



Consultation on the draft Local Board Plans 2026

Written Feedback Waiheke Volume #4

23 June 2026 to 23 July 2026



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Have Your Say on the Draft Waiheke Local Board Plan 2026

#123

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Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Very well

Tell us why

We have a young and diverse local board.

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Excellent library, cinema, art gallery & theatre.

Council red tape has put a stop to some of our annual community events like Wharf to Wharf & Santa Parade. This weakens the community instead of strengthening it & should be re-considered.

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

We need to do more of our own recycling on the island, including a composting service which recycles food waste into compost for sale on the island. It creates jobs and cuts shipping costs.

Emergency planning is slowly getting there for climate-induced emergencies - recently local halls were used as information centres & for emergency accommodation. They need to be better equipped & publicised as places to go, though.

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

No multi-storey buildings on this beautiful island please.

Support Short Term Accommodation Register & taxation of property owners who profit from Air BNB holiday rentals which reduce availability of permanent rentals for residents.

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

We need more locally-based council workers who will monitor and clear public water drains of debris along roads, cut back tree growth & other obstacles for pedestrians & monitor the state of roads & footpaths.

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Ferries - good service on the whole but very expensive. Need to be part of the Public Transport Operating Model. The ferry terminal at Auckland needs seats in the queue for elderly people. The waiting room is freezing cold all year round. The point of a residents' queue is that they get on the ferry before the non-residents. This hardly ever happens. Information on late ferries is poor at the Auckland end.

Buses - Very good service on the Onetangi-Matiatia route - frequent & usually on time. In the summer the larger buses need to be used on this route. The new smaller ones are not big

enough for the number of visitors using them & they often go past full. The hop card units are often not working properly lately. Some of the bus shelters are down-at-heel e.g. the Ostend one at the top of Natzka Road.

Foot traffic - Is not well-catered for on the island. I am not talking about recreational walking tracks but about well-maintained pavements for walking as a form of transport to visit shops, friends, family etc. It is a cheap, healthy & environmentally friendly form of transport. Shared footpaths with cyclists are dangerous for pedestrians unless bells for cycles are made compulsory. Electric scooters should only be used on roads.

- 7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.**



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Very well

Tell us why

A very strong board

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

I would love the board to consider the youth on the island, as a worker in the transportation sector, alot of bus drivers are having to deal with problem youth. I propose wananga be organized for the youth, taken over to Rotoroa island. The facilities are all there, the group have to cook and clean and work together as a collective, with the guidance of adults. The youth can learn basic skills like fishing, looking after our whenua, they just want to be recognized and appreciated. And guidance from adults. The teens are great kids but they make poor decisions. 2 weeks on Rotoroa will certainly make them appreciate life and also help them grow

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Personally have not seen much activity around the island, maybe 1 board member is active in helping to clean beaches and waterways, but that is all I have seen

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Not many events around maori culture happens on the island, Pride month has more focus!

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Would the board consider providing all the school kids with free hop cards? Or those with families with low incomes. Once again primary and high school students don't have hop cards because their parents can't afford to top up their cards.

At the ferry terminals, why don't you put up signage to say Kia ora, another thing would be to have a tourist kiosk or a I Site to help tourists make good decisions and provide great customer support

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our *climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations*.

Maybe celebrate more of the Maori events, their wasn't even a celebration for Matariki, attending the celebrations in Rotorua was fantastic, giving thanks at dawn, the concert at the lakefront and a drone show, wouldn't those be part or the arts section? Music is art, we want more family based events, with live music.



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Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

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Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

I would like the final Local Board Plan to more clearly reflect the community's concerns about large scale commercial developments such as the proposed Waiheke Onsen project. This type of development does not align with the plan's stated goals of protecting biodiversity, strengthening climate resilience, and maintaining Waiheke's special character.

The draft plan says "we must ensure that our streams, beaches, bays and surrounding Gulf are protected and enhanced, and that biodiversity is protected and restored." The Onsen proposal involves significant earthworks, commercial intensification, and increased visitor pressure in an ecologically sensitive area, which conflicts with these outcomes.

The plan also commits to sustainable, community scaled economic activity and to upholding the principles of Essentially Waiheke. A large private spa complex does not reflect these values.

I would like the plan to:

- State clearly that high intensity commercial developments are inconsistent with Waiheke's environmental and community outcomes.
- Strengthen the commitment to protecting sensitive landscapes from projects that undermine climate resilience and biodiversity.
- Reinforce that development should reflect Waiheke's scale, character, and ecological limits.

Including this clarity will help ensure future proposals are assessed against the values our community consistently expresses.

Reopening Options for Onetangi Reserve

I ask the Waiheke Local Board to investigate safe, staged reopening options for Onetangi Reserve, an essential walking link for the Onetangi and Waiheke community as well as visitors.

At present, there is no communicated plan for reopening any part of the reserve, despite its importance for local connectivity and wellbeing. The reserve is large, and there are areas where tracks could be designed or realigned to avoid kauri zones, as has been successfully achieved elsewhere on Waiheke and across Tāmaki Makaurau.

I understand that part of the reserve is owned and managed by Forest & Bird, so some progress may require partnership. This aligns strongly with the draft plan's commitment to working with community organisations and mana whenua to protect te taiao while supporting access.

Many residents would support fundraising, volunteering, and restoration work if a clear plan existed. At present, however, no updates have been shared with the community.

I request that the board:

- Investigate reopening options, including track realignment and limited access via Fisher Road (a public road and council asset).
- Engage directly with Onetangi and Waiheke residents about the reserve's future.
- Work with Forest & Bird to explore shared solutions that protect kauri while restoring safe public access.

Reopening even part of Onetangi Reserve would meaningfully support the plan's goals around resilience, equity, climate action, and community connection.

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

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6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.



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Quite well

Tell us why

A comprehensive overview. The devil will be in the detail - and the funding!

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Catering for the non-digital users. Keep the community safe with good road surfaces for shared roads and more footpaths on main routes especially where visibility is limited.

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Retailers and trades need to be included to focus on reducing their waste and packaging - especially takeaway venues. Education via media. Great objectives - well done.

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Encourage and support permanent rentals over Air BnB. A well considered summary.

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Most important to protect Island communities is the sustainable management of visitor industry.

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Great aims, but a challenging environment, limited funding and a say on transport options available to you.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? *Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.*

I would dearly love for the council to take responsibility for clearing road verges of noxious weeds and pest plants. Volunteers can only do so much. Advocate for better funding to go to this and our "jewel in the Gulf Islands".

Well done Waiheke Local Board - a board with deep understanding of the Islands and their needs.



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The plan focuses on the needs of the Waiheke permanent residents as well as acknowledging the tourism industry.

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

A resilient connected community requires a more user-friendly bus service. Waiheke voice = Waiheke clients must be listened to. eg: a Rocky Bay bus that links directly with the Onetangi bus. Bizarre placements of bus stops.

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

There must be a more organised plan to deal with waste minimisation AND pest control, especially pest plants.

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Please do not be influenced by Tataki Auckland Unlimited. Our Waiheke Local Board has greater knowledge of our local needs.

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Consider prioritising footpaths for pedestrians as well as for cyclists. Link buses more successfully. Why a 50 minute journey from Rocky Bay to Matiatia when a simple shuttle bus would be cheaper and more effective.

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The Waiheke Local Board must support the health needs of the Waiheke Health Trust. The Waiheke Local Board needs to offer support for disability services on Waiheke. (i.e: oppose the loss of Waiheke property that helps support those with disabled relations).



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Thank you for changing the lighting at Waiheke Library as an initial step to curb light pollution. Please accept my submission that the Waiheke Local Board plan includes a dedicated, responsible lighting solutions to mitigate unnecessary light pollution on the island. One specific suggestion involved the 28 street lights in Oneroa that can be adapted to BioAdaptive Photo Red Lights and monochrome red light supports, such as those installed in Copenhagen. This will protect, preserve and improve Waiheke's natural dark skies for our vital and unique island and Hauraki Gulf biodiversity and future generations to combat light pollution. This initiative is for both the public safety and ecology with Waiheke committed to conservation.

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Tell us why

It looks good on paper, but it is actions which will matter.

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Very generalised

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Too general again

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

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An awful lot of paper to tell us nothing in particular

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

No mention of the Upper Oneroa bus stop position - already brought up by a business and individual.

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Submitter - Priscilla from the Retirement Village - does not have an email address!



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Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

I am a parent of a child that plays netball. Having played myself over the years, I would love to see the netball courts redone for future generations.

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Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

My daughter practices netball at Ostend Sports park and quite/very often the surface is broken, slippery and even flooded, making it unsafe. Improvements would see it as a much safer surface and also could be used for tennis games.

- 5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?**

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Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

As a netball and tennis Mum it would be really helpful to have support to upgrade and maintain the Ostend Sports Park courts. The surface is currently very unsafe. We would love to host off island teams to expose our kids to more competition, but surface conditions stop us from doing so.

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Keep Waiheke unique - not another Auckland suburb, as it has its own unique challenges and attributes.



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Tell us why

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Youth need more areas for dedicated sports especially our netball courts that are run by council and not safe to use.

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

The netball courts are very run down and unsafe for our kids to use, especially the back part of the court where many accidents have accrued.

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

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We really need better maintenance and upgrades to the current netball courts which is frequently used but not maintained, making playing on these courts unsafe and difficult.



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Under community objectives - change wording to enhance wellbeing of ALL people of Waiheke

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

4. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?**

Not well at all

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Ostend Netball courts need attention

Community swimming pool

- 5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?**

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1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Not very well

Tell us why

Lacks a lot for the community

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Waiheke needs a community swimming pool, all year round, heated.

It's sad to see so many young children not confident in or near water.

We also need netball courts for our players. It is a popular sport on the island and they need upgrading asap!

Skate park - more space - mixed ages.

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Schools could be more involved - especially those older interested in sea sports, etc.

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Not well at all

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Ostend Netball Courts need improvements to reduce injuries.

Skate park

Swimming pool

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

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6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Buses are good but road maintenance could be improved. More footpaths, the Onetangi straight is incredibly busy now with tourist who stumble along our main road.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.

Waiheke is full of young potential - lets support them by providing courts that can be used by our netball teams in winter. Too many accidents are happening as it is UNSAFE.

Swimming pool for lessons - support our local tamariki.

More for the skate park and youth.



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I don't know

Tell us why

Am learning what these objectives are and looking at the "how" things will get done.
Interested in more Do-ey, less hui.

- 2. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Hoping that elderly are included in this? I don't think that people's ethnic backgrounds should single them out. This is an island that is multi-cultural.

- 3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

I don't know

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Each of these need discussions, have options for each that may even accept alternate views, as there may be many ways to reach certain goals. These topics need constant monitoring and what works today may not tomorrow, so updating is essential.

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

I don't know

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

I'd like to understand what is meant by these. Does "sustainable living" include, that elderly care is not sustainable here yet?

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Gosh I see "sustainability & resiliency" written everywhere, but need to see it elaborated with the how to get it back up. There's a real push and pull with those wanting to progress and those who hold things up. Maybe a better flow and input balanced would help.

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Ferries should have to have cash (legal tender) for ticketing. Cash free is not the Waiheke way and the ferries are a lifeline to the mainland.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.

Non-profit groups on Waiheke could benefit from more 'work spaces' that are free or economical.

Our tourism is hindered by ferry pricing.

NZ culture loves camping. We should have better camping and at least another that is easily accessible.

Ferries need to support Waiheke thriving not hinder tourism. Not everyone can afford Air bnb's. We need more hotels, motels and camping options.



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Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Quite well

Tell us why

Very broad in its language. A bit wishy washy.

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

4. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Open green spaces and public reserves/recreation reserves should be a priority.

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

We need safe cycleways for kids and adults to transition/have choice to use bicycles.

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The skate park is one of the most utilised public spaces for our rangatahi. Our 13 year old begs for some nighttime lighting, so in winter can be used after sunset and drinkable water (in summer water comes out of tap very hot and they have to carry several water bottles as undrinkable in heat when needed the most).



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Quite well

Tell us why

It would benefit most people well but as a 13 year old, I don't see much in there to benefit me.

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

It's quite broad but I get the just (sic) and something that could be added or improved is adding night lights to the skate park.

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Because I agree.

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Cause there is nothing that benefits my personal interests. Something that could be added is night lights and cold water and shade sails to the skate park and shade sails only in summer.

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

It's very confusing.

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

More frequent buses to the skate park.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.

Yes, I think you should make the water tap at the skate park cold not hot and add night lights to the skate park.



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Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

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Quite well

Tell us why

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Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

4. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?**

Not well at all

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

We need to safely play basketball and netball in central Ostend. Easy to get to and keep kids out of trouble. Fix the Ostend netball/basketball/tennis courts.

- 5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

- 6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

- 7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.**



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Quite well

Tell us why

Is a good overview but lacks depth in some areas.

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

The focus on children and youth isn't captured well, the infrastructure isn't maintained well - for instance the netball courts on the Causeway are not fit for purpose.

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

More work into reducing what goes into landfill would be good - composting, etc

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

This is an area that needs more prominent resources for the community especially accessibility for all.

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

I don't know

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Not my area of expertise.

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? *Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.*

Community sports facilities are so well used on the island, but only maintained by volunteers or private spaces which not everyone can access - we need this fixed so we can use the spaces year round, for their intended purpose and other uses if applicable.



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Quite well

Tell us why

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

4. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?**

Not well at all

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

We need to fix the courts at Ostend Domain. Over 100 netball players, basketball and tennis

- 5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

- 6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?**

Quite well

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Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Have had kids of my own and having grandchildren now all grown up on the Island, have played on those courts for many years. Would be nice to get courts done properly for future generations.

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

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Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

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1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Very well

Tell us why

Concise guidelines and clear goals/objectives. Hopefully fine tuning and residents/iwi input is added and listened to.

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Clear Emergency Safe zones. Good Bitches Baking set up.

Using Sirens signal emergency i.e: 6 times for tsunami or earthquake or storm, etc.

Apprentice workshops

Police Station not shut - more visible presence. Currently calls go to the city. Boy racers at night.

Possibly push philanthropic approach to wealthy island investors for aged persons facilities/medical, etc

3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Small airbnb not the issue. Large homes that are closed up. Holiday homes have only up to 10 pax staying, how to levy these types? Education/more environmental for holiday homes/water usage, rubbish. Marine - respect mother nature. Fairy lights, etc not helping night sky.

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Smart designated camping and facilities/could help homeless as well.

Holiday homes shut most of the year. Most won't rent long term.

Tiny Home development/community - affordable home.

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

How to get sightseeing only v tourist that spends on island?

All tourist levy \$\$ come to Waiheke not Auckland City or Fullers. Use to keep upgrading roads, facilities then.

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Tourist operators - educate tourists on bikes. Scooters stay on cycle lanes not allover the roads until there are full lanes created from ferry to Onetangi.

Speed calming into Onetangi off Onetangi straight leading to service station/4 square.
Currently a race track.

**7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan?
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Large tourist events over next three years will get bigger. Wineries this past summer on Onetangi straight all had music (loud) events Sat/Sun continuously. Locals can't sleep with windows open on hot nights. rubbish/bad behaviour due to excess alcohol. Some finished 1am. How to manage this? liquor license/noise excessive DJ's outdoors and decibels. 10pm closing for all??

Has Waiheke looked at combustible plant investment for waste/rubbish? Clean burning that can heat homes, etc? Denmark/Pacific Island/Fiji/Vomo currently using. Sustainable, Waiheke first for NZ. Wealthy investors invited to fund or help.



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6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

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See attached file. It was attached to an Easy Read form

Focus Area No. 1 – COMMUNITY

The objectives of the Local Board should be to focus on the health, wellbeing, resilience and potential of **ALL** residents in our community in equal measure.

There is a glaring omission in not mentioning our older community who make up 25% of our population.

Considerations for the Waiheke Local Board re our aging population

I wish to highlight the need for the Board to be cognisant of, and planning for, the needs for our aging community.

Whilst I acknowledge much focus is needed on the well-being of our young people, they too will be older residents in the future who will benefit from strategic planning now.

It would be an interesting exercise for the Board to commission a survey into the housing status (ownership or renting) and the support needs for our older community. I personally have a number of friends who either do not own their own home and/or who have no children or family around to care for them as they age or their health declines. Many of them long term residents who have made great contributions to our community.

I want to highlight a personal situation.

My husband and I moved to Waiheke in 1996. Although we separated 10 years ago, I am his care giver and EPOA – Welfare. He has dementia, diagnosed at the age of 70. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] d

He is now in fulltime dementia care at a Ryman facility in Devonport because there was no appropriate accommodation and affordable services here, for him to remain living in his community of 30 years. This is not an isolated case, e.g. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] there are dozens and dozens of them, not all dementia cases. Our older residents are being forced away from their families and community because we do not have the capacity to care for them. This brings inherent distress, challenges and costs for families.

I made inquiries about the possible availability of one of the pensioner flats in Ostend for my husband as he didn't own a home, only to be told they were not there solely for Waiheke residents. This absolutely stunned me.

We need affordable, safe housing options and fulltime care facilities for our older community.

I believe the Board and the community need to work on this issue as a matter of priority – forget more cycle lanes, more walking tracks, more tourist facilities, more art works in public spaces – we need to prioritise the needs of our aging community. I strongly urge the Board to heed this call.

Considerations for the Waiheke Local Board Plan Draft Summary 2026 – Natural Environment

The Board should consider a ban on the spraying of glyphophate/Round Up. From my 15 years experience in the gardening/horticultural industry I am aware that this dangerous chemical is too widely used indiscriminately. It is banned in Europe. Many users do not heed the warnings that this chemical should not be used on windy days or during times when our precious bees are doing their hard work. Its residue remains in our soils and it gets into our waterways and food chain. An independent food testing lab has found traces in baby formula!

The challenge of Climate Outcome

What in particular? Coastal retreat? CO2 emissions?

What do you know about the damage cloud seeding is doing to our climate and environment?

Whose models/predictions are you relying upon to shape your thinking and decision making?

The science is very divided about the causes of climate change as you will be well aware. There is now a large worldwide groundswell no longer buying into the global climate alarmist agenda. As an example, the use of the RCP8.5 modelling that many of our Councils have used to justify extreme solutions to “projected” coastal erosion, flooding, etc, has been internationally debunked for using the most extreme of scenarios, not hard facts and reality. But we still give it credence here.

I encourage Board members to listen to the many informed interviews Reality Check Radio has done on the whole coastal retreat debate. (RCR can be downloaded as an app)

Building Waste

It would be an interesting exercise for the Board to survey the amount of building waste that goes straight into on-site skips. Much of it could be going through the Transfer Station and recycled through the community rather than going off island.

Water quality

Is there any data available about the level of chemical waste in our soils and water ways from pharmaceutical and recreational drug use, chemical sprays, household cleaners and laundry products?

Combined, these will be contributing to contamination of our soils (through septic fields) and waterways. Many of the household products sold at our supermarkets are not septic friendly.

Maybe an ongoing educational campaign through our local paper and on the ferries' TV screens could highlight this environmental problem.

Comments about the Waiheke Draft Summary Local Board Plan – 2026

I would like to thank the Board for providing the opportunity for public meetings about this and the effort put into its preparation. I attended the meeting at the Ostend Sports Park and found it helpful.

As a newcomer to engaging in this kind of process I would like to make the following observations.

I would have liked a bit more explanation around some of the stated plans as I struggled to get the gist of some of the statements. E.g, "Planning that enables local placemaking".?? ? Or by giving some examples of how the Board thinks some of the plans might be achieved, "sustainable living in healthy home" for example ???

The first consideration for all decisions and investments should have been declared as outcomes benefitting the whole community, rather than creating potential division through its selectiveness.

For me the greatest impediment to the success of a lot of plans and aspirations for our Waiheke community is the chain that shackles us to Auckland Council.

I hope that one day in the near future, we will resurrect the amazing work spearheaded by John Meeuwssen and his team when he was on the Board, and take that battle on again.

I ask the Board to be mindful that it is there to listen to the voice of the whole community, not there to be captured by personal political aspirations or political ideology in its decision making.

I look forward to the outcome of this consultation process.



Health Care facilities and options

I ask the Local Board to be aware that a large sector of our community consciously prefer **not** to use allopathic forms of health care, preferring to engage with many of the highly qualified, traditional therapists providing exceptional results. This care does not always come cheap. I applaud the success of the PHA that functions from the Ostend Hall on Wednesday afternoons, offering its services for koha.

I believe the Board should be supporting this kind of initiative as more and more of our community choose this way for health solutions.

choose

~~Linda Burroughs~~

Postscript. We also need to be addressing the damaging results of methamphetamine and other hard recreational drug use on this island as it is having a massive impact on families.



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3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

4. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?**

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Important focus areas: Transport

Most Important Focus Area: Public bus timetables

Why is it Important: Do not reflect needs of community on Waiheke

Second Focus Area: Buses are Not environmentally friendly

Why is it Important: Roading upkeep as roads not suitable for types of buses

Other Feedback: Timetables need review. Routes too long. Buses need to cater for ferry travellers. Too often a bus leaves the terminal empty having not waited for disembarking ferry passengers. Too many empty out of service uses on road - bus at end of route should wait for next departure. Electric buses are too heavy for Waiheke roads and cause much damage resulting in costly and non environmentally friendly repairs

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? *Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.*



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Tell us why

- 2. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Important focus areas: Community, Natural Environment

Second Focus Area: community

Why is it Important: Similar to my reasoning for 'nature'. A community not based on the economy, will have very different motivations for why it does what it does. They will enrich community rather than make community second hand to the 'economy'. The Waiheke I came to in 1991 was very different than today's Waiheke which is economically driven. And the motivations for why we do what we do are very different than 35 years ago. For us to raise our consciousness, we will be more successful doing it through nature and community than through the economy!!!

3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Important focus areas: Community, Natural Environment

Most Important Focus Area: Natural Environment

Why is it Important: We are connected to nature, in our own bodies, in KNOWING ourselves. Unfortunately that knowingness has taken 2nd place to the economy, and we now think that things outside ourselves is what makes us happy....but that is just a distraction because we don't know HOW to make ourselves happy. The problem is that happiness (true happiness, not distraction) comes from inside the body. So let's find out why we don't do there: read Gabor Mate's

'The Myth of Normal' and Jean Leidloff's 'The Continuum Concept' to give you some clues.

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

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Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our *climate change* goals or *Māori outcomes aspirations*.

Other Feedback: I would rather Waiheke be separate from Auckland, as it once was. And I preferred pre-Roger Douglas NZ to post 1984. Waiheke has a special energy about it, and if we actually went in the direction of raising our consciousness rather than raising the

economy, it could be beneficial to all. But it has to be done by everyone, not just the 'leaders'. The leaders have to bring it into the conversation, but everyone has to be part of it.



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#153

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Submitter details:

Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback:

- 1. How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Very well

Tell us why

Priorities are right eq balance between visitors and residents. Protection of Maori well being, partnership, embedding Te Reo in local spaces and activities, protection of sites (eg pa), of environment, reducing carbon footprint, enhance diversity and community, support arts (music), protect natural environment, seas, wetland, bush, eliminate calurpa, healthy waters

- 2. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

See answers to q1. Especially enhancing diversity. Value to all, encouraging community, supporting the arts, music (not mentioned in plan) and Waiheke History (the Historical Museum not mentioned), apartments for young people - recreational and job opportunities (apprenticeships)

- 3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

I agree with all the objectives. There is a need for responsible dog ownership/walking, especially on beaches. In the bush to protect / restore Waiheke's wild places and wild life (birds, fish, etc)/ reduction of landfill waste. Encourage visitors to protect the environment. Predators and weeds advocacy section excellent.

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Agree with all objectives, not sure about open space network.

With high housing & commercial bldg, should allow plenty of open space (green).

Should not be high rise, should preserve historic areas, should not be permitted to be built on land of cultural or historical significance or architectural

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Encourage local business apprenticeships & internships

The objectives are somewhat vague, particularly around environmental, economic and social sustainability. What do these concepts mean in practice? Wānaka's economy relies heavily on tourism, often at the expense of residents, as shown by issues such as overcrowded buses during tourist season and high restaurant prices. The plan should also recognise Wānaka as an arts and heritage destination, including more than just visual artworks (for example music festivals, sculpture parks and architectural aesthetics). The respondent also supports discouraging the accumulation of property by absentee wealthy owners and encouraging local business apprenticeships and internships.

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

All good objectives. Ferry terminal structures are fine. The problem is Fullers at peak with the crowds on holiday days – advocacy needed? Very off-putting to stand in Q's & then no room on boat. Cycle track progress necessary.

- 7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.**

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute feedback on the draft plan.



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Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Waiheke Island

Your feedback:

1. **How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our islands for the next three years?**

Quite well

Tell us why

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

1. Arts sector is a great avenue to diversify our reliance on tourism/ is tourism bub perhaps higher value less volume.

2. people are lonely, struggling and falling through the cracks on waiheke - big issue!

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Waste reduction

Measure carbon emissions and manage this to reduce our contribution to climate change

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

A. a pump track - proper for 5-16+ year old

B. more mtn bike facilities/tracks in addition to baby tracks at Onetangi sports park.

more recreational activities for youth.

Skatepark is great but limited.

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

good - supporting waiheke as an arts island beyond community markets as starting point.

next step - a subsidized pop up retail space or hub for emerging businesses.

Support collab between businesses and WH school not just tertiary.

Hard to find affordable commercial space on Waiheke - support subsidized space to those who provide high value employment/low environment impacts - next step after co-working at Waiheke connect.

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

MAKE waiheke bus company link bus times with the Island directs as well. Terrible now.

PTOM yes! Walk and bike safe to schools, yes!

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.

If we do not address housing and financial insecurity, we as a collective island can never thrive.

Fundamental basic needs. You must be very very wealthy to currently thrive on Waiheke, and too much tourism is hurting our environment and quality of life although I recognise it's importance in our current economy.



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Local Board:

Your feedback:

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Quite well

Tell us why

2. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Community* in this section?**

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

We need to connect all community, get them involved and caring for the island. Use community groups such as residents' associations to get "buy in". Strong community events, get folk involved in community and environmental issues.

3. **How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Natural Environment* in this section?**

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

* More dog control...

On Victoria Reserve - to be dogs on lead (signs) - protect wildlife & humans

Past road to Tin Boat Reserve - to be dogs on lead (signs) - protect wildlife & humans

Jacobs Ladder (Onetangi)- to be dogs on lead (signs) - protect wildlife & humans

Seventh Ave Steps- to be dogs on lead (signs) - protect wildlife & humans

4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our *Built Environment* in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

We need to support all members of the community, especially minority groups, e.g. the Argentinian community.

5. How well do you think we captured our *Economic Development* needs and priorities in this section?

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Economic development that goes hand in hand with environmental issues/support.

6. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?

Very well

Tell us why, and if there is anything you would like us to consider including in the final plan

Onetangi Road needs to be bike safe (cycleway complete).

From golf course to Totara Rd especially, bridge path/footpaths to become cycleway as well, sealed preferably.

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan? *Including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcomes aspirations.*

Support Māori outcomes but also our other special/unique communities (Latino/Indian Waihekeians).

- Dog education/control especially important with kiwi spreading.

Encourage reporting/feedback involvement for better environment/nature outcomes.

- Start discussion on cats on island is good fit?

This is a good initiative!! ★