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Draft Golf Investment Plan 2022

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Manurewa

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I think you have the numbers wrong in terms of Māori/Pacific Island and Asian people who play golf regularly on the golf courses owned by the council. Can you show these numbers that back your stats?

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There are many green spaces and recreational parks in Auckland already. I understand we need more housing so why not other sports grounds around Auckland? Like Rugby and Soccer fields? Have the playing numbers in these sports support the everyday use these fields use?

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Yes for younger people participating but as I said earlier, your numbers around Māori/Pacifica and asian people playing regular golf are wrong.

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

   I don't know

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Where else can low income, pensioners etc play golf at a reasonable price? Are they expected to pay over $1000 a year for the private clubs? You will find these groups will no longer afford to play a sport they love, they will not get out into the open air and lose contact with friends they play with.

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: This could work as long as you have enough 18 hole courses that your true golfer can play at.

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

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

   I don't know

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

   Please consider that, men and women golfers enjoy the serenity and natural surroundings that a 18 hole golf course offers. Not only that, but the social aspect of the game, the health benefits and the fact that at the age of 80+ people can still get around a 18 hole course. What other sport can you play into your 80s?

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Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Some of your concepts for inclusivity bear some consideration but to say that golf courses do not currently support inclusivity for all is not a 100% factual statement and suggests that some members of this review report view golf as a sport that is elitest which it is not.

   You are proposing an investment plan that offers little explanation as to what the investment will be and suggests more that the council is looking to take over the management of these facilities to drive whatever long-term agenda they may have hidden behind these draft plan objectives.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: All Aucklanders are currently welcome to take part in the sport at any of the clubs, participation is possible at all levels of ability and many of the clubs encourage new memberships at all levels of affordability.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I am not sure of what other golf experiences you may be referring to but you again have failed to indicate what these new experiences may be, to allow us to best understand your reasoning for this statement.

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

Don't support

Tell us why: Why this is included in the investment plan beggars belief that any golf course, green space is not already providing by its mere existence an enhancement to the ecosystem and biodiversity conservation.

The improvement or enhancement of some of these practices is probably the strongest point in your plan but does not warrant council management of the golfing facilities to enact any relevant improvements, existing departments within the council such as the Waterways department can provide more than adequate direction for the clubs to follow should the council feel the need to improve these features at the clubs that are potentially lacking in some of these areas.

Key shift

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This can only come if the Council is looking to take over the management or partake in the role at some managerial role, thus increasing the cost of club management, adding costs that will have to be passed on to members "where is this making golf more affordable"

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Where is it that golf should be singled out as not providing equity in participation when it is one of the most participated sports in New Zealand

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This is a proliferation of point 2 and adds little to the reports draft plan

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Not sure what this statement implies as it is arguing about something that relates to environmental impacts and could be addressed by the clubs with consultation without the need for the Council to be involved in the management of the golf clubs.

Other feedback

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

Where is your data that backs up Aucklanders wanting more recreational activities that they currently do not have access to?

Where in your draft plan does it indicate that there are insufficient recreational facilities currently around Auckland.

I would argue and could probably provide numerous examples of "additional recreational facilities" that are in dire need of financial support for facility improvement, as a result, provide substandard facilities that no one wants to be a member of or lack the managerial were with all to attract participants that you have failed to mention "golf clubs do this more than capably"

In closing, I do not think your draft plan has been thoroughly researched and has few facts to back up your reasoning for the draft report.

Perhaps you should get into genuine dialogue with these clubs as to how you may provide more public use of the land without providing a veiled plan that would suggest a long term plan to disestablish what is currently providing a great deal of enjoyment to all those who take the time to enjoy this sport.

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Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Your " Golf investment plan" appears to be a thinly disguised propaganda piece which puports to "equalise" the access of Aucklanders to public park lands based on false assumptions and an agenda clearly based on getting revenue from the sale of public open space. It closets this in a "quasi politically correct" series of statements, many of which do not in fact actually say anything, and while spending a large amount of ratepayers money on a project which, if implemented will have the reverse effect of what it claims as its objective.

   It is a cynical scheme which , while puporting to encourage fairness and equity of access to all, will cause loss of access to many (esp. golfers) reduce to overall amount of open space available to all Aucklanders, and fail in all of its stated objectives.

   It also appears to be yet another case of Auckland Council having a predetermined plan which it intends to push forward, while giving a token (and disregarded) oportunity for "Public Consultation"

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Your "plan" targets Golfers, by claiming they have exclusive use of public land. This is only partly true, and conveniently ignors the fact that very large amounts of public land are currently reserved for the Exclusive use of many other sports: rugby, League, Netball, Cricket, cycling, and many others.

   You also make claims such as: Women, youth, Asians, Pacific peoples are dissadvantaged by Golf having exclusive use of public land. This is very clearly untrue. All those groups have just as much access to golf

courses as any other Aucklanders, and to suggest otherwise is not only wrong, it bis dishonest and distasteful.

You suggest that Golf courses are the exclusive domain of Golfers, and that other Aucklanders do not get any benefit from the land used for golf. This is blatantly untrue. I myself do not play golf, but I benefit greatly from the asthetic, and mental well-being such open spaces proviude, without having to actually play golf. This applies to All Aucklanders.

One of your statements says: World Class City where people want to live work and play" - yet you are hell-bent on removing facilities that promote just those conditions.

You also mention the demand for develpment land. Well, that sums up your true agenda,- to sell off golf courses & generate some short term gains in income, at the expense of All future Aucklanders.

That land is currently owned by, Not the Council, but the People of Auckland. It does not need to be purchased, therefore its Monetary Value is Irrelevant. Its value lies in it being there for the use, asthetic, emotional anmd elcological wellbeing of all the Auckland population. It can continue to do that without any interference or modification by the current Council, and their current trendy ideas.

Once that land is gone, it's Gone Forever. What you nare proposing is reprehensible

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

Don't support

Tell us why: The above statement is contradictory. You state you are advocating a broad range of golf experiences, by proposing to reduce, and possibly elininate the current public golf courses.

You also claim to targeting low participation groups. Well Low Participation Groups are just that through choice. Every Aucklander, (in fact New Zealander) has equal choice, and access to most of the facilities provided by Council, - if they choose to do so. You cannot compel people to use facilities just because you "think" that would be fairer, or because you "think" people shopuld be involved.

Golf courses are open to everyone, yet you are targeting them. Why not target other sports who are currently getting exclusive of public Council land? Look at the various Rugby, league, Netball, Rowing, Cricket,clubs - I could go on- all these sports have exclusive use of some of Auckland's open spaces, yet you find that acceptable, while Golf apparently is not acceptable.

I think I should share with you something out of the Oxford English Dictionary which you don't appear to understand: Hypocrisy. Behaviour in which someone pretends to have moral standards or opinions that they do not actually have.

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

Partially support

Tell us why: The above statement is a "No-brainer". There is NOTHING in the above aim that applies to Golf courses, that does not equally apply to All Council owned or controlled land, and equally, there is NOTHING in the way of changing detrimental use of fertilliser, pesticides etc, that can't be changed or improved upon, without in any way changing the current use of golf course (or any other) land.

Key shift

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

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The above statement is nonsensical.

   By implication, you seem to be suggesting that previous Councils have made decisions, that in retrospect have turned out to be less than ideal, But you are going to correct that by proposing to make changes that clearly will de detrimental to the Majority of Aucklanders, by reducing perminantly, the amount of open space available for not only this generation, but for all future generations,- on the pretext of giving people access to land which they currently already have the option of using, but choose not to, on the bleeding heart, fashionly liberal, misconception, that those who Choose Not to use Aucklands open spaces are deprived because they are not interested.

   You also jump to the conclusion that Not actually using public open space somehow excludes people from deriving any benefit from it. This is very clearly Not remotely true. - Do your research . (Just don't waste any more ratepayers funds while doing so.)

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Once again, you have made a statement which is biased, & untrue, as far as it can be, while not spelling out enough detail to make the statement truly comprehensible .

   As I have already pointed out, there is a large amount of publicly owned land in Auckland which is set aside exclusively for various sports activities, -Golf being only one of them. Take a look at - here are just a few examples: Mount Smart, manukau cycledrome, Waikaraka park-(both ballsports, & speedway), North harbour stadium, Walters rd Netball stadium, Lloyd Elsmore park, and countless others.

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Another bold, but meaningless statement.

   1: "Asset based investment". Auckland (note Auckland,- Not Council, who are just administrators), Owns all this land. It does not need to purchase it, so yes, while it is an asset, is it one whose value lies Not in its current (appealing to the short sighted) Monetary Value but in its irreplaceable provision of Asthetic, Emotional, and Elcological benefits to all Aucklanders. As such it needs to be protected from any short term outlook by a bunch of narrow minded bureaurocrats who are hell-bent on following the latest trent in "liberalism". Yes I am refering to You.

   2: Having read your "proposals" in their entirety, I seem to have missed anything that meets your statement: A broad golf service offering across the network..." a statement that suggest a lot but actually says very litte in terms of concrete plans.

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: While any improvements to the management (environmentaly) of public land are desirable, there is Nothing that applies to golf courses, that doesn't Equaly apply to All Publicly l owned land, and Nothing that requires any changes to the current use of golf course land. Any improvementys to land management can easily take place under the current stiuation.

Other feedback

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

   I have spent many hours on this submission, because I feel very strongly about preserving the Statis Quo. I believe there is Nothing in your proposals that would be an improvement on the current situation, and much nthat bwould bve detrimental to the future of Auckland, and future generations of Aucklanders.

   Sadly, I don't believe you have any intention of listening to any points of view put forward by the general public. Councilm has a reputation for putting up a token survey, which it has every intention of ignoring. A very Sad state of affairs.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Manurewa

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Anyone can play golf!!! Good to get unfit people out walking and playing

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Sport helps people mentally and physically!

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Need to see what actually is planed

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Golf land is green land

Key shift

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

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

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

Partially support

Tell us why: Depends on what is planed

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf areas are needed to be accessible

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Depends on what is planed

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Golf land is environmental

Other feedback

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

   Need accessible golfing parks to encourage people to play a game that welcomes all shapes sizes and fitness levels

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Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I agree that there should be more access to all Aucklanders to the areas that currently are golf clubs. But I do not think the program goes far enough and I think most people are not interested in golf, but they will be interested in community areas, parks, swimming pools and intensified housing.

Objectives

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: We should all have access to these areas, for recreation, sport, transport and community activities. Golf is too limited and exclusive.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: As stated before, golf is only interesting to a small minority. The scope of the uses for this land should be broader and more aligned with the ecological crisis we are facing.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Golf courses traditionally don't worry about the ecosystems on their land. This should be an absolute priority form now on.

Key shift

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

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

   Golf courses should be limited to 9 holes. The liberated land should be developed as medium-high intensity housing and amenities for the wider community. Swimming pools, community gardens, food gardens, outdoor exercise areas, bicycle tracks and such should be a priority.

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Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I am a member of Clarks Beach Golf Club & find them to be a highly inclusive club encouraging all ages & groups to enjoy the game of golf. There are plenty of non-playing members who are enjoying these facilities & I personally don't think using the space they currently occupy to create walkways or cycleways will be of any benefit.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: My comments in the previous question confirm my reasons for not supporting this plan

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: My golf club already has a lot of initiatives in place to encourage all ages, walks of life & ethnic groups to enjoy & participate in the game of golf.

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

   I don't know

   Tell us why: Clarks Beach has kept its members informed of all its initiatives for the conservatiom & ecosystem of the land it occupies.

Key shift

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

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

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

   I don't know

   Tell us why: No comment

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Again I find the game of golf increasingly becoming a sport where all Aucklanders from all age groups & diversity to get involved. It promotes exercise, social interactment & gives everyone you meet in the game a chance to make new friends.

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

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

   I don't know

   Tell us why: I dont understand the question enough to comment

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

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

   I don't know

   Tell us why: Again, I dont know enough or understand to comment

Other feedback

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

   There are plenty of council owned golf courses around & in the inner city Auckland area that i feel would attract more Aucklanders to becoming involved in exercise & well-being, but I strongly believe Clarks Beach is a club that strengthens the Clarks Beach & surrounding area communities through the game of golf.

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