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Written Feedback

Whau Local Board

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Support most

Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

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Henderson-Massey

Henderson-Massey Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Do not support most

Tell us why

Not interested in reduce maintenance - Stop scheduled bollard & post-and-rail maintenance.

Need to finish Te Whau Pathway Project to New Lynn because riding a bike on the road is dangerous

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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Need to finish the Te Whau Pathway Project to New Lynn because riding a bike on the road is dangerous and our family do a lot of cycling

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Rail, public transport, cycle ways. This benefits future generations

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centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Residential parking is expensive enough as it is when you are working minimum wage. It is absolute insanity to be increasing parkng fees

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N/A

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Support most

Tell us why

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Do not support

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Support

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Support

E. Prioritise projects identified through the Whau Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan and leverage partnerships to provide a local facility network for the community.

Do not support

F. Develop a Local Parks Management Plan to guide decisions on managing use, development, and protection of all 146 parks, reserves and open space within the Whau.

Do not support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Prioritise: Avondale Reserve (much needed), Water quality of Whau streams (basic responsibility), Engage youths (the future prospectives of Whau).

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Transport - just the basic expectation for a tax payer is to reach where they want without being informed their transport options are cancelled abruptly (often).

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Too much fees increased at one time! You guys make Auckland not a comfortable city to live at all!

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I don’t know

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Support

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Overall, your plan just makes Aucklander suffer more before we start use your facilities. To improve people's living qualities should not be based on depriving our basic living standards! If we cannot survive because of your high fees, we don't need to talk about any quality. Your improvement in any infrastructure mean just nothing!

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Tell us why

It is because the increase in rates does not support the added value of the services. Wages have also been stagnant for the past few years and worse so many are out of jobs. If there is a need to pay for the City Rail Link, charge it upfront with people who are using and not mandatorily charging people with Auckland properties. It's just totally a scam if you increase rates for people who are not even using the City Rail Link.

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Only for the Waitakere Rural Sewerage Scheme, if that is taken out, will it avoid disaster in the future (about three years) if there is no cleaning made? If yes, then I am glad to remove it.

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Tell us why

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Do not support

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Do not support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

More spending where it is not needed. Spend it on lessening council rates instead which will be greatly beneficial to the people in the board area.

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Large playgrounds with exercise machines, open sport areas and large walk paths three people could pass by side by side.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

The fees will affect lower income households however it is a benefit to all kiwis having safer environment

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Tell us why

The Whau local board always supports the community and the culture diversity

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Question 6: City centre

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Support most

Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I am writing to express my disagreement with proposed changes to rates, fees, and charges.

I am particularly concerned about significant increase in residential rates, especially the proposed 7.9% rise. It feels unreasonable, especially given that rates appear to increase every year while the level of council services continues to decline.

In my experience, many responsibilities seem to be falling back on residents. For example, I personally maintain the area in front of my property, including managing trees, lawn, the footpath and driveway. Additionally, the street is not cleared of leaves, which means I have to deal with blocked drains myself.

On top of this, rubbish collection is not included in the rates, requiring separate charges. Given that residents are either charged extra for services or handling them independently, it is difficult to understand the justification for continued rate increases.

I would appreciate a clearer explanation of how these increases are being applied and what improvements in service residents can realistically expect in return.

Thank you for considering my feedback

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Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

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Cleaning and public transport

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Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

I support most aspects of the proposed Annual Plan because investment in transport, water infrastructure, and community services is necessary for Auckland's long-term resilience and growth. Continuing infrastructure renewal and preparing for the City Rail Link are important and largely unavoidable priorities.

However, I have concerns about the scale of the proposed rates increase and the level of transparency around outcomes and efficiency. While the increase is mainly driven by the ongoing costs of the City Rail Link, the plan would benefit from clearer performance measures showing how these investments will improve travel times, congestion, and overall city productivity.

I would like to see stronger accountability around operating costs, clearer long-term affordability projections, and greater advocacy for fairer cost sharing with central government given the national economic benefits of major infrastructure such as CRL.

Overall, I support the direction of investment but believe stronger financial discipline and measurable outcomes are needed to maintain public confidence.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I generally support the principle of targeted rates, fees, and charges where they reflect a fair user-pays approach and reduce pressure on general rates. However, the design and implementation of these changes should carefully consider fairness, behavioural impacts, and administrative efficiency.

Refuse bin/bag exchange fee:

I support this in principle, as optional service changes should not be subsidised by all ratepayers. However, care should be taken to ensure the fee does not discourage households from selecting appropriately sized bins or lead to unintended outcomes such as increased dumping or waste inefficiencies.

Business Improvement District (Kingsland and Onehunga):

Targeted funding for local business areas is reasonable where beneficiaries support it. Greater transparency around measurable outcomes and value delivered by BID programmes would help maintain public confidence.

Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme:

It is appropriate that those directly benefiting contribute to infrastructure costs. At the same time, affordability and long-term cost allocation should be clearly communicated to affected communities.

Residential parking permit fee increases:

Demand management through pricing can be effective, but increases should be carefully aligned with the availability of realistic public transport alternatives. In areas where residents still rely heavily on private vehicles, fee increases may be perceived as punitive rather than behavioural incentives.

Overall, I support the direction of targeted charging but encourage clearer justification, outcome measurement, and equity considerations in implementation.

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Whau

Whau Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support most

Tell us why

I generally support the proposed priorities for the Whau Local Board area for 2026/2027, particularly the continued investment in maintaining parks, community facilities, and local environmental initiatives. These services are important for maintaining quality of life in suburbs such as Blockhouse Bay and surrounding communities.

However, I encourage the local board to place stronger emphasis on practical outcomes that improve everyday usability for residents. In particular, local projects should better support

connectivity to key transport hubs such as New Lynn, with improvements to walking, cycling, and local access routes that are safe and convenient for families and commuters.

Town centre investment should prioritise safety, accessibility, and functionality over cosmetic upgrades, ensuring spaces are actively used and support local businesses and community activity.

Environmental restoration and resilience projects are also important, but clearer measures of success — such as improvements to flood resilience, water quality, and maintenance outcomes — would help demonstrate value for money.

Overall, I support the direction of the proposed options and encourage continued focus on practical, measurable improvements that directly benefit residents' daily lives.

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?

A. Design and build a new destination playground at Avondale Central Reserve.

B. Promote community identity and diversity by funding a coordinator for Welcoming Communities, supporting the PAN African Hub, and refreshing the Whau Ethnic Peoples Plan.

Do not support

C. Engage and respond to youth needs, and co-design initiatives to address opportunities and gaps.

Support

D. Improve water quality and flood resilience of Whau streams and rivers through collaboration with volunteers, local schools, community hubs, organisations, and neighbouring local boards.

Support

E. Prioritise projects identified through the Whau Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan and leverage partnerships to provide a local facility network for the community.

Support

F. Develop a Local Parks Management Plan to guide decisions on managing use, development, and protection of all 146 parks, reserves and open space within the Whau.

Do not support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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Overall, I support the general direction of the Annual Plan 2026/2027, particularly the focus on strengthening Auckland's infrastructure resilience and continuing investment in transport and water services. These areas are essential for supporting population growth and improving long-term economic productivity.

However, given ongoing cost-of-living pressures and the proposed rates increases, it is important that Auckland Council continues to demonstrate strong financial discipline and clear value for money. Major investments should be accompanied by transparent reporting on outcomes, operating costs, and measurable benefits to residents, so ratepayers can see how spending improves everyday life across the city.

I encourage the council to continue prioritising completion and optimisation of existing projects before committing to new initiatives, ensuring that assets already funded deliver their intended benefits.

Regarding the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan, I support the protection, restoration, and cultural recognition of Auckland's ancestral maunga as important environmental and heritage assets. At the same time, ongoing management should maintain an appropriate balance between conservation, cultural values, and public accessibility, recognising that these spaces are also widely used community recreational areas. Clear communication with the public about decisions, objectives, and outcomes will help maintain trust and shared stewardship.

Overall, I support the direction of the plan and encourage continued focus on financial sustainability, transparency, and practical outcomes that improve Aucklanders' daily experience of the city.

Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Support all

Tell us why

They represent a reasonably balanced tradeoff of incompatible demands.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I support all the above.

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Ōrākei,Waitematā,Whau

Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support most

Tell us why

The local board appears to have a good understanding of local priorities.

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment and changes to services?

A. Increase community-use sports fields provision either through redevelopment or expansion of our asset portfolio to address the forecasted move of Auckland Cricket into Colin Maiden Park and other demands on our sports fields.

Support

B. Increasing investment in restoration and pest-management programmes to grow and protect your natural environment. Our reserves and open spaces are one of the most vital resources in Ōrākei.

Support

C. Changing the Meadowbank Community Centre project to a self-funded community centre to capitalise on existing investment and resources.

Support

D. Construct a playground Remuera Library to optimise the under-used green space at the side of the building.

Support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Notwithstanding the above, I have been disappointed in the lengthy process of mismanaging the transitions in the usage of The Landing marine precinct in Okahu Bay. Given that this should be classified as a regional park not a local park, there is still little excuse of the process and the results of this transition which is still not entirely resolved.

Waitematā Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Tell us why

2. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels, fees and charges?

A. Reduce library hours at Central City, Little Leys, Grey Lynn and Parnell Libraries.

Other

B. Reduce maintenance for bollard and post-and-rail.

Support

C. Reduce community grant funding and accommodation grant funding.

Other

D. Increase fees for adult swim fees at council pools by up to $3.

Other

E. Reduce funding for environmental management activities.

Support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Perhaps the Auckland Council is really to blame for the technique of requiring local board to make cuts to services or increase fees therefor. In this instance they may be small but it sets a precedent creating the habit of a sinking lid. Are these the initial steps towards user-pays throughout the administration.

Whau Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support all

Tell us why

The board is in touch with its community and has balanced its priorities accordingly.

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?

A. Design and build a new destination playground at Avondale Central Reserve.

Other

B. Promote community identity and diversity by funding a coordinator for Welcoming Communities, supporting the PAN African Hub, and refreshing the Whau Ethnic Peoples Plan.

Other

C. Engage and respond to youth needs, and co-design initiatives to address opportunities and gaps.

Support

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Support

E. Prioritise projects identified through the Whau Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan and leverage partnerships to provide a local facility network for the community.

Support

F. Develop a Local Parks Management Plan to guide decisions on managing use, development, and protection of all 146 parks, reserves and open space within the Whau.

Support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

The board has navigated a difficult balance of competing, perhaps incompatible demands.

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Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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TE WHAU PATHWAY is a visionary conception without exact parallel in the region. It creates a commuter route between populations of ever-increasing density to schools, shops, workplaces,

transport nodes and arterial routes where access has hitherto be difficult or inefficient. It is the best example of what the Auckland Council and its agents can achieve with local consultation and support from those populations. It is essential that the vision of a through-route from the Te Atatu bridge to Olympic Park be completed by linking the existing successful, if separated, sections in its entirety without unreasonable delay.

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The sub-titles do not seem to fit the tickboxes. I read Water service strategies to include drinking water reticulation and the sewerage network. It seems to me that the SEWERAGE NETWORK is the highest priority of all council responsibilities.

Parks should include the purchase of land for more parks. These are increasingly necessary because of increased housing density and should be paid for entirely out of increase develper contributions.

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Support most

Tell us why

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Whau Local Board Feedback:

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Support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Interesting the support for Pan African when there should be a focus on building on the Pacific People's plan but still support progress on any ethnic progress

Question 4: Other feedback

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Transport and all that it entails needs to continue to be a major priority. Housing intensification is causing social issues as well as parking concerns. Stop approving consents that have negative flow on effect on communities. Environmental projects are important to support changes to our climate.

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Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

Public transport cos I use it daily

Question 6: City centre

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Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.

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Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

I do not support the rates increase, the average nz household can barely afford food at this point. The city rail link is not something most people will use as it barely covers any ground. To make everyone in Auckland pay for it and at 7.9% is outrageous.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Auckland transport need to work on better processes before increasing and taxing the average Aucklander.

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Whau

Whau Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support all

Tell us why

Is it people centered and benefits most.

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?

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B. Promote community identity and diversity by funding a coordinator for Welcoming Communities, supporting the PAN African Hub, and refreshing the Whau Ethnic Peoples Plan.

Support

C. Engage and respond to youth needs, and co-design initiatives to address opportunities and gaps.

Support

D. Improve water quality and flood resilience of Whau streams and rivers through collaboration with volunteers, local schools, community hubs, organisations, and neighbouring local boards.

Support

E. Prioritise projects identified through the Whau Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan and leverage partnerships to provide a local facility network for the community.

Support

F. Develop a Local Parks Management Plan to guide decisions on managing use, development, and protection of all 146 parks, reserves and open space within the Whau.

Support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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Do not increase our rates

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Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?
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Support most

Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

NA

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Support all

Tell us why

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Support

E. Prioritise projects identified through the Whau Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan and leverage partnerships to provide a local facility network for the community.

Support

F. Develop a Local Parks Management Plan to guide decisions on managing use, development, and protection of all 146 parks, reserves and open space within the Whau.

Support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 4: Other feedback

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I really support the Te Whau pathway project that is underway. The newly opened link is amazing and it would be so great for the community to continue the next part to link it all together. It's the best time to continue the project before building costs get higher, the path will connect so much more of the communities and help with walking and biking. It was so amazing seeing people using it on the opening. Keep it going!

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Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support any

Tell us why

Just trying to think as a rate payer who's income never gets bigger but living has become more difficult every day. So no more rate increases. Reduce your wasteful spending instead.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Again no - don't make Aucklanders leave to Australia and complain about people migrating to auckland..

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Henderson-Massey

Henderson-Massey Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Do not support any

Tell us why

Question 4: Other feedback

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I dont see an importance of hosting big events and aocial activities given the council have to lots of other issues to solve.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

The plan is largely to keep spending on non-essentials when we have a price shock and econonomic contraction (and then disingenuously blame CRL). Middle income earners and people living alone are having a tough time paying bills. This is not the time to raise rates again. Instead there should be more focus on raising income and funding through other means such as user pays, public-private partnership, fees for developers (especially those who are non-compliant at any stage), advertising and sponsorship for events, etc. Also reduced rates for homeowners living alone (they use fewer services, put the bin out less, etc).

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Improving business districts isn't a priority right now until CRL uptake starts providing more funds. Yes to more security around stations and other public transport. No to public art and niceties. As a city, we need to tighten our belts.

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Whau

Whau Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support most

Tell us why

The infill housing in New Lynn has brought more families needing somewhere for the kids to play safely. A recreation centre, swimming pools, and reserve at the old Crown Lynn site makes good sense, and would be readiy accessible to anyone on public transport - giving reassurance of income. However I remember this being proposed some years ago so I'm concerned that costs are escalating through board members dithering about.

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?

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B. Promote community identity and diversity by funding a coordinator for Welcoming Communities, supporting the PAN African Hub, and refreshing the Whau Ethnic Peoples Plan.

Do not support

C. Engage and respond to youth needs, and co-design initiatives to address opportunities and gaps.

Other

D. Improve water quality and flood resilience of Whau streams and rivers through collaboration with volunteers, local schools, community hubs, organisations, and neighbouring local boards.

Support

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Support

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Support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

3, too vague

1. If a playground already exists, it's not the time for an expensive upgrade. We need good green space not expensive equipment.

2. There are many people of many origins living in Whau. I see they are well served by various community spaces and initiatives, and don't see the need for additional funding from Council that may have an unintended consequence of enabling one group over another.

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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Enough with the rates rises! Our pay goes up by 2.2% for inflation. Rates can go up 2.2% too. 7.9% is not justifiable.

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Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

Better funding to reduce reliance on private rates.

Increased safety for public transport and on streets incl CBD and other built-up areas (e.g. security cameras, panic phones).

Stop allowing special projects for the Mayor's vanity. Brownies pool is an embarrassment.

Question 6: City centre

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Do not support most

Tell us why

CRO does not effect me and is not in proximity to my home

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NA

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Waitākere Ranges

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Do not support any

Tell us why

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?

A. Community wellbeing - continue to grow and evolve our programmes to support community wellbeing with a focus on tamariki and rangatahi, as well as older people

Do not support

B. Review level of community grants, including investigating a Facility Partnership Fund to support community organisations to plan, develop or upgrade community facilities

Do not support

C. Improve engagement with communities of need, schools and youth

Support

D. Progress an omnibus Waitākere Ranges Local Parks Management Plan

Do not support

E. Walking and cycling connections, particularly through parks

Do not support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

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Support most

Tell us why

Increase cost in general tick to use rail link, but not for those with a local rail card. Gain cost back in parking fees to encourage higher use of rail and bus rather than use of cars in the city. Promoting sustainability.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

NA

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Whau

Whau Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support most

Tell us why

More budget needs to go into business development into the local Avondale centre. Can council have grants to support small business for the first years rent etc.

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?

A. Design and build a new destination playground at Avondale Central Reserve.

B. Promote community identity and diversity by funding a coordinator for Welcoming Communities, supporting the PAN African Hub, and refreshing the Whau Ethnic Peoples Plan.

Do not support

C. Engage and respond to youth needs, and co-design initiatives to address opportunities and gaps.

Support

D. Improve water quality and flood resilience of Whau streams and rivers through collaboration with volunteers, local schools, community hubs, organisations, and neighbouring local boards.

Support

E. Prioritise projects identified through the Whau Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan and leverage partnerships to provide a local facility network for the community.

Do not support

F. Develop a Local Parks Management Plan to guide decisions on managing use, development, and protection of all 146 parks, reserves and open space within the Whau.

Do not support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Before we invest more in our parks we need to increase density and build business. Focus on making Avondale a destination in Auckland for food and drink

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Too expensive. You cannot treat ratepayers as your own personal source of any amount of money you can dream up! You have a responsibility to the people who elected you and to those who will follow them to act with much greater fiscal responsibility than you are showing.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

With regard to the residential parking fees this is not an increase due to an increase in costs but a proposal drafted by the cars are evil crowd.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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N/A

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Yes I want to see more democracy and less power given to elite groups like Maori. As the treaty says WE are one people No special privileges for any tribes or iwi .

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NA

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I would like to express my support for the Te Whau pathway to be finished. The new section is so good but still doesn't really connect to anything making it harder to justify cycling instead of driving.

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Cycleways because it will encourage more people to cycle instead of driving.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Rates increases are too high.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Diop not agree., more fees for ratepayers.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

I don't know

Tell us why

No idea. Have not seen any information.

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?

A. Environmental initiatives – working alongside mana whenua on restoration projects, expanding food resilience and edible planting programmes, and reinstating deferred environmental education activities.

Do not support

B. Sport and recreation – providing one-off operational support to local sports clubs and facilities to strengthen participation and collaboration.

Do not support

C. Libraries and culture – enhancing programming for seniors and increasing investment in creative and cultural activities.

Do not support

D. Community safety and emergency readiness – exploring additional compliance officer resourcing in areas with limited coverage.

Do not support

E. Local economy - supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, development and liven-up our town centres.

Support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

1,2,3 and 4 are a waste of money that ratepayers are having to pay for, better priorities out there

3. What do you think of Onehunga Business Association Inc's proposal to reduce the geographic boundary of the Onehunga Business Improvement District (BID) programme, and amount of targeted rate to be collected?

I don't know

Tell us why

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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Overall the rates increases proposed are unacceptable.

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Transport & roading

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Support most

Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Yes, rates should be higher to cover these costs! Rates are low compared to other global cities.

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Whau

Whau Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support all

Tell us why

Our area needs continuous strong and consistent development. It is quite economically disadvataged compared to other areas of Auckland and we need the BEST facilities and opportunities for recreation, community activities and meeting areas for mental health and community cohesion. We need to keep our community POSITIVE and growing to healthy and safe thriving outcomes.

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?

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B. Promote community identity and diversity by funding a coordinator for Welcoming Communities, supporting the PAN African Hub, and refreshing the Whau Ethnic Peoples Plan.

Support

C. Engage and respond to youth needs, and co-design initiatives to address opportunities and gaps.

Support

D. Improve water quality and flood resilience of Whau streams and rivers through collaboration with volunteers, local schools, community hubs, organisations, and neighbouring local boards.

Support

E. Prioritise projects identified through the Whau Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan and leverage partnerships to provide a local facility network for the community.

Support

F. Develop a Local Parks Management Plan to guide decisions on managing use, development, and protection of all 146 parks, reserves and open space within the Whau.

Support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

6 - Funding for the Te Whau path. Our area deserves this infrastructure - we need good cycling and walking areas that are safe from cars and quiet. We deserve close contact with our natural areas and safe, FREE ways to access areas without driving. Everything is planned and equipment is ready - let's fund the remainder of the path and get this done! It will be an amazing asset for the area and attract folks to our neighborhoods and small businesses as well.

Question 4: Other feedback

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Support most

Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

NA

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Waitematā

Waitematā Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support most

Tell us why

2. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels, fees and charges?

A. Reduce library hours at Central City, Little Leys, Grey Lynn and Parnell Libraries.

Support

B. Reduce maintenance for bollard and post-and-rail.

Support

C. Reduce community grant funding and accommodation grant funding.

Support

D. Increase fees for adult swim fees at council pools by up to $3.

Support

E. Reduce funding for environmental management activities.

Do not support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Support

Question 4: Other feedback

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Perhaps you need to look at what you're spending our money at, rather than constantly increasing the rates.

I wonder how much you had to spend on all the cultural consultations for examples and god know what kind of approvals from iwis.

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Local Board: Whau

Your feedback:

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Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

The rise in rates adds to the burden of the cost of living.

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Support parking permit.

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Whau

Whau Local Board Feedback:

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Do not support most

Tell us why

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?

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B. Promote community identity and diversity by funding a coordinator for Welcoming Communities, supporting the PAN African Hub, and refreshing the Whau Ethnic Peoples Plan.

Do not support

C. Engage and respond to youth needs, and co-design initiatives to address opportunities and gaps.

Do not support

D. Improve water quality and flood resilience of Whau streams and rivers through collaboration with volunteers, local schools, community hubs, organisations, and neighbouring local boards.

Support

E. Prioritise projects identified through the Whau Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan and leverage partnerships to provide a local facility network for the community.

Do not support

F. Develop a Local Parks Management Plan to guide decisions on managing use, development, and protection of all 146 parks, reserves and open space within the Whau.

Support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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NA

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Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?
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Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

I support the rate increase due to city link rail - however, this depends on if the lines work, and do not shut during holidays for repairs. These are times when people should be able to use public transport. In London rail works take place on Sundays, bank holidays and after 10pm on weekdays.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I agree with proposed changes to Kingsland and onehunga business district.

I don't agree with increased fees for parking. If public transport isn't reliable, people rely on cars in this city, which means parking is limited due to the sheer amount of cars.!

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Whau

Whau Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support most

Tell us why

I support the focus on community spaces and rangatahi.

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?

A. Design and build a new destination playground at Avondale Central Reserve.

B. Promote community identity and diversity by funding a coordinator for Welcoming Communities, supporting the PAN African Hub, and refreshing the Whau Ethnic Peoples Plan.

Support

C. Engage and respond to youth needs, and co-design initiatives to address opportunities and gaps.

Support

D. Improve water quality and flood resilience of Whau streams and rivers through collaboration with volunteers, local schools, community hubs, organisations, and neighbouring local boards.

Support

E. Prioritise projects identified through the Whau Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan and leverage partnerships to provide a local facility network for the community.

Support

F. Develop a Local Parks Management Plan to guide decisions on managing use, development, and protection of all 146 parks, reserves and open space within the Whau.

Support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

The additional investment puts peoples wellbeing first, celebrates diversity, encourages inclusion across ages and ethnicities.

Question 4: Other feedback

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2	**Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways.

Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

Overall looking at how our city can be more walkable, healthier and safer. Building around rivers rather on top. Working with nature, not against. Look at cities around the world built around their waterways...

Question 6: City centre

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Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Māori identity and culture – reflect and celebrate Māori identity and culture throughout the city centre.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,Other (please specify):I would love to see more colour, street art - less concrete jungle!

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Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

We need more cycleways to protect people from cars, ate Whau Pathway needs the funding to complete all stages!

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Fine but also tax the rich more

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Whau

Whau Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support most

Tell us why

Te Whau pathway and Avondale upgrades will be great for local community in the long run

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?

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B. Promote community identity and diversity by funding a coordinator for Welcoming Communities, supporting the PAN African Hub, and refreshing the Whau Ethnic Peoples Plan.

Support

C. Engage and respond to youth needs, and co-design initiatives to address opportunities and gaps.

Support

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Support

E. Prioritise projects identified through the Whau Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan and leverage partnerships to provide a local facility network for the community.

Support

F. Develop a Local Parks Management Plan to guide decisions on managing use, development, and protection of all 146 parks, reserves and open space within the Whau.

Support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 4: Other feedback

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Fund more cycleways, as a cyclist I don't want to be brushed by cars on Rata street or on busy main roads. But the only way to keep everyone safe is build more shared paths. West Auckland also needs more pump tracks too

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Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

Public transport, park and cycleway cleaning/management and development of community areas and activities

Question 6: City centre

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Support most

Tell us why

NA

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

NA

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Whau

Whau Local Board Feedback:

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Support most

Tell us why

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Do not support

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Support

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Support

F. Develop a Local Parks Management Plan to guide decisions on managing use, development, and protection of all 146 parks, reserves and open space within the Whau.

Support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

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Submission in Support of Completing Te Whau Pathway

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to strongly support the completion of Te Whau Pathway and to encourage continued investment in this important project.

Te Whau Pathway is far more than a shared walking and cycling route — it is a transformational project that will connect harbours, connect communities, and reconnect people with the natural environment. By linking the Waitematā Harbour to the Manukau Harbour, the pathway will create a unique and meaningful corridor through west Auckland, bringing together recreation, transport, culture, environment, and wellbeing in one outstanding public asset.

A pathway worth connecting

A great deal of work has already been completed, and it is important that momentum is not lost. We should keep building on what has been completed so far and ensure the vision for the full pathway is realised. Partial connections are valuable, but the true benefit of Te Whau Pathway will only be achieved when it is fully linked and accessible from end to end.

Connecting communities and everyday destinations

The pathway will make it easy to cycle and walk to where people want to go, creating a practical and attractive transport option for everyday journeys as well as recreation. It will provide safer and more enjoyable connections between neighbourhoods, schools, parks, reserves, local centres, and public spaces.

Importantly, Te Whau Pathway will also provide greater access to parks and reserves, opening up more of west Auckland’s beautiful natural areas for everyone to enjoy. It will encourage more people to get outside, be active, and experience places that may currently feel disconnected or difficult to access.

Health and wellbeing benefits

The benefits for mental and physical wellbeing are significant. Being active in a natural environment supports better health, reduces stress, and improves quality of life. A completed Te Whau Pathway will offer a safe, scenic, and inspiring place for walking, running, cycling, and simply spending time outdoors.

Access to high-quality public spaces like this has lasting value for individuals, families, and communities. It supports healthier lifestyles and creates opportunities for social connection, relaxation, and recreation.

Accessibility for all

A major strength of Te Whau Pathway is that it can be a place for everyone. It is important that the pathway is designed and completed to be accessible for wheelchair users and people of all ages and abilities. Inclusive public infrastructure ensures more people can participate, travel independently, and enjoy the benefits of the environment and the pathway itself.

Cultural and historical significance

Te Whau Pathway is also an opportunity to celebrate the portage, one of the ancient travelling routes used by Māori and an important part of the history of Tāmaki Makaurau. This area has deep cultural significance, and the pathway offers a powerful way to acknowledge, honour, and share that history with the wider public.

In doing so, the pathway can help tell the story of movement, connection, trade, and settlement through this landscape — reinforcing that this route has long been a place of passage and significance.

Environmental restoration and the mana of the Whau River

Completing the pathway will also contribute to restoring the mana of the Whau River. Increased public awareness, access, and appreciation of the river corridor can help strengthen community support for environmental restoration, ecological protection, and long-term stewardship.

Done well, Te Whau Pathway can be a project that not only enables people to move through the landscape, but also encourages them to value and care for it.

Recreation, tourism, and water access

The completed pathway will become a major regional asset and has the potential to be a genuine tourist attraction. A route connecting two harbours through such a distinctive urban-natural setting is unique and memorable, and it will become a destination in its own right.

It will also improve access to the water and support activities such as swimming, kayaking, and canoeing, helping people engage more directly with the river and surrounding environment. This strengthens the recreational and lifestyle value of the project and creates even more reasons for people to use and support it.

Conclusion

Te Whau Pathway is a visionary project with wide-reaching benefits for transport, recreation, health, accessibility, culture, environment, and tourism. It is a pathway truly worth connecting.

I strongly support the completion of Te Whau Pathway and urge decision-makers to continue funding and prioritising this important project so its full benefits can be realised for current and future generations.

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Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Support all

Tell us why

Absolutely support the CRL, and all initiatives to make travelling in and across Auckland more sustainable. Also strongly support developing appropriate water infrastructure (including water conservation measures) and the valuable work the local boards do,

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Support any waste minimisation initiatives, to maximise diversion.

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Whau

Whau Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support all

Tell us why

Good to see the support for flood resilience programmes, and the range and diversity of community and environmental initiatives.

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?

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Support

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Support

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Support

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Support

F. Develop a Local Parks Management Plan to guide decisions on managing use, development, and protection of all 146 parks, reserves and open space within the Whau.

Support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Support all of these, but particularly support the water quality and flood resilience collaborations, as climate change is and will deliver many challenges to the urban environment. Particularly applaud the stage 1 success of the Whau Walk/cycle way as a way of connecting communities and encouraging healthy ways of travelling, and strongly support its extension.

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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Strongly support:

- the completion of the CRL, and the intensification around train stations.

-the development of walk and cycle ways and improving public transport

-co-governance with Maori wherever possible, and ways of honouring Te Tiriti principles and values.

-strong Te Kawerau involvement in the Waitakere Ranges Heritage area, and the work of the Maunga Authority.

-Waste minimisation initiatives

-Pest control and environmental programmes

- extending the Te Whau Pathway

-the fairer funding for Local Boards

-ways of connecting our culturally diverse urban communities.

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Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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2	**Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways.

Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

All of these need to be priorities. They are all very important.

Preparing for and adapting to climate change, must surely be very high.

Question 6: City centre

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#3681

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Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support any

Tell us why

Our rates continually increase yet, us in West Auckland do not see any benefits to the increases. Our roads are terrible and not maintained in similar fashion as Central, East or even South Auckland.

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Only comment is regarding Parking fees/hours allowance in Pt Chev.

I find it ridiculous and only hurts local businesses. People will either cease our reduce spending in the area due to the fees/charges for parking longer than 180mins.

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Whau

Whau Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

I don't know

Tell us why

The Annual plan is too wordy and difficult to navigate around. There is no specific index page which appears in any half way decent business document .

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?

A. Design and build a new destination playground at Avondale Central Reserve.

B. Promote community identity and diversity by funding a coordinator for Welcoming Communities, supporting the PAN African Hub, and refreshing the Whau Ethnic Peoples Plan.

Do not support

C. Engage and respond to youth needs, and co-design initiatives to address opportunities and gaps.

Do not support

D. Improve water quality and flood resilience of Whau streams and rivers through collaboration with volunteers, local schools, community hubs, organisations, and neighbouring local boards.

Support

E. Prioritise projects identified through the Whau Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan and leverage partnerships to provide a local facility network for the community.

Do not support

F. Develop a Local Parks Management Plan to guide decisions on managing use, development, and protection of all 146 parks, reserves and open space within the Whau.

Do not support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Funds need to be spent on roading and also STOPPING the over builds in West Auckland of "boxes" the influx is way too much, utilities cannot keep up.

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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STOP the over build in West Auckland!!!!

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Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

Transport, get a decent service. If you want people to use it, it must be cheaper and better/more frequent/easier to use.

Question 6: City centre

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Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

Other (please specify):none of the above

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Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

More direct journeys into the city centre. No parking or travel stress when attending events in the city & •City centre regeneration continues, -- over investment in city area creating a bottleneck, move thing around different areas public spaces & events and reduce people going to one point - more to aucklabd then just CBD - locals don't even use it

stop bike lanes, waste to money - no one uses it much - bad roi

spend less keep rates down

stop urban intensification, physicals infrastructure cant handle, and make Auckland not a nice place to live, overcrowded

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

no to Introduction of a refuse bin/bag exchange fee

another tax, An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.--BIG no

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Albert-Eden,WhauDo not support mostMore rates increase, alot of waste of money projects, stick to basic, infrastructure projects during these timesSupportDo not supportSupportDo not supportMoney grab

Whau Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Do not support most

Tell us why

alot of waste money,

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?

A. Design and build a new destination playground at Avondale Central Reserve.

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Do not support

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Do not support

D. Improve water quality and flood resilience of Whau streams and rivers through collaboration with volunteers, local schools, community hubs, organisations, and neighbouring local boards.

Support

E. Prioritise projects identified through the Whau Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan and leverage partnerships to provide a local facility network for the community.

Do not support

F. Develop a Local Parks Management Plan to guide decisions on managing use, development, and protection of all 146 parks, reserves and open space within the Whau.

Do not support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Alot of fluffy waste on money projects, stick to Infrastructure project, too much waste of rate payer dollors, keep it tight

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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Keep rates down, stop doing fluffy projects, move things out of CBD, better planning of self sustaining suburbs with events, industry etc to stop a bottle that is the CBD

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Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

infrastructure, road, transport, less business in CBD move out to wider Auckland, less bottlenecks

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Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

The country has the worst unemployment rate in ten years, cost of living has already driven masses to emigrate, house values have fallen significantly and with the fuel crises yet to bite the economy we are likely to enter the worst recession in generations. In short people are already struggling to live so the last thing households need is higher costs. We were promised fiscal austerity to balance the books that is not what has been delivered.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Between govt taxing us into oblivion and local govt spending more where they campaigned on a policy of fiscal restraint the working and middle class of nz are being bled dry. Focus on core infrastructure priorities not cultural niceties. The last heavy floods in west auckland could have had far less impact for example if basic maintenance like cleaning out gully traps to allow storm water drainage had been performed routinely which is what our rates are supposed to be used for. Seeing hydrovac trucks perform this task after properties were flooded left me with a feeling of too little too late. Who cares about cultural initiatives when their house is half submerged by flood waters? Aucklanders are struggling as it is, we don't need to cram more immigrants into the city to fund rates we need to catch up with basic infrastructure and services while keeping costs affordable. If we don't we'll just see more citizens forced to flee a city they can't afford to live in.

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Henderson-Massey

Henderson-Massey Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Do not support most

Tell us why

Too much focus on non core infrastructure reduced library hours but retained cultural festivals for example.

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

What does Tupuna Maunga even mean? I've lived my whole life in nz, grew up with maori kids and never heard half the new authorities and unelected groups who now appear to be stakeholders in

running local govt. Are these groups funded by rate payers and if so are they audited and accountable for spending? Are ratepayers still paying out for whalesongs to heal sick Kauri trees at ludicrous expense as a prime example and if so who made the decision to fund groups like these especially at a time of financial hardship in the wider community?

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Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

Core infrastructure. Street lighting for example is paltry to non existent in many areas while we seem to have a limitless budget to install judder bars designed to rip the mufflers off standard ride height cars. We have cycle lanes in the cbd with practically zero usage, rainbow painted crosswalks at costs I shudder to contemplate but somehow we can't fund the basics like relamping streetlights?

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Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

I want more transport option off the roads.

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

NA

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Henderson-Massey,Whau

Henderson-Massey Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support most

Tell us why

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Support

C. Engage and respond to youth needs, and co-design initiatives to address opportunities and gaps.

Support

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Support

E. Prioritise projects identified through the Whau Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan and leverage partnerships to provide a local facility network for the community.

Support

F. Develop a Local Parks Management Plan to guide decisions on managing use, development, and protection of all 146 parks, reserves and open space within the Whau.

Support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

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I'll say it again, complete the Te Whau Pathway all the way to Avondale. It will be a game changer for the community and helping road congestion through the area.

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Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

Finish Te Whau Pathway all the way to Avondale.

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Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

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Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Not keen on refuse charges

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Whau

Whau Local Board Feedback:

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Support most

Tell us why

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Do not support

C. Engage and respond to youth needs, and co-design initiatives to address opportunities and gaps.

Support

D. Improve water quality and flood resilience of Whau streams and rivers through collaboration with volunteers, local schools, community hubs, organisations, and neighbouring local boards.

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E. Prioritise projects identified through the Whau Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan and leverage partnerships to provide a local facility network for the community.

Support

F. Develop a Local Parks Management Plan to guide decisions on managing use, development, and protection of all 146 parks, reserves and open space within the Whau.

Support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Would like this area to preserve green space, we will not have enough with the housing intensification. Concerned about the green space at the racecourse and the community of the Whau losing this.

Question 4: Other feedback

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Would like to see funding of the Whau pathway project supported. More opportunities for kids and families to have cycleways and walkways separated from roads where possible.

Need to consider infrastructure and if this can support housing density increase. Concerned about lack of planning and long term protection of green spaces.

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Sustainable practices, less fuel reliance. Suitable infrastructure

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Tell us why

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NA

Question 3: Local board priorities

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The Whau cycle path needs to all be connected together! I love living in Avondale near the beautiful and historically significant Whau. This river is part of the whakapapa of the Kelston school I work at, and with all the bit connected I can ride my bike to work more safely than I do now, and along the edge of the Whau! What a way to start the day! Mangroves are one of the most amazing types of ecosystem and with all the pathway connected locals could interact more with them and the other coastal systems that span the Whau. Please help us more fully enjoy a beautiful and still mostly unknown part of Tāmaki Makaurau!

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Pools and libraries, and green spaces because those are the places I like to meet my community in.

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Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Māori identity and culture – reflect and celebrate Māori identity and culture throughout the city centre.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Cannot see any plan for flood prone areas I.e Green Bay Area council drainage system is very poor.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Rate increase just happened last year 2025-2026. Rate increase not required this year 2026-2027.

Wages has not increased much and increase in cost of living families are already struggling

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Waitākere Ranges

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Do not support most

Tell us why

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?

A. Community wellbeing - continue to grow and evolve our programmes to support community wellbeing with a focus on tamariki and rangatahi, as well as older people

Support

B. Review level of community grants, including investigating a Facility Partnership Fund to support community organisations to plan, develop or upgrade community facilities

Other

C. Improve engagement with communities of need, schools and youth

Support

D. Progress an omnibus Waitākere Ranges Local Parks Management Plan

Other

E. Walking and cycling connections, particularly through parks

Other

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 4: Other feedback

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Work on flood zones because it affects houses and communities

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Flood resilience

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Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

It's great to see all these improvements being made to our city especially to help people commute and seeing the CRL finally opening this year.

It would be good to see more improvements to areas with limited train options get more bus routes eg viaduct area. Unless you live on the north shore and can catch the northern express, that area is pretty isolated. So further improving our transport. As well as more schools to keep up with the

additional housing we have put in many suburbs. Our area has one school option and are all at full capacity, the same goes for sports,pools and other recreational activities.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

No issue but the Auckland council should be thinking about the housing being built and making sure adequate parking is available or else we have a big problem of no space on our roads for cars and other transport. This should be the developers problem not something we as residents then get fined for.

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Whau

Whau Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support most

Tell us why

I support most of the Whau Local Board options, but my most urgent priority is the future of the Avondale Racecourse land. I live in Avondale and this site matters deeply to me because The opportunity for parks, sports facilities for the whole community and my family

The Avondale Racecourse Alliance's People's Plan: Expanded shows clearly what this community needs: 15 hectares of sportsfields to address Auckland's chronic shortage of multi-code playing surfaces; a Whau Pool and Recreation Centre, protection of the Avondale Sunday Market, extensive stormwater native planting to address flooding and protect the Whau River; and green space connecting to Te Whau Pathway.

I urge Auckland Council to:

- Name the Avondale Racecourse as a priority in 2026/2027 and fast-track a community-led engagement process before any sale or rezoning decisions are made

- Ensure the Local Parks Management Plan explicitly includes the racecourse land in its scope

- Advocate to the Minister for Racing under Section 28 of the Racing Industry Act 2020 that special circumstances for community use exist at this site.

My feedback strongly aligns with the Council's Major regional projects in progress for 2026/2027':

- Sports field capacity development programme: Developing, upgrading and renewing sports fields to increase sports field capacity across Auckland.

- Land acquisitions: Acquiring land for parks and open spaces to contribute to Aucklanders' quality of life, as well as make better use of the parks we already have.

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?

A. Design and build a new destination playground at Avondale Central Reserve.

B. Promote community identity and diversity by funding a coordinator for Welcoming Communities, supporting the PAN African Hub, and refreshing the Whau Ethnic Peoples Plan.

I don't know

C. Engage and respond to youth needs, and co-design initiatives to address opportunities and gaps.

Support

D. Improve water quality and flood resilience of Whau streams and rivers through collaboration with volunteers, local schools, community hubs, organisations, and neighbouring local boards.

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E. Prioritise projects identified through the Whau Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan and leverage partnerships to provide a local facility network for the community.

Support

F. Develop a Local Parks Management Plan to guide decisions on managing use, development, and protection of all 146 parks, reserves and open space within the Whau.

Support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

I want to see more schools, parks and recreation come into the Avondale area. We are flooded with new housing and not enough facilities to keep up.

I also want to see better transport options available as well as bike and shared paths connecting the areas. Eg a bike lane down rosebank road to help connect us to the main paths running along the motorways for commuting and making biking safer in our community

Question 4: Other feedback

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As a Avondale resident who values walking and exercising at the racecourse, playing sport and needing more sportfields in Whau, a Whau pool for my family, shopping and gathering at the Avondale Sunday Market, protecting Avondale's last green lung, I call on Auckland Council to maximise public benefit from the Avondale Racecourse.

This 35-hectare site is one of the last large open green spaces in central-west Auckland. The community's vision, developed by the Avondale Racecourse Alliance, calls for: a legacy park with sportsfields and green corridors; a Whau Pool and Waterpark accessible via the Western Rail Line; protection of the Avondale Sunday Market; extensive stormwater and native ecological planting; and recognition of mana whenua priorities and Te Tiriti obligations in all planning.

The racecourse site already floods during heavy rain events; any development must put flood resilience and stormwater treatment first, protecting downstream communities and the mauri of the Whau River.

I ask Auckland Council to commit in this Annual Plan to funding community-led engagement on the racecourse's future, to oppose any backroom deal or sale that bypasses the community, and to ensure transparency throughout the process.

I also support the whau shared paths connecting work being completed so there’s a full link and path to Green Bay connecting areas and promoting more biking/running/walking areas in our area

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Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Things have been going well so far, so is there any reason to incur additional costs to reinforce it?

Question 3: Local board priorities

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N/A

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I hope for the expansion of simple stretching facilities in the surrounding area.

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The power line support towers are located underground.

The road lighting is relatively dim.

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Support most

Tell us why

A 7.9% increase in property tax is quite a burden.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I want to maintain the current state. (Saving)

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Question 4: Other feedback

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Taxes are a heavy burden. (There are no jobs)

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Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

1. There are too few streetlights. The streets are dark. Driving at night is difficult. It is too dark if you go to the outskirts.

2. Flood response is urgently needed. We need to widen the sewage and water supply pipes so that there are no floods and we can drink clean water.

3. Sports facilities are needed in the park (for seniors).

4. Moving power transmission towers underground (burying the power lines) would eliminate the sense of unease and make this a much better place to live.

4. Bus fares are too expensive and the intervals between buses are too long. I wish they would come more frequently.

Question 6: City centre

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Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

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Other

Tell us why

The consultation document states that the Annual Plan aims to deliver key programmes while retaining 5.8 % average residential rates increase, achieving savings targets, and continuing capital investment of around $4 billion. We understand the need for fiscal restraint, however, economic productivity areas such as Rosebank require targeted investment to support employment, freight, and industrial activity. The Rosebank Peninsula plays a strategic role in: manufacturing and logistics; port-related distribution activity; local employment for West Auckland; and supporting small and medium-sized enterprises.

Overall, we believe that investment in infrastructure, safety, transport access, and environmental resilience in industrial business zones should be treated as an investment in economic infrastructure, not discretionary spending.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

NA

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Whau

Whau Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Tell us why

The Rosebank Business Association asks the Whau Local Board to recognise the strategic importance of the Rosebank Peninsula as a major employment and industrial hub within West Auckland and the Whau Local Board area. The fairer funding approach provides an opportunity to ensure that local investment reflects the needs of both residential communities and business areas, including industrial areas.

We request that the Local Board prioritise: transport improvements serving the Rosebank industrial area; maintenance of roads and stormwater infrastructure; environmental protection for the coastal edge of the peninsula; continued support for the Rosebank Business Association programmes; and support for safety and security initiatives.

Strong industrial areas support local jobs, reduce commuting distances, and contribute significantly to the regional economy. Investment in Rosebank should therefore be seen as investment in the wider Whau community.

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?

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Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

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We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.

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Submission to Auckland Council Annual Plan 2026/2027
Rosebank Business Association

Introduction

This submission is made on behalf of the Rosebank Business Association in response to Auckland Council's Annual Plan 2026/2027 consultation document. The Association represents businesses located in the Rosebank Peninsula industrial and commercial area, one of the largest employment and manufacturing zones in West Auckland, within the Whau Local Board area.

We acknowledge that the Annual Plan continues delivery of the Long-term Plan 2024-2034, with a focus on financial discipline, infrastructure investment, and fairer funding for local boards. We support the overall direction of maintaining essential services while managing debt and rates increases, but we consider that the plan does not sufficiently recognise the importance of business-industrial areas such as Rosebank to Auckland's economy.

General comments on the proposed Annual Plan

The consultation document states that the Annual Plan aims to deliver key programmes while retaining 5.8 % average residential rates increase, achieving savings targets, and continuing capital investment of around $4 billion. We understand the need for fiscal restraint, however, economic productivity areas such as Rosebank require targeted investment to support employment, freight, and industrial activity. The Rosebank Peninsula plays a strategic role in: manufacturing and logistics; port-related distribution activity; local employment for West Auckland; and supporting small and medium-sized enterprises.

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We ask that the Annual Plan confirm continued funding support for business improvement districts and local business partnerships.

Environmental resilience and climate impacts

The plan refers to resilience and environmental programmes, including emissions reduction and water reform.

Industrial areas like Rosebank are particularly exposed to risks of: coastal flooding; stormwater overflow; ageing infrastructure; and climate-related resilience risks.

Investment in stormwater, drainage, and coastal protection should be prioritised in employment zones to avoid disruption to businesses and supply chains.

Events, levies, and economic priorities

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Rosebank
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Whau Local Board

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Conclusion

The Rosebank Business Association supports the overall direction of the Annual Plan but considers that greater emphasis is needed on infrastructure, economic productivity, and resilience in industrial areas.

We encourage Auckland Council and the Whau Local Board to work closely with business associations to ensure that investment decisions support both community wellbeing and economic growth.

Yours sincerely,

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Tell us why

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Now does these proposed changes benefit the pacific community in the long run?

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

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Support most

Tell us why

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Community areas so that Niue community can utilise

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Local parks, transport for the youth

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Increased rates for City Rail link which is not necessarily needed. I do not agree with increasing the residential property rates

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Whau

Whau Local Board Feedback:

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Support most

Tell us why

Support everything except 7.9% rates increase driven by the operational costs of the new City Rail Link (CRL)

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Support

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Support

F. Develop a Local Parks Management Plan to guide decisions on managing use, development, and protection of all 146 parks, reserves and open space within the Whau.

Support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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Support everything except: City Rail Link - main reason for rates rise

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Prioritize residential safety

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Local Board: Whau

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Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

The Annual Plan 2026/2027 priorities we most support are:

WEST AUCKLAND

Te Whau Pathway: Design and construction of the boardwalks/bridges and concrete paths between Wingate Street and Rata Street.

&

Te Hono / Avondale Community Centre replacement: Development of an integrated library and community centre hub

REGION WIDE

Sports field capacity development programme: Developing, upgrading and renewing sports fields to increase sports field capacity across Auckland.

&

Land acquisitions: Acquiring land for parks and open spaces to contribute to Aucklanders' quality of life, as well as make better use of the parks we already have.

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Support most

Tell us why

Our primary concern for Auckland and the Central-West, especially Whau region is for the future of the Avondale Racecourse. As I Love Avondale Charitable Trust's Director I convene The Avondale Racecourse Alliance and we have recently published 'The People's Plan: Extended' to this end.

With the future of the 35ha racecourse site currently uncertain, this matters deeply to us. If the land is sold and developed haphazardly, with financial profit as the primary motive, Central West communities would lose so much - open space to meet and play, access to sportsfields, affordable fresh food, their connection to the Whau river and they would likely gain ecological degradation and severe flooding events.

The People's Plan: Expanded shows clearly what this community needs: 15 hectares of sportsfields to address Auckland's chronic shortage of multi-code playing surfaces; a Whau Pool and Recreation Centre, protection of the Avondale Sunday Market, extensive stormwater native planting to address flooding and protect the Whau River; and green space connecting to Te Whau Pathway.

We urge Auckland Council to:

- Name the Avondale Racecourse as a priority in 2026/2027 and fast-track a community-led engagement process before any sale/purchase or rezoning decisions are made

- Ensure the Local Parks Management Plan explicitly includes the racecourse land in its scope

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Support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Support all as together they will contribute to a flourishing Whau.

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Rank	Area
6	**Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries.
3	**Local parks, community and recreation services –** local parks, sports fields and other physical recreation services, libraries, community centres and services, and funding community-led initiatives.
5	**Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services.

2	**Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects
4	**Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around
1	**Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways.

Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

Our priority for this consultation is the Avondale Racecourse whenua. Presently owned by the Avondale Jockey Club, the future of the site remains unresolved. The Alliance is calling on Auckland Council to take a proactive approach, including purchasing the full site whenever it becomes available.

The Annual Plan 2026/2027 priorities we most support are:

WEST AUCKLAND

Te Whau Pathway: Design and construction of the boardwalks/bridges and concrete paths between Wingate Street and Rata Street.

&

Te Hono / Avondale Community Centre replacement: Development of an integrated library and community centre hub

REGION WIDE

Sports field capacity development programme: Developing, upgrading and renewing sports fields to increase sports field capacity across Auckland.

&

Land acquisitions: Acquiring land for parks and open spaces to contribute to Aucklanders' quality of life, as well as make better use of the parks we already have.

Question 6: City centre

Auckland's City Centre is the economic heart of our region. Overall, the city centre accounts for about a fifth of everything produced in Auckland's economy. We want to make public spaces work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.

Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Māori identity and culture – reflect and celebrate Māori identity and culture throughout the city centre.

Avondale Racecourse Alliance

The People's Plan: Expanded

The case for the future of the Avondale Racecourse

March 2026

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Welcome from Avondale Racecourse Alliance

Tēnā koutou katoa, welcome to **The People's Plan: Expanded**!

The Avondale Racecourse Alliance (ARA) has commissioned consultants Athfield Architects and HOOPLA to produce **The People's Plan: Expanded**, with funding from the Whau Local Board. It evidences the rationale of The People's Plan which was presented by ARA to Mayor Wayne Brown in October 2025. The People's Plan and this substantive addendum arose from a series of publicly held meetings and workshops in Avondale; and presentations and representations to local and central government. Our work is a locally-driven investment in assuring the future of a regionally significant taonga for Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland.

Avondale Racecourse is currently 35 hectares of multi-purpose land. This site — on the 800-year-old cross-harbour portage — has been in continuous community use for nearly 100 years and is now under threat of sale and haphazard development. Due to the Racing Industry Act 2020, the present owner of the land title, Avondale Jockey Club (AJC) is compelled to negotiate the transfer of title to its governing body New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR).

NZTR has been clear about its intention to maximise profit from this land. We urge Auckland Council to play a central role in securing the future of this land to maximise its potential in the future of the city. Elected members and officials are in a position to influence a farsighted outcome for the city by engaging in good faith with AJC, NZTR and ourselves.

The Avondale Racecourse Alliance takes a bird's eye view as to the ecological, economic and socio-cultural potential of the racecourse site for present and future generations. We advocate for housing densification in Avondale and all suburbs with access to quality public transport and community infrastructure. Densification belongs near the Avondale train station and town centre, not on the racecourse. Realising 'density done well' includes protecting the green heart and lungs of this whenua to both enable and support growth.

Avondale is known to mana whenua as **Hui Kōrero** — a place of gathering, trade and negotiation. As such, we call on Auckland Council to:

- **Enter deal making** happening now behind closed doors between AJC and NZTR to represent the interests of the people.
- **Secure the land** for the people of Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland by protecting our customary use of the site:
- Facilitate land to be gifted to the city.
- Leverage all purchasing options through Council funding and/or co-funding with the Crown.
- **Meet the needs** and priorities of the community by adopting The People's Plan.

A deal will be done with or without us. The Avondale Racecourse Alliance are proud to offer this community-led, expert-informed vision — positive, people-centric and achievable. We do this for the mana of our mountain-facing, river-connected, rain-catching, shore-bird resting, people-playing whenua.

Avondale Racecourse Alliance welcomes your kōrero and pātai. Please contact us at: hello@avondaleracecoursealliance.co.nz

For further updates, additional research and supporting information please visit:

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Avondale Racecourse, Image Credit — Google Earth 2026.

Hui Kōrero: A Place to Gather

'We must change Auckland from the world's largest suburb to a global city. It's already embarrassingly known as the city of sprawl. It's not economical and it's not environmental. I want an efficient, green city.'

- Mayor Wayne Brown
Mayor of Auckland, November 2025

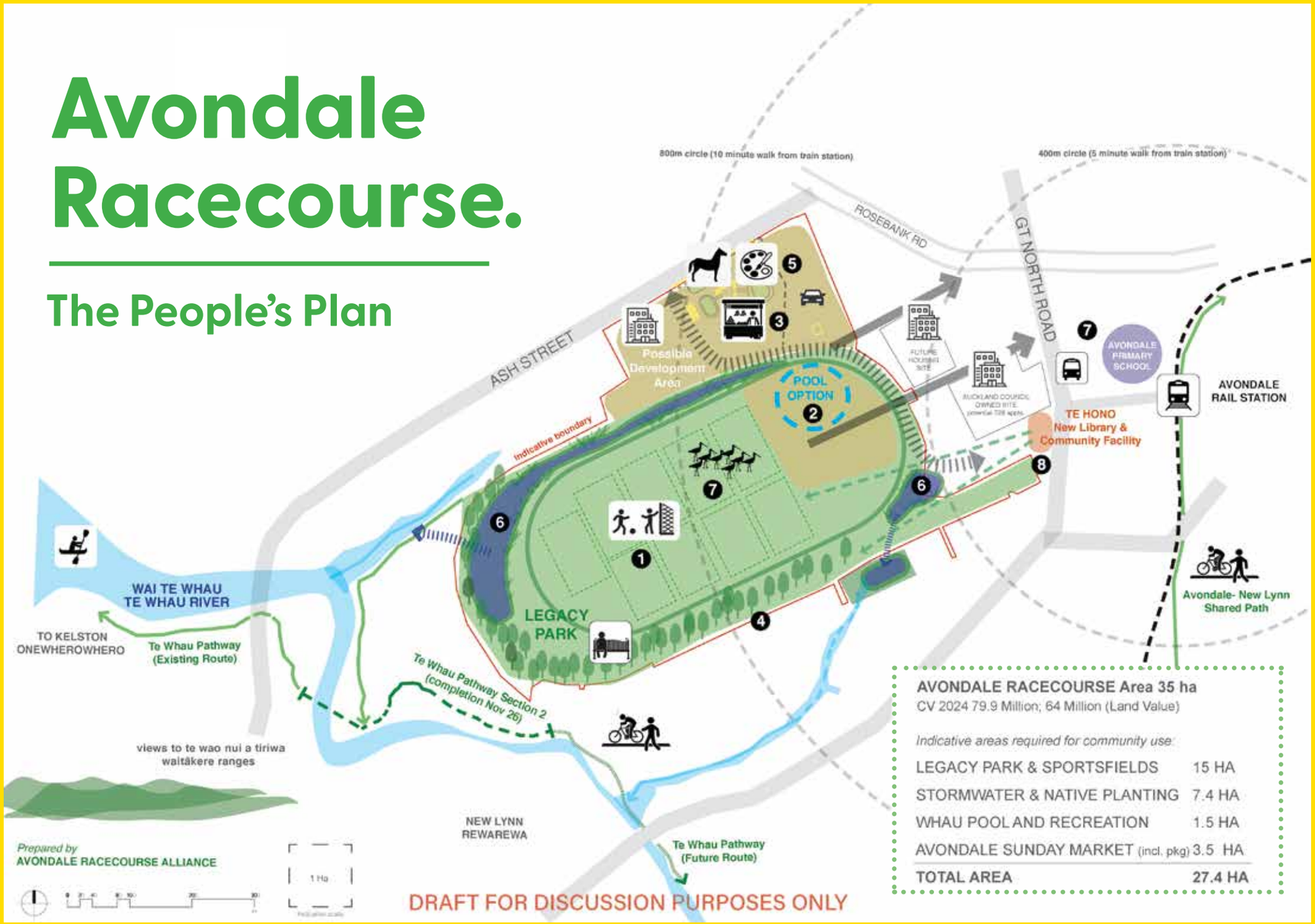


What is The People's Plan?

In October 2025 the Avondale Racecourse Alliance presented The People's Plan to Auckland's Mayor Wayne Brown. It was circulated to Council and Whau Local Board members and published widely.

The People's Plan set out on one page a viable future for the Avondale Racecourse land, balancing needs for recreational space, stormwater management and support of biodiversity, while establishing opportunities for the development of housing and public amenities, including the ongoing location of the Avondale Sunday Market. The People's Plan also visualised important links to Awa Te Whau (the Whau River), view shafts to Te Wao Nui a Tiriwa (Waitākere Ranges), improved walkability to the Avondale town centre, and proposed strategic connections to different types of transport.

This document **The People's Plan: Expanded** goes deeper.



The People's Plan, October 2025. Avondale Racecourse Alliance.
http://www.avondaleracecoursealliance.co.nz/the-peoples-plan

Enacting Auckland Council's Policies & Plans

The People's Plan: Expanded sets out opportunities for long-term resilience and provides a basis for urgent and productive discussions between all partners including central government ministries and agencies, the Avondale Jockey Club (AJC), New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR), Mana Whenua and Auckland Council to secure a successful foundation for the future of the racecourse site.

Community Priorities

The aims and objectives of T**he People's Plan: Expanded** have been shaped by community views and visions for the future of Avondale as documented in:

- Our Future Avondale (Motu Design 2019)
- Avondale Racecourse: Exploring Possibilities (Motu Design 2024/5)

Mana Whenua and Cultural Narrative

While formal consultation has not been undertaken with Mana Whenua in preparing this document, we have drawn on key cultural narratives that are present in Council documents and through our own informal engagement.

The People's Plan: Expanded responds to key legislative, planning and policy frameworks at national and local government levels, including:

Racing Industry Act 2020 (amended June 2025):

The People's Plan: Expanded priorities are consistent with Section 28 of the Racing Act, which empowers the Minister of Racing to consider 'special circumstances' regarding existing community use of former racing venues.

National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020 (NPS-UD):

This policy mandates a 'well-functioning urban environment'. Selling the racecourse land entirely to private development without a visionary precinct plan and the required zoning changes will not facilitate the holistic planning required to deliver a 'well-functioning urban environment in Te Whau'. The environment cannot be 'well-functioning' if housing density is increased while amenity is subtracted.

Auckland's Future Development Strategy 2023–2053 (FDS):

The FDS prioritises intensification in existing urban centres like Avondale. The racecourse site provides an opportunity to support high-quality living environments and climate-ready infrastructure, and could realise the priorities of the FDS by:

1. Making Auckland an interconnected living system.
2. Achieving quality living environments.
3. Addressing disparities in communities and investments.
4. Enabling resilient built systems, natural environment and communities.

Recent analysis by The Urban Advisory demonstrates that there is plenty of zoned capacity for housing development in the Avondale town centre. The bottleneck to housing isn't access to land; it's the market's ability to build quality, affordable housing that meets the needs of our community.

'Releasing the racecourse to private development for housing alone won't fix the housing crisis; it will just take development away from the regeneration of the town centre.'

— The Urban Advisory

Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland's Climate Plan (2020):

Auckland's Climate Plan is intended to prepare Auckland for the impacts of climate change.

The People's Plan: Expanded sets out opportunities for long-term climate resilience in terms of storm water management in increased high rainfall events and in increasing urban ngahere and combating urban heat Island effects.

The People's Plan: Expanded envisages a place that supports low-carbon lifestyles through access to public and active transport and advocates for urban and recreation amenities in our backyard.

Auckland Water Strategy (2022–2050)

This strategy outlines a future in which Auckland's waters are healthy, thriving and treasured.

The People's Plan: Expanded supports this vision by advocating for sufficient stormwater infrastructure integrated with surrounding land use and future community recreational facilities. Our design approach strengthens Aucklanders' connection to water and the environment, while future water-sensitive design on this site can enhance the mauri of our waterways.

Enacting Auckland Council's Policies & Plans

Te Rautaki Ngahere ā-Tāone o Tāmaki Makaurau: Auckland's Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy (2019):

This strategy sets out a strategic approach to growing our urban ngahere. The strategy aims to increase canopy cover to 30 percent across Auckland's urban area, and at least 15 percent in every local board area. This is critical in Avondale as we currently have low canopy cover (10–15%).

The People's Plan: Expanded also supports one of the key principles of this strategy through creating ecological corridors and connections.

Whau Local Board Plan (2023):

The local board plan includes a statutory mandate to 'increase access to parks'. Rezoning the racecourse without making provision for park and recreation space would actively breach this mandate.

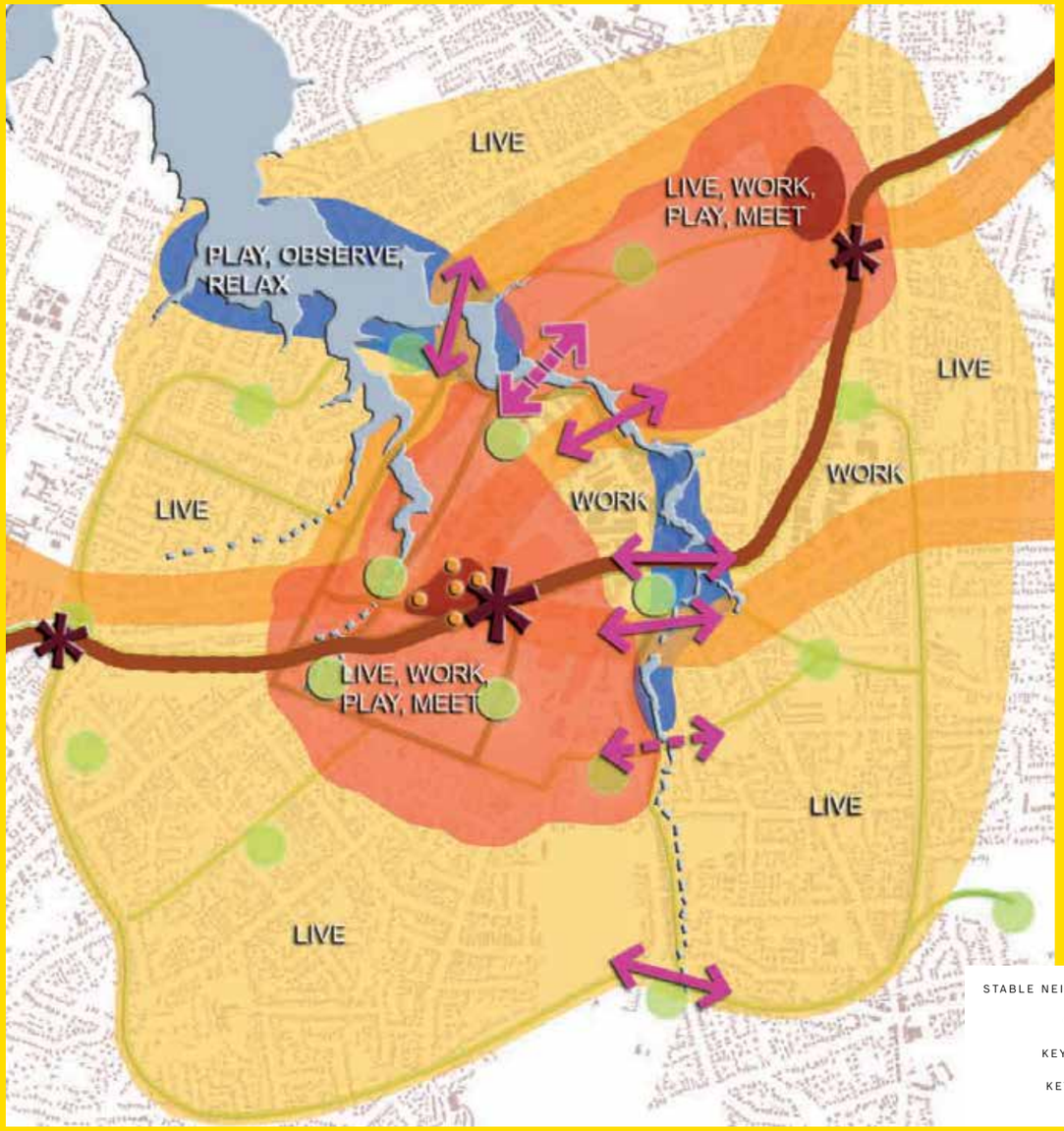
New Lynn Urban Plan (2010–2030):

The New Lynn Urban Plan recognises the importance of the Avondale Racecourse in supporting residential and commercial growth and in complementing public and private investment shaping New Lynn as a growing transit-oriented metropolitan centre.

It specifically highlights the need to improve access to the Avondale Racecourse sports fields and green space, and proposes 'the stitch' — a bridge to connect across the Whau between Delta and Wingate Avenues. The plan emphasises the importance of considering the Whau Employment Triangle and the complementary roles that Avondale, New Lynn and Rosebank can play in providing future local jobs and employment.

In addition, **The People's Plan: Expanded,** in balancing needs for recreational space, stormwater management and support of biodiversity, while establishing opportunities for the development of housing, public amenities and economic development, builds on other key documents:

- Avondale Town Centre Regeneration Plan (Eke Panuku 2017)
- Avondale Community Facilities Network Plan (2015)
- Avondale Rosebank Local Parks Needs Assessment Report (2022)
- Manaaki Tāmaki Makaurau— Auckland Open Space, Sport and Recreation Strategy (2025)
- The Long-term Plan (LTP) 2024-2034
- The Auckland Plan 2050



This drawing captures the strategic objectives and key moves that affect New Lynn's 'hard assets'.

New Lynn Urban Plan 2010–2030 Strategy Drawing — showing key strategic objectives and key moves (connections) that affect New Lynn's 'hard assets'. Note this work was undertaken by Waitakere City Council in 2010.

Site in Context



Mana Whenua Cultural Landscape map[1]



Tī Kōuka / Cabbage Tree near Te Awa Whau



The New Grandstand and Lawn — April 1902[2]



Avondale Sunday Market



Soldiers from the First Māori Contingent in training at Avondale Camp.[3]

Mana Whenua

Avondale Racecourse is located alongside the Te Awa Whau (Whau River) and Te Tōanga Waka portage route, which allowed movement of mana whenua by waka between the Waitematā and Manukau harbours. The area hosted seasonal kāinga (villages) for resources such as timber and harvesting kai from both the Whau River and the fertile soils of the area.

The area of Avondale — known as 'Hui Kōrero' by mana whenua Te Kawerau ā Maki — was a traditional place for meeting, trade and 'gossip' between different iwi and whānau, reflecting its strategic location. The views across the racecourse between Avondale and Te Wao o Nui a Tiriwa/Waitākere mountain ranges hold significance for iwi. This is especially important for Te Hono, Avondale's new library and community facility, which is currently under construction next to the north-eastern part of the racecourse.

Following the Auckland Anniversary rains of 2023, evidence of settlement near the racecourse was uncovered when a midden was discovered close to a Whau tributary, just 25 metres from the racecourse itself.

'Before it was a racecourse, in ancient times, there were swamps here. Our gardens would have been up above the swamps, and the swamps would have provided our textiles, our housing materials, the raupō, the muka, harakeke, and also the food, the tuna, the kōura.'

– Pita Turei - Ngai Tai Ki Tamaki, Ngāti Pāoa, Ngā Rauru Kītahi
The Public Stand Audio Recording (2025)

Avondale Jockey Club and Racecourse

Avondale Jockey Club has long been an important part of Auckland's history, the national thoroughbred racing industry, and Avondale's identity. Its architecturally designed grandstands, along with the bars, tote rooms, stables, landscaped gardens and racetrack, have undergone significant changes over time. Shifts in the racing industry, decades of uncertainty around potential land sales, and the move to mostly infrequent mid-week race days mean the course no longer attracts the large public gatherings or provides the level of local employment it once did.

In recent years, vandalism and flooding have further damaged the facilities, reducing the site's ability to support the wide range of uses and generate the revenue it historically sustained. The club continues to allow informal community use and has previously contributed land for public purposes, including the area now known as Avondale Central Reserve.

Avondale Sunday Market

The long-established Avondale Sunday Market is a major regional and visitor destination attracting up to 20,000 people each week. It offers fresh, diverse, affordable and healthy food outside the supermarket duopoly and serves as a vital social and cultural hub for Tāmaki Makaurau's multicultural communities. It supports around 270 stallholders, regional and local growers, and offers significant employment across diverse communities, while operating as a low-cost incubator for small businesses.

The market reduces waste through sales of second-hand goods and produce that falls outside supermarket standards. Its minimal fixed infrastructure allows flexible access, 1.2 Ha for parking and 2.3 Ha stall layouts across the Avondale Racecourse site, largely in the gravel parking areas.

'The Avondale Sunday Markets are a way of life! It serves everyone who loves a trolley fight for cheap veges and vintage treasures, and supports families who have sold their produce for generations.'

– Ina Patisolo
Whau Pasifika

Community Gathering Space

The Avondale Racecourse has long served as a central gathering place for the community, hosting everything from 21st birthday celebrations, pigeon club racing, ballroom dancing, judo and weekly fundraising bingo nights, to a wide range of sports club activities across its buildings and open grounds. It was also a hospital during the 1918 influenza epidemic, a major military camp and training area during both World Wars, including for the Māori Pioneers, the precursor to the Māori Battalion.

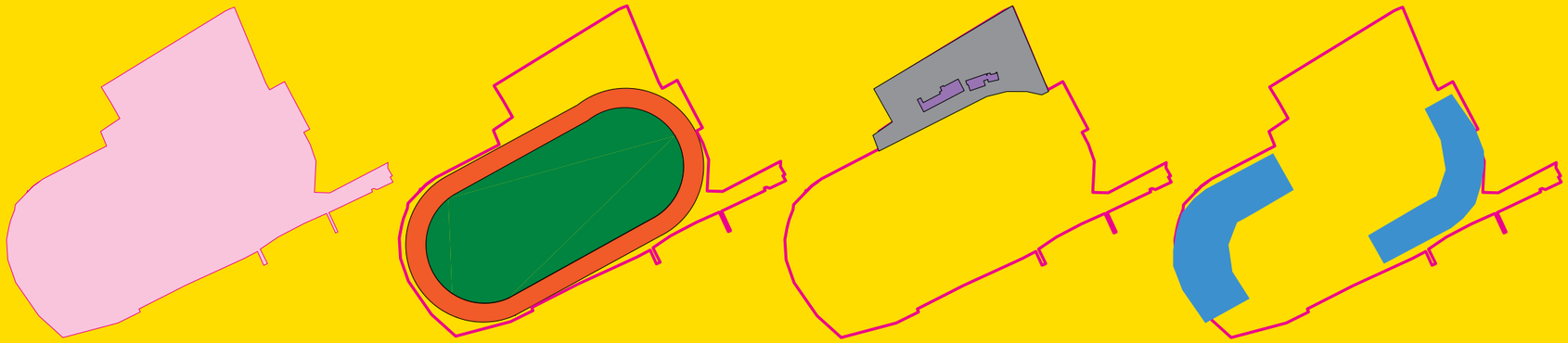
The racecourse later became the site of 1981's Polynesian Cultural Festival which evolved to become Te Matatini. Well connected to the Avondale town centre and the tram, rail and bus networks, it was easily accessible — especially before widespread car ownership, when most people arrived by public transport. The surrounding edges of the racecourse were equally active over past decades, with the Suburbs New Lynn Rugby Club rooms, the Cobb & Co restaurant on Elm Street, and nearby tennis and netball courts all contributing to activity throughout the day and night.

Site Present Usage

When we talk about the Avondale Racecourse, we're talking about some **three hundred and fifty-seven thousand** square metres of space. Of that, some 331, 300m² +/- is zoned Special Purpose — Major Recreation Facility under the Unitary Plan.

These designated Major Recreation Facilities are by Auckland Council's own definition 'limited resources that contribute significantly to Auckland's social and economic well-being, and their efficient use is of resource management importance to the region.'

Avondale Racecourse is one of twenty of these facilities within the Special Purpose — Major Recreation Facility Zone in Auckland.



Avondale Racecourse
35 hectares
+/- 357,000m²

Track + Sports Fields
30 hectares
+/- 300,000m²

Impervious Surface
5.7 hectares
+/- 57,000m²

Flood Plains
7 hectares
+/- 70,000m²

A Demographic Snapshot of Avondale



Whau Arts Festival 2025[1]



Pasifika Governance Networking Nights. Theme: Public Speaking at Moana Fresh[2]



Avondale Street Sessions. Siah Fina'i Gogo workshop[3]

Based on Statistics New Zealand census data from 2023:

- Avondale has a high concentration of its population aged between 25–45.
- People from a wide range of ethnic backgrounds make up the majority of residents, with 47.7% of the community born outside Aotearoa New Zealand — well above both Auckland-wide and national levels.
- Half of households live in rental accommodation rather than owner-occupied housing.
- Household incomes are generally lower while living costs remain high by Auckland standards.

Site Features



GeoMaps — Auckland Council Natural Hazards Layer

Flooding

Approximately 70,000m² of the racecourse land is known to be part of existing overland flows paths and flood plains feeding into Te Awa Whau (Whau River). As our climate grows wetter, it's critical that we retain land that is not paved or built on, as it acts as a sponge, retaining and slowing water in repeated high rainfall events. Extensive built development would lock in future flooding and associated vulnerabilities.

Ecology

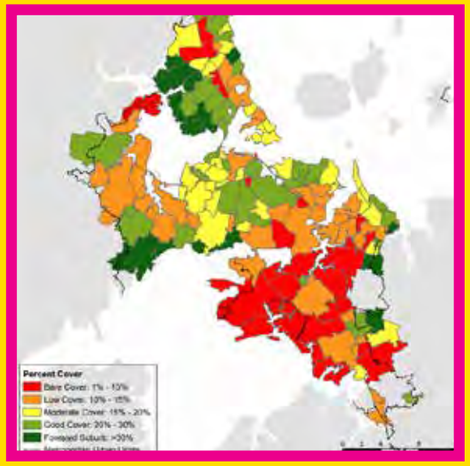
Habitat loss caused by climate change and urban growth has meant that the racecourse site's open space provides critical habitat functions, serving not only as a roosting area for birds but also as a seasonal foraging ground. The open grass areas of the sports fields provide essential, undisturbed space for seabirds and a variety of migrant and resident wading shorebirds to rest, shelter and sleep, particularly during high tides and adverse weather conditions.



Manaaki Whenua — Soil Types in Avondale [1]

Soils with Poor Bearing Capacity

Much of the soil that underlies the Avondale Racecourse is from the Takaanini (formerly Puketoka formation), composed of alluvial soils. These soils typically have poor bearing capacity, requiring deep or specialised foundations for heavy structures which would increase development costs if building on the land.



Average percentage canopy cover of urban ngahere (3m+ height) in Auckland suburbs[2]

Urban Ngahere Cover

The Whau has been assessed as having low cover of urban ngahere (forest) at 10%–15% — shown yellow in the diagram above. Amendments to the Resource Management Act in 2015 lifted blanket tree protection in urban areas. As a result, the vast majority of trees on private urban land are no longer protected and Avondale is rapidly losing tree cover. The social, environmental, economic and cultural benefits that urban trees deliver is well-documented; they contribute to human health by keeping the air clean and cool (mitigating the urban heat island effect), enhance biodiversity, sequester carbon and filter stormwater.



Auckland Geomaps Asset Layer Map

Recreation and Sportsfields Needs

Auckland Council has leased the inner circle of the racecourse for sports fields from Avondale Jockey Club since 1988. The Council pays hundreds of thousands of dollars in annual lease fees to remediate the long-standing deficit of local open, green and active recreational space. The racecourse grounds are an indispensable feature of Auckland's parks network. Currently, the racecourse provides nine summer cricket pitches and an athletic track. In winter, six rugby fields and seven football fields serve sports people of all ages, but particularly youth from across the city.

'Given the scale of participation demand and the critical shortage of fields in Central Auckland, Northern Region Football strongly believes that Avondale Racecourse must be maintained and upgraded as a sports venue.'

– Carl Fenton
Head of Clubs and Community Engagement
Northern Region Football



Auckland Unitary Plan Map overlaid with undeveloped land

Undeveloped Urban Sites

Nearly 72,000m² of undeveloped land within easy walking distance of the Avondale Racecourse and Town Centre is zoned Business – Mixed Use, Residential — Terrace Housing and Apartment Buildings (THAB), Mixed Housing Urban (MHU) or Town Centre under the Auckland Unitary Plan (AUP), including:

- 6 Racecourse Parade — 7747m²
- 10 Racecourse Parade — 8424m²
- 18 Elm Street — 9647m²
- 93 Rosebank Road — 7568m²
- 3–40 Bellgrove Place, 1–11/60, 68 & 70 Riverside Road & 1–36/32 & — 38,700m²

Securing the majority of the 35-hectare racecourse site for high-quality green space and recreation will help catalyse development on these underutilised sites, capitalise on council investment in public infrastructure such as Te Hono, the new library and community facility and support the wellbeing of future residents.

Future Opportunities:
Te Taiao — Our Healthy Environment



Avondale Racecourse during Auckland Anniversary Floods, 2023[1]

Stormwater Resilience

There is an opportunity to increase stormwater amelioration on-site. Some seven hectares of the Avondale Racecourse land is designated as either a flood plain or is flood prone. Through integrated planning we have we have the opportunity to improve the flooding resilience of Avondale and the quality of water run-off into the Whau.

'Any redevelopment of the Avondale Racecourse must take seriously the flooding issues on the site . . . Two catchments converge here, and the flooding that occurred on Anniversary Day [2023] is clear evidence of the site's vulnerability.'

– Dr Matthew Bradbury
Researcher in water-sensitive urban design and integrated catchment planning



Canal Road Trees — Felled 2021 for private development

Supporting our Green-Blue Infrastructure

Expanding the urban ngahere (forest) across the racecourse presents a significant opportunity to strengthen the Whau's blue-green network. Increasing canopy cover will enhance ecological connectivity between existing vegetated habitats in Avondale, reinforce the 'Whau Wildlink' corridor, and support improved biodiversity outcomes within this urban–suburban environment.



Landcover Map showing existing open space provision in the Whau[2]

Urban Parkland — Open Space

High quality open space is a necessity in a growing urban Auckland. To ensure the longevity and viability of medium and density housing, and the wellbeing and health of its occupants Avondale needs green, open space.

'Crucial to connected, thriving, higher-density housing in our area, is adequate green space, wildlife protection, flood mitigation as climate change brings increasing extreme weather events, and opportunities for recreation. Avondale Racecourse provides all this and more.'

– Dr Sarah Paterson-Hamlin
Whau Ward Councillor
September 2025



Kuaka in flight at the Avondale Racecourse [3]

An Urban Roost

Retention of open landing, resting and recreation space is crucial for our shorebirds and seabirds including:

- Kuaka (Eastern Bar-tailed Godwit) – a long-distance summer-visiting migrant of cultural significance
- Huahou (Red Knot) regionally declining
- Tōrea (New Zealand Pied Oystercatcher) regionally declining
- Poaka (Pied Stilt)
- Tūturiwhatu (Northern New Zealand Dotterel)
- Tarāpunga (Red-billed Gull) regionally vulnerable
- Taranui (Caspian Tern) regionally critical

in the gap
you see the green eye of the racecourse
opening on the mountains
and that's the look i want

excerpt from 'my avondale'

– Janet Charman



Future Opportunities: Hauora — Our Thriving Avondale



Whānau Tag at Eastdale Reserve [1]

Sporting and Recreation Provision

Retaining and improving our sports fields helps ensure that communities across Tāmaki Makaurau can continue to access the recreational spaces they need as the population grows. The centre of the existing racecourse currently provides 14ha. Good planning and foresight would see sporting and recreational provision enhanced. Co-location with other facilities (a future school or pool) would provide high quality and safe changing and support spaces currently lacking.

'There is a critical shortfall of cricket pitches in the region, disproportionately limiting participation across all age groups. Avondale Racecourse currently provides nine cricket pitches.'

– Astrid van Uden
Key Projects Lead Auckland Cricket Association November 2025



Te Hono — Avondale's new library and community hub[2]

Opportunity for Integrated Investment

Integrated development of the racecourse site provides an opportunity to address growing community needs and co—locate built investment. This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to plan for cross-community use, building local resilience and anticipating population growth through housing densification.

Portions of the racecourse site could support a new school, it could also be the home of the long planned Whau Pool and Recreation Center, adding much needed amenity and capitalising on regional investments in public transport and other local facilities such as Te Hono. With increased access to public transport, integrated planning of new community investment and foresight, each could be developed to support the wider regional population.

'We are acutely aware that there is a gap in pool facilities in our area. As our population grows, this gap will only grow. A pool in the Whau will not only provide a facility for the benefit of our community but will also service surrounding areas where existing pools are nearing capacity.'

– Kay Thomas,
Whau Local Board Chairperson



Tools for sale at the Avondale Sunday Market

Multi-purpose Paving and Landscaping

Any new facilities such as schools or pools will require some car parking and vehicle access. The location and type of parking provided to support future investments on the site provides an opportunity to rethink paved areas. Parking, landscaped and paved areas with embedded infrastructure can be designed to host multiple programmes and uses beyond that of cars. Past and present uses of the racecourse site demonstrate how such use can generate social, cultural and economic activities at all times of day and night.



Local grower at the Avondale Sunday Market[3]

Growing our Local and Regional Economy

The Avondale Racecourse is home to Auckland's largest and longest running market. The market offers a uniquely flexible regional economic mode that compliments and bolsters town centre activity. Many vendors travel from rural communities including Te Taitokerau Northland and the Waikato, bringing produce to supply customers from across the city through direct trade. The market also offers significant future economic development opportunities; it supports small and creative business operators and start-ups, testing their business in a low overhead incubator environment, with a ready supply of customers. The Covid pandemic demonstrated the value of this flexible and resilient model where suppliers with goods from disrupted supply chains could pivot and find local buyers. In addition, this flexible model provides opportunities for local people to supplement their income through occasional stalls or through selling craft items. This economic data is not captured by usual measures but researchers have demonstrated the value of this activity. As we consider the future of the racecourse, this creative, unique local and regional economy can be valued and enhanced, providing a model for neighbourhood-scale economic development for the city more broadly.



Haser's Haven Mural on Great North Road[4]

Mahi Toi in Avondale

Avondale and the surrounding Whau area is renowned for its concentration of creative activity. With groups such as the arts collective Whau the People based in Avondale, and a high number of professional musicians, performers, filmmakers, artists, and other creative practitioners living and working locally, the area has a distinct and diverse creative flavour. In recent years, the racecourse has been used for film shoots, murals, pop-up activations, and as a backdrop for a wide range of creative projects.

The recent draft Whau Creative Research project (funded by the Whau Local Board) highlights both the growing demand — and the potential shortage — of dedicated studio space, as well as the opportunity to strengthen the local creative infrastructure and economy. Integrated planning should consider this opportunity to strengthen the creative industries and economy of the Whau.

'If the Whau leaned into creative business properly, it wouldn't be charity, it'd be economic development.'

Quote from draft Whau Creative Community Research 2026

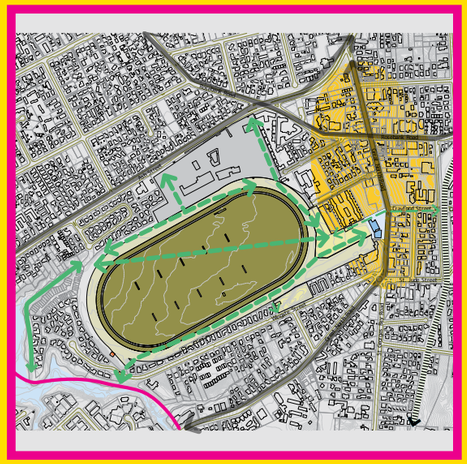
Future Opportunities:
Ngā Ara Whau — Our Well-Connected Avondale



Map showing bus and train routes from Avondale to City Centre[1]



Te Whau Pathway — Rizal Reserve to Ken Maunder Park[2]



Map showing local movement routes around and through the racecourse



Highbury Triangle — Kāinga Ora[3]



Bike Avondale Event — Avondale Reserve

Improved and Renewed Connections at a Regional Scale

Once the City Rail Link is fully operational, Avondale Train station will see eight trains per hour providing a 15 minute travel time to the city centre. Bus services will also increase in frequency, with the No.18 operating at six-minute peak intervals and the No.22 at 15-minute intervals.

These improved regional transport connections make Avondale a far more convenient and viable place to live or visit — whether travelling from the city centre or from West Auckland. They support both daily commuting to workplaces and easy access to Avondale's shopping, entertainment, cultural and arts activities, and its sport and recreation facilities. Any development of the racecourse land should look to strengthen these activities, including opportunities within the night-time and weekend economy. A future Avondale-Southern Rail link, should this happen, will further increase accessibility by rail.

Te Whau Pathway

Stage 2 of the Te Whau Pathway includes the construction of a new pedestrian and cycle bridge across the Awa Te Whau (Whau River), due for completion in November 2026.

This bridge will improve access to the river and provide safer walking and cycling connections between the New Lynn and Avondale neighbourhoods, as well as to the wider west. As additional stages of the pathway are completed, these connections will further enhance access to and through Avondale. In time it is anticipated that Te Whau Pathway will become a destination for local, regional and international visitors.

'A Quintessentially Diverse Auckland Destination. New York City's Central Park, Paris' Jardin Du Luxembourg, London's Hyde Park. All of these are urban green spaces that reflect local culture and ecology and bring international attention. The racecourse whenua is an opportunity for a tourist destination of regional significance in the quickly intensifying and undeniably cool Avondale. Our People's Plan does so in a way which can align with Tātaki Unlimited's four strategic outcomes[1].'

- Marlon Drake Lead Organiser
Te Ohu Whakawhanaunga

Improved and Renewed Connections within Avondale and the Whau

Eke Panuku chose Avondale as an 'Unlock' location because of its strategic location with good infrastructure, services and access to public transport. Retention of the Avondale Racecourse land for public good will further leverage this investment of Eke Panuku and Auckland Council in Te Hono — Avondale's new Community Hub and Town Square.

Integrated planning of the racecourse land provides the opportunity to improve active transport and road connection to the town centre and some hundred businesses catering to the diverse needs of the Whau. To the west access can be made to Te Whau Pathway, another significant regional investment connecting the racecourse on the western edge at Rizal Reserve to New Lynn, Kelston, Glendene and Te Atatu South.

Medium and High Density Living in the Right Place

Considered development of the racecourse provides the opportunity to retain and enhance the open and green space provision, supporting availability and liveability of zoned medium and high density housing. High-density rental populations rely on public 'Third Places' (parks, squares, community hubs) to feel grounded because they often have little or no outdoor area and they cannot modify their own homes. Protecting and enhancing the racecourse green space will play a critical role in supporting community well-being and strengthening social cohesion in a suburb where approximately 50% of residents will live in rental accommodation, at increasingly higher densities.

'Avondale is a "Suburb of Renters" (approx. 50% vs 37% nationally). Renters move house frequently (churn), which creates social isolation.'

– The Urban Advisory

The Race is On: A once-in-a-generation opportunity for West Auckland and Tāmaki Makaurau

The People's Plan: Expanded sets out the relevant legislative and policy context, site features and spatial connections of the Avondale Racecourse and neighbouring area. Realising The People's Plan — through strategic investment, acquisition and rezoning — could meet the most urgent needs of the superdiverse[2] and growing communities of Avondale. Housing intensification is bringing higher population density, while infrastructure, open space and community facilities are stretched and have historically been underinvested in. The racecourse site is the only land capable of addressing multiple needs at scale.

We believe integrated development of this land can serve as a model for inclusive, sustainable urban development — not just another lost opportunity.

The People's Plan: Expanded aligns closely with the direction set out in Wayne Brown's Mayoral Proposal for the 2026/2027 Annual Plan. Framed around the goal of 'Fix Auckland,' Brown's proposal calls for smarter services, faster progress, stronger communities, and better value from council investment.

Central to this approach is a clear expectation that public spending must deliver stronger urban outcomes through integrated planning and better design. In this case, political will supports extending the recent investment council and other agencies have undertaken in Avondale.

The People's Plan: Expanded emphasises place-based investment — ensuring planning and infrastructure decisions respond directly to the needs and opportunities of local communities. Mayor Brown's priorities strengthen the case for bold, integrated investment in the Avondale Racecourse. Projects that combine open space, community facilities, housing and connected transport networks are precisely the kind of outcomes the mayor's proposal seeks to deliver.

Realising The People's Plan would not only address long-standing community needs, it would demonstrate how to turn policy direction into tangible, place-shaping results.

This is a legacy moment. Communities and their leaders are celebrated for their vision — for protecting taonga that define a city for generations to come.

Albert Park, Cornwall Park, the Domain — these were once at risk too. Today, we celebrate the foresight of those who protected them.

Under The People's Plan: Expanded, Avondale Racecourse can be that jewel for West Auckland and Tāmaki Makaurau.

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The People's Plan: Expanded

The case for the future of the Avondale Racecourse

March 2026

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Do not support any

Tell us why

NA

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

NA

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Waitākere Ranges

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

I don't know

Tell us why

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?

A. Community wellbeing - continue to grow and evolve our programmes to support community wellbeing with a focus on tamariki and rangatahi, as well as older people

Other

B. Review level of community grants, including investigating a Facility Partnership Fund to support community organisations to plan, develop or upgrade community facilities

C. Improve engagement with communities of need, schools and youth

D. Progress an omnibus Waitākere Ranges Local Parks Management Plan

E. Walking and cycling connections, particularly through parks

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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NA

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We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.

Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?
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Rank	Area
	Economic development and events – growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries.
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	Regional parks and environment – looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects
	Transport – roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around
	Flood resilience – reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways.

Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

NA

Question 6: City centre

Auckland's City Centre is the economic heart of our region. Overall, the city centre accounts for about a fifth of everything produced in Auckland's economy. We want to make public spaces work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.

Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

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Support all

Tell us why

We need to invest in the future, we haven't in the past and the costs have been deferred. We can't keep waiting or it will be hugely expensive for the generation that has to do something.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Auckland rates are very low compared to the rest of the country

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Whau

Whau Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support all

Tell us why

People focused. But I am concerned about Avondale Racecourse.

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?

A. Design and build a new destination playground at Avondale Central Reserve.

B. Promote community identity and diversity by funding a coordinator for Welcoming Communities, supporting the PAN African Hub, and refreshing the Whau Ethnic Peoples Plan.

Support

C. Engage and respond to youth needs, and co-design initiatives to address opportunities and gaps.

Support

D. Improve water quality and flood resilience of Whau streams and rivers through collaboration with volunteers, local schools, community hubs, organisations, and neighbouring local boards.

Support

E. Prioritise projects identified through the Whau Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan and leverage partnerships to provide a local facility network for the community.

Support

F. Develop a Local Parks Management Plan to guide decisions on managing use, development, and protection of all 146 parks, reserves and open space within the Whau.

Support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Keeps the community moving, gets them out of cars, protects areas that are flood plains. Need to finish Whau cycleway. Need to protect Avondale Racecourse for the benefit of the community (as was the plan of the people who gifted the land to the Jockey Club), we need a resource that has a good area for events, eg kite festival, rugby, kilikiti and cricket tournements..

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Could go further- solar on all council buildings, free/reduced cost of public transport.

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Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

Renewable energy - solar panels, electric public transport, EV charging,

Public transport. Low cost to get people on buses, trains, bikes etc., rather than in cars.

Question 6: City centre

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Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Māori identity and culture – reflect and celebrate Māori identity and culture throughout the city centre.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Rate increase is excessive. This is on top of several year of above inflation rate increases.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Don't support the Introduction of a refuse bin/bag exchange fee.

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Whau

Whau Local Board Feedback:

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Stuff like "promote community identity and diversity

by funding a coordinator for Welcoming

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- engage and respond to youth needs, and

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and gaps" is not what I want my rates money spent on. It not a council core service, will achieve little and is not a council or community board function.

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Do not support

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Do not support

D. Improve water quality and flood resilience of Whau streams and rivers through collaboration with volunteers, local schools, community hubs, organisations, and neighbouring local boards.

Support

E. Prioritise projects identified through the Whau Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan and leverage partnerships to provide a local facility network for the community.

Support

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Support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

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The other 4 points that I have supported are more in line with what the community board should be doing.

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The 14 Auckland ancestral mountains (Maunga) should not be under under co-governance, but run by the council for the benefit of all Aucklanders.

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Transport, but less money spent on cycleways which are not used much. A large amount of money has been wasted removing parking from shopping centres such as Mt Albert, narrowing the street and increasing congestion. A more car friendly policy is needed. I don't support congestion charges.

Better stormwater drainage is definitely needed.

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Support most

Tell us why

Many items have been ignored for years and a catch-up was always going to be required.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

My only complaint is about rubbish/recycling collections. As a one person household I only use the service when bins are full - about every 6 weeks. I think with modern technology these charges could be adapted to each user by the use of RFID takes built into each bin. The collection truck could then read these and apply charges (maybe via rates) only when emptied. Thus it becomes a very much a user pays facility..

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Support most

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I don’t know

C. Engage and respond to youth needs, and co-design initiatives to address opportunities and gaps.

Support

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Support

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I don't know

F. Develop a Local Parks Management Plan to guide decisions on managing use, development, and protection of all 146 parks, reserves and open space within the Whau.

Support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

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Local roads. - I have been in the area for 6+years. In that time Blockhouse Bay road had been marked with paint the areas needed repair, at least three times. Only twice have I noticed very minor repairs. I object to my rates money be spent in marking kilometers of the road with nothing ever being done.

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Tell us why

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Good

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Whau

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Support all

Tell us why

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Support

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Support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

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libraires, community venues, and community led projects

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

#3954

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

NA

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Whau

Whau Local Board Feedback:

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Support most

Tell us why

Supportive of the focus on communities and community cohesion, especially the whau pacifika plan

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?

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I don’t know

D. Improve water quality and flood resilience of Whau streams and rivers through collaboration with volunteers, local schools, community hubs, organisations, and neighbouring local boards.

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E. Prioritise projects identified through the Whau Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan and leverage partnerships to provide a local facility network for the community.

Support

F. Develop a Local Parks Management Plan to guide decisions on managing use, development, and protection of all 146 parks, reserves and open space within the Whau.

Support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

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Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

Parks and Green space, avondale racecourse and swimming pool

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#3995

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Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

I support investment in core infrastructure, particularly water and transport, as these are essential to Auckland's resilience.

Water investment must remain a priority given growth and climate pressures. I support the City Rail Link, but the plan needs more focus on immediate transport needs. With rising fuel costs, affordable and reliable public transport, especially for West Auckland, is critical.

I support enabling local boards to respond to their communities, but community services like libraries, parks and pools must not be reduced as costs rise. These are essential, not optional and we already do not have enough pool provision in the West. I want to see this investment and long-term thinking continue.

I accept the need for rates increases, but expect this to be matched by clear, equitable outcomes and support for those under financial pressure.

There should also be a stronger commitment to embedding Māori outcomes across all investment decisions.

Overall, I support the plan but want to see greater focus on equity, immediate transport improvements, and protecting community services.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I am cautious about additional fees and charges, particularly where they disproportionately impact lower-income households.

For example, introducing or increasing user-pays charges for basic services like waste or parking risks placing more pressure on those already struggling with the cost of living. These costs can quickly add up and are not always avoidable.

Where fees are introduced or increased, I would expect a clear equity lens to be applied. Essential services should remain accessible and affordable, and consideration should be given to those who have the least flexibility to absorb additional costs.

In general, I support a balanced approach where those who can afford to contribute more do so, but not at the expense of access to basic services.

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Whau

Whau Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support most

Tell us why

My feedback relates to the Whau Local Board area, particularly New Lynn and surrounding communities. I strongly support continued investment in community infrastructure in the Whau rohe. This is a growing and diverse area, and local facilities are already under pressure.

In particular, I would like to see: Increased investment in aquatic facilities, as West Auckland is currently under-served. Protection and enhancement of libraries, parks and community spaces as essential services. Continued support for local programmes that strengthen community connection and wellbeing.

As cost-of-living pressures increase, these local services become even more important. They provide accessible, low-cost spaces for people to connect, learn and stay active.

I would also like to see local decision-making continue to reflect the needs of diverse communities, including Māori, and for manaakitanga to be clearly reflected in how services are prioritised and delivered.

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?

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Support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

I strongly support the priorities below and feel they need to be delivered with urgency.

Improving water quality and flood resilience in the Whau is essential. This is not just environmental, it is about protecting homes and communities. The collaborative approach is positive, but it needs to be backed by sustained investment and clear outcomes.

I support prioritising projects through the Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan, but I want to see this translate into real delivery. West Auckland is already under-served, particularly for aquatic facilities, and this gap needs to be addressed.

Developing a Local Parks Management Plan is also important, but it must go beyond planning. With 146 parks in the Whau, the focus needs to be on protecting these spaces while ensuring they are well maintained, accessible, and able to meet growing demand.

Overall, these priorities are the right ones, but they must be delivered in a way that reflects the scale of growth in the Whau and addresses existing gaps in provision, not just maintain the status quo.

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I understand the need for council to demonstrate value for money for ratepayers, and I support a disciplined approach to procurement. I would like to see a stronger emphasis on using local suppliers, particularly through mechanisms like the P27 procurement panels. While cost and efficiency are important, procurement decisions also shape local economic outcomes, employment, and community wellbeing.

There is an opportunity to better balance value for money with broader social outcomes. Supporting capable local suppliers keeps investment within Auckland and strengthens the communities council serves. Procurement panels should enable access for local providers, rather than unintentionally exclude them.

I also expect consistency across the council group. The Tūpuna Maunga Authority, along with all parts of council, should be held to the same standards and expectations for procurement. A consistent approach is important to ensure fairness, transparency, and confidence that public investment is delivering value in a way that benefits Auckland as a whole.

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Over the long term, I want to see council prioritise essential infrastructure and the services that support everyday wellbeing.

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Transport is also a key priority, but the focus needs to be on affordability and accessibility. Reliable, frequent public transport across the whole city, including West Auckland, is essential, particularly as fuel costs rise. People need viable alternatives now, not just long-term projects.

I also place a high priority on community services and facilities. Libraries, parks, pools, and community spaces are essential infrastructure that support social connection, health, and resilience. As cost-of-living pressures increase, access to these spaces becomes even more important and should be protected and expanded where there are gaps.

Across all areas, I want to see a stronger focus on equity. Investment should prioritise communities with the greatest need and ensure that services remain accessible to everyone. This includes embedding Māori outcomes across all planning and decision-making.

In the long term, I am less concerned with new growth-focused development if it comes at the expense of maintaining and improving the infrastructure and services we already rely on. Getting the basics right should come first.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

NA

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N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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I support the council continuing to found the completion of the Te Whau Pathway. The whole project is consented, so please fund the reminder for the following reasons:

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- The bits of path already built need to connect to each other
- My mental and physical health benefits from being in a natural environment
- This path restores the mana of the Whau River and celebrates the ancient portage routes Māori used
- The completed path will increase access to parks and reserves
- The path will connect schools and communities
- How important accessibility for wheelchairs and other mobility aids is
- It will become a tourist attraction

- It provides access for swimming and kayaking

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Capital expenditure is too high. Most of the CRL has been built yet the spending is going up.

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Whau

Whau Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Do not support most

Tell us why

Whau board just seems to be doing plans that have no purpose. Avondale has a large library and community centre, the community centre juts needs some upgardes instead of a $45-$50 mill replacement a complete waste of money when $5 mill budget for the community centre would suffice

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?

A. Design and build a new destination playground at Avondale Central Reserve.

B. Promote community identity and diversity by funding a coordinator for Welcoming Communities, supporting the PAN African Hub, and refreshing the Whau Ethnic Peoples Plan.

Do not support

C. Engage and respond to youth needs, and co-design initiatives to address opportunities and gaps.

Do not support

D. Improve water quality and flood resilience of Whau streams and rivers through collaboration with volunteers, local schools, community hubs, organisations, and neighbouring local boards.

E. Prioritise projects identified through the Whau Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan and leverage partnerships to provide a local facility network for the community.

Do not support

F. Develop a Local Parks Management Plan to guide decisions on managing use, development, and protection of all 146 parks, reserves and open space within the Whau.

Do not support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Just make work Plan this and plan that. Other items are unintelligible jargon

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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Watercare projects should be removed from annual plan as they are responsible from Watercares board and its own funding. Councillors and Local boards have effectively no say about what Watercare projects are progressed and their budgets

Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?
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NA

Question 6: City centre

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Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

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Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

There is nothing in there about adding more cycle lanes or improving public transport outside of the CRL and building the Rosedale station

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I don't think there should be a fee for exchanging a bin for bags and vice versa. At my family holiday home we swapped our bags for a bin because I moved there for 3 years - with all the roaming dogs it was impractical to use bags weekly as they were continually ripped into. I would not have been impressed to have to pay $40 to swap to a bin that I don't own.

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Whau

Whau Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support most

Tell us why

There is nothing in here about future cycleways in the area (the one cycleway mentioned is already funded and being built currently).

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?

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B. Promote community identity and diversity by funding a coordinator for Welcoming Communities, supporting the PAN African Hub, and refreshing the Whau Ethnic Peoples Plan.

Do not support

C. Engage and respond to youth needs, and co-design initiatives to address opportunities and gaps.

Support

D. Improve water quality and flood resilience of Whau streams and rivers through collaboration with volunteers, local schools, community hubs, organisations, and neighbouring local boards.

Support

E. Prioritise projects identified through the Whau Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan and leverage partnerships to provide a local facility network for the community.

I don't know

F. Develop a Local Parks Management Plan to guide decisions on managing use, development, and protection of all 146 parks, reserves and open space within the Whau.

Support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 4: Other feedback

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I would like to see Council invest in and deliver more fast and affordable safe cycleways, to create a connected cycling network. The Te Whau pathway needs to be finished - not become another unconnected part of a future cycleway plan. It would make it so much safer to get from New Lynn and Avondale to Henderson, Te Atatu and even in the other direction to the current New Lynn to Avondale path (currently there a lot of industrial and busy roads between the cycleway and those suburbs so riding this feels unsafe).

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Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

Transport because we need more feeder buses to main hubs (I have a bus stop outside my house but it's only got a bus once an hour and any alternative is 15-20 mins walk away) and buses need to connect with other buses, trains and ferries (either be frequent enough or have enough time to allow transfers). Also we need more connected cycleways that can get you from one side of the city to the other without having to brave the traffic. We need a way for people to be able to get to work without driving and being stuck in traffic for hours on the motorways and main roads.

Also all houses built in Auckland in suburban streets should come with a car park - infill housing on existing suburban streets is making it difficult for rubbish collections, emergency vehicles, buses and even normal cars to pass one another due to the large number of people parking on the streets.

Auckland needs to grow where there is lots of non car options for transport (aka bus, train, cycle) - so intensive housing should be built near transport hubs - not out in suburbs with hardly any buses.

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Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,Other (please specify):Queen Street needs to remain free of cars, including during evenings. Queen Street's Waihorotiu Path was extensively consulted on and approved by the Governing Body, and shouldn't be changed by the wishes of a minority without consultation

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Support all

Tell us why

Investments into the city are a good thing and cutting cost is not going to solve our issues. Priority on density around key transport links like trains stations make the most sense. People complain about townhouses every where but the reality is we need density.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Yes to increase in permit cost, they haven't been updated to reflect their true cost.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Whau

Whau Local Board Feedback:

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Tell us why

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Support

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Support

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Support

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Support

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Support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

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Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

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Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support any

Tell us why

already paying too many taxes and do not see any need of having city rails at this stage as would never be using it either way like any one else.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

i agree on this

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Waitākere Ranges

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Do not support any

Tell us why

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?

A. Community wellbeing - continue to grow and evolve our programmes to support community wellbeing with a focus on tamariki and rangatahi, as well as older people

Do not support

B. Review level of community grants, including investigating a Facility Partnership Fund to support community organisations to plan, develop or upgrade community facilities

Do not support

C. Improve engagement with communities of need, schools and youth

Do not support

D. Progress an omnibus Waitākere Ranges Local Parks Management Plan

Do not support

E. Walking and cycling connections, particularly through parks

Do not support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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do not support increase in rates instead lower it

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Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

NA

Question 6: City centre

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Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.

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Support most

Tell us why

Because it is useful for community, and they will benefit from it.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

It is important that council carefully balances investment with affordability and ensure that spending delivers clear value.

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Whau

Whau Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support all

Tell us why

As someone who works and spends time in Auckland, I understand the need for continued investment and infrastructure transport and city services to support economic activity and population growth.

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Support

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Support

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Question 4: Other feedback

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I encourage the council to consider the impact of decisions on both residents and business to ensure Auckland remains a comparative and attractive place to live and work.

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Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

All I mentioned in other questions.

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Support all

Tell us why

I support the plan because improving transport, infrastructure, and communities services is necessary for Auckland future.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

NA

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Whau

Whau Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support all

Tell us why

Changes to other rates, fees, and charges should be carefully considered to ensure they remain fair and reasonable for residents.

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?

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F. Develop a Local Parks Management Plan to guide decisions on managing use, development, and protection of all 146 parks, reserves and open space within the Whau.

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

NA

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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I appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on the annual Plan. Auckland is a growing and divers city, and planning for the future requires balancing investment with affordability.

Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.

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- **Our 2027–2037 long-term plan, which will set funding priorities for regional and local priorities listed below.**

We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.

Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?
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2	**Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways.

Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

Local parks and communities' services are essential for families. Providing safe places for children to play and for communities together.

Question 6: City centre

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Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

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Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Support all

Tell us why

The annual plan reflects the ongoing challenge of balancing growth, infrastructure demand, financial sustainability in a rapidly expanding city.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

The council should continue to communicate the rationale behind these changes and assist their cumulative impact on household and business.

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Whau

Whau Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support most

Tell us why

Ongoing engagement with the community will be important to ensure that funding decision continue to reflect local priorities and deliver measurable outcomes

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?

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Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

NA

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Continued focus on resilience, particularly in response to climate related risks, will also be critical.

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Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

Transport remains a key enabler of economic activity and accessibility, while flood resilience as increasingly important given recent weather events a climate risks.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

We need better transport - frequency evey 15 minutes off peak, especially route 24B from boundary road to city & back. Clean bus seats & bus stops regularly, to encourage more public transport usage. Fix water leakage at bus stop 8293, though several complaints have been made since 2025, but not yet fixed/cleaned?

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

As the value of properties have decreased, we do not need rates increasing, making it difficult for senior citizens to pay.?

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Whau

Whau Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Do not support most

Tell us why

We need improved infrastructure - wider roads, narrower footpaths/lawn strips, removal of trees planted along footpaths, reduced onstreet parking on both sides of roads.

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?

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Do not support

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Do not support

D. Improve water quality and flood resilience of Whau streams and rivers through collaboration with volunteers, local schools, community hubs, organisations, and neighbouring local boards.

Support

E. Prioritise projects identified through the Whau Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan and leverage partnerships to provide a local facility network for the community.

Do not support

F. Develop a Local Parks Management Plan to guide decisions on managing use, development, and protection of all 146 parks, reserves and open space within the Whau.

Do not support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

We need more rubbish bins around auckland, more facilities for senior citizens, more dog parks.

Question 4: Other feedback

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Before increasing rates, please organise regular cleaning of roads, bus stops, bus seats, foothpaths. Auckland is become like a third world city, with patchwork/bumpy roads, uneven foothpaths. Stop getting cheap labour. Improve townplanning and stick to 1 level new houses.

Have mobile libraries and we don't need more swimming pools in auckland - waste of taxpayers/ratepayers hard earned money.

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Improving infrastructure, public transportation, flood resilience, clean water, cleaner roads, foothpaths, buses/stops.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

NA

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Whau

Whau Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

I don't know

Tell us why

There are a lot of words but can't really gather anything that is actually being done.

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?

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B. Promote community identity and diversity by funding a coordinator for Welcoming Communities, supporting the PAN African Hub, and refreshing the Whau Ethnic Peoples Plan.

Support

C. Engage and respond to youth needs, and co-design initiatives to address opportunities and gaps.

I don’t know

D. Improve water quality and flood resilience of Whau streams and rivers through collaboration with volunteers, local schools, community hubs, organisations, and neighbouring local boards.

Support

E. Prioritise projects identified through the Whau Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan and leverage partnerships to provide a local facility network for the community.

Do not support

F. Develop a Local Parks Management Plan to guide decisions on managing use, development, and protection of all 146 parks, reserves and open space within the Whau.

I don't know

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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The plan reads as quite vague. I am sick of millions going into road repairs when it is evident that there is no actual plan. Multiple roads in my area have had works done only for further works to be done a few months later. In some cases this is multiple separate repairs in the same area. Where is the plan?

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Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

Have a much better plan surrounded works that are being done to minimise costs.

Question 6: City centre

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Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Māori identity and culture – reflect and celebrate Māori identity and culture throughout the city centre.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

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Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

Transport: Yes, we need the CRL to start moving and start earning, it has been a thorn in our side for a long time reducing interest for many to visit the city due to the horrific state of ongoing construction. Having AT infrastructure coming under AC will highlight issues they may have hidden.

Water: We've long heard about issues with our pipes so this is no surprise. I was pleased to read about the Making Space for Water program, and hope it incorporates funding for community

planting in areas where residents know water rushes past during heavy rainfall. Less concrete, more permeable spaces increased canopy please.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Your Consultation Document doesn't explain the refuse bin/bag exchange fee enough for me to understand what it is, or if it will affect me.

The other items do not affect me.

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Whau

Whau Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support most

Tell us why

I'm glad they are looking to secure land and progress the investigation and design of a new aquatic and recreation facility within the Whau Local Board area. This is very important to me as I have to drive 15 mins to the nearest Pool (Cameron Pool) for physio rehabilition. Although the cost of the visit is now $8.20 for a SWIM ONLY or $10.20 should I want a sauna afterwards. To avoid the new Whau pool being inundated by residents from outside our local board catchment, perhaps locals get a discount if they have a proof of address?

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Support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

I'm hoping the new Avondale community centre will have lots of new activities to offer our community. I worry that parking will be an issue and I will have to start avoiding the area as visitors reverse park along the main street causing the flow of traffic to stop.

I'm not sure what they are trying to achieve by funding a coordinator for Welcoming

Communities. I worry about the risk of isolating different cultures by segregating them rather than allowing them to showcase their strengths.

I look forward to the water quality and flood resilience focus, but worry that the intensification of housing in the Whau has already put us at a major disadvantage that cannot be reversed.

I hope the local parks management plan includes organic weed management of moth plant, gorse, convolvulus and tobacco weed that seems to go ignored on council land, seeding into neighbouring properties. I've also seen convolvulus in the Manawa wetland ball up and roll along the waterway adding to the risk of drain blockages during heavy rain events.

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Please consider the impact of intensification on flood resilience. Demolishing one house with half the land grassed/gardened and converting it into 6 dwellings with a long drive and the tiniest amount of permeable land covered in outdoor tiles means their downpipes cannot handle heavy rain events and it then pours onto neighbouring downhill properties.

Please consider the impact of intensification on transportation. The streets and berms are becoming carparks. The now 6 dwellings that only have one garage (that is likely used as a storage space or extra bedroom and NOT for a car anyway) are converting our streets into danger zones. I cannot see out of my driveway for cars either side. Buses squeeze along streets with cars parked down both sides, while swerving in and out to allow vehicles coming the other way to get passed. It is dangerous. Developers reducing garages and car spaces is not about encouraging more public transport use, it is purely about maximising profit, and we are all paying the price. Perhaps all streets with bus routes should have dotted yellow lines down one whole side?

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See earlier comments about flood resilience and housing intensification.

Health should be a priority, ensure all new local parks include an outer pathway loop for kids to cycle around / mums to push a pram around, and a hub in the centre so parents can supervise them. Ensure all local parks include fitness equipment and monkey bars. Ensure all local parks include toilets and drinking water fountains for water bottle refills.

Consider sporting areas allow enough parking for team sports. Lawson Park gets swamped with cars during match days and they mount curbs and double park, it is crazy.

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Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support any

Tell us why

We don't earn enough to keep paying rising costs!

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Don't agree with any of the increases. What has Auckland Council done to minimise costs? What measures have been taken to improve efficiencies and lower rates for all Aucklanders?

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Whau

Whau Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Do not support any

Tell us why

Given the huge pressure on all families the increases are likely to push everyone towards stress and hardship. Is this the Auckland we want?

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?

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B. Promote community identity and diversity by funding a coordinator for Welcoming Communities, supporting the PAN African Hub, and refreshing the Whau Ethnic Peoples Plan.

Do not support

C. Engage and respond to youth needs, and co-design initiatives to address opportunities and gaps.

Do not support

D. Improve water quality and flood resilience of Whau streams and rivers through collaboration with volunteers, local schools, community hubs, organisations, and neighbouring local boards.

Do not support

E. Prioritise projects identified through the Whau Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan and leverage partnerships to provide a local facility network for the community.

Do not support

F. Develop a Local Parks Management Plan to guide decisions on managing use, development, and protection of all 146 parks, reserves and open space within the Whau.

Do not support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

What justification is there to spend so much when the operating costs aren't shared or justified.

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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Focus on building the economy and not nice to haves!

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Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

Efficient public transport

Question 6: City centre

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Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Whau

Your feedback:

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Support most

Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

NA

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Whau

Whau Local Board Feedback:

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Support all

Tell us why

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?

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Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

Parks, safe reliable transport, healthy connected communities

Question 6: City centre

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Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

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#4479

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Avondale Business Association Inc

Local Board: Whau

Your feedback:

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Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

Focus on local boards meeting needs of the community is paramount. Built Environment momentum on urban development in Avondale is critical to leveraging the work already underway and ensuring the foundations laid to date are not wasted by not finishing what has been started. Focusing on growth around Avondale as a central area well connected to public transport supports the development of businesses in the area. Improving community and safety should be paramount and an increase in compliance officers in areas like Avondale would support the urban development investment. Avondale needs new community assets beyond Te Hono. Auckland Council must step

in and take control of the Avondale Racecourse land to ensure access to community sports fields is retained and leverage the growth opportunities for community sport at this venue. Land Aquisition for parks is noted as contributing to quality of life - The avondale racecourse can provide this IF council takes control to keep it a park. The S&R Facilities Investment Fund is critical for all sports, and the Avondale site would be a great investment opportunity. The City Rail link will benefit Avondale making it easier to Avondale to promote itself as a destination town centre - food, cultural shopping and our artistic culture can be heightened if both access is easier, and safety is front and centre through compliance officers and support for other safety initiatives (CCTV, lighting)

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

The Food Scraps Bins are a waste of time and money.

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Whau

Whau Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support most

Tell us why

The Sport and Recreation Facilities plan must leverage the opportunity to purchase Avondale Racecourse land to ensure it is available for community use. The completion of Te Hono will be most welcomed by the Avondale community. Further work - funding and people resource - is needed to uplift safety in the Town Centre. Auckland Council mentions Improve community safety through compliance wardens and the Whau Local Board should look at Avondale Town Centre to have dedicated officers. Support should also be given for CCTV and lighting initiatives led by local Business Associations. Auckland Council also mention maintaining momentum on Urban Development Areas - Whau needs to look to support the future planning needs of the Avondale Town Centre, beyond Te Hono. A full town centre urban design plan that incorporates and builds on the new community centre would provide future planning for funding, community partners and

business owners to truly create a destination shopping, event and hospitality township. The design of a new playground in Avondale Central Reserve will be greatly welcomed and appreciated by the community.

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?

A. Design and build a new destination playground at Avondale Central Reserve.

B. Promote community identity and diversity by funding a coordinator for Welcoming Communities, supporting the PAN African Hub, and refreshing the Whau Ethnic Peoples Plan.

Other

C. Engage and respond to youth needs, and co-design initiatives to address opportunities and gaps.

Support

D. Improve water quality and flood resilience of Whau streams and rivers through collaboration with volunteers, local schools, community hubs, organisations, and neighbouring local boards.

Support

E. Prioritise projects identified through the Whau Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan and leverage partnerships to provide a local facility network for the community.

Support

F. Develop a Local Parks Management Plan to guide decisions on managing use, development, and protection of all 146 parks, reserves and open space within the Whau.

Support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Avondale Central Reserve Playground is much needed by the growing demographic of avondale. Welcoming communities could be better managed with no so many different groups which spreads the resources. Engaging and responding to youth needs may address some of the safety issues, however our older generation needs to be catered for as well. Sport and Recreation is a key and would assist with the youth needs - the development of a plan along with Locals Parks Management is critical to ensure playing fields are accessible to our community.

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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With Local Boards receiving extra funding they must adhere to stronger strategic planning to use those funds most effectively. Listening to the needs of the community and the businesses that sit within those communities is critical. Much resource is funnelled toward community initiatives, yet the businesses that operate are part of our community - they live and work here, and their contribution to better communities if often undervalued. More funding for business associations to meet the needs of their members - the businesses - would be a valuable and effective contribution to the overall wellbeing and progress of communities.

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Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

Collaborative planning and not allowing large numbers of different community groups who all have the same objective and outcomes to receive funding - they need to be more collaborative and work together rather than spread the resource. Safety in our local communities is the most important priority.

Question 6: City centre

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#4495

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Local Board: Whau

Your feedback:

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Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

You don't strengthen finances by continuing to up rates, this is just another driver to move people out of Auckland. I don't want to stick around to pay for the CRL. You have so much wastage in finances, and if you're not willing to really take a lean approach to current expenditure cut services.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Bin fee sounds kinda stingy on your part. You allowed people to live in certain areas, they should be entitled to same bin costs as everyone else (included in rates). TBH rates aren't really justified if you're adding charges to the things it should already cover.

No idea what the BID is, Kingsland should have free parking on side-streets.

Parking permits - fine- people online seem to think the fee rise is still cheaper than what it could be.

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Albert-Eden,WhauSupport mostRestoration planning doesn't feel like a priority, housing and growth should be.

I don't knowSupportOtherI don't knowIt should be give and take, morning side will have to get benefits from being in the BID otherwise leave them be

Whau Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support most

Tell us why

Whau has been overlooked for too long, plus it's growing very fast. Gentrification is huge in Avondale

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?

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Support

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Support

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Support

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Do not support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

1. Playgrounds serve kids only, they have places to play already - another park ain't getting kids off their iPads.

2. whau cultural festival and other activities have been amazing initiatives, I see people coming together and I've learnt about other cultures. It's something that has people who are willing to work to see this thrive. Whau ethnic peoples plan maybe should reflect how diverse the Whau has become over the past 10 years.

3. youth really need more than just the library, this also ties into priority 5 having more sports areas. Netball courts, tennis courts, badminton. Seating and areas where young people can congregate is a great thing

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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It feels a bit targeted, some boards like Whau have some really good objectives that locals have been crying for for too long. The pool / funding of school pools open to the public should continue.

Albert Eden doesn't do enough to improve things for residents, targets elderly and businesses more than anything.

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Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

Services that people can access - sports facilities and making these open and accessible to communities who normally don't feel welcome, community centres, libraries, community funded boot camps, subsidising gyms and pools.

Cheaper transport is huge, especially for normal people who are between 25-65 who don't get any subsidies. They pay the most taxes and get the least out of the infrastructure they pay for.

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

#4533

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Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

NA

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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finish Te Whau pathway

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Question 6: City centre

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Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

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too many rates rise and this is crazy

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no more cycle lanes

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Current funding from the New Zealand Government and Auckland Council enables construction of a section of Te Whau Pathway from the Northwestern Cycleway to Horowai/Roberts Field in Te Atatū and from Wingate Steet to Ken Maunder Park. These sections will be completed in 2026.

It is expected that there may be savings achieved during construction of these sections that can be applied for the construction of the Horowai/Roberts Field to McLeod Park connection.

As the contractor (HEB) has developed a bespoke construction methodology, costs will be lower if the contractor can commence construction once the current section is finished early 2026.

Te Whau Pathway Environment Trust suggests that the council could approach the government with a request that any surplus for the current construction programme be applied to the Horowai/Roberts Field to McLeod Park connection.

Note that the original "Shovel Ready" approval included this section.

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The rationale for our request is set out below.

1. **Realisation of benefits**

   To date $56.8 million has been invested in Te Whau Pathway. Continuing the construction of the pathway will have a positive return on the investment to date by increasing usage.

   Modelling predicts that up to 900 users per day will use the pathway once it is finished.

   Community demand has been confirmed by a Pre-opening Survey.

2. **Connectivity**

   The priority is to enable walking and cycling within a 2.5-kilometre radius from a transport interchange. By extending the section from the Northwestern Cycleway to Horowai/Roberts Field onto McLeod Park meets this criterion for the Te Atatū Bus Interchange. This section can be built in one year, hence our request.

The connection from Wingate Street to Olympic Park provides access to the New Lynn Transport Interchange but requires a great deal of design which will take one year. This would enable construction to be commenced in 2027/28.

3. Equity for the West.

The West has been totally overlooked by the council in its programme for active modes of transport.

In the 2024-2034 RLTP, AT/Council were planning to spend $509.9 million on walking and cycling infrastructure over the next years. It is estimated that less than 5% of the budget has been spent in West Auckland, yet it represents 19% of the population.

4. Continuity of environmental programmes and Trust operations.

Te Whau Pathway Environment Trust in partnership with the council has carried out environmental outreach activities with 32 schools involving approximately 4,200 matariki/rangatahi. Funding for these activities runs out in August 2026. If these are not continued, then the gains made will be lost. If delayed for some years, it will be necessary to start all over again and we will lose credibility.

Te Whau Pathway Environment Trust thanks the New Zealand Government, Auckland Council, Auckland Transport, Henderson-Massey and Whau Local Boards, Te Kawerau a Maki, Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, The Trusts, The Trusts Community Foundation (TTCF), and Transpower for their contribution to date.

1. Introduction

Te Whau Pathway is a transformational community/council partnership project that will create a 12-kilometre shared path linking Green Bay, New Lynn, Kelston, Glendene and Te Atatū in various stages, see Figure 1.

Project partners include Auckland Council, Auckland Transport, Henderson-Massey and Whau Local Boards, Te Kawerau a Maki, Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, and the Te Whau Pathway Environment Trust.

Te Whau Pathway transverses a range of different environments, such as open fields, bridge structures and the coastal marine environment (which constitutes more than 50% of the pathway) to provide a unique, iconic and pleasant coastal experience.

The benefits of the pathway include improved access to the coast, better connectivity for the community to the existing community assets (parks etc.) and the addition of an alternative mode of transport for commuters in the form of a largely off-road path that connects with other cycleways and transport interchanges.

Provision of greater public access to the Whau River will result in greater environmental awareness and generate environmental, social, cultural and health benefits.

There is also the potential for economic benefits from the pathway as a tourist attraction due to its unique location and cycling services.

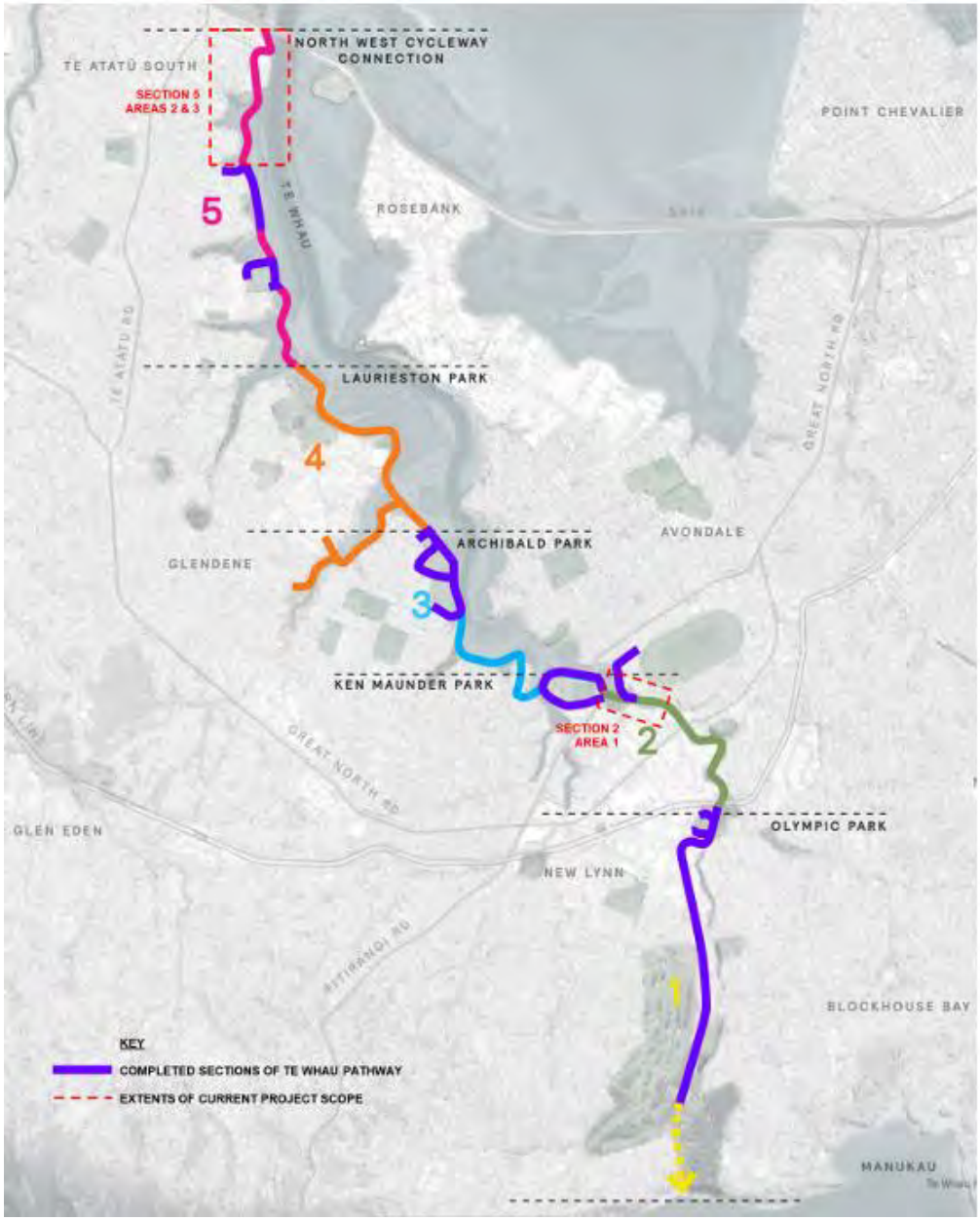
Te Whau Pathway Environment Trust raised nearly $2.02 million since March 2015, which together with the contribution from the Whau and Henderson-Massey Local Boards, Auckland Council and Auckland Transport has enabled the construction of the first stages comprising 3.2 kilometres at:

- Tiroroa Esplanade, Horowai/Roberts Field
- Archibald Park
- Ken Maunder Park
- McLeod Park
- Olympic Park
- Connector paths
- Pontoon at Archibald Park.

These assets were gifted by Te Whau Pathway Environment Trust to Auckland council for the benefit of the community.

The extent of Te Whau Pathway is shown on Figure 1.

Figure 1. Te Whau Pathway



The current funding from the New Zealand Government and Auckland Council enables construction of the section from the Northwestern Cycleway to Horowai/Roberts Field and Wingate Street to Ken Maunder Park Board area. These sections will be completed during 2026.

Previously, nearly $9 million has been invested to date on the project, as follows:

- Te Whau Pathway Environment Trust, $2.02 million
- Auckland Transport, $1.35 million
- Auckland Council, Henderson-Massey and Whau Local Boards, $5.63 million

2. Reprioritisation of the Annual Plan

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As a safe off-road route, Te Whau Pathway can contribute to reducing fuel consumption. As it is already consented it is totally" shovel ready".

The current contractor has developed a bespoke construction methodology which has reduced costs and is established onsite. If there is no continuity of work, the contractor will go elsewhere, and consequently costs will be much greater in the future.

2.1 Role of Public Transport

Public transport systems such as buses and trains move large numbers of people using significantly less fuel per passenger compared with private cars. Investment in reliable, frequent, and affordable public transport, enables more people to shift away from fuel-intensive personal vehicles.

This reduces overall fuel consumption and eases pressure on limited fuel supplies during a crisis. Public transport also facilitates the prioritization of fuel use for essential services and freight rather than routine commuting.

2.2 Contribution of Walking and Cycling

Walking and cycling require no fossil fuels at all, making them the most direct ways to cut fuel demand. Projects such as safe footpaths, protected bike lanes, and traffic-calmed streets enable short trips—many of which would otherwise be made by car—to be completed without fuel use.

These active transport options provide households with affordable and reliable mobility while reducing competition for scarce fuel resources.

2.3 System-Wide Benefits

Together, public transport, walking, and cycling projects reduce dependence on oil by lowering total travel demand for motor vehicles. They also improve transport system resilience by diversifying mobility options, so Auckland is less exposed to fuel price shocks or supply disruptions.

In addition, these projects deliver co-benefits such as reduced air pollution, improved public health, and more equitable access to transport, which are especially important during periods of economic stress linked to fuel crises.

3. About Te Whau Pathway Environment Trust

Te Whau Pathway Environment Trust was established in 2015. Our Vision is: To construct a shared pathway for walking and cycling linking the Manukau and Waitematā Harbours along the Whau Estuary; while achieving social, cultural, economic, environmental and health benefits.

Our Mission is:

a) To promote design and construct a multifunctional active transport walkway around the Whau River with the purpose of improving the conditions of life for the members of the public.
b) To assist in the environmental restoration of water quality and the coastal environment in the Whau catchment area.
c) To facilitate the construction and viewing of Public and functional art along the proposed Whau walkway.
d) To enhance appreciation of the cultures including Mana Whenua, communities and histories associated with the Whau River.

Since our inception we have raised funds to create stages of the pathway, resulting in $2.05 million of assets which were gifted to Council. Additionally, we carry out promotional activities designed to progress our Mission in partnership with the project partners and community organisations.

4. Project scope

Te Whau Pathway is a 12 km long shared walking and cycling path, on and off road that links the Waitematā Harbour with the Manukau Harbour, from Te Atatū Peninsula to Green Bay. The route has been split into the following five distinct sections based on environmental and design options:

- Section 1: Portage Road to Green Bay beach.
- Section 2: Olympic Park to Ken Maunder Park.
- Section 3: Ken Maunder Park to Archibald Park.
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The sections of pathway in parks and reserves have been designed to be 3.0 m wide shared paths with additional 0.5 m buffer zones to vegetation (or fencing) either side. Within the parks and reserves there is ample space available, such that the full path width can be used with lighting, and signage also able to be placed alongside the buffer zone.

The sections of pathway designated to be boardwalk have been designed to be 4.0 m wide. This allows for a buffer zone of 0.5 m from the handrails which is more generous than the normal 0.3 m requirement. This means that the boardwalk actually provides an effective pathway width of 3.4 m which provides excellent consistency along the route.

The work programme will be delivered as a community partnership model and includes environmental

restoration of the Whau River catchment and environmental education.

Te Whau Pathway has been granted a resource consent for the whole project. As all the pathway is within Reserves there will not be any barriers to implementation.

5. Alignment with Local Board Priorities

Our funding request is aligned with the Local Board Priorities, as follows.

5.1. Henderson-Massey Local Board

The Henderson-Massey Local Board Plan 2023 includes advocating for continuing the funding partnership with government to complete Te Whau Pathway.

5.2. Whau Local Board

The Whau Local Board Plan 2023 states that the Board will continue support of partnerships and external funding for Te Whau Pathway.

6. Demand

6.1 Community Demand

Community demand has been confirmed by a Pre-opening Survey.

The report on the survey presents the results of a pre-opening online survey conducted to establish a baseline understanding of local park and river usage, anticipated use of the new pathway, and community expectations and concerns prior to opening. The results are summarized below.

6.1.1 Excitement and Community Support

A dominant theme captured in the survey's open responses was enthusiasm for the pathway to open. Respondents described it as a "game changer", a long-term asset for the community, and an overdue improvement for West Auckland's walking and cycling network.

6.1.2 Strong Desire for Recreational Opportunities

Most respondents expect to use Te Whau Pathway for walking, cycling, exercise, and spending time outdoors. This is in line with how people currently use their local parks and may indicate that the pathway will support existing recreational behaviours by providing a safe and accessible extension of local recreational spaces.

6.1.3 The Local Community Has a Strong Connection to the Whau River

Respondents highlighted the value of nature, tranquillity, and proximity to the awa (river). Many respondents have a strong sense of place to the Whau river which they conveyed through personal stories highlighting the connections formed with others and the environment in and around the awa. Themes included spending time on and around the awa (through boating, kayaking, bird watching and similar), caring for the local ecology and having an interest in the heritage and wellbeing of the Whau river and being excited for the opportunity to spend more time near it.

6.1.4 Expected Increase in Commuting

Many respondents – especially those living within Te Atatū South – reported a desire to use the pathway for

commuting. Safety and separation from traffic were key reasons given.

6.2 Travel Demand

Analysis of compliance with the Land Transport Management Act 2003, the Government Policy Statement, the Auckland Plan, the Auckland Regional Land Transport Strategy and other applicable transport planning documents shows that the shared path will contribute to the objectives of those documents and fits well with the overall and specific policy framework, particularly in regard to environmental suitability, integrated transport network and public health promotion objectives.

Te Whau Pathway will connect with the Avondale to New Lynn Shared Pathway that is currently under construction and the North-Western cycleway. Therefore, it can be expected that the users of Te Whau Pathway will be predominately commuters. However, it is very likely that a large number of recreational users such as walking and jogging, sport cyclists, tourists and recreational river users will also utilise the path. Way finding signs will be provided to address the needs of the different users. To maximise the potential user base, the design caters for users with disabilities and their requirements.

Modelling shows that Te Whau Pathway is expected to attract on average 113,150 cyclists and 226,300 pedestrians annually in Te Atatū South; and an average of 105,850 cyclists and 211,700 pedestrians yearly for other sections.

The following Table 1 summarises pedestrian and cyclist daily average demand estimates of 900 trips per day for Te Whau Pathway. Forecast cycle trips are influenced by the impact of e-bikes and the Te Atatū bus interchange.

Table 1: Estimated annual daily average trips on Te Whau Pathway

Section	Approx. cycle trips	Approx. pedestrian trips	Total trips
1 Portage Road	350	450	800
2 Olympic Park to Ken Maunder Park	360	450	810
3 Ken Maunder Park to Archibald Park	640	450	1,090
4 Archibald Park to Laurieston Park	340	450	790
5 Laurieston Park to SH16	580	450	1,030
Te Whau Pathway Average	**450**	**450**	**900**

Source: Flow Transportation Specialists, 2021

The pathway connects about 98,000 residents in Green Bay, Blockhouse Bay, Avondale, New Lynn, Kelston, Glendene and Te Atatū South: 35 schools with 17,487 students and 33 parks and reserves, providing safe off-road facilities for going to work, school and shopping and for recreation. Thus, the students and park users are all potentially likely to use the pathway. This has already been demonstrated in the sections constructed to date, such as Archibald Park. According to public opinion surveys carried out in 2017, 86% of respondents indicated that they would use the pathway.

7. Direct Economic Benefits

Construction of Te Whau Pathway has generated to date 52.8 FTE's, with 77.7% being local residents. As well, it is expected that 20 full time jobs will be generated due to activities such as bike repairs, ebike hire, tourism and cafes (for example, we are aware of an existing entity near the pathway that will be developing its facilities to cater for the passing trade).

An economic evaluation has been undertaken using the 40-year analysis and 6% discount rate in accordance with Waka Kotahi NZTA Economic Evaluation Manual procedures. The project achieves a positive Benefit Cost Ratio, indicating that the project is financially viable.

Table 2: Te Whau Pathway components of benefits analysis

Benefit Stream		Discounted benefits
Cycling benefits	Health benefits for cyclists	$60.9 million
	Safety benefits for cyclists	$1.3 million
	Travel time savings for cyclists	$1.5 million
Pedestrian benefits	Health & environmental benefits for pedestrians	$81.2 million
General traffic benefits	Decongestion	$27.2 million
Total Discounted Project Benefits		**$172.1 million**
Total Discounted Project Costs		**$51.8 million**

Source: Adapted from Flow Transportation Specialists 2019, 2021.

The economic assessment is considered to be conservative as there are numerous factors that have not been included, such as:

- The pathway is likely to be an iconic structure that will attract tourist and recreational users, these users will likely experience health benefits which are not taken into account in the assessment.
- Benefits to the existing network associated with mode shift such as congestion, emission and driver confusion have not been account for.
- Potential environmental improvement associated with the pathway such as granting better access to clean up efforts and providing education to public on sustainability of the Whau River is unlikely to be measurable in relation to its benefits.

The benefits of the pathway are expected to be associated with the improved access to the coast, better connectivity for the community to the existing community assets (parks etc.) and the addition of an alternative mode of transport for commuters in the form of a largely off-road path that connects with:

- The North-Western Cycleway and on to the Project Twin Streams shared paths. Te Whau Pathway is only 11.7 kilometres from the CBD, a 45-minute bike ride.

- Cyclists and walkers will be able to complete a loop along Te Whau Pathway, the New Lynn to Avondale, Waterview/Oakley Creek and Northwestern cycleways, a total of 19.4 kilometres.
- The New Lynn to Avondale cycleway and on to the New Lynn Transport interchange.
- Auckland Transport's Te Atatū bus interchange, part of the staged construction of a rapid transit corridor along the Northwestern Motorway. This interchange is predicted to be used by 1,670 boarding/alighting passengers in the 2046 morning peak period, a portion of which will be expected to walk or cycle to/from the station via Te Whau Pathway
- Auckland Transport and Panuku both proposed improvements to the cycle network within the wider Henderson area. These proposed changes are anticipated to be cycleways and cycle lanes physically separated from general traffic. Notably, the route from McLeod Road to Henderson will connect directly to Te Whau Pathway.

Provision of greater public access to the Whau River will result in greater environmental awareness and appreciation of the Whau environment and generate environmental, social, cultural and health benefits. There is also the potential for economic benefits from the pathway as a tourist attraction due to its unique location, as has been the case for the New Plymouth Coastal Walkway.

8. Environmental benefits

Te Whau Pathway will link a series of reserves and esplanade strips along the western edge of the Whau River. This project has the potential to open up the River, and Coastal Environment to promote community engagement and education and to protect and restore the coastline. Information points outlining the key vegetation and bird species likely to be seen will be key to engaging the public. Te Whau Pathway will support the creation of neighbourhood based environmental programmes to restore water quality and the terrestrial environment, for example predator control networks to buffer the River corridor.

Ecological health in the Whau River catchment in West Auckland is in urgent need of restoration. Jobs for conservation work and enhancement of biodiversity in this culturally and ecologically significant area are both critically needed, and we will be seeking investment to accelerate this mahi in collaboration with the community. We are currently developing a comprehensive plan for implementation of improvements to the Whau River terrestrial and aquatic environment, based on a mana whenua-community-Council partnership model.

We have been working with a number of partners to improve the quality of the aquatic and terrestrial environment in the Whau River catchment since 2015. During that time, we have cooperated with the Whau River Catchment Trust to build on their experience in community-based restoration projects and its ability to collaborate with a diverse range of community stakeholders. As well, we have been active partners in the Whau Wildlink project.

The project has already delivered some great benefits for the community and the environment:

- 52 schools and community groups have taken part in environmental activities, with 4,380 students involved.

- 65 events have enabled 703 students to canoe or kayak on the awa.
- 1,250 trees have been planted to help restore the Whau River environment.
- 1,630 students have made nature art.
- Wai Care programme established with six community groups.
- Over 350 water quality tests have been carried out to inform the community on water quality.

9. Annual Plan 2026-2027 Funding Request

Funding from the New Zealand Government and Auckland Council has enabled construction of the section from the Northwestern Cycleway to Horowai/Roberts Field in Te Atatū in the Henderson-Massey Local Board area. This section was completed in March 2026 ahead of schedule and under budget.

The savings achieved during construction of this section have been applied for the construction of a bridge between Rizal Reserve in Avondale and Ken Maunder Park in Kelston, all in the Whau Local Board area.

Our request is that funding be provided for the construction of these sections of Te Whau Pathway be included in the Annual Plan 2026-2027, as shown in Tabl3:

Table 3: CAPEX Funding request

Section	Scope	CAPEX Funding
		2026/27
Construction of the connection from Horowai/Roberts Field to McLeod Park, Te Atatū South. Henderson-Massey Local Board (Figure 2)	• Boardwalk 435m • Provides connection to the Te Atatū Bus Interchange	$12 million (physical works)
Planning for the construction of the connection from Wingate Street to Olympic Park in 2027/28. Whau Local Board (Figure 3).	• Boardwalk 1,104m • At grade concrete 193m • Connector path 178m • Provides connection to the New Lynn Transport Interchange	$2 million (planning)

Cost estimates depend on ground conditions informing the final design and based on best information available at present.

The costs for this section will be lower than for the current build, which includes all the cost of establishing the precast yard and all those upfront and sunk costs etc. Savings can be achieved by using the established yard. Taking into consideration that we are making use of the procured materials, then it is more economical to build this section.

As funding can be financed from loans there is practically no impact on the rates.

Te Whau Pathway Environment Trust requests a contribution towards its budget of $160,000 opex for 2026/27 (refer to Attachment 1)to continue environmental and education programmes that have been started, and for its operating and project management costs.

10. Current investment and surplus

The section completed in 2026 (Northwestern Cycleway to Horowai/ Roberts Field) and the section under construction (Wingate Street to Ken Munder Park) were funded as follows:

- Government "Shovel Ready" funding of $35 million approved in 2020.
- Additional funding from the government in November 2023 allowed for up to $43m.
- Council top up of $4.8m.
- Expected surplus? $1.5m (indicative only).

Te Whau Pathway Environment Trust suggests that the council could approach the government with a request that any surplus for the current construction programme be applied to the Horowai/Roberts Field to McLeod Park connection.

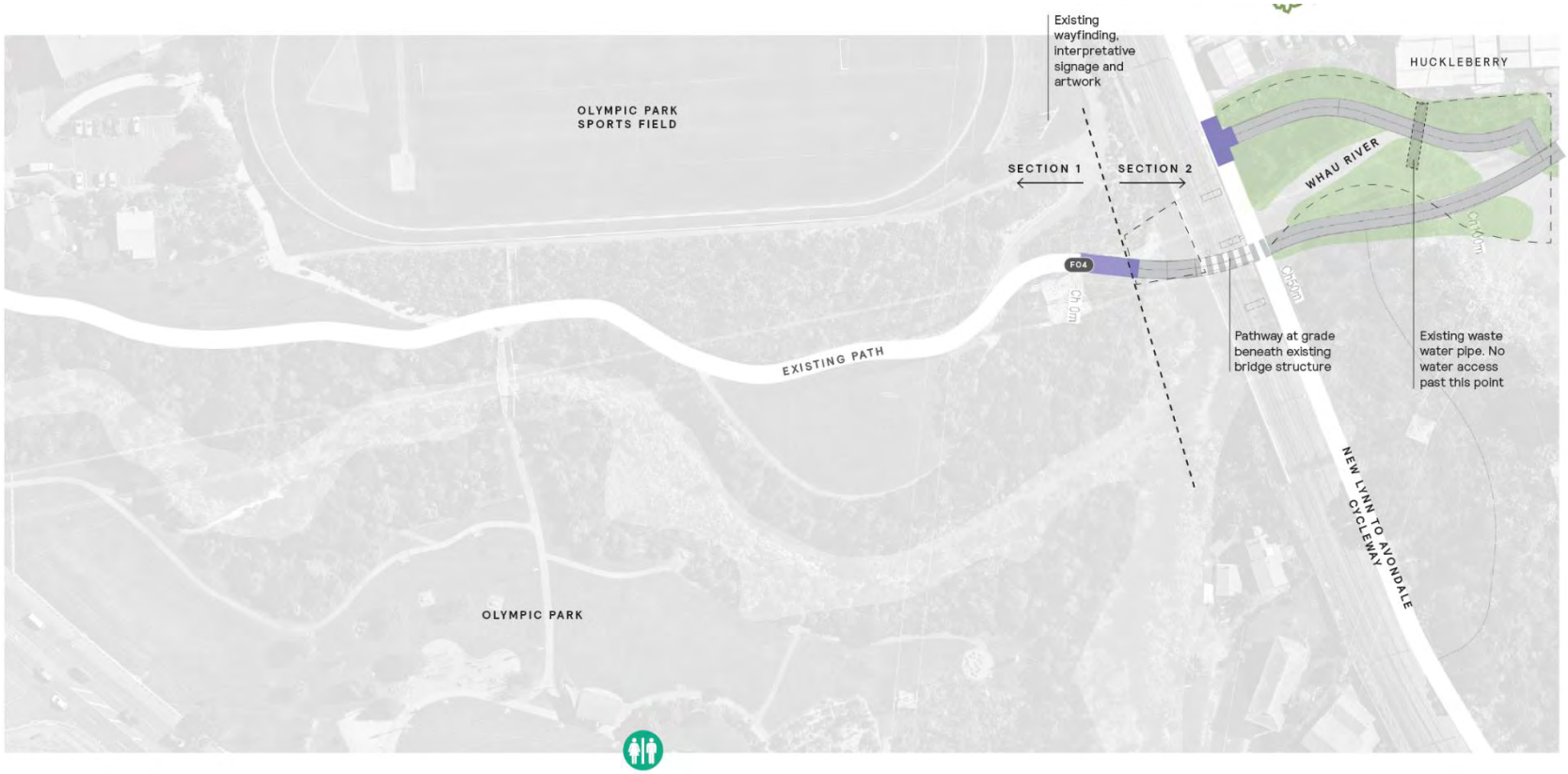
Note that the original "Shovel Ready" approval included this section.

Figure 2. Horowai/Roberts Field to McLeod Park

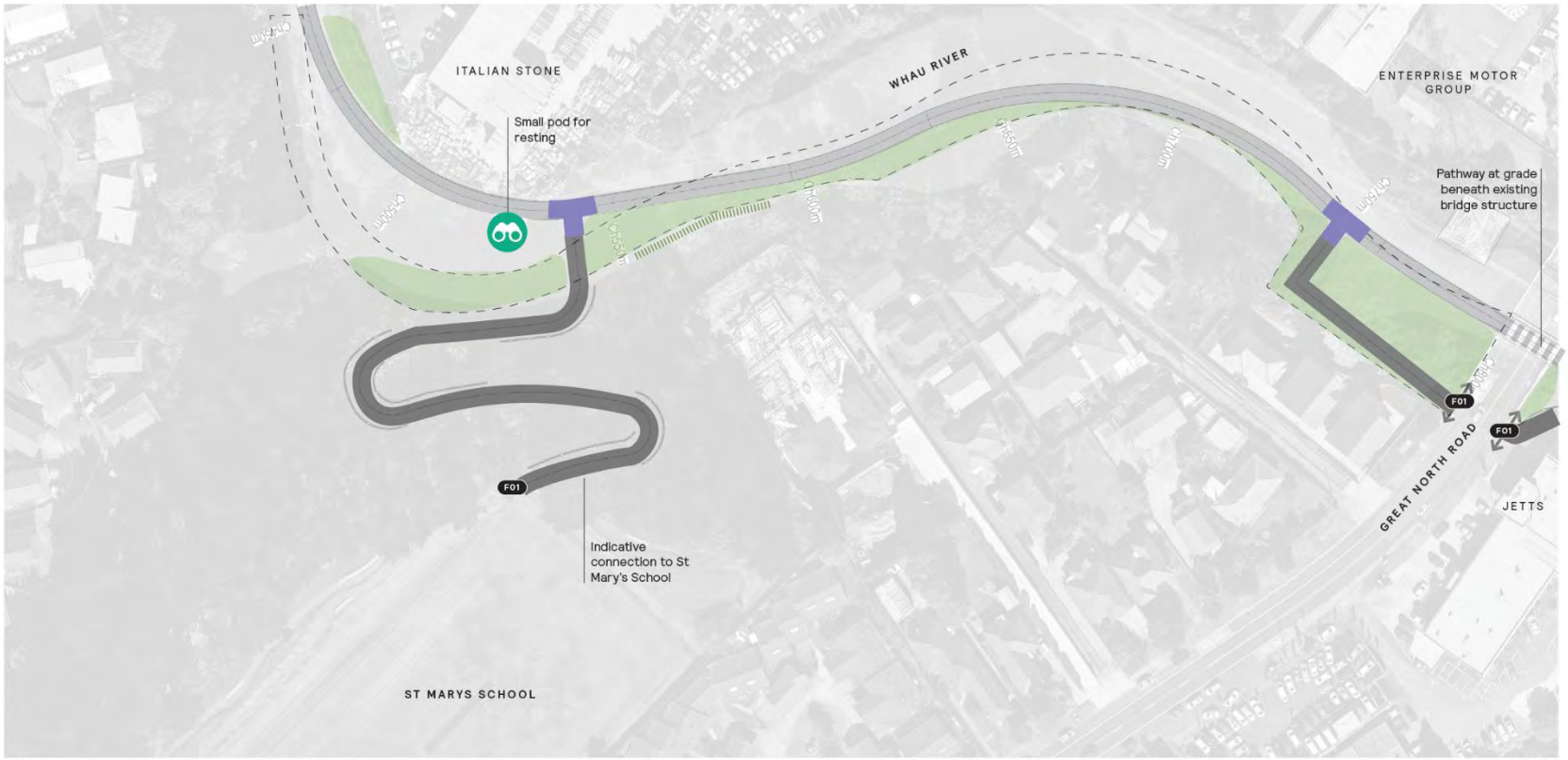


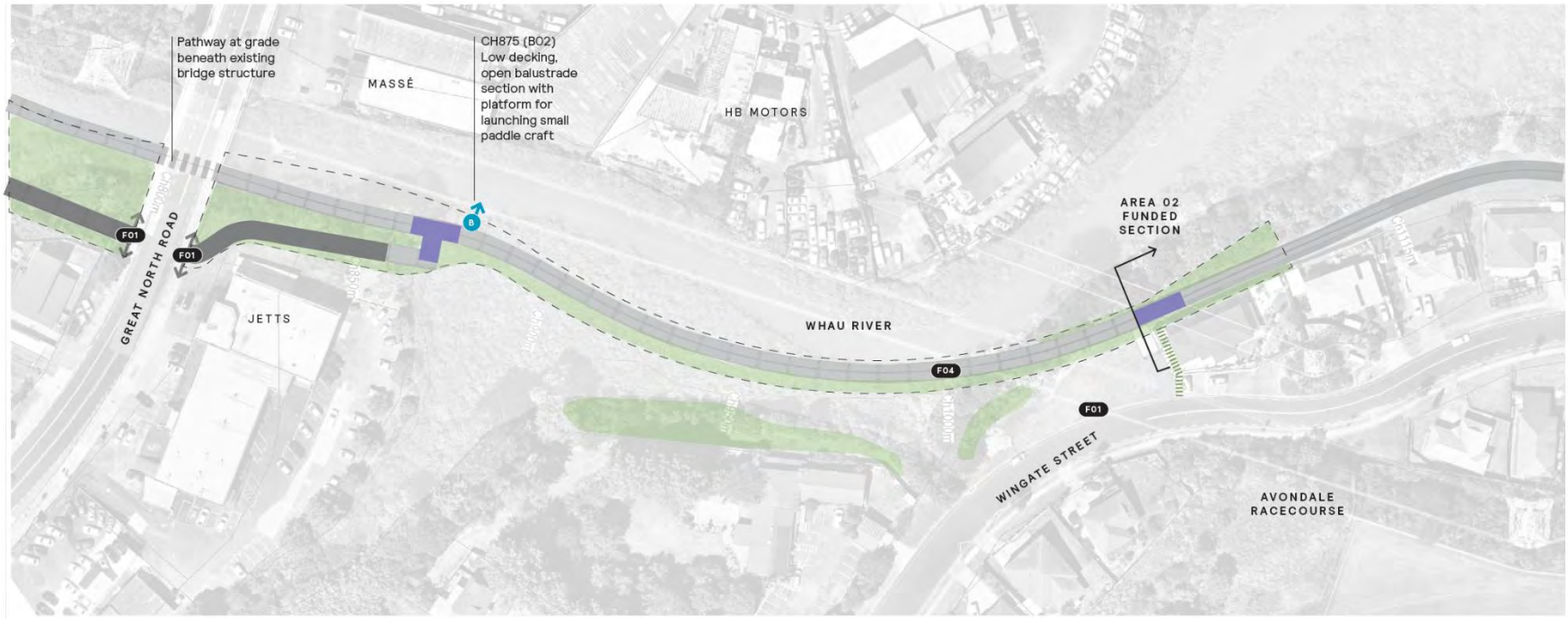

Onland pod combined with nature play elements
ROBERTS FIELD
EXISTING PATH
F01
AREA 01 FUNDED SECTION
F01
109+112 ROBERTS RD (B05) Retrofit and formalise existing access

Figure 3. Olympic Park to Wingate Street




Existing waste water pipe. No water access past this point
AGB STONE
THE CODA LOUNGE
COMMUNITY PROBATION SERVICE
ITALIAN STONE
WHAU RIVER
ALANBROOKE CRESENT
CH125 (B01) Small paddle craft access. Important heritage portage access. Agreed in principle with Local Board prior to TWP.
Small pod with potential pūrākau integration; Te Toanga Waka and Te Kotuitanga (where waka were lashed)
Small pod for resting


ITALIAN STONE
WHAU RIVER
ENTERPRISE MOTOR GROUP
Small pod for resting
Pathway at grade beneath existing bridge structure
F01
F01
GREAT NORTH ROAD
JETTS
Indicative connection to St Mary's School
ST MARYS SCHOOL


Pathway at grade beneath existing bridge structure
CH875 (B02) Low decking, open balustrade section with platform for launching small paddle craft
MASSÉ
HB MOTORS
AREA 02 FUNDED SECTION
GREAT NORTH ROAD
F01
F01
JETTS
WHAU RIVER
F04
F01
WINGATE STREET
AVONDALE RACECOURSE

Attachment 1. Budget 2026/27 Environmental events and community outreach

All rates are GST exclusive

Item	Unit	Quantity	Unit rate	Budget
Wai Care				
Coordination and programme delivery	Hours/12 months, $/hour	139	$54	$7,488
Support for Wai Care community groups	Hours/12 months, $/hour	72	$54	$3,888
Community coordinator	Hours/12 months, $/hour	221	$54	$11,952
Arts Broker	Hours/12 months, $/hour	1440	$45	$64,800
Coms	Hours/12 months, $/hour	520	$57	$29,640
Coms overheads	Lump Sum	1	$3,000	$3,000
Web licence	Lump Sum	1	$500	$500
Auckland Sea Kayaks	Events/year, $/event	6	$2,105	$12,630
West End Rowing Club	Events/year, $/event	8	$1,200	$9,600
Bus hire	Events/year, $/event	8	$541	$4,330
First Aid	Events/year, $/event	8	$780	$6,240
Auckland Council Team bike hire	Events/year, $/event	8	$585	$4,680
Kai	Events/year, $/event	8	$100	$800
Waka ama	Trips/year, $/trip	2	$1,500	$3,000
Planting programme	Lump Sum	1	$30,000	$30,000
TWPET				
Insurance	Lump Sum	1	$2,500	$2,500
Annual audit	Lump Sum	1	$3,000	$3,000
Accounting	Hours/12 months, $/hour	36	$65	$2,340
Admin	Hours/12 months, $/hour	30	$65	$1,950
Project coordination	Hours/12 months, $/hour	192	$65	$12,480
Total				$214,818
Funding from other sources	Lump Sum	1	$48,000	$48,000
TWPET	Lump Sum	1	$7,500	$7,500
Balance to be raised				**$159,318**

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Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

N/A

Tell us why

NA

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

NA

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Whau

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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Finish Te Whau Pathway.

My friend suffered an injury cycling on the unprotected cycle lane on Rosebank Road returning from Te Atatu. It is worth finishing this pathway to provide a safe alternative. My children cycle to school from Wingate St to Avondale College. I encourage them every day to use alternatives to car driving. Let's keep building on what's already been completed.

Cycling supports mental and physical wellbeing through access to parks and reserves.

This pathway will make it easier to walk, cycle, and get where we need to go. I support projects like this which can reduce our dependence on fossil fuels.

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We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.

Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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Rank	Area
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Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

NA

Question 6: City centre

Auckland's City Centre is the economic heart of our region. Overall, the city centre accounts for about a fifth of everything produced in Auckland's economy. We want to make public spaces work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.

Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

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Support all

Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I don't particularly like the rate hikes but know they're necessary for change & improvements to the city

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Whau

Whau Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support all

Tell us why

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?

A. Design and build a new destination playground at Avondale Central Reserve.

B. Promote community identity and diversity by funding a coordinator for Welcoming Communities, supporting the PAN African Hub, and refreshing the Whau Ethnic Peoples Plan.

Support

C. Engage and respond to youth needs, and co-design initiatives to address opportunities and gaps.

Support

D. Improve water quality and flood resilience of Whau streams and rivers through collaboration with volunteers, local schools, community hubs, organisations, and neighbouring local boards.

Support

E. Prioritise projects identified through the Whau Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan and leverage partnerships to provide a local facility network for the community.

Support

F. Develop a Local Parks Management Plan to guide decisions on managing use, development, and protection of all 146 parks, reserves and open space within the Whau.

Support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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6	**Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways.

Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

Art, design and cultural activities.

Family friendly events.

Bike trails that allow flow through all regions of the city without having to cycle on roads.

Protecting our natural/native environments

Protecting heritage buildings and allowing them to be updated sympathetically and carefully to be used and enjoyed by everyone.

Question 6: City centre

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Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Māori identity and culture – reflect and celebrate Māori identity and culture throughout the city centre.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

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Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

I don't know

Tell us why

I saw in the content information Auckland council is spending large amount on the storm water main hole covers, but the real issue is fixing the storm water & waste water line as it very old line not done any upgrade as more consumption & construction of house happened in New Lynn, Near parker avenue post code 0600, So Auckland should look into this matter urgently and need permanent fix

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I am currently paying Quarterly rate of $724 which is very high for me as my house is in the flood zone and its has impacted my property value and its hard to get any buyers and on top of that Auckland council had not upgraded the storm water & Sewarage line and at my street parker avenue and Council has given permission to build new houses on my street and more consumption increase and had not upgrade the storm water & Sewage line as a result effect the blockage so we should get an exemption for the houses who are in flood zone as no point of increase in the rates.

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Whau Local Board Feedback:

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Do not support any

Tell us why

its an ongoing issue when ever heavy rain happen we are in panic of what is going to happen as got family staying at home and not sure what is going to be the impact of rain as it will always blocks the storm water & sewerage line and have to contact for the issue. Need a permanent fix please or council and relocate me by swapping with another property and providing me the safer place were my family are safe.

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?

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C. Engage and respond to youth needs, and co-design initiatives to address opportunities and gaps.

I don't know

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Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Infrastructure and upgrade need to looked in first in my priority and the rest and can looked in

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I wanted to know what Whau Local Board (Whau Ward) is doing to upgrade the infrastructure at New Lynn, street Parker Avenue for permanent fix of storm water and sewerage line as it will always block at this address 1 Armstrong place new Lynn ,and 41 parker avenue for storm water

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Flooding Resilience and upgrade the infrastructure for storm water and sewerage line currently its very poor condition

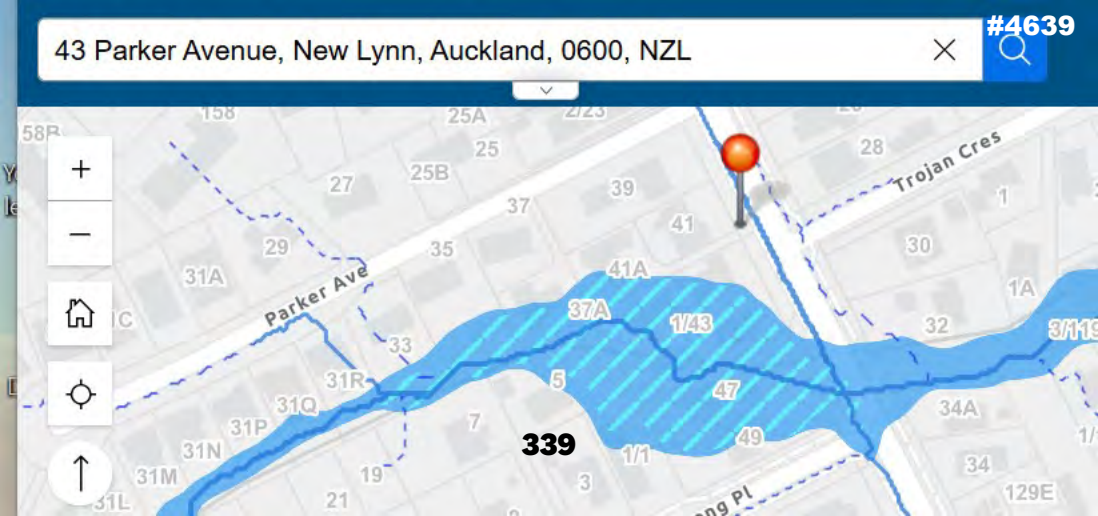
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Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

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Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

The CRL is great, but we still need public transport in Auckland to be improved substantially. We are so far behind other major cities in this respect.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

NA

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Whau

Whau Local Board Feedback:

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I don't know

Tell us why

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?

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Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.

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Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

Although I marked transport as no. 5, better public transport in Auckland is a very high priority for me.

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Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

I acknowledge the need for continued financial discipline and investment in core infrastructure, particularly in transport and water, as Auckland continues to grow.

However, the proposed annual plan does not yet achieve the right balance between investment in physical infrastructure and investment in the social and community infrastructure that enables people to live well in a growing city.

Balance Between Infrastructure and Communities

The plan appropriately prioritises transport and water. These are essential.

However, there is comparatively less emphasis on:

community facilities and services

accessible public space

cultural and social infrastructure

Auckland’s growth must be supported not only by large-scale infrastructure, but by investment in the places and services that people use every day.

Accessibility Must Be Embedded

While the plan includes accessible consultation materials, accessibility in the built environment is not consistently embedded.

There is an opportunity to strengthen the plan by ensuring that:

all new infrastructure meets universal design standards

walking and public space networks are accessible and continuous

major projects are designed to be inclusive from the outset

Accessibility should be treated as a baseline requirement, not an additional consideration.

Community Infrastructure and Cultural Life

Libraries, community centres, and cultural events are essential components of a functioning city.

Libraries provide critical third spaces for learning, connection, and access to services.Community facilities support local networks and wellbeing.Festivals contribute to Auckland's identity, cohesion, and vibrancy.

These should be recognised as core civic infrastructure and funded accordingly, rather than being vulnerable to reductions when budgets are constrained.

Resilience Must Include People and Places

The plan places strong emphasis on physical resilience, particularly through water and stormwater investment.

This is important. However, resilience also depends on:

accessible community spaces

trusted local networks

effective and inclusive communication

Resilience planning should more explicitly incorporate these social and community dimensions.

Green Space and Long-Term Planning

As Auckland intensifies, access to meaningful green space becomes increasingly important.

Large-scale open space plays a critical role in:

recreation and wellbeing

climate adaptation (including flood mitigation and urban cooling)

environmental outcomes

There is an opportunity for the council to take a more proactive approach to protecting and securing such spaces as long-term public assets.

Aquatic Facilities and Equity

Access to aquatic facilities is an important but under-addressed issue.

Public pools provide:

essential water safety education

health and wellbeing benefits

accessible recreational opportunities

cooling spaces during extreme heat

As the city grows, it is important that equitable access to aquatic facilities is considered as part of long-term infrastructure planning.

Rates Increase

The proposed 7.9 per cent rates increase is significant.

While I acknowledge the drivers of this increase, particularly the City Rail Link, it is important that Aucklanders see clear and tangible benefits in their communities.

This includes not only regional infrastructure, but also:

accessible public spaces

well-supported community facilities

cultural life

and equitable access to services

Conclusion

The proposed annual plan takes important steps in maintaining financial discipline and progressing major infrastructure.

However, it would be strengthened by a more explicit commitment to:

community infrastructure

accessibility

cultural life

and the social dimensions of resilience

Auckland's growth must be matched by investment in the full range of infrastructure that supports a liveable and inclusive city.

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I support the need to review and adjust rates, fees and charges to ensure the long-term financial sustainability of council services.

However, it is important that these changes are assessed carefully in terms of equity, behavioural impact, and alignment with broader policy objectives.

Refuse Bin / Bag Exchange Fee

The introduction of a refuse bin or bag exchange fee should be approached cautiously.

There is a risk that such fees may:

- disproportionately impact lower-income households
- reduce flexibility for changing household needs
- create unintended consequences such as illegal dumping

Any changes should be supported by:

- clear communication
- appropriate safeguards
- alignment with waste minimisation goals

Business Improvement District (BID) Changes

Changes to BID programme areas highlight the importance of targeted rates in supporting local economic development.

It is important that BID programmes:

- deliver clear and measurable benefits
- support inclusive and accessible town centres
- maintain transparency and accountability in the use of funds

Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme

While this proposal is location-specific, it raises broader issues of fairness in how infrastructure costs are allocated.

It is important that targeted rates are applied in a way that is:

- proportionate
- transparent
- and consistent with principles of equity

Residential Parking Permit Fees

Proposed increases to residential parking permit fees should be considered alongside the availability of alternatives.

Without:

- reliable public transport
- safe and accessible walking and cycling infrastructure
- viable transport options

increasing fees risks placing additional pressure on households without achieving meaningful behaviour change.

Any increases should be accompanied by:

- reinvestment in local transport improvements
- clear justification and communication
- consideration of equity impacts

Overall Comment

Changes to rates, fees and charges are necessary.

However, they should:

- support positive behavioural outcomes
- avoid disproportionate impacts on vulnerable households
- align with broader strategic goals
- and be clearly communicated to the public

A well-designed system of fees and charges should enable, rather than constrain, equitable access to services

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Whau

Whau Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support most

Tell us why

I support most of the proposed options for the Whau Local Board area, particularly the continued investment in community facilities, open space, and local initiatives.

However, there are several areas where the plan does not yet fully respond to the scale of growth and change occurring in Whau.

The area is experiencing significant intensification, particularly in Avondale and New Lynn, and this is placing increasing pressure on local infrastructure. While investment is proposed, it does not yet clearly ensure that growth will be matched by:

- accessible and continuous walking and public space networks

- sufficient community facilities and services

- protection of meaningful green space

There is also a need to ensure that accessibility is embedded across all local projects, including footpaths, playgrounds, signage, and major initiatives such as Te Whau Pathway. Accessibility should be a core requirement, not an assumption.

Community hubs, libraries, and local facilities play a critical role in Whau and should have their operational funding protected. These spaces are essential for connection, learning, and resilience, particularly in a diverse and growing community.

I also consider it important that Auckland Council takes a proactive approach to strategic green space. Avondale Racecourse represents a significant opportunity to secure a large-scale public asset for recreation, climate resilience, and community use.

In addition, access to aquatic facilities should be considered as part of long-term planning for Whau, given population growth and the importance of water safety, recreation, and climate adaptation.

Overall, while I support much of what is proposed, the plan would be strengthened by a clearer and more explicit commitment to accessibility, community infrastructure, and the protection of open space to ensure that Whau remains a liveable and inclusive area as it grows.

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?

A. Design and build a new destination playground at Avondale Central Reserve.

B. Promote community identity and diversity by funding a coordinator for Welcoming Communities, supporting the PAN African Hub, and refreshing the Whau Ethnic Peoples Plan.

Support

C. Engage and respond to youth needs, and co-design initiatives to address opportunities and gaps.

Support

D. Improve water quality and flood resilience of Whau streams and rivers through collaboration with volunteers, local schools, community hubs, organisations, and neighbouring local boards.

Support

E. Prioritise projects identified through the Whau Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan and leverage partnerships to provide a local facility network for the community.

Support

F. Develop a Local Parks Management Plan to guide decisions on managing use, development, and protection of all 146 parks, reserves and open space within the Whau.

Support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

I support most of the proposed key areas of additional investment, as they broadly reflect the needs of a growing and diverse community such as Whau.

The focus on open space, community identity, youth engagement, and environmental resilience is appropriate and well-aligned with local priorities.

However, there are several areas where these proposals could be strengthened.

The proposed destination playground at Avondale Central Reserve is a positive investment, but it is important that it is designed to be fully accessible and inclusive, ensuring it can be used by children of all abilities.

Investment in community identity and diversity, including support for initiatives such as the PAN African Hub, is strongly supported. It is important that this work is sustained and embedded, rather than treated as short-term or project-based funding.

Youth engagement and co-design are important approaches, but should be clearly linked to delivery. It is important that identified needs and gaps result in tangible outcomes for young people.

The focus on water quality and flood resilience is welcome. However, reliance on volunteers and community groups should complement, not substitute for, sustained council investment and responsibility.

The Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan provides a useful framework, but there remains a need to ensure that identified gaps, particularly access to aquatic facilities, are addressed as part of future planning.

The development of a Local Parks Management Plan is a significant opportunity. It is important that this process prioritises the protection of meaningful green space in a rapidly intensifying area. In particular, large-scale sites such as Avondale Racecourse should be considered strategically for their long-term value as public open space, recreation, and climate resilience infrastructure.

Overall, these proposals are well-directed, but their success will depend on strong implementation, a clear commitment to accessibility, and a focus on delivering tangible outcomes for the community.

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

There is an opportunity within the Annual Plan to take a more strategic and integrated approach to how Auckland invests in growth, resilience, and community wellbeing.

This includes recognising that alongside transport and water infrastructure, the city relies on a network of social, environmental, and cultural assets that are equally critical to how communities function and thrive.

Regionally Significant Investment

The continued development of Te Whau Pathway should be prioritised as a project of regional importance. It has the potential to deliver a high-quality active transport and recreation corridor, while also strengthening environmental outcomes and connectivity across multiple local board areas.

It is important that this project is fully funded and delivered to a high standard, including strong accessibility outcomes, so that it can serve as a model for inclusive and resilient infrastructure.

Strategic Green Space – Avondale Racecourse

Auckland Council should take a proactive and long-term approach to securing large-scale green space in areas undergoing rapid intensification.

Avondale Racecourse should be recognised as a strategically significant site that already functions as essential community and environmental infrastructure.

The site is extensively used for children's and youth sport, providing one of the few large, flexible open spaces capable of supporting organised and informal recreation at scale. Its value to local families, schools, and community groups is substantial and will only increase as the surrounding population grows.

In addition to its recreational role, the Racecourse performs an important environmental function. As a large permeable green space, it acts as an urban sponge, supporting stormwater absorption and helping to mitigate flood risk in surrounding areas. These functions are increasingly important in the context of climate change.

Given these combined roles, the Racecourse should not be viewed as a future development opportunity, but as critical infrastructure. Auckland Council should actively assess its acquisition or long-term protection as public open

Social Infrastructure – Libraries, Community Hubs and CAB

Libraries, community hubs, community houses, and Citizens Advice Bureaux are essential components of Auckland's social infrastructure.

They function as third spaces—free, accessible environments where people can gather, learn, access services, and connect with their communities. They play a vital role in supporting social cohesion, inclusion, and wellbeing, particularly for those who may not have access to other spaces.

In a growing and increasingly diverse city, demand for these services will continue to increase. It is therefore critical that their operational funding is protected and strengthened. Reductions in hours, staffing, or services would have a disproportionate impact on those who rely on them

Cultural Life and Major Events

Auckland's major cultural events contribute significantly to the identity and vibrancy of the city.

Events such as Pride, Pasifika, and Chinese New Year and the Lantern Festival, among many others, provide opportunities for participation, visibility, and celebration across Auckland's diverse communities. They foster connection, support local economies, and enhance Auckland's reputation as an inclusive and dynamic city.

These events should be recognised as core civic infrastructure and supported through stable, long-term funding, rather than being treated as discretionary expenditure.

Aquatic Facilities and Community Wellbeing

Access to aquatic facilities is an important and currently under-addressed component of community infrastructure.

Public pools provide essential benefits, including water safety education, health and wellbeing outcomes, and accessible recreational opportunities for families. They also play an increasingly important role as cooling spaces during periods of extreme heat.

As Auckland continues to grow, it is important that equitable access to aquatic facilities is planned for and delivered, particularly in areas experiencing significant population growth.

Conclusion

The Annual Plan makes important investments in Auckland's physical infrastructure.

However, to build a truly resilient, liveable, and inclusive city, equal weight must be given to social infrastructure, cultural life, and the protection of strategic green space.

Projects such as Te Whau Pathway, the potential acquisition of Avondale Racecourse, sustained investment in libraries and community services, support for cultural events, and improved access to aquatic facilities are not optional enhancements. They are fundamental to Auckland's long-term future.

Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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Auckland's long-term priorities should reflect not only the need to manage growth and invest in physical infrastructure, but also the need to build a city that is liveable, inclusive, and resilient.

Planning and infrastructure to manage growth must remain the top priority. However, this must be done in a way that ensures growth is matched by accessible public space, community infrastructure, and local services.

Flood resilience is also critical, particularly as climate pressures increase. This should include not only engineered solutions, but the protection of natural assets that provide flood mitigation. Large permeable green spaces play an important role in this, and their long-term protection should be prioritised.

Local parks, community facilities, and recreation services are fundamental to how communities function. Libraries, community hubs, community houses, and Citizens Advice Bureaux provide essential third spaces that support connection, learning, and access to services. These should be recognised as core infrastructure and funded accordingly.

Access to recreation, including aquatic facilities, is also an important part of long-term planning. Public pools provide significant benefits for water safety, health, and wellbeing, and should be considered essential infrastructure in a growing city.

Transport remains important, particularly in improving accessibility and safety for walking, cycling, and public transport. However, transport investment should be balanced with investment in the places and services that people use every day.

Finally, economic development and events contribute to the vibrancy and identity of the city. Major cultural events play an important role in bringing communities together and should continue to be supported as part of Auckland's social infrastructure.

Overall, Auckland's long-term success will depend on achieving the right balance between physical infrastructure, environmental resilience, and the social and community systems that enable people to thrive.

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Tell us why

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Support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

I would like to see purchase of the Avondale racecourseincluded in the parks and facilities plan and flood planning protections at the racecourse included in the flood resilience plans

Question 4: Other feedback

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Keep up the great work, so exciting to see Avondale developing after years of apparent neglect

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Flood planning and sports field retention at Avondale racecourse

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Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

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Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

N/A

Tell us why

NA

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

NA

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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Finish Te Whau pathway. Conservation, and now economics. Get people out of cars and safely on their bikes.

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Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

Finish Te Whau pathway. Because of economics and mental health it is a personal neccessity. I also love our local environment and want to see it treasured and available to many people. I love our city and want to be proud that it is known as a city that cares. I want to support a council that provides for our needs and avoids self congratulatory window dressing which is what it will be if the Te Whau pathway is not completed. What is completed certainly looks impressive and is indeed splendid but the lower decile neighbourhoods both want and need it to be completed.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

NA

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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	Flood resilience – reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways.

Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

I request the Te Whau pathway be allocated funding as it is both a regional and local community project delivering great outcomes in the areas of:

connecting communities

assisting mental and physical wellbeing

providing tourism opportunities

restoring the stream environment

celebrating Maori historical portage

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Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

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Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

Support rates increases, especially staggered so more valuable properties pay more rates. Support the work to finish the City Rail Link. But mostly, I support the partial completion of the Whau Pathway, which, when it is fully complete as originally scoped will greatly improve my quality of life (reduced reliance on car travel, fitness, recreation etc).

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I support increased rates and higher rates increase for more valuable properties. I support increased residential parking permit fees.

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Whau

Whau Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support most

Tell us why

I agree with the priorities and think they are all valuable and welcome, particularly the focus on welcoming immigrant communities. But the Whau Pathway must not be considered complete while there are still stages remaining, including the one that would allow me to commute to work on my bike without contending with cars.

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?

A. Design and build a new destination playground at Avondale Central Reserve.

B. Promote community identity and diversity by funding a coordinator for Welcoming Communities, supporting the PAN African Hub, and refreshing the Whau Ethnic Peoples Plan.

Support

C. Engage and respond to youth needs, and co-design initiatives to address opportunities and gaps.

Support

D. Improve water quality and flood resilience of Whau streams and rivers through collaboration with volunteers, local schools, community hubs, organisations, and neighbouring local boards.

Support

E. Prioritise projects identified through the Whau Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan and leverage partnerships to provide a local facility network for the community.

Support

F. Develop a Local Parks Management Plan to guide decisions on managing use, development, and protection of all 146 parks, reserves and open space within the Whau.

Support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

As above: I agree with the priorities and think they are all valuable and welcome, particularly the focus on welcoming immigrant communities. But I am concerned at the absence of investment in the remaining stages of the Whau Pathway.

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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I have lived in Kelston since 2013 and I have been excited about the Whau Pathway since planning started in 2014. It is a near-perfect proposal, and I have already hugely enjoyed using the path, as have thousands of others. West Auckland deserves to be able to enjoy and take pride in its coastal areas as much as wealthier coastal suburbs, and the Whau Pathway delivers on that in spades. The Patheway must not be considered complete while there are still stages remaining, including the one that would allow me to commute to work on my bike without contending with cars.

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Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

The Whau Pathway. It's a win-win-win project, I've been excited about it for 12 years, and when it is complete, it will - without a word of hyperbole - change my life.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

no do not support

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Upper Harbour

Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Do not support most

Tell us why

2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels and fees and charges?

A. Reduce maintenance activities may include stopping scheduled work on bollards, post-and-rails, and low-value bush areas, ceasing amenity garden infill planting and mulching, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas as bush.

Do not support

B. Reduce grants funding.

Do not support

C. Reduce funding across all programmes and projects including environmental outcomes, events and activations, cycling initiatives and community outcomes.

Do not support

D. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 1: Increase casual swim and swim plus fees by $1 (Fees will range from $5.00 - $11.40)

Do not support

E. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 2: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $1 (Fees will become $2)

Do not support

F. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 3: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $4 (Fees will become $5)

Do not support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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I don't know

Tell us why

The statements made in the plan are fairly sweeping and non-specific.

I understand why this has to be, but statements like stop wasteful spending worries me. I want to know what we are losing under these terms.

There is a statement regarding Auckland Transport becoming more democratic as per the transport an infrastructure committee, but I don't understand who voted for the committee.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Nothing specific in this case

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Whau

Whau Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support most

Tell us why

Generally there isn't anything unexpected. Ideally I would like to see rates go up to improve public services

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?

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Support

C. Engage and respond to youth needs, and co-design initiatives to address opportunities and gaps.

Support

D. Improve water quality and flood resilience of Whau streams and rivers through collaboration with volunteers, local schools, community hubs, organisations, and neighbouring local boards.

Support

E. Prioritise projects identified through the Whau Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan and leverage partnerships to provide a local facility network for the community.

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Support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

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Support most

Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

It's a bit surprising that the yearly cost of the CRL haven't been calculated before and not included in the running of the new train

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Whau

Whau Local Board Feedback:

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Support all

Tell us why

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E. Prioritise projects identified through the Whau Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan and leverage partnerships to provide a local facility network for the community.

Support

F. Develop a Local Parks Management Plan to guide decisions on managing use, development, and protection of all 146 parks, reserves and open space within the Whau.

Support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.

Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?
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Question 6: City centre

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Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

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#4803

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Your feedback:

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Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

I support the intent of the Annual Plan, however it does not adequately prioritise completion of strategic active transport networks, espically in lower socio economic areas. Its feels the outer suburbs are missing out again on safer bike routes

In particular, the unfunded section of Te Whau Pathway between Roberts Road and Archibald Park should be prioritised to ensure the network functions as intended.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Any changes to fees and charges should consider impacts on lower-income communities such as West Auckland, where access to safe, free public infrastructure like walking and cycling networks is particularly important and currently very limited

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Whau

Whau Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support most

Tell us why

I generally support the proposed priorities for the Whau area,

However, there is a critical gap in funding between Roberts Road and Archibald Park. Without this connection, the pathway does not function as a continuous, safe walking and cycling route for Kelston and surrounding communities.

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2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?

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B. Promote community identity and diversity by funding a coordinator for Welcoming Communities, supporting the PAN African Hub, and refreshing the Whau Ethnic Peoples Plan.

Other

C. Engage and respond to youth needs, and co-design initiatives to address opportunities and gaps.

Support

D. Improve water quality and flood resilience of Whau streams and rivers through collaboration with volunteers, local schools, community hubs, organisations, and neighbouring local boards.

Support

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Support

F. Develop a Local Parks Management Plan to guide decisions on managing use, development, and protection of all 146 parks, reserves and open space within the Whau.

Support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

I think the above are important but as somebody who tries to cycle and walk with my young family, its critical we get the Te Whau Pathway completed as currently stops short of where it is most needed. There is no funded connection from Roberts Road to Archibald Park, leaving Kelston and surrounding communities without a safe, continuous off-road link.

This missing section significantly limits the value of the investment already made. Completing the connection to Archibald Park should be prioritised to unlock a safe, connected network linking to the wider cycle system.

West Auckland communities are currently underserved by safe walking and cycling infrastructure — this is a practical, high-impact opportunity to change that.

Question 4: Other feedback

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Te Whau Pathway is a critical piece of infrastructure for West Auckland, but its benefits depend on it functioning as a connected network.

The currently unfunded section between Roberts Road and Archibald Park leaves Kelston and surrounding communities without a safe off-road walking and cycling connection. Completing this link should be prioritised to unlock the full value of the investment already made and deliver immediate safety and connectivity benefits.

More broadly, greater emphasis should be placed on completing existing infrastructure networks to ensure they function as intended. West Auckland remains underserved in safe walking and cycling infrastructure, and targeted investment would help address this equity gap.

Providing safe, connected active transport options also supports healthier communities, reduces congestion, and lowers household transport costs. Recent fuel price volatility highlights the importance of resilient alternatives to car travel, making investment in walking and cycling networks even more timely.

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Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

Over the long term, Council should prioritise completing and connecting walking and cycling networks, particularly strategic links such as the Te Whau Pathway in West Auckland. Continuous, safe active transport networks will encourage sustainable transport choices, improve public health, reduce congestion, and support resilience to fuel price volatility.

Investment should focus on completing existing infrastructure rather than isolated new projects, especially in areas like Kelston and surrounding communities that are currently underserved. This ensures that the benefits of prior investments are fully realised and delivers the best value for money.

More broadly, prioritising transport networks that reduce car dependency, expand equitable access to recreation and public spaces, and enhance connectivity across West Auckland will support long-term outcomes in safety, health, accessibility, and environmental sustainability.

Question 6: City centre

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#4886

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Local Board: Whau

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Tell us why

NA

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

NA

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Whau

Whau Local Board Feedback:

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Tell us why

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?

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Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 4: Other feedback

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Finish Te Whau Pathway

This is really important to me as a resident of New Lynn. The Whau is such an important natural asset to this area. We live on Queen Mary Ave and when we bought our house I was thrilled to find a river at the end of the road. I love walking beside it on the footpaths at Ken Maunder Park - this is where our children learned to ride their bikes and climbed out on the tree that grows into the river. We watched the eels and shags and learned about the mangroves. Now our kids are older we have thought about moving from this area to somewhere closer to bush walks or mounain walks, but when I heard about the path being built that was a big pull to stay in the area. I am super excited to think about being able to walk by the river in the evening or weekends. We went today to the new section from Roberts Field and it was so busy! There were families, couples, groups of friends out being active and enjoying the fresh air and views. Absolutely incredible - just needs to be longer! Please, please, please finish the pathway so we can all enjoy this gorgeous waterway. Thank-you.

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Te Whau pathway

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Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

An increase in residential parking is not fair as there is no parking inner city

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Waitākere Ranges

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

I don't know

Tell us why

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?

A. Community wellbeing - continue to grow and evolve our programmes to support community wellbeing with a focus on tamariki and rangatahi, as well as older people

I don’t know

B. Review level of community grants, including investigating a Facility Partnership Fund to support community organisations to plan, develop or upgrade community facilities

I don’t know

C. Improve engagement with communities of need, schools and youth

I don’t know

D. Progress an omnibus Waitākere Ranges Local Parks Management Plan

I don’t know

E. Walking and cycling connections, particularly through parks

I don’t know

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 4: Other feedback

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

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Whau Local Board Feedback:

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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

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Support

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I don't know

F. Develop a Local Parks Management Plan to guide decisions on managing use, development, and protection of all 146 parks, reserves and open space within the Whau.

Do not support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Focus should be on making lives better for low income households

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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Reliable transport and safe roads.

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Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Other

Tell us why

We acknowledge that the Annual Plan 2026/2027 continues implementation of the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 and seeks to balance infrastructure investment, debt management, and service delivery. However, we are concerned that the proposed rates increase is too high and places an unfair burden on local businesses, particularly at a time when many are still recovering from economic downturn,

inflation, and reduced consumer spending as well as an energy crisis.

Overall, the Association cannot emphasise enough the need for Auckland Council to find further savings, improve efficiency, and place a much sharper focus on delivering core services well. Ratepayers expect the basics to be done properly, including maintenance, cleanliness, safety, and timely delivery of infrastructure.

For this reason, the New Lynn Business Association opposes the proposed increase in rates and requests that Auckland Council reconsider the level of increase and prioritise cost control and efficiency and improved service delivery.

See attachment for full submission.

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Overall, the Association cannot emphasise enough the need for Auckland Council to find further savings, improve efficiency, and place a much sharper focus on delivering core services well. Ratepayers expect the basics to be done properly, including maintenance, cleanliness, safety, and timely delivery of infrastructure.

For this reason, the New Lynn Business Association opposes the proposed increase in rates and requests that Auckland Council reconsider the level of increase and prioritise cost control and efficiency and improved service delivery.

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Whau

Whau Local Board Feedback:

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Tell us why

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We also request that the Local Board prioritise: safety and security initiatives in the New Lynn town centre; maintenance of roads and stormwater infrastructure; environmental protection; support for the New Lynn Business Association programmes; and improvements to public spaces and town centre amenity. Strong town centres support local jobs, reduce commuting distances, and contribute significantly to the regional economy.

New Lynn is a key metropolitan centre in West Auckland, providing retail, commercial, hospitality, and service employment for a large surrounding population. The town centre has undergone significant redevelopment over the past decade and continues to play an important role in the local economy.

Business areas such as New Lynn generate substantial rates revenue, but also require continued investment in: transport access; public safety; town centre maintenance; parking and accessibility; stormwater and flood resilience; and public space upgrades. We are concerned that increasing rates without clear evidence of improved services or investment risks undermining the economic role of metropolitan centres, such as New Lynn.

Investment in town centres should include improved maintenance, beautification, signage, lighting, activation, and public safety measures to ensure that metropolitan centres remain vibrant and welcoming places to live, work, and visit.

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The New Lynn Business Association does not support the proposed level of rates increase in the Annual Plan 2026/2027.

We request that Auckland Council: reconsider the scale of the increase; prioritise cost control and efficiency; improve contractor performance and service delivery; recognise the financial pressure on businesses; continue supporting metropolitan centres such as New Lynn; progress the Whau aquatic centre without delay; progress the Crown Lynn park project urgently; maintain strong partnership with Business Improvement Districts; and ensure that core services are delivered to a high standard.

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Submission to Auckland Council Annual Plan 2026/2027
New Lynn Business Association

Introduction

This submission is made on behalf of the New Lynn Business Association, representing businesses located in the New Lynn town centre and surrounding commercial areas in West Auckland. The Association works to promote economic development, support local businesses, improve safety and amenity, and advocate for investment in the New Lynn town centre and business district.

We acknowledge that the Annual Plan 2026/2027 continues implementation of the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 and seeks to balance infrastructure investment, debt management, and service delivery. However, we are concerned that the proposed rates increase is too high and places an unfair burden on local businesses, particularly at a time when many are still recovering from economic downturn, inflation, and reduced consumer spending as well as an energy crisis.

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Concern about proposed rates increase

The consultation material indicates that the Annual Plan proposes a significant rates increase in order to meet operating costs, service demands, and capital investment commitments. While we recognise the financial pressures faced by Auckland Council, we consider that the scale of the increase is not sustainable for many businesses.

Businesses in town centres such as New Lynn are facing: Increased operating costs; reduced margins; higher insurance and compliance costs; rising wages and supply costs; and reduced customer spending due to cost-of-living pressures.

Businesses in the New Lynn area are also paying targeted BID rates and contributing directly to safety, activation, and town centre improvements. In many cases, businesses are paying for services that would otherwise fall to central or local government, including security and safety initiatives.

In this context, further rates increases risk: business closures; reduced investment; vacant retail premises; loss of local employment; and decline in town centre vitality. We consider that Auckland Council must give greater weight to the economic impact of rates increases on businesses and commercial areas.

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Need for stronger cost control by Council and efficiency

We believe that Auckland Council should place greater emphasis on: reducing internal costs; prioritising essential services; delaying non-essential projects; improving efficiency; and reviewing spending programmes.

Improvements are needed in contractor management and oversight to ensure that ratepayers are receiving fair value for money for roading, infrastructure, and maintenance contracts.

We frequently receive complaints from businesses and property owners about contractor performance, including issues relating to tree trimming, rubbish collection, street cleaning, graffiti removal, and general maintenance of public spaces. These matters directly affect the appearance, safety, and economic success of the town centre.

Improving contractor outputs and quality control should be a priority and may allow savings to be achieved without increasing rates.

Before imposing further rates increases, the Council should demonstrate that all reasonable steps have been taken to control expenditure. Ratepayers, including businesses, believe that increases should only occur where absolutely necessary.

Support for Business Improvement Districts

The New Lynn Business Association supports the continued funding and recognition of Business Improvement District (BID) programmes, which provide important local services including: safety and security initiatives; business support; events and activation; liaison with Council; and economic development.

We encourage Auckland Council and the Whau Local Board to continue working closely with BIDs and to seek feedback from BIDs on open space improvements, town centre maintenance, and ways to grow local economies

BIDs represent good value for money because they leverage local funding and volunteer effort to support town centres. We ask that the Annual Plan confirm continued support for BID partnerships and avoid shifting additional financial burden onto local business ratepayers.

Local impacts of rising rates

Town centre businesses are particularly affected by rates increases because: commercial rates are higher than residential rates; businesses cannot always pass costs on to customers; retail and hospitality margins are low; and small businesses are especially vulnerable

If rates continue to increase at the proposed level, the likely result will be: fewer small businesses; less diversity in town centres; reduced economic activity; and weaker local communities. We believe that maintaining a strong local economy should be a priority equal to infrastructure investment.

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Need to focus on core services

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Conclusion

The New Lynn Business Association does not support the proposed level of rates increase in the Annual Plan 2026/2027.

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For the New Lynn Business Association
Chairperson Dinesh Mani
27/03/2026

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2. Increased recreational facilities for community residents.

3. Further improvements in transportation.

4. Control of price increases.

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Waitematā

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Tell us why

2. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels, fees and charges?

A. Reduce library hours at Central City, Little Leys, Grey Lynn and Parnell Libraries.

Do not support

B. Reduce maintenance for bollard and post-and-rail.

Support

C. Reduce community grant funding and accommodation grant funding.

Do not support

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I don’t know

E. Reduce funding for environmental management activities.

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Do not support

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I think the proposed changes are fine

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I would like the council to prioritise the care for the environment to keep NZ a clean and peaceful place

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Support all

Tell us why

Good focused plan, once CRL opens it will be easier to see how effective this plan is

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Focusing on investing in the enviroment and reigonal parks will increase the amount of money flowing into the economy, but more importantly it will keep Auckland healthy. This is the first step to actually achieving any other goals that the Auckland council may have.

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I do not know much, will look into it.

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This specific local board, really care more about the community and the environment.

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Submitter details:

Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Whau

Your feedback:

Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

Our Annual Plan 2026/2027 builds on the first two years of our Long-term Plan 2024-2034 (LTP). It focuses on continuing to strengthen our finances and Auckland's physical resilience, while investing where it is needed most to meet the needs of our growing communities.

In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:

- **Transport**
- **Water**
- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.

Individual rates increase will vary by property type and value. Use our online rates guide to find out the proposed rates for your property.

Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Support all

Tell us why

NA

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:

- **Introduction of a refuse bin/bag exchange fee**

- **Changes to the Kingsland and Onehunga Business Improvement District (BID) programme areas**
- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

NA

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Whau

Whau Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

I don't know

Tell us why

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?

A. Design and build a new destination playground at Avondale Central Reserve.

B. Promote community identity and diversity by funding a coordinator for Welcoming Communities, supporting the PAN African Hub, and refreshing the Whau Ethnic Peoples Plan.

C. Engage and respond to youth needs, and co-design initiatives to address opportunities and gaps.

D. Improve water quality and flood resilience of Whau streams and rivers through collaboration with volunteers, local schools, community hubs, organisations, and neighbouring local boards.

E. Prioritise projects identified through the Whau Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan and leverage partnerships to provide a local facility network for the community.

F. Develop a Local Parks Management Plan to guide decisions on managing use, development, and protection of all 146 parks, reserves and open space within the Whau.

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

NA

Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.

We are planning some discussions for next year that will inform plans and strategies that will shape Auckland's future. These plans and strategies include (but are not limited to):

- **Regional transport plans**
- **Water service strategies**
- **Auckland's spatial plan**
- **Our 2027–2037 long-term plan, which will set funding priorities for regional and local priorities listed below.**

We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.

Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?
(Please use the boxes to rank in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important.)

Rank	Area
4	**Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries.
6	**Local parks, community and recreation services –** local parks, sports fields and other physical recreation services, libraries, community centres and services, and funding community-led initiatives.
3	**Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services.

5	**Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects
2	**Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around
1	**Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways.

Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

NA

Question 6: City centre

Auckland's City Centre is the economic heart of our region. Overall, the city centre accounts for about a fifth of everything produced in Auckland's economy. We want to make public spaces work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.

Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.