surely, the first objective, related to land, should be "provision of adequate publicly-owned golf land for a city with a growing population." This is especially true given the situation that Auckland lacks many types of golf facilities (discussed in some detail later in the Draft). Second, the grammar of the sentence suggests that "the Auckland public" has as much right to be walking around on a golf course as do playing golfers. This seems wrong and is very inconsistent with public health concerns as it would surely increase ACC claims from members of the public being struck by flying golf balls. It also violates the principle of stakeholder salience. Just as race horse owners are salient stakeholders of race track facilities, and rugby and cricket players are salient stakeholders of rugby and cricket pitches, golfers playing golf are the salient stakeholders on golf course land. Members of the public who are walking, riding bicycles, or exercising their dogs do not have as much salience as golfers playing on golf courses. Meaning: they may have a right to be on the land but golfers have more right. Third, the map on page 4 showing locations of publicly-owned golf land indicates that nine of the 13 courses are well out in exurbia. The numerous statements made throughout the first 10 pages of the Draft, suggesting that the Auckland public lacks space for recreation and thus needs to invade golf courses are ludicrous and totally lack credibility. The Auckland public is unlikely to travel to Omaha, Muriwai, or Clarks Beach because the golf course is the best place to stretch their legs. The only three golf courses on land owned by the Council in the central city area are Pupuke, Takapuna, and Chamberlain Park. Chamberlain Park has Western Springs Park on the other side of the motorway. Pupuke is part of Centennial Reserve. Takapuna has Onewa Domain on the other side of Northcote Road. Residents near these courses have adequate alternative recreational land to use. In summation, all text suggesting this policy is for "all Aucklanders" is misguided and

misleading. All text concerning the ‘rights’ of non-golfers should be expunged and replaced with text concerning the rights and limitations of the golfing public.

Why do we need a golf investment plan? (page 3)

Four reasons are given. They are wrong, vague, specious, and unsubstantianted.

Exclusive use of publicly-owned land for golf is not sustainable. Each of the bullet points in this text is highly negative towards golf and golfers. It seems completely in opposition with many statements in the Open Space plan regarding the need to provide of adequate recreational facilities for the Auckland public.

- Auckland Council is the largest investor in golf through its land. What does this mean? Does the Council have any competition? Is it being suggested that the private sector create ‘chain-courses’, similar to Countdowns or Warehouses? Just because it is the largest investor does not mean it invests sufficiently.

- Exclusive use of 535 hectares of publicly-owned land is not sustainable in the face of high demand for urban land and supply constraints. As noted, nine of the 13 properties are well out on the fringes of the region. There is no overall ‘high demand’. Further 535 hectares in a region that is nearly 500,000 hectares in extent seems entirely sustainable. Certainly, this Draft provides no evidence that it is not. “Supply constraints’ is vague and unsubstantiated.

- There are competing demands for this land to provide open space and community facilities as well as housing and business land. As the map shows, selling these golf courses, which this text implies, would not end Auckland’s housing shortage. This draft does not establish what “competing demands” exist, if any. Is there a shortage of “business land”? I don’t think so. Even if there were, it would not likely be where the golf courses are. As I showed above; the public has plenty of alternative space for recreation. I have not even mentioned the 42,000 hectares of land available to the public through the Auckland Regional Park system.

- Trade-offs will have to be made. Why threaten us unnecessarily? This is very inconsistent with the concept of an investment plan, with the text in the latter pages of this Draft, and with the existing Open Space Plan. The public has 42,000 hectares for recreation but only 535 hectares for golf. This shows the need for Auckland Council to create more golf courses.

We have to meet a wider range of community needs.

- It is inappropriate to discuss a “wider range” in the context of a document concerning a single recreational activity. The bullet points under this heading are vague and specious. As written, they suggest Auckland should get out of the golf investment business. This, again, contradicts the text in the latter part of the Draft and the Open Space Plan.

Some Aucklanders are missing out.

This point contradicts “trade offs”. The Draft asserts the existing level of investment is not sustainable but here it is asserted that growing the sport is the goal. Which is it? Obviously, if people are missing out at this level of investment, the only way to fix the problem is to increase the level of investment.

- Opportunity to play. This is not explained. Maybe they have no opportunity to play because Auckland Council has not invested enough in golf facilities.

- Inequity across age and ethnic groups. Yes, but golf is not a Pakeha sport. It is played more internationally than almost any sport. There is more equitable participation in golf than in rugby, or most sports.

- Women and young people have lower participation rates. Yes, and a properly written investment policy would address this, not imply disinvestment. Disinvestment in golf is ageism.

- Pacific and Asian residents have lower participation rates. Asians don't play golf? Clearly whoever wrote this has not been at a golf course lately. Lydia Ko, a Korean Kiwi and arguably New Zealand's highest profile athlete in any sport, learned to play golf at Pupuke. Increasing Pacific Islander rates is a worthy objective of increased investment. How to achieve this is not discussed anywhere in this Draft.

Private golf courses are capitalising on increasing land values.

- Why is this relevant? Mentioning this is not consistent with an investment policy, only with a disinvestment policy. It is misleading and misses an opportunity. Golf courses function as anchors that establish good neighbourhoods. Being located on a golf course raises property values. Council should look to creating more golf courses around which new, vibrant neighbourhoods can be co-created. There is opportunity to create value here. A good investment plan would attempt to maximise this.

Where are Auckland's golf courses located? Page 4. This page is a map. As mentioned, nine of the 13 courses are in Auckland's exurban regions. The map shows large regions of Auckland do not have a golf course where the land is owned by the Council. This map shows the possibilities for increased investment in golf – obtaining land for additional courses in accordance with the proper needs and procedures (discussed in the latter part of the Draft). The map also shows golf courses, on a regional scale, occupy mere pinpricks of land. The 42,000 hectares of land in the Auckland Regional Park system are far more significant.

What changes are proposed (page 5). Four are mentioned. This page lists them, the reasons why and how Aucklanders will benefit.

Greater transparency. Given that Auckland became a supercity (LOL) twelve years ago, it might indeed be time to change governance procedures. However, there is nothing wrong with having a section of the Council dedicated to ensuring Auckland has a solid programme for the advancement of golf. Nothing on this page states a positive suggestion like that. What is here now is mostly redundant repetition of the negative attitude taken towards golf and golfers in the earlier pages. Regarding transparency, this Draft is a disinvestment policy masquerading as an investment policy. Nothing could be less transparent.

What difference will it make (page 6). This page is very draft-like. The problem or opportunity column contains percentages but what do they mean? The middle is column is labelled "key shift" – what does this mean? The answer "All Aucklanders will benefit from increased equity, participation and environmental outcomes" is inappropriate to write in the context of a golf course investment plan.

Page 7 is Contents. This ought to be Page 1 or 2. Leaving the contents page this late shows how rough this Draft is. It is noted there will be three sections. Why we invest, What we invest in and How we invest.

Page 8 is simply a cover pages stating why we invest. The answer is "we have a responsibility to increase public value and to deliver benefits to all Aucklanders". I would respond this is incorrect for a "golf" plan. A "golf" plan would be about delivering benefits to golfers. Either this document is mistitled or the answer is wrong.

Virtually the only area of this section that focuses on golfers is on page 10. In the diagram, for the first time, something positive is suggested. The bottom left 'circle' states the goal is to have more Aucklanders playing golf, to have a network of courses and a network of open spaces. The latter already exists and is discussed in the Open Space plan, hence does not belong here. Four bullet points in the text offer positive suggestions. This text states the Draft aligns with the "vision of the Auckland regional golf strategy." I would note that no such "vision" is stated anywhere in this Draft. There is no Mission Statement, either. Surely one of the goals of the next draft must be to include these prominently. This page also notes We are aligned with the wider Auckland golf sector. No evidence of this exists in this Draft. Components of the wider golf sector have in fact emailed me to tell me they tried to get this Draft

rejected, but Council did not listen. Through the negative tone of this Draft, it appears as though the authors are completely out of alignment with the wider golf sector.

Pages 11, on Maori Plan directions and page 12 on investment principles have nothing to do with golf. Page 11 states Maori principles. Listing the five "tangas" is shallow political correctness. There is no substance. A finished draft would provide direction as to how to achieve increased Maori participation in golf. In the past, Maori golfers have achieved success at the highest level – the PGA – so there is ample precedent for assuming Maori have an interest in golf. These pages should be expunged and replaced with something pertinent to a golf investment strategy.

Section Two What we invest in begins to look like a golf investment plan. Two points are noted: increasing golf participation and environmental sustainability.

Page 14 repeats the distortions of the earlier sections; that having land existing for golfers to play golf on is unfair and that golfers are not representative of the Auckland public. These sections should be rewritten. The graph on the right of the page is misleading. The public have 42,000 hectares of Auckland regional park land to walk, run and jog and cycle in. It is a good situation that seven percent of Aucklanders play golf. The goal of an investment plan should be to raise this to 10 or 12 percent.

Page 15 begins to look like a positive investment plan but only barely. This needs to be rewritten. It is stated that more than 100,000 Aucklanders play golf. This is out of date. Update the facts, at least.

Page 16 Golf for Life starts to look positive. It addresses investing by focusing on youth and women. Good points. Expand this section.

Page 17, on 'targeting newcomers' is highly positive. This page should likely be kept in a revised draft. Many useful features are included; these focus on investments for everyone from beginners to advanced. You could expand it with a page on "targeting increased diversity".

Page 18 starts Section 3. The page focuses on ecosystem management. Page 19 goes into more detail on this. Managing the environment of a large space like a golf course is very important. Golf courses sometimes have the reputation of despoiling the environment. Page 19 states standards and shows how well the 13 courses are meeting them. It is notable that five properties have met them already, and three others are within 10%. This is not a bad record. Carrying on, the previous page mentioned many features of golf that do not exist or are underdeveloped. Surely the first page of a properly written draft would outline the strategy for developing these. Focussing on environmental management would then need to be described in relationship to the nature of the property. As obvious examples, since Auckland is a growing metropolis, and the stated goal in the Draft is to broaden participation, the first goal should be the creation of additional golf facilities. These would include mini golf, driving ranges and indoor practice facilities for beginners. Mini golf, though not true golf, is nevertheless worthwhile because it brings young people into the game. Auckland has very few of these types of facilities. At a somewhat more advanced level, Auckland requires more par-3 and short par-4 courses; it has virtually none at the moment. These different facilities have different environmental requirements.

The Draft states that, for existing golfers, Auckland also needs more "18 hole courses of average difficulty." Agreed. This is a level that public courses can best provide. I mentioned in my introduction that I learned to play on a 'public' course. In America, there are public, semi-private, and private courses. Most of the 13 courses on Auckland land are 'semi-private.' That is, they have members but the public can get a tee time. Auckland has only two 'public' courses, Takapuna and Chamberlain Park. If the goal is to broaden participation, several more are required. To make this spatially equitable, and reach underrepresented segments of the population, they should be scattered around the growth areas of the city. As an example, one course could be built so as to be convenient to the triangle of the Westgate-Kumeu Corridor and Hobsonville Point. Another could be reasonably proximate to the Long Bay and Millwater growth areas.

Section Three How We Invest. This section has nothing to do with golf. The text returns to the negativity of the first sections of the document.

In conclusion, I learned to play golf as a youth on a public course in a city about the same size as Auckland is today. I play golf in retirement in Auckland, a city which has made little investment in public golf facilities. This Draft states that increasing participation of youth is a goal, but there is very little detail and no firm plan included. In fact, this is not an investment plan at all. It contains no Vision Statement or Mission Statement and addresses the wrong audience - "all Aucklanders," rather than the obvious target audience – golfers. While supposedly an "investment" plan, this Draft implicitly states multiple times that disinvestment in facilities is the true goal. Most of the text of this Draft seems written to hurt golfers' feelings and make us feel unworthy to be recipients of Council investment. This is a highly inappropriate tone for a policy document. It misses many opportunities to treat golf as a resource – a means to an end – to create an improved city ambiance that encourages people to live here and enjoy not only golf but all the other amenities Auckland has to offer. It misses the chance to use land in a way that will make Auckland a better place. This text should therefore be expunged and rewritten. The only pages are that are appropriate and worth keeping in some form are page 4 (the map), 16 (Golf for Life), and 17 (table for targeting newcomers). If I were marking this Draft as an assignment by a university student I would fail it. I hope I get the opportunity to provide feedback on a future, more positive version.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The land that Pupuke Golf Club is also part of the Centennial Park - an area that is open to all for recreational walks including with dogs.. This land is one of the few green spaces on the North Shore. It is well maintained by membership and subscription monies. Members freely and at no charge to council ratepayers, their time to maintain gardens around and in the course - once again for all to enjoy. The club house buildings are available for hire - not a monument only for golf members.

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 NZ and Pupuke has been extremely successful in promoting She Love Golf and Make Time Play 9 to women and men of all ages group., thus increasing the numbers of recreational users and increased equity in 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**

   I don't know

   Tell us why: I don't understand the statement

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

   Support

Tell us why: Pupuke Golf Club already does this by working closely with those involved in looking after this environment. For example the Nine Hole Ladies Groups donates money on a regular basis to the Centennial Park conservation group to aid in the purchase of new

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: Ad hoc councils... going back several decades, councillors were invested in supporting the communities for example land was secured so that the public Takapuna Municipal Golf Course was founded.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Pupkue Golf course is NOT exclusively used by its members.

   Takapuna Golf is a public facility

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: I don''t understand the statement. I pay an annual membership fee. I am not playing golf for free. Golf NZ and Pupuke have instigated such programmes as She Loves Golf, Make Time Play 9 and a solid Junior programme to that golf at Pupuke has broad appe

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: Pupuke Golf does this already by planting of new and native trees

Other feedback

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

   I feel that the taking of Pupuke golf club land would severely impact the environment and the well being and well fare of many people on the North Shore, just not golfer.

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Your local board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Sounds like a land grab for houses. You need to provide recreation for all age groups, not just younger people that can still play soccer rugby netball. Golf is a very good exercise for older people that cannot still play younger sports that the council puts heaps of money into every year. Golf is user pays and the council does not have to put a lot of money into these green spaces. All people can walk around paths in council owned golf courses if they are upgraded to create paths for all.

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: Everyone has opportunity to use these facilities

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: Equality is there now. Just promote that everyone can use them now.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: These are natural areas so leave them alone.

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: That's rubbish. It is a land grab to increase council revenues through rates. You have had no community consultation with concerned groups or stakeholders. It is not a democratic process. Why don't you include all the football and rugby parks into the review as well? I bet these make up more land than golf courses, and you have the cost to maintain them as well, which you don't with golf courses.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: All Aucklanders can play golf on council land if they want to. It is open to all now. If you want to make it free to all, then do that and fund that, not try and arbitrarily take land away from this sport. Disgraceful.

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: What are you talking about. You obviously have no idea about how golf is played and the benefits to public and mental health.

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 proven they have no idea what they are doing. Just stay out of diary's plans.

Other feedback

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

   Yes, sort out your port which has caused huge disruption to all NZers, and business right across the country and leave sport to those that know what they are talking about. Just stop interfering in our lives and give back our freedom for personal responsibility. We know best, you don't. So stop being a dumb Dictator and wording these surveys as if you know best. Because you don't!!

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: City golf courses in general are green areas surrounded by urban areas but are always maintained to high levels of natural vegetation and foliage for the natural habitat of fauna.

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: My understanding is that most ARA owned golf courses are already open to public access. Access by the public is invited as long as they respect the park they use and understand that they share the golf course with golfers equity.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Golf is a very traditional game with many rules and regulations. However there has been attempts to have such other sporting activities such as fresbie golf and football golf with limited success.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: In big cities past planning has not taken into account the safe haven for bird life. Golf courses have been the the saviour of much of the current bird life in Auckland.

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: Why change something that's not broken. The green areas within a city boundaries are the lungs of the city.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The more crowded golf areas become, the more polluted those areas become. Humans bring an abundance of rubbish, noise etc that can upset the ecosystem.

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: It depends at what level the golf services materialises. If it means golf ranges or similar it would also mean extra land use.

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: As mentioned earlier, golf green areas are the lungs of the city. Ecosystems are paramount.

Other feedback

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

   No

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf plays a huge part in golfers lives, it creates a hugely positive impact on not only my mental and physical health but every golfer in New Zealand. The environment my golf club in Devonport has is something I haven't experienced anywhere else in Auckland, it is a tight knit club which welcomes visitors and guests. Golfers at Waitemata Golf Club enjoy their physical activity, it's a sport enjoyed by many different generations, our sport has never been more popular and it's becoming harder and harder to get tee times booked in due to the huge numbers our club has seen in registrations. The role we play in the local Devonport community is huge, our club plays a huge part in our members lives, it attracts members from not only the devonport community but from golfers all over the north shore and wider Auckland area.

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 think there are lots of places around Auckland which can be developed for sport and recreation. I see reserves and parks around Auckland which are empty and lifeless. I think Auckland council needs to look at investing money in these tired public spaces which are already there. Golf courses provide jobs, places for businesses/community organisations to fundraise and get together, its more than just a golf course, it's a community space where birthdays and celebrations are held.

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: We already have a broad range of golfing activities available in Auckland. I don't support what has been proposed by the council as it's already there.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Our greens keepers take huge pride in their work on maintaining Waitemata Golf club to the level in which they do.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

   Right now in Auckland there is already a shortage of golf courses for the amount of players playing, I struggle to find a tee time on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday if I haven't booked 7 days in advance. I've been a member at multiple clubs and I have had this problem at Pupuke and Waitemata. This Draft

proposal is so detached from the golfing community and what golfers really want for their sport here in New Zealand. Our sport has never been bigger, and the council should be investing in Golf Clubs not trying to take them away from members. Golfers want to play 18 hole courses with well manicured fairways and fast challenging greens, not liliput chip and puts with overgrown fairways and slow greens.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Poorly researched

   Poorly consulted

   Makes unreliable assumptions as reason for plan

   Logical non sequiturs

   Less than 4 weeks for responders

   Tricky to log in and do survey for many

   Deja vu

   Intensification clearly the motivator

   Survey to 'finesse' plan ie plan is already decided and legal test for consultation not met

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf courses are for golf

   Just as Rugby fields are for rugby and ball sports

   Jingoistic wording on equity doesn't wash

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: Only because you do not seem to know what this means - or it is meaningless - so why affirm?

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

   Support

   Tell us why: No brainer but not something Council needs to or is very able to do - it can dialogue with Clubs to ensure objectives met

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: Ad hoc decisions of legacy councils !? Please speak English! Many are longstanding courses much loved and cared for

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: As above - don't apologise for providing spaces for one of nations highest participating 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: Not sure I understand the wording here

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: Let's succeed in keeping streets and facilities clean first though

Other feedback

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

If respondents are, in the modern way of consulting , just wasting their time on slanted and incomplete questionnaire then one wonders why their feedback is of any use

Who reads these and is anyone ever contacted to elaborate on submission?

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Your local board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: It is very short sighted. Golf courses are in constant use, unlike sports fields that are empty most of the day, most days of the week.

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: A lot of people play golf & the existing courses are always busy. Private courses are extortionate & unaffordable, particularly to children.

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: The more participation, particularly by juniors, the better.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: I'm not a tree hugger, but calving up Manukau golf course for housing was criminal & othe courses should not follow suit.

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: Sounds good, but the golf course land should be kept for golf.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Once lost it will never be lost for ever.

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: The game of golf is 18 holes, so you can't lose the courses.

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: The existence of golf courses has protected the land from development to today. Lose them & it will be gone.

Other feedback

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

   DON'T DO IT!!!!! Save the course we have!

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Much of the information is 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**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Much of the land is already used by the general public and golf is accessible for all ages, and abilities.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: I welcome support for the community to reach out as many clubs now provide free support to physically impaired, youth, and older persons

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Seeing the birds on the course are a great benifit to all

Key shift

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

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Those that do not play the game do not appreciate the exercise and social input one receives, no mater age or physical strength.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Covid was an example of how families were able to play the game. It provided an avenue of exercise for many and a great stress reliever (my personal opinion)

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: I believe there is room for both options. Those that can afford to pay more have a choice but support is there for lower income levels. I can play a round of golf in the Auckland region for $20 to $200.

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: Courses are already looking at the environment and best practice. Support for the greenskeepers from Auckland Council would be a benefit to all.

Other feedback

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

   Golf has seen a growth in NZ and world wide as people realize that they can enjoy this sport no mater their age or ability and they can do it as a family. NZ is very lucky in that golf here is cheap compared to many other counties and other codes. Every sport has costs, do not sacrifice the hidden treasures in our golf courses. Look at what courses are really doing to support juniors, women, minorities, etc.

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#736

Draft Golf Investment Plan

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback

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

   Partially 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:

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:

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback

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

   Partially 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: Health and safety. Golf is golf. Other sports cant be accomodated.

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: Provided it doesnt increase rates. Shouldnt be subsidised playing fees.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: I think this is already being achieved by council. If not you should change your practices.

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: Idealisyic statement.

Nothing benefits all Aucklanders in any activity. Golf is Golf. Cultural Festivals are cultural festivals usually benefiting that culture.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf is golf. There are plenty of other parks for other activities- totally sponsored by rate payers

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: Existing structures work. This is a PC witch hunt by some idealistic person who hates golf.

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: Already answered.

Other feedback

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

   This challenge is a witch hunt by some idealists who feel golf is for rich pricks only. Not true. Multi cultural, all sexes, all ages. Totally inclusive healthy recreation. Golf parks are exclusive use. Get over it.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: It seems to be based on incorrect information about current golf participation in the community. For example, participation by Asians is very high. Some Council managed golf courses also currently permit other activities, such as walking, running, dog walking etc. Also I do not believe private investment decisions should influence Council management of public green spaces. We will need more golf facilities in the future, 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**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: This already exists. Some golf courses are being used by all Aucklanders.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: This should be done in "consultation with stakeholders" or, as I prefer to say - together with Auckland Golf and Clubs who already have such programmes running.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Again, most clubs 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: Too vague. Golf courses should provide benefit to golfers primarily, and all Aucklanders by increasing opportunity for more participation. This would require investment in more golf courses for the increase in numbers participating.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Should not detract from the primary purpose of a golf course - to play golf! Some courses already allow public access for walking, running, dog walking 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: Don't understand what is meant. What is a "broad golf service"?

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?**

   There are a lot of broad based statements about golf that are not correct. Membership is growing, programmes are being run to increase participation, especially by children and women, various ethnic group participation is high, particularly Asian.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: In Principle, I support a Golf Investment Plan. The Draft plan circulated doesn't uses data which is out of date, and also accounts for All of Aucklands Courses, not Auckland Council owned - thus misrepresenting information.

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: I agree with increased equity - this can be done through initiatives which remove barriers to access.

   Increased sport and recreation? if this means opening the course up to walkers, runners, cyclists and other code then i'm firmly against. Golf courses are for the purpose of golf, you don't see golfers pulling up to the local cricket ground and hitting balls off the centre of the wicket? Just like i'm not going to play golf in a regional park walk or the middle of a cycle way. Everything has a purpose, and the plan needs to be drafted with a hollistic view which encompasses all council facilities,

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

   Support

   Tell us why: More courses or facilities in South Auckland in particular.

   Add 18 hole par 3 courses

   Flood light Takapuna and Chamberlain

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Our golf industry needs to find a way to lessen inputs while maintaining quality playing surfaces. It will take time, but will be worthwhile.

Key shift

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

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: We need an guiding strategy

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There are plenty of places which golfers currently don't have access too, the game is growing so we need to cater for the growing need.

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: This is an AND AND for me.

   We have these courses, AND we need to invest in new offerings.

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: Develop and Adopt evidence based best practice.

Other feedback

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

   Anything done for us, without us, isn't for us.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Green spaces are essential and AC cant fulfil any climate and wellness objectives by frittering away - read 'partial sale', 'sale' - our only large green areas in suburban Auckland.

   The language and terminology of the Plan are inappropriate for garnering residents' views. One has to comb through the 'plan-speak' to find the crux of this whole enterprise. What exactly do you mean by 'investment'?

   I've only recently taken up golf, but I know that your facts and generalisations are inaccurate. There is a great increase in golf membership and casual use of courses. Pupuke, for example is used not only by golfers (all genders, ages, ethnicities), but also by walkers, dog walkers, joggers, practising non-members, professional coaching, volunteer gardeners, bush regeneration volunteers, etc. There is a cafe, bar, restaurant, shop open to all. The rooms can be used for special events. How is this not catering for enough people?

   Have you taken into account the tremendous changes to lifestyle that the Covid pandemic has engendered? I see no mention. Noone can predict the extent of these changes yet. During lockdowns, urban green spaces and beaches became even more important.

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: Publicly owned land is already open to all - see my comments about Pupuke land, above, as an example. One of the limits to use of land is that there are balls flying around and not everyone wants to play golf - there are plenty of other activities to choose from. I believe what you are trying to do is make a case for reducing courses to 9 holes, and selling off lucrative chunks as 2 private owners have done. Those private owners have created courses elsewhere; you don't mention that.

You can enhance recreation/sport for more people without sacrificing golf land.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I partially support this because clubs are already doing it. I recently started with the SheLovesGolf programme. Golf NZ doesn't need a lot of prodding to improve golf services. But I object to AC/you wanting to destroy what is fundamental to the game: 18

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: AC doesn't protect trees, doesn't value non-native trees, uses vast quantities of herbicides and other toxins in parks, cuts all grass short in parks instead of leaving long grasses and wildflowers for birds and soil health. And yet you claim to adhere to

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: Leave the golf courses to manage their own clubs and courses. They have the knowhow. Make suggestions, but don't kill the sport by taking the land or developing it or selling it.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This is factually wrong. As mentioned above, many golf courses are used by lots of people for lots of activities. It would be good to get more people off the couch but not at the expense of our precious green spaces.

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 a pretty hazy objective, isn't it? Couched in vague terminology.

   There are already plenty of different golf programmes offered for all ages, abilities. See 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

Don't support

Tell us why: I've already mentioned my concerns about AC and management of the environment, above.

Other feedback

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

Don't open courses to cyclists! You know how quickly wheels degrade tracks. Golf land isn't extensive enough for cyclists. Besides you'd have to cater for city and cross-country cycling - you may as well concrete the entire course!

I hope common sense prevails and you reduce your Plan ambitions to giving advice when required, rather than applying the squeeze to our already depleted stock of green spaces, especially the golf courses.

Surely there are more urgent issues for AC to focus on?

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback

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

   Support

   Tell us why: I don't think it's right for the land to be exclusively used by people to play golf. Land is a precious resource and should be shared with everyone, not just a minority of wealthy people who have the time and money to play golf.

Objectives

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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**

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: Golf is generally played by a wealthy minority. Not everyone likes golf. This is precious land that should be able to be accessed and used by everyone.

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 it’s great that people have realised that use of this land for golf purposes is unsustainable. Would love to see the land put to better use.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: It doesn't address the actual issue, needs more input and shouldn't be one sided

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 comments above, this has not been well thought out

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 you want this to work, work through it properly and don't try a quick fix and prejudice people who don't have time to address real issues

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

   Support

   Tell us why: look after green land and don't build on everything and look after the next generations interests

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?**

   yes, re draft the Golf Investment Plan and give invested people time to participate, don't run roughshod to suit the noise

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#938

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I do not trust Auckland Council. I think you have plans to sell golf land, build houses on golf land and remove it from the green space it currently is

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: I agree it's a huge area of land essentially only available to those who 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**

   Support

   Tell us why: Great idea. My father played a lot of golf and I have played a bit. But whenever I went on a golf course here in Auckland it seemed I was in the way of the pros and too slow and my wife was left with little chance to enjoy herself.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Makes sense, open space is scarce. Anything where this land can help with climate change (trees), flooding (wetlands), wildlife (ponds and wildlife areas) etc is good.

Key shift

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

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: I think council has generally been trying lately to bring it's services under a more consistent umbrella of policy and that seems a good idea to me

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: It's too much open space area just to be available to golfers.

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Like I said before we felt in the way when we tried to play golf here. The different options you mention for people to play golf at different levels of skill, the different forms of golf, encouraging beginners, and also freeing up some of the land for oth

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: These open spaces are extremely well placed to provide different opportunities for outdoor recreation and help the planet at the same time.

Other feedback

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

   The one thing a golf course always does for me is it feels good to drive by!! The green open space is good for the human spirit. In a city there is so much area taken up with harsh man made stuff green spaces are absolutely vital.

   DO NOT SELL THE LAND TO DEVELOPERS! DO NOT COVER IT UP WITH HOUSES AND CONCRETE!

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#1005

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There are not enough large green areas in Auckland and it is wonderful to have Pupuke Golf Club and Centennial Park for everyone to enjoy.

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 feel worried that these areas will be sold off for revenue not for recreation.

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: Yes I would like to see younger people and more females playing golf.

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:

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?**

   I am a 66 year old female who plays 9 Hole golf at Pupuke Golf Club. I have played for about 25 years both 18 and 9 holes. We have a very strong group of 9 hole ladies who play during the week, ranging in ages up to their 80s. It is a wonderful way to exercise both physically and mentally and enriches us with lasting friendships. We also have a She Loves Golf Group for golf beginners run by Daniele Lowe. This has really proved popular. Our membership at Pupuke is increasing because of the popularity of golf. I would also like to see a 9 Hole mens group start.

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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

In my opinion the plan is based on the false assumption that non-golfers feel they are missing out on the benefits of having golf courses in Auckland. Thirteen courses covering 535 hectares is a tiny amount of land. I seriously doubt any non-golfers in Auckland resent these few clear and lovely open spaces. They act as areas of calm, giving green space for visual respite. Some allow walkers and dog exercise -- with restrictions and caution. Many have trees for birds.

We all look at the Hauraki Gulf and benefit from it being there. Non-swimmers and non-boaties don't bristle with resentment at the activities of others in or on the water.

We don't resent skateboarders who have exclusive use of skateboard parks, nor do we resent tennis players, or people who swim in public swimming pools, or BMX riders in their dedicated spaces.

All citizens benefit from recreational spaces, whether they participate or not. Green spaces in cities should be guarded and protected from development and over-use -- in perpetuity. Keeping the city as green as possible is a mark of a good city to live in and determines the wellbeing of the population. Green spaces and trees are vital for human health. This is such an obvious truth we should not have to keep on saying it.

Retain the golf courses as they are.

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					
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 **From what I can gather increased participation in golf by youngsters is already happening in Auckland.**					
3	Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land	☒	☐	☐	☐
3A – Please tell us why Golf courses are key links in green ecosystems which "share" wildlife across the city. Mostly these ecosystems are invisible. But they are still there. Best practice ecosystem					

management is cheaper and more sustainable and allows natural life to recover and flourish. Aucklanders like birds.

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 "Robust investment framework" suggests to me opening up possibilities for "exclusive use" land to be sold to developers. Developers build multi-storey dwellings to get rich. They do not do it to provide housing for the homeless. Come look around the suburb I live in! It is becoming packed with multi-level, unaffordable, treeless, garden-less townhouses. Historic agreements to keep these small areas of green land un-built upon should be honoured by the authority in whose care they are vested – Auckland Council.					
2	FROM publicly owned land used exclusively golfers TO sport and recreation for all Aucklanders	☐	☐	☒	☐
2A – Please tell us why I think golfers keep these spaces safe. Go the golfers!					
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 Are you going to do this with swimming pools too?					
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 This one's a no-brainer. Less spraying. More native trees. Fewer weeds. Less scouring and pollution by stormwater. Better, ecologically managed stream systems. Bring it on!					

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

Thank you for this opportunity and for the very friendly and helpful reply from Aubrey Bloomfield. It can be a dispiriting (and sometimes scary) thing trying to get helpline help from Council. I was told pleasantly but firmly when I rang that there was no such thing as the Golf Investment Plan. Luckily, I found the email address embedded in the website and Aubrey replied and continued to help me until I got this form. Legend.