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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Please do not commit any ratepayer funds to the plan.

Objectives

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Please do not commit any ratepayer funding to the 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: Do not spend ratepayer's money on this.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Best practice sounds completely unaffordable - another typical Council over-spend situation.

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: Do not set up any more bureaucratic overhead.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Please only permit golf on this land - the existing golf land should not be used for other activities.

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: Just keep to standard golf facilities please.

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: We just don't need you to get carried away again removing existing non-native vegetation simply to spend ridiculous amounts of money planting native vegetation for some misguided policy view that only native flora is acceptable to New Zealanders.

Other feedback

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

   Look first and foremost to how you can save money, not spend more. Do not change the land usage from golf to include other activities. Do not waste money with your obsessive planting of native flora species.

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Your feedback

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Fairer for all and will grow golf participation.

Objectives

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Fairer for all and will grow golf participation.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Ability to play 18 hole golf is limited for most.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: No brainer in 2022.

Key shift

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Support

Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

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Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This is a condescending “we know best” plan from bureaucrats that have clearly never stepped foot on a golf course.

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: Look at the lack of tee times in Auckland and you will see that there is in fact a shortage of golf courses.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: It’s already happening.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Work with golf courses to improve their sustainability - don’t assume they cannot.

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: More bureaucratic rubbish. Fix WaterCare and Auckland Transport first, then come talk about golf.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf is for all Aucklanders and there are many other opportunities for other sports that don't require closing golf courses - this is not an either/or situation.

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: I have zero confidence that the witless bureaucrats who wrote this report know what a "broad golf service" is.

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: Work with golf courses to improve their sustainability - don't assume they cannot.

Other feedback

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

   This Plan is a jumbled, incoherent bureaucratese-soup that belongs in the rubbish bin.

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Your feedback

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   Support

   Tell us why:

Objectives

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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Support

Tell us why:

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   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Gllf is the only sport where anyone of any age can play competitively. Any change to the existing situations will only create barriers to exercise and enjoyment by the hundreds of thousands who play golf. Royal Auckland is not his local club, it is a private club that has its own rules.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This lowest commen denominator approach will create more problems. There are ample walking, cycling and excercising areas in Akl without effing up our golf courses.

   Dont be stupid!

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: Those who want to play golf have plenty of options, from cheaper courses to more expensive. The public courses are a massive asset to golf and the community that keeps people active and flexible.

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

   Partially support

Tell us why: Golf courses are green space, they are normally well looked after and have little cost to the rate payer.

Key shift

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Leave the golf courses alone, as a rate payer, I get seriously annoyed with the poor investments made by your biassed councillors and local boards who have their own agendas, as was proven when they wanted to basically destry Chamberlain Park GC.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The publically owned land supports the excercise, well being, social intercourse, flexibility and many other aspects that golf gives the tens of thousands of golfer who play regularly. Chamberlain Park gives the opportunity for beginners to start golf, as I did, and carry on for life.

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: The existing system works, user pays, the golf courses are not a burden on councils and often return a dividend.

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: The existing green spaces are well maintained, diverse and do not cost yhe ratepayer.

Other feedback

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

   Golf is a life long sport, it does not injure participants like oyher sports, it creates social interaction, sporting competition for all ages and creates a lot of support for businesses. Anyone can play it. Like any sport there are costs that can exclude some parts of society, this is the same with anything that requires maintenance and development. Council spends billions on cycle ways for a few thousand cyclists to get

their excercise, but this is not seen as elitist. You will justifiably get a massive protest should you start doing anything to change golf courses which will cause a lot of division in the community.

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Your feedback

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   Support

   Tell us why:

Objectives

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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Support

Tell us why:

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: As a person who respects the environment and values large green spaces in our city, I have concerns that the council may look to do like the private courses and sell up for housing. There needs to be a balance of housing types and appropriate green spaces. One house sized sections in new developments is rubbish. I note the work the Remuera Course has done with the international ECO status. WE should look to support more courses, to be great open eco spaces.

Objectives

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: My concern here is the gentrification of spaces. People complaining about activities once they shift into an area. With golf there is the health and safety aspect of flying golf balls. There would need to be controls to enable the golf games to continue without people getting hurt. Looking at a number of golf courses in America, they now also include disc golf courses on their land to encourage more people onto the space. Queenstown has also tried Soccer golf on its Frankton Course.

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: Not everyone wants to play golf, just like not everyone wants to go for a run on a public footpath or cycle on a public cycleway. Any decision to invest needs to be balanced with the return. Also the broader use / offsets from an environmental perspective need to be considered. Public transport options to and from golf courses (and all council facilities) will need to be considered as well.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Great that you said Remuera is going good work, please help/fund other courses get up to good standards too. Auckland is very lucky to have such large pieces of land still available to its people - we need to protect this for future generations and our ecosystems and birdlife. Perhaps we could also look to predator proof these areas - I think one of the courses in Taupo is predator proofed.

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: As stated above, golf courses provide more than just golf, they provide social activities, eco spaces, stormwater detention areas and reuse opportunities. The broader benefits of the land now and for future generations must be considered and protected.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Flying golf balls hurt I'd suggest, we need to not put people in harms way. Not adversely impacting the game of golf while making the land available for others needs to be balanced.

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: I support this as it protects the large natural spaces Auckland is so lucky to have.

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: Get everyone up to Remuera ECO levels and also consider making the spaces predator free as well. Possibly also look at how the land can be better used to create storm water management and treatment opportunities. The floods of last week will become more frequent. All the big courses in America have lots of water hazards - this could be a win win for Auckland as it continues to grow and climate change affects our city more.

Other feedback

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

We have to protect our large open spaces for recreational and environmental reasons. I accept that we need to evolve them and find greater ways to integrate them into our land development plans as the city grows - eco sanctuaries and storm water management and reuse facilities have to be near the top of the options list.

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Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Love the idea of encouraging new golfers and developing others. Ok with including walkways within the course for dog walkers, etc. Don't want to see any more courses lost to urban development (plenty of opportunities to increase existing density). Don't want 18 hole course pushed out to rural areas - green space in the city is really important. Fuel costs and time to get to rural courses is unsustainable.

Objectives

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I don't want to loose any holes. Ok to safely include walkways for public if this is an option. Support using same facilities for say a tennis club or bowling club.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Good for personal health and well being and of course mental well being.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Thye targets seem very high. The plan talks about a 65% threshold but individual course targets were way higher.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I don't want to lose any more courses or holes. You can never get them back again!

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Environment and Climate responsibility

Other feedback

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

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Enough other spaces to all Aucklands to use. Golf courses are hard enough to get on to. Increased risk to other users if shared space.

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: Encourage drive for low participation groups

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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

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

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

   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: Very limited amount of courses to play at. Cost, travel and time to some of these course is unrealistic to make it possible to play.

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 doesn't work. Providing a broad golf service appeals to no one. Have specialist facilities for a targeted group.

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?**

   Why are council and board members trying to make things harder to play golf. You show Remuera as your flagship but the cost to play there is unaffordable for most average Aucklanders. $5000 joining fee over $2000 annual membership. Or $150 green fees. Be realistic! There enough green space for other sporting facilities that are under utilised. Why are you trying to reduce the amount of golf courses. Look at what has happened to Eden park and how poorly that is run.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: 'The Plan is too timid. It should state clearly that the needs of all Aucklanders for recreation and housing are greater than the narrow needs of golfers. Public land should benefit everyone.

   I recommend sale of golf course land for residential/mixed-use development. Specifically,

   - the Takapuna Golf Course is directly across the motorway from Smales Farm busway station. It is ripe for high-density development. The benefits few people who play golf on urban courses - who will drive to the course anyway, so may as well drive to a course out of town - are vastly outweighed by the potential for sustainable mixed-use development.

   - Similarly, Remuera Golf Course is on highly desirable land, a short bike or scooter ride from Glen Innes or Panmure Stations. It should also be sold for development.

   - Chamberlain Park and Waitemata courses are similarly in desirable areas, ripe for development

   At the same time, for remaining courses, I fully agree with

   - Opening publicly-owned golf land to other users with new play spaces, walking, running and cycling paths and other sport and recreation activities, and

   - A kaitiakitanga framework ensuring publicly-owned golf land is environmentally sustainable, energy neutral and carbon positive and that

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: Large amounts of public land being locked up for the exclusive use of golfers is an idea from a past era, when Auckland was under less land use pressure. It is time for public land to benefit everyone, including current golf course land

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

   Support

   Tell us why: it is critical for climate action that golf courses are no longer high users of water, fertilisers, pesticides and energy. It's time for them to be as 'green' as they look

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

   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?

As mentioned above, the Plan is too timid. It should state clearly that the needs of all Aucklanders for recreation and housing are greater than the narrow needs of golfers. Public land should benefit everyone.

I recommend sale of golf course land for residential/mixed-use development, beginning with Takapuna, Remuera, Chamberlain Park and Waitemata.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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

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

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

I don't know

Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

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Draft Golf Investment Plan

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There is no problem to access golf in Auckland without being a club member. You should leave the golf courses as they for use as golf courses. There are plenty of other parks & recreation areas and reserves that can be used for cycling, walking and recreation. The club members are paying a premium to be able to use the facilities and there are plenty of course membership options & availability to paly golf at different clubs with most driving ranges open to for public use. For everyone especially those playing completive golf this would be a backward step as the cost of maintaining the courses at a high level for greens and fairways would be prohibitive with extra use on the course. There is already enough damage done to the courses by non golfers who do not appreciate the effort that goes into maintenance. Who is going to fund the costs if the courses are all public access courses? It would also be dangerous to have multiple cross use on golf courses with golfers playing while other users were on the course - have you ever been hit by a golf ball its painful and can be life threatening. Are you going to provide rangers to patrol all golf courses so that combined activities can take place. From your plan I don't even think that you have played golf or spent any time on golf courses to have an understanding of the game and its requirements - its looks to me as if someone has done this plan from behind a desk only looking at the potential land values & returns rather than the recreational and environmental impacts of altering any of the golf courses. Are you going to do this for example to all the tennis/bowling clubs who also rent land from the council & you are prohibited from playing unless you are a member as the gates are locked and only have membership key access? Are you going to let bike riders ride across their courts while tennis is being played. What next will it be the Community owned Libraries, Halls & Community Centres??

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: See above comments

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Most publicly owned Auckland clubs over a wide range of golf playing opportunities already whether it be at the driving ranges open to the public or paying green fees

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Most clubs are already focusing on this

Key shift

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

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Most Golf Clubas are already doing this with sustainable best practice course management without needing to be told what to do by the council.

Other feedback

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

Note I am not an Auckland golf member but I do have family members that play golf & as a ratepayer I object to how you constantly pick on the golf courses as an easy target to try and gain public votes. There are plenty of council owned parks & recreation facilities that are under utilised with no facilities for the community that could be made available for uses such as cycling waking and play areas. Already in Auckland there is no restriction on access to playing golf as most clubs allow green fee players (for all budgets) & courses with public driving ranges such as Takapuna & Remuera allow public access & Chamberlain Park & Takapuna offers access to any green fee players. For years the members have paid substantial fees to maintain the facilities and courses as considerable cost and extra fund raising and now you are going to punish the clubs for this. The golf clubs are being far more flexible in their approaches to attracting members and people are not being prohibited from access to play. You should actually go and observe what is actually happening with the great resurgence of golf as a sport as I think you are very out of touch listening to a whining minority - find out what the users of the golf courses think.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: there is plenty of land for the community without taking golf course land

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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

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

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

Don't support

Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The Golf Investment Plan has some good policies but overall is disregarding the use of golf courses in favour of public park spaces. As someone who plays golf at a high level and has been involved in the sport for a number of years, golf is becoming increasingly popular and almost every golf course is fully booked most days of the week. Reducing the number of golf courses is only going to increase demand for existing courses.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Creating open park spaces inside of golf courses will cause altercation between golfers and the public. I have played many rounds at Howick golf club, which has a public road through the course which cars, cyclists and walkers use frequently. The etiquette for golfers is to give way to road users, but this has still led to abuse from the public towards golfers. One recent example was during an Auckland Golf Event where multiple cyclists and pedestrians would not stop for golfers and one lady in particular started abusing my group and the manager of the golf club. Members of the public already use golf courses as open spaces whether the course allows it or not. Outside of lockdown when people were encouraged to use golf courses as parks, personally I have seen people setting up picnics on golf greens with no regard for their own safety.

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: Encouraging participation from less represented groups in golf is a good initiative that should be applied. Creating "fast format" golf courses is only going to waste more space in Auckland. Full 18 hole courses can cater for both 18 hole and 9 hole play. Creating 6 hole golf courses as suggested would only cater for a very small group of people who are just as likely to play 9 holes as they would 6. Creating mini golf courses has no relation to real golf and replacing 18 hole golf courses with mini golf courses would kill participation in Auckland.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Golf courses are perfect spaces to reintroduce native plants, but they should not replace the course entirely. Courses like Remuera have created naturalised areas in the courses that promote native growth, even adding bee hives around the course. Remuera is also bordered by Waiatarua Reserve which has a similar amount of grass covered space that could be planted with native bush. Most golf courses that I have played at have active planting programs to restore the natural environment without changing the main purpose of the golf course.

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: Unused golf course land should be considered to become public park spaces, but this should not come at the expense of golfers. Aviation golf course closed recently due to a new road being built through it and from what I have seen when I have been past no

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Sacrificing land for one sport to promote others is disregarding golf as a sport entirely. It would also remove a significant number of jobs that exist at golf courses.

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: Making golf more inclusive to new players is a good initiative but making smaller golf courses is not the answer. Initiatives working with golf clubs is the better way to make sure golf is accessible to everyone rather than just a select group. From my on

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: Reducing negative environmental impacts of golf courses is an initiative which would be beneficial to the golf sector. Some notes to make based on the findings, some golf courses have their own water supply that is used for the course.

Other feedback

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

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: It takes away golf facilities and the availability of those. It ignores the impact to property owners near those facilities who will lose out as a result. It lacks an understanding that golf is increasingly played by younger and more diverse players and that council facilities are key to that and enabling wider participation in the sport. It's reputation for old, rich and white is changing.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There is plenty of other public spaces and land available - take Chamberlain Park - it's right across from the zoo and Western Springs.

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: The idea is a good one but how it is proposed to be achieved isn't. The new practice facilities at remuera golf course are a great example. These are already attracting a much younger and diverse group and it is likely to catch on at others courses.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This is the same failed argument used to misspell the “super city” to Aucklanders. Many of the legacy councils were more representative and less dictatorial and indoctrinated than current thinking.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf courses are for golf. Having walkers or cyclists on golf courses is a safety hazard - to those walking or cycling. Most golf courses are near other better suited areas for walkers.

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: There is limited scope for some action here - like developing practice facilities - but this shouldn’t need a a citywide plan and shouldn’t need non-golf facilities. Public courses could look to sell small pockets to fund infrastructure developments.

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

   How about consulting on a plan which has the endorsement of those most significantly impacted. Where is the support from the users of the facilities, the resident associations near the facilities. Where is the local government consideration here. Rather than a dogmatic plan by central planning which ignores the best interests and views of the people.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Good to provide more facilities for new golfers and social/young golfers eg mini putt and driving ranges. Ellerslie 9 hole not v good anymore.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Not everyone wants to play golf. There are many other places for people to walk/run etc. golf requires equipment. Skate parks and basketball hoops/courts are much easier for young to access/afford.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I think people who want to play already are. Most golf courses allow the public to use facilities to try it out. Eg. Remuera driving range and cafe open to all.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I think you will find golf courses already do this and I have seen more bird life on golf courses than anywhere else in Auckland.

Key shift

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

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf is not for everyone. If you want to create benefits for All Aucklanders you probably won't have golf courses/green spaces at all.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Other sports already have their own spaces not sure why you are focused on golf courses?

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: Maybe we need more mini putt type family facilities if there is demand for this? These hardly take up a lot of room?

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: Golf clubs already take this very seriously, just look at the bird life.

Other feedback

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

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Too much green space being used by a small group of people.

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: There are too many golf clubs in Auckland.

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Should only be 9 hole courses, if you want to do 18, do it twice.

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?**

   Long time coming

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The consultation, as normal, is mere tokenism. The statement that it is not sustainable implies a pre-determined outcome. There are so many parks and green spaces for people in this city that they don't need golf courses as well. Furthermore, golfers can't play on all the other open areas, so they already have a minimal number of areas to play.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The consultation, as normal, is mere tokenism. The statement that it is not sustainable implies a pre-determined outcome. There are so many parks and green spaces for people in this city that they don't need golf courses as well. Furthermore, golfers can't play on all the other open areas, so they already have a minimal number of areas to play.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Sounds like reducing the traditional golf format into something which won't appeal to those who want to play golf.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Biodiversity conversation implies that golfers won't be able to play golf.

Key shift

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: As above

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Objectives

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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Support

Tell us why:

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   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Auckland needs a lot of green spaces that the golf courses provide, using these spaces instead of cutting them up is a better use of the green areas

Objectives

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf participation is at an all time high. Our beautiful courses and well run clubs do not need any screwing up by Auckland council

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: Any Aucklander can choose to go and play golf and golf participation is massively on the rise from all walks of our society. Carving it up for development is not the answer.

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 fail to see how Auckland council can improve the offerings that the clubs are already doing. They balance green fee and membership players very well to give everyone a chnace for this health exercise

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Courses already look after their land well. You dont have to carve them up to achieve your goal. Just provide ecosystem and biodiversity goals that they can achieve

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: Golf is available to all walks of live. Are you carving up rugby clubs, swimming pools, or tennis club or bowls clubs. I do none of these. BUt i love golf

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There are a great diversity of options already available for aucklanders. Where is the data that say Aucklanders want this?

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: It already appeals to a wide group of people. Golfers are very divers

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: INtroduce targets for golf course. Dont turn them into high intesnity housing

Other feedback

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

   This plan is a joke. Why stop a sport where participation is at an all time high, for an alternative that is undefined and not backed up with statisical evidence there is a better alternative.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Objectives

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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

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

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

Support

Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The plan is totally idealism driven, and would be impractical to implement.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf courses should be for people playing golf, not other "sport and recreation for all Aucklanders".

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

   Support

   Tell us why: It is good to plan to increase interest and participation in playing golf. But this should be done by encouraging and better managing access to public golf courses in Auckland. Councils objective here seems to be in conflict with recent moves by Council to sell or repurpose public golf course land for other purposes (eg housing).

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: This should be a necessary part of the management of public golf courses. It is not, and should not be, a Council driven and controlled "crusade". It should simply be part of the good management of the land and facilities involved, ie public golf courses.

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: Again, golf courses are, and should continue to be, for those who want to play golf, not wider social recreation activities. That would be impractical and there is plenty of other public land for other recreation users to access, if they want to.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf courses are for people to play golf. That's pretty obvious isn't it?

   Should we also repurpose public land tennis courts so they can be accessed and used by all Aucklanders for whatever sport and recreational purposes they desire? What about Bowling Clubs? What about rugby grounds and cricket pitches?

   How well would the application of your plans idealism driven philosophy work in work in practice?

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: So long as it is "golfing" focused and driven !!

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: But leave it in the hands of, and make it the responsibility of, those who run the golf clubs, don't try to come in over the top and tell them what they have to do.

Other feedback

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

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: A mix of arbitrary percentages and fluffy 'equity'. AC must learn to focus narrowly on the essentials we overpay for. These are largely a joke. Half our funds are wasted on the inept ideology in the Uncontrolled AT

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: Are we doing this to all council-owned land? You are interfering so you can generate woke virtue signals. You failed abysmally with Waiatarua Reserve, so why would you succeed in the adjoining Remuera Golf Course? They have been open to residents walking on the course under lockdown and joining to the Reserve, which they effectively are.

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: Not your job. Sport, Cultural, Housing, Health, Welfare etc etc are GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITIES. End of story.

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

   Don't support

Tell us why: You've messed up our parks with abdicated management of overpaid and underperforming contractors. Most if not all courses are better managed at this level than you could. Remember your water, rubbish and roads job is your only priority. Should be.

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: You don't belong in successful operations. You'll not add much, other than extra employees who will merely appoint mates/ ex AC colleagues to mess things up. Tell the courses— based on RATEPAYER ONLY feedback what needs doing. And stay out. We don't need

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: You're already surrendered the Unitary Plan to charlatans. You have stuffed cricket (esp), rugby and league and stock cars for years. Why would you get golf right. Please fix the other mess first. Inept but not lacking ambition describes you.

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: Unnecessary. Stick to your multiple stuff ups, prove you can do an adequate job (nothin more) on your current major stuff ups, and you might qualify to intrude.

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: Where, pray, is this "best practice ecosystem management" being practised by your employees? Waiatarua!? I think not. Drop the ambition and stop believing your own PR.

Other feedback

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

   Stay out and stop wasting money. Do your priorities and then you will be invited in. Till then, really, what do you add?

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Leave things as they are

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: Leave things as they are! There is no need to change!

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: Leave things as they are!

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: No need to change !

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: Things are satisfactory as they are!

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There is plenty of other land already!

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: No need to change!

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: No need to change!

Other feedback

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

   The flowery woke language used in this submission is totally unnecessary. To call it an investment plan is ridiculous. Just leave things as they are.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Support

   Tell us why: It would be great if we could all have some access to the golf club for running walking and cycling and also to get my grandchildren interested in playing golf.

Objectives

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: I would like younger people to get a chance to see golf played and perhaps try it.

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: These facilities should not be for the exclusive use of the few.

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

   Public land should be enjoyed by more people if possible.

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Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: It appears to assume that golf is an elitist sport. If you go out to these courses, the people who play are normal kiwis.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The report is driven by the desire for a particular outcome. I don't think that's very democratic. With our aging population, we should be encouraging more older people to play golf.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: This is a bit more constructive but we need more details

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: That's not specific enough - more detail required

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: 'ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils' is a subjective comment and makes a mockery of the rich history of our City. Most historical decisions that have been made were well thought out by practical and well meaning people

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This is a very loaded question, pushing people down a particular direction

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Again, very vague with no detail. All the courses are well used and hard to get a tee time - reducing capacity overall will not achieve anything

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: it sounds good but there's not enough detail

Other feedback

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

   Auckland needs quality town planning for the next 100 years. We will need more of everything. Let's have some bigger and non political thinking and aspire to a win-win for everyone

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Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Objectives

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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

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

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

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Draft Golf Investment Plan

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Your indications that there is a relatively small number of people playing Golf is incorrect and biased to make it appear that your views are right for "the greater good" of the people. It is sad that ideology trumps common sense.

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: It is obvious that a majority of the people who make up the committee involved in this decision making role do not play golf, have no interest in golf, and only see land. Sure. There are some merits, but a very comprehensive study needs to be conducted as to the numbers involved.

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: Again. A more comprehensive study is required.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Over educated people wanting to sound important!

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: Until I see a more comprehensive outline of your ideas, then it's a NO.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Ideology speak!!

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Again. Outline EXACTLY how. I bet you can't!

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: Control FREAKS!!

Other feedback

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

   Yes. Stop the BS please

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There is enough green space in most of these areas for walkers, cyclists, sports fields rather than to take away much enjoyed courses from new and older and regular golf players. You refer to groups of "small, regular golfers" in your plan. I am a young (ish) woman who recently learned to play and the diversity seen on the golf course I play at is great. Families and new golfers play all the time. Why 'fix' something that isn't broke. There is more than enough space for other activities across Auckland. Why don't we take away the bike parks and sportfields and create more housing? It's ridiculous especially considering the location of some of these courses. There is more than enough land in Awhitu for you all to desecrate for more housing. But please don't because some things are better untouched. Like big, green, well-looked after, diverse golf courses.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: As above. There is more than enough cycle space for AUcklanders, there are more than enough bike parks for Aucklanders, there are more than enough beaches, volcanoes and walking tracks for walkers in Auckland. There are more than enough sportsfields in Auckland.

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: Golf courses already attract and retain participants through the golf experience. Ask yourselves why there are low-participation groups. Is it because they don't want to participate? Try solve that problem first.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Would love to know how golf courses adversely impact the environment/ ecosystems?

Key shift

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

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   I don't know

   Tell us why: I've not been to a golf course that hasn't welcomed new players.

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: One shoe size does not fit all. These golf courses are all highly maintained and cared for and having some defined target approach as set by the Council is ludicrous.

Other feedback

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

   Don't call it an golf investment plan when it is not investing in the game of golf. It's taking away from the game of golf, the tranquility, the mental wellbeing that being on an uncrowded, green space playing a game you love.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The Investment Plan makes some serious inaccurate non fact based assumptions including statements that golf membership is declining, women participation numbers are low, private golf courses are capitalizing on increasing land values (this claim is totally out of any real context), that joint use of golf courses referenced can be converted to joint use walking, running cycling in addition to remaining as a viable golf course, assumes that environmental best practices are not already part of the named golf courses or cant be implemented without Council taking over the land

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Overlooks the financial and practical realities

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: In the absence of financial modelling and how this may impact on ratepayer funding or other potentially subsidized support this aspirational statement cannot be supported in its present form

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Assumes the identified courses are not already supporting ecosystem and bio diversity conservation

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: Its unrealistic to support an investment framework in the absence of real $ costs

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Co-mingling of 18 hole golf courses with other sport and recreation for all Aucklanders is not a realistic option

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: An aspirational goal which lacks any clarity on exactly how and what might appeal to a wider group of people

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This can and is already happening at many golf courses without Council needing to take back control of the land

Other feedback

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

   The Plan makes a sweeping statement that Auckland Council is the largest investor - this is a misleading statement - I assume it is intended to mean the assumed land value makes Auckland Council the largest investor? If so then the true value can only be realized if Council decides to take back ownership of the leasehold land, then sell it on the open market for its highest and best use value resulting in it no longer being a golf course neither available for the use of all Aucklanders as open space and/or recreational purposes

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I see a great diversity of golfers. all clubs are welcoming, the public use these facilities.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: the land is currently used for these objectives

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

   Support

   Tell us why: some golf clubs already do this successfully

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: golf courses lead the way

Key shift

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

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

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

Don't support

Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: golf courses offer sport and recreation to all aucklanders

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Remuera Golf course should be kept as a golf course. There area lot of members there and especially for the people over 50 it is a safe enviroment for people to socialise and keep fit. not dangerous

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: it should only be for golf players

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

   Support

   Tell us why: They are already doing this

Key shift

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

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

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

   I don't know

   Tell us why: Not sure what this is but Remuera Golf Course should be retained as a golf course and nothing else

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Remuera Golf Course should jsut be for golf

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

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

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

   Don't like it at all

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I think that the current golf courses provide a huge amount of benefits to the community & open to a wide group on of the community. they provide great green space, recreation opportunities & also to unwind from the stresses of the city.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

   I think it is very important for the golf courses to be kept & maintained in the current format

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: It is based on out of date and incorrect information. It was originally drafted in 2016. Golf and golf participation has changed markedly since then. Many statements are not backed up by facts. Analysis will show these statements are actually factually incorrect

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf courses are used from about 7:30 am in the morning to about 7:30pm in the evening 7 days a week. They are in constant use. Compare to rugby, soccer fields etc which are only used in the weekends

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: Analysis of all sporting data shows that golf has the highest participation of all socio and economic groups. Golf participation is uniquely diverse

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Remuera Golf Club is a perfect example of best practice. It is also currently carbon negative.

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: Golf currently has the highest participation level of any sports in NZ. Closing or changing the structure of golf courses will counter this "benefit". It is self defeating

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: Golf currently has the highest participation level of any sports in NZ. Closing or changing the structure of golf courses will counter this "objective". It is self defeating

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: That is what golf has achieved over the past 6 years since this report was drafted. Your assumptions are totally incorrect.

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: Remuera Golf Club is a perfect example of best practice. It is also currently carbon negative. Other golf courses are already following this process

Other feedback

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

   It is based on out of date data and does not back up it's statements with facts. It has an inherent bias against golf .

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Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I am and have been a member of Remuera golf club for over 30 years. It has a membership of young and old and a diverse range of ethnicity's and is very active in involving the local community . We need green spaces more and more as we live in closer proximity to each other especially with climate concerns.

   It makes no sense to build houses on Remuera golf course as it is well used by the local community as was evident when we were in lockdown.

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: We have lots of parks for recreation

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

   Tell us why:

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Remuera golf course uses best practice on it's course already

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: Doesn’t make any sense we need golf courses

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

   If this is what the council is doing with our rates we need to carefully consider at the next election a complete waste of ratepayers money. PC gobble hook!!

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Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Council is under increasing financial pressures and this is only going to get worse in current economic environment as Rate Payers cannot afford more and more.

   A number of golf courses are already open to the public besides golf members.

   The membership of these courses, through their subscriptions, maintain the courses and surrounds in a respectable and parklike manner at no extra costs to the public

   Why change this - why burden Rate Payers and tax payers more with a one sided outdated viewpoint that ALL golf courses are only available to a select upper class???

Objectives

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Not all golf courses are equal yet Council, through the proposed submission are closing to treat them as ALL the same. Seperate the courses out to those that are already open to public and those that are not open to public. A one shoe fits all viewpoint is lazy and wrong.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Golf is already a sport that can be enjoyed by anyone from any walk of life and with any disability

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Again do the work and review this on a golf course by golf course level and give recognition to those that are already achieving and some that are surpassing the current Council requirements.

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: Support on the basis that this cannot be done on the premise that one shoe fits all.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Again - this is a one sided vision applied across all the golf courses without bothering to spend the time to review what certain courses offer to general public.

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: The land that the golf course is on or that it borders can and in some cases is already used for multiple disciplines/purposes

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?**

   It appears from the submission that a narrow minded tunnel vision with preconceived answers was drawn up without any objectivity or understanding on a best practises basis being used. One could question the intentions and views of the draft as being prejudicial to certain population groups.

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Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Theres enough golf courses in Auckland

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: See above

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Golf needs to move forward, its stuffy and elitist

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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

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

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

Support

Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Our community is enriched in so many ways through access to golf and golf courses in Auckland. It would not make any sense to take important green spaces in our city and use it for housing or business use.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf Clubs already allow communities access to the grounds and the facilities such as the Remuera Golf Club.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf courses are engaging many who were once considered low participation groups - youth, beginners, casual players, differently abled and competitive.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf Clubs such as Remuera are already a leader in environmentally sustainable recreation facilities. RGC has achieved GEO certification, carbon positive results, tree planting, enhancement of bird species and effective pest management. RGC also support other clubs in their commitment to step forward as leaders for climate action.

Key shift

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf clubs already encourage greater participation and use of facilities by all groups in our community

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: Golf Clubs such as Remuera are already a leader in environmentally sustainable recreation facilities. RGC has achieved GEO certification, carbon positive results, tree planting, enhancement of bird species and effective pest management. RGC also support other clubs in their commitment to step forward as leaders for climate action.

Other feedback

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

   This is not a sound plan and will lead to long term outcomes that are not positive for Auckland city, our existing council owned land that operate as golf clubs provide positive community facilities already, enjoyed by many with increasing numbers participating and clubs actively providing opportunities and encouraging more people to be active by playing all forms of golf.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: 1 There is no groundswell calling for action on this. Isn't that the obvious starting point?

   2 Until covid most golf clubs were struggling for members and it will revert to that.

   3 AC fought to close Chamberlain park arguing golf was elitist - its maintenance of it and Takapuna is to a low standard- along with other public facilities . AC can't even mow the road berms- it's simply badly organised and run always with an excuse for it's constant failures . Look at the mess AC planning ideologues have made of Auckland central where I worked for most of my life- lots of pretty pamphlets but in reality a squalid sad hole that no one wants to go to anymore . "It ain't coming back "- as the song goes - by the way - light rail, heavy rail, buses bikes or whatever .

   4 AC can't carry out core business such as the timely issue of building consents, inspections and certificates. It's a disgrace and a big part of the" building crisis"; try getting hold of a planner - no one answer the phone and calls are screened. AC is a classic monopoly supplier.

   5 Given AC is grossly inefficient with complaints (today by Mayor Goff) of underfunding in the face of the rises ahead of inflation and golf clubs run on the smell of an oily rag how in God's name would the bureaucracy that is AC make Aucklander's lives better, let alone make playing golf cheaper or more accessible ?

Objectives

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The above sums it up . It's a planner's pipe dream when AC , a monopoly provider which would be broke (well Goff is almost saying it is) if there was competition. AC needs to stick to the basis, get them right and then start a conversation instead of embarking on unrequested social projects with

other people's money. Why don't you start by building more swimming pools and play areas for children from low socio-economic areas if AC is so keen on equity in recreation ?

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I do but not by AC which can't carry out core business efficiently .

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Who wouldn't but AC doesn't do this on public course now. This is just sloganeering.

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

   I don't know

   Tell us why: More hollow words. Why doesn't AC start with core functions and when it has that right go from there. My prediction is it never will.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: When any organisation (including AC) makes a commitment, personal, private or corporate it should stick to its agreement.

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: I can't understand what this waffle means (is it supposed to be high level or visionary?) but I repeat, AC and anyone should their basic job first and foremost .

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

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

   Don't support

Tell us why: The reason I disagree is this loaded question because it is too vague, ignores the reality of what AC actually does in practice with unkempt berms and parks and allows AC if enacted to impose unfair rules on clubs. In the face of houses being packed in with no recreational spaces for children and cars all over the place how does this square with what AC is actually doing?

Other feedback

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

I go back to the start. Golf clubs are struggling for members/players . Golf course are expensive to maintain and much of the work is voluntary . If a person wants to play golf they can at a modest cost. There is no question of inequity . On the contrary AC fought in the courts to close Chamberlain Park Golf course . It was a disgrace .

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf attracts people of all ages and cultures and is one of the only sports where families and whanau can come together and compete regardless of gender, size, age , or beliefs.

   Golf clubs and courses connect people and community, enriching a healthy and active lifestyle and adds to our overall health and well-being.

   By reducing the available land for use by golf clubs will decrease the value golf plays in our whahapapa and community as a whole.

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: Redevelopment of existing golf land and deployment for other use will severely impact the current benefits we all have access to.

   The golf club my family belong Remuera Golf Club - has facilities that is easily accessible by anyone, and in fact my kids , their friends and my friends actively play, practice or go to the range as a fun activity to do. It supports community, and offers opportunities for all to be involved including free practice greens, driving areas and also affordable dining options for food and beverage.

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: Remuera Golf Club already offer so much opportunity for our community and kids and this is readily accessible.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Remuera Golf Club is a leader in sustainable practices for grounds management and has GEO certification, carbon positive , has an active tree planting scheme , bee hives, enhanced bird life with active pest control managememt. They are also champions in supporting other local golf clubs in their commitment and drive for sustainability practices.

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: Any sale, part sale or part redevelopment of the golf courses will decrease the opportunity for our kids, their kids and the future generations. When we are bombarded by technology and PlayStation games - we need active outdoor games that are fun, and can

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The golf courses have been there for a very long time and Auckland has significant recreational land for all to enjoy. The new density of house building need to take into account green spaces that are local to this areas and cater for more in their local neighborhood. Not open up land that has already served and continues to serve and support so

   Many Aucklanders in golf.

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Sounds like three waters to me. Leave the managememt to the golf courses who have actively managed, maintained, cared for and continue to tend to these beautiful green spaces that so

   Many golfers and non golfers already enjoy.

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: Golf clubs like Remuera Golf Club are already in the forefront of environmentally managing these green spaces with best practice thinking, strategy, equipment and skilled staff.

Other feedback

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

Golf is growing. More people from all ethnicities, ages, demographics, cultures and skill

Levels are coming together with equal

Opportunities to play and enjoy a sport that promotes community , whanau, and Whakapappa

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Not in favour of golf land being sold off and developed for the benefit of investors. The city is already undergoing intensive living standards under the councils new high density living plans. The green areas of Nz need to be protected, this includes golf courses. Making it accessible for more people is great but we don’t need to reduce that area.

Objectives

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I would like to see more recreational facilities but these need to be built into new infrastructure needs and plans rather than taking golf land.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Provided it is actually a good match

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Golf course managers should have guidance but ultimately control over what’s best for the environment as they know it best

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: Once the land is gone for recreation that is very negative

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Provided it is matched to correct groups and not an illusion

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: Those who work in the environment must have a say as they know the environment best

Other feedback

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

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: During the COVID lockdown a number of Courses opened up their environments for people to walk and exercise and this was greatly used in our area. I'm sure there can be arrangements for timing so people can access golf courses for walking running etc outside tee times

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I think there are enough facilities for other sports, and if people were inclined to participate they would be able to access these facilities

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Bring new people into the sport should be managed and encouraged by the clubs themselves, this is not the domain of the Council, who should be focussed on water, rubbish collection, and transport. Encourage Clubs by having them submit diversity returns each year and if they improve give them a rates discount.

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

   Support

Tell us why: Remuera is already doing it. I've lived on the golf course for twenty year and the difference in bird life is remarkable. I walk the course each morning before the golfers start (as do a lot of neighbors) and the increased bird activity is fantastic

Key shift

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I am a golfer and I expect to be able to play on a top class course, I have memberships outside Auckland, and if the Auckland course was compromised I would leave Auckland (there goes your rates)

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf is a sport that needs land, you can open it up for walkers (see above COVID comment) but you cannot compromise peoples safety by having a shared exercise on the same land.

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

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

   Tell us why: Fully support getting more people involved, but leave it to the clubs, and encourage with incentives (see diversity comments above)

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: As mentioned Remuera is world class in the area, and all clubs should look towards this outcome.

Other feedback

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

   Encourage clubs to make the change, and have the council focus on delivering on water, rubbish, and treansport.

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Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf courses provide well-utilised green space, popularity has increased in recent years, why disadvantage users?

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: You don’t increase equity by taking golf courses away!! This is about as stupid as your bud and cycle lane plans

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: For Gods sake, what is this?! You either play golf or you don’t, a “low participation group” are 9-holers!!

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

   Tell us why: Just go away and leave the damn golf courses alone, the ecosystem of bird life on our local one looks just fine to me

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: I wouldn’t trust the council to decide what time to have lunch let alone design a robust framework!

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Absolutely all poppy rubbish, exactly what I would expect

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Again, what a load of rubbish! Let golfers decide where they want to play

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: Stop meddling!!

Other feedback

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

   Yes, this is some sort of “socialist solution trying to find a problem” exercise, just leave it alone

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: It is unsafe to have non-golfers using the same area as golfers. Golfers cannot practice on other council owned open sports fields for this reason.

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 able to play golf as visitors to these courses already, do they already have access.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: This already happens- driving ranges attract a new demographic & new formats like 9 hole appeal to people who have never played golf but take it up in retirement.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: My club (Remuera) is already doing this.

Key shift

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Sounds like ‘rail roading’ by anti-golf groups.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Council provides grounds to other sports codes. Golf needs grounds too to accommodate the wide range of ages & diverse backgrounds of players without having access restricted by ‘sharing the grounds’ with other recreations.

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: Members of a golf club fund huge investment in the facilities.

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Makes sense

Other feedback

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

   Auckland’s growing population will need more golf courses in the future not less. It would be very short sighted to reduce availability.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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

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

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

Don't support

Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

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Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf participation is already very high with limited availability. You should build more golf courses, not make access harder

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: Open more public courses. Existing courses are already packed

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 more courses to access

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Good for long term systainability

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: Council opinion is driven by left wing idealists who will not make I friend any decisions. They have already decided

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Not enough golf courses now. Plenty of fields and facilities for other sports

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:

   More detail needed. Don’t go the Japannway of huge 24/7 driving ranges.

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: Do t go overboard. Natural hazards challenge your golf.

Other feedback

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

   Stop mucking around with small minded jealous driven policies, and do something more constructive, like a rail line to north shore, removal of unused cycleways and dismantle the despotic Auckland Transport organisation.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf clubs in Auckland have large supportive memberships of all ages and they join to learn and play golf. This activity would be marginilised by adding other activities into an already busy golfing environment. Also there are safety issues with golf balls being hit along fairways at terrific speeds which can cause fatal accidents to any non golfer not understanding the dangers and doing non golfing activities in the area.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There is plenty of land for recreation in and around Auckland without disrupting well run, well supported clubs that have a history of great community engagement and golf clubs are dangerous places for non golfing activities as outlined above.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Remuera Golf Club has won awards and is well known for its ecosystem management. We are able to buy delicious honey from the bee keepers who have hives on our course

Key shift

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

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: It is stupid and dangerous to mix other sports with golf. Even non golfers walking on the golf course when play is in progress are in danger if they do not understand the direction of the balls being hit along the fairways.

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf courses are used by far more people than just golfers. Actually the Council should build more golf courses to cater for the needs of all ratepayers

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The land is already open to the public

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Only if the framework is actually good

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Need more hockey turfs if you go down this track

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: What does this mean?

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: What does this mean also. Sounds disingenuous to me.

Other feedback

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

   Build more courses, not less. I have low income friends who want to play more golf. Not less.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I can understand that you're short of land for 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**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Anyone who wants to can play sport.

   In my humble opinion.

   If they really want to.

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: "Low participation groups".

   Are they wanting to play golf?

   I'm a Maori, I play golf because I want to. Anyone else can if they work, earn a reasonable income and make choices.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: What?

How could you not agree with this!

Why not ask if we agree with motherhood and apple pie?

Key shift

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

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I can't support it fully until I know what your plans are

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There are lots of regional parks, beaches and local parks that people choose not to use. Why pick on golfers?

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: What on earth are you on about.

   Council speak. Meaningless.

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: More council speak. Are you implying the golf courses are mismanaged? Nothing the council does - AT for example - is ever efficient. Or better.

Other feedback

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

   I'm very suspicious of it.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There are many other sports grounds and parks available for others sports and recreation.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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

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

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

Partially support

Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

   Golf is played by children, teenagers, adults and elderly people. It enhances fitness, companionship and friendship over all age groups.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I like the idea of making golf more accessible but I don't support the trivialising of facilities that provide high quality golf courses for passionate golfers. It is hard to make high quality facilities available to people who don't don't know how to play the game - they just end up destroying the facilities or doing damage which by nature of the the sport diminishes the satisfaction of others.

   I feel that driving range facilities should be a core focus for more people to play golf. That is where you get your training wheels for a golf course. You don't just head out and ruin a golf course by not knowing what to do.

   Not all golf facilities are created equal and therefore not all golf facilities need to be democratised in the sense that this plan is aiming to do.

   Golf courses are generally open spaces that the public can enjoy. They provide ecosystems for flora and fauna to thrive as well as for animal / birdlife to thrive. They should be cherished and prioritised as assets to be maintained.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The land will get ruined the course will be diminished and the golfing enjoyment of players will be compromised.

   Again this is probably something that shouldn't be applied in a blanket. If you have a crappy golf course on council land then the desire / need to keep it at a high level is not the same as a high quality golf course. That facility could potentially be a focus for democratisation of golf prior to doing the same thing in a facility that will be damaged, ruined or compromised by opening it up to those who don't know how to play the game of golf.

Many of the high quality golf courses are maintained by paid employees of those golf courses. The council will not have the funds or the inclination to do this to a sufficient standard going forward. I just don't believe that there is the know how or the will to deliver high quality publicly accessible golf courses. Too many contradictions in this approach.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I am in favour of finding areas that can drive this. All golf clubs need to push harder to recruit new players and to get lower participation groups playing more often. I am in favour of broad targeting of these groups ie women / youth but am not in favour of specific targeting to get more people playing out of socio demographic groups.

   Driving ranges need to be prioritised as a way of getting more people playing golf. I would be looking to put more of these onto the existing golf facilities and making those more publically available.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Crucial to the overall environment in the city. This is hard to do and will require council to step up their game in many areas. Some golf clubs do an incredible job in this space and are actively securing 3rd party commendations. These clubs should be models for others.

Key shift

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

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I am keen to see benefits to Aucklanders increased. Broadly this is a good goal but it needs to be done very carefully and also needs to ensure that the high quality golf experience is considered as part of the benefit that is provided to Aucklanders. M

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I don't support golf courses turning into multi use sports facilities that are used by masses of different Aucklanders. It will ruin the golfing experience that high quality facilities provide. There may be some things that can be done to open courses up when golf isn't being played - dawn / dusk or desingating areas that can be used for walking / running but I would be very cautious. There needs to be more specific plans shared about what is going to be proposed for each facility to ensure that the needs of existing and future golfers who are serious about the game are able to enjoy it in Auckland.

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 should not be the case for all council assets. Some may be able to evolve to meet a wider group but one doesn't need to broaden the offering so far that it is compromised for the lover of the game. Again - not all courses are created equal and this

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: Hard to disagree with this - would be good.

Other feedback

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

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Auckland Council MUST support ALL sports and some sports use more land than others, have a greater Council investment than others - so don't penalise Golf because the land in use appears to be of greater value.

   Also I suggest as AC is short of funds why are we spending money doing this sort of 'investigation' when that money could be better spent elsewhere.

   Auckland is not 'short' of public parks, why pick on golf.

   Has AC considered the likely additional cost of maintaining these large tracts of land?

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The cost of maintaining a Golf course is very significant so how do Council staff plan to cover that cost?

   ALL Golf courses as listed are open to membership for ALL Aucklanders so what can Council bring to the table to increase the numbers playing??

   What is stopping all and any Aucklander, in fact any person who may not be an Auckland Ratepayer belonging to any one of the Golf courses listed??

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

   Don't support

Tell us why: This question must have been thought up by a simpleton - what does it really mean?

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Again - who dreamt up this question??

   Simply who is going to pay?? I know that some Golf courses are fully committed to and apply good ecosystem management - especially those in the City.

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: This question projects the point that Aucklanders are precluded from playing Golf - this is simply NOT correct. ANY Aucklander can play Golf at these courses or any of the other Club owned courses

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Again a question that is very loaded!

   NZ has strict H&S legislation, simply you cant play tennis, have a picnic on a Golf course people will get hurt. Is/how Auckland Council going to protect those non golfers??

   OR what Council is really saying is WE DON"T WANT ANY COUNCIL LAND USED FOR PLAYING GOLF - right?

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Again, what is the question??

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: Auckland Council can't manage what is is responsible for now.

Other feedback

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

Yes, I believe it is a poorly presented, unintelligent, dishonest and deceitful waste of money investigation, especially galling that Council is embarking on such when we are financially strapped.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf is a growing sport and caters to all communities. The land golf courses are on do not have sufficient space for bike or walking trails. To allow such activities on golf courses would create health and safety issues.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The majority of golf courses in Auckland are club courses. Member subscriptions pay for the upkeep of the courses. The Auckland domain cricket pitches cannot be used by all Aucklanders so why are golf courses any different.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Golf in New Zealand is available to all New Zealanders. I lived in the USA for 10 years and golf is very expensive so not available to everyone. This is the great thing about golf in New Zealand.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: It makes sense to protect the environment and best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation should be used on all council land not just golf courses.

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: No sport in Auckland benefits all Aucklanders. For example the race track at Western Springs benefits a very small number of Aucklanders. The same applies to the Ellerslie Race Track.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Not enough space at existing golf courses and is a major health and safety issue. I cannot hit golf balls at the Auckland Domain or any other park so why is walking a golf course a good option.

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: The Takapuna and Chamberlain Park golf courses currently accomplish this objective.

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: The environment is important and the same objective should exist for all council land.

Other feedback

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

   The draft investment plan seems to be a dream by someone who does not like golf. New Zealand is one of the best countries in the world for affordable accessible golf for all New Zealanders. If the council wants more open spaces then create additional parks and reserves in and around Auckland and require developers of new suburbs to have a percentage of open spaces which can be used by the community.

   My kids played cricket and rugby at Shore Rd and in the respective seasons for each sport you cannot play any other sport on the fields. Golf courses are no different.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: The public can already use our driving range facility. Just as the public cannot wander onto a rugby game being played on a Council owned sports field, it is not safe for the public to wander onto a golf course while games of golf are being played.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf courses can only support a finite number of playing members. The public can apply to be a member in the same way current members had to and pay their annual subscription as their share of the annual costs of maintaining the golf course.

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: Our Remuera Golf Club already provides driving range facilities that the public can use.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Our club already has best practices in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation.

Key shift

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: The aim of increasing benefits to all Aucklanders is to general and all embracing to be defined as an

   “Aim”. Many things cannot be all things to all people. An aim has to be more specific. People make their own choices and a price on activities is the

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Same comments as for the previous Aim.

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: All clubs pay for the costs of maintaining their facilities from their membership base. Any Aucklander can apply to join that club and be prepared to pay their share of the costs. ACC should charge a fair rent on it’s golf course land and the golf club

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?**

   ACC cannot expect to offer access to all Aucklanders to golf courses. There are not enough facilities to enable that. Finite resources are best allocated by having the price that users are prepared to pay to benefit from the facilities.

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Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Objectives

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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

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

Partially support

Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially 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?**

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: My observations suggest the 500 ha of golf course land in Auckland is possibly the most used land by more people than general park land. Golf is enjoying a resurgence with kids playing and a great diversity of people. I am strongly against reducing golf access to dedicated public golf courses based on the whole notion that others should also be able to use the land. Are there not thousands of ha of other public park land in Auckland

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This will not achieve increased equity.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Do this by opening up more golf facilities. Driving ranges for example

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf courses are very well run areas of 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: That sounds like it was written by a consultant.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Because there are many many other facilities and parks to use for other purposes

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Gold clubs provide great community service for one of the largest recreational users groups in NZ. Golf spans all sectors of the community, provides effective use of green spaces in AUCKLAND, ALLOWS WALKING and is valuable facility that can be hired out by the community for all groups.

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: Most clubs are already open to all Aucklanders

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Most clubs have best practice eco systems in place or are working towards it

Key shift

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

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

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

   I don't know

   Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Its already open, perhaps council could look at sponsoring certain sectors of the community into golf if they are that keen

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

   It does not acknowledge clubs like RGC who have worked towards engaging the community over a number of years and invested large capital to make it happen.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: With this plan the Council wants to take an investment of millions of dollars made by members of a private club over the years.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There is already a lot of publicly owned land that can be used by all Aucklanders including "golf land".

   Is the Council in the business of maintaining golf courses? No, it isn't and it shouldn't be. Council should concentrate on what is important and necessary for a liveable city. Clean water, good sewerage and storm water systems (sadly lacking). Clean streams and waterways so properties don't flood when there is a torrential downpour. Transport, the list is endless but doesn't include frivolous things like parades, concerts, golf courses, newsletters delivered to letterboxes, PR Departments.

   It's easy to raise the rates each year above levels of inflation but it is more difficult to cut cost in your own organisation, something that should be done urgently.

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: There are a lot of sports that can be enjoyed by Aucklanders without having to leave the city. Fishing, boating, golfing, tramping are the more unique sports that come to mind that can be

enjoyed in Auckland and are not available in most other cities of over 1 million inhabitants. Also the usual sports like soccer, tennis, rugby etc. that are available in most cities of this size.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: How can a city council manage a golf course better than a golf club managed and lead by the members who have a vested interest?

   How can you expect bureaucrats to know about maintaining a golfclub?

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: Everything has got a price. In times of high inflation Council should not take on more financial liability

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: It's not in the best interest of Auckland ratepayers

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: Council should delegate more to private enterprise and concentrate on their core responsibilities. Something Council is not doing very well.

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Council couldn't do it better than what is done at present by our club. It's a bird sanctuary.

Other feedback

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

Don't invest in golf, but invest in your core business; sewage, water reticulation, roads, rubbish collections, etc etc

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I am a Registered Nurse. I am a member of Remuera Golf Club, and have been for the past 6 years.

   Our club IS already open to the public.

   Our membership fees are high, but they are 100% worth it. Is Auckland Council going to pay for golf club upkeep - which is hugely expensive - if it wants golf to be available to those who don't, like me, personally save hard to pay for my membership.

   I ADORE my time off work playing golf with other members, young and old.

   The Council has decided to continue with the submission process in spite of the inaccuracies and bias.

   I am concerned that the drafted plan relies on historical and out of date data, leading to errors and false generalisations.

   It is wonderful that golf is becoming more and more popular - but we need MORE GOLF COURSES to meet the demand, not less!

   This questionnaire is framed to lend a positive response. This is shameful.

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 should not be a "one policy fits all" as it's totally inaccurate to imply that the golf courses in Auckland are used 'exclusively for golfers.' The golf course I am a member of is already open to the public.

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 agree golf should have future investment and be an integral part of the city's future. We believe that golf provides a significant and positive impact on Auckland with social, environmental, economic and community outcomes.

   BUT not to the detriment of clubs that are already meeting this such as Remuera Golf Club.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I don't trust Auckland Council to do the right thing. Already it has sold off sections of golf courses which already is to the detriment of all people you suggest in this survey you are trying to help. Plus selling off land for more housing.

   WE NEED MORE GOLF COURSES not less!

   Sydney has 49 golf courses. We have only a handful! It is already very difficult to play golf as there is a shortage of golf courses in central Auckland.

Key shift

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

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: With an increased interest in golf, the use of land for other purposes will put extra pressure on the remaining facilities.

   Some golf courses need to open to the public - such as Royal Auckland Golf Club.

   WE NEED MORE GOLF COURSES not less! Only then wil

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Golf attracts people across all age groups and fitness levels. It is fun and accessible to all.

   Golf Clubs (such as RGC) allow communities access to the grounds and the facilities.

   Golf courses are engaging many who were once considered low participation groups - youth, beginners, casual players, differently abled and competitive.

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: Whilst RGC has been named for it's best practice in ecosystem management, the overall plan fails to note how course grounds, such as Remuera Golf Course are already shared with the wider community. It is totally inaccurate and shameful for Auckland Counci

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: Remuera Golf Course is already doing this, I believe that other golf courses can follow RGC in being a leader in environmentally sustainable recreation facilities. RGC has achieved GEO certification, carbon positive results, tree planting, enhancement of bird species and effective pest management. I also support other clubs in their commitment to step forward as leaders for climate action.

Other feedback

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

   Auckland Council should instead be concentrating on the thousands of empty overseas investor properties - many of which are on golf course perimeters

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Lazy policy with weak reasons for needing a golf plan. Exclusive use of land for golf...its a golf course, unless you want people to be hit in the head with a golf ball then yes it has to be exclusively for that use. What has diversity got to do with golf, people from all ethic backgrounds play golf...better to ban cricket fields as maori have a much lower participation rate in that sport, Some Aucklanders are missing out...Is that the best reason you have? If they are missing out its because membership rolls are full and typically you learn golf from families that play golf so if you want equality you need to be doing more to be promoting golf and teaching it our schools. Private course are capitalizing on values...if they own the land the can do what they like with it and if they rent the land from the council then that is a commercial agreement between the council and the golf course. This is a serious weak business case for change.

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: We have equity already, anyone can join a golf club but golf is not necessary a sport for all Aucklanders, just like people who don't play rugby or cricket could call for all rugby and cricket grounds to be converted to houses. We have plenty of spaces for all Aucklands and plenty of spaces that can be intensified without removing more green spaces for housing. It appears to be a policy developed by people who are not interested in golf. However memberships at most course are at capacity which would suggest to allow more equity we need to create more spaces dedicated to golf courses.

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: Why is the council getting involved in determining equity for who is playing golf. Are you going to mandate a 50% membership for men and woman next? Its not the councils role to make all recreational activities in Auckland to be equitable. If the council does believe that its part of its role then it needs to build a business case based on all sports played in Auckland and not just golf.

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

   Tell us why: The best examples of ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation have been performed by private clubs like Cape Kidnappers, Wairakei and Kauri Cliffs. If the council is interested in best practice in these areas they have plenty of existing land that they can start with but to claim that council involvement would result in these outcomes is laughable. They would probably only suggest lowering the walking speed to protect the native animals.

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 council has plenty of current land that can be invested to increase benefits to all Aucklanders without having a focus on golf courses.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: All Aucklanders can use public land to play golf. Why would you want a cycle or walk way through a golf course with golf balls flying around. If however you are suggesting developing golf club houses into much larger facilities with gyms, spa's, basketball courts, tennis courts and making them more of a fitness club than a gold course then this would be great...but that is a significant investment from the council to a limited range of sports.

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Why does the council need to diversify the people that are interested in playing golf, its not the councils role to make all sports diverse or have equal access. If it is then they should make it across all sports (like Sailing etc) and not just focus on

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

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

Don't support

Tell us why: The council couldn't deliver best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets, it would just create compliance costs to golf courses that would make it less economic to run. Also no reason why such a plan should start with golf courses or be limited to golf courses.

Other feedback

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

Another complete waste of time initiative by the council. With the boarders open, send some of the staff overseas to see what our cities are doing. Try Brisbane for starters. In short the council wants the land back for other uses and they are trying to use terms like fairness and equity and implement compliance costs as a way to realize these objectives. In the end a lot of good lawyers are golfers and this will just end up costing the council a fortune trying to justify a weak business case.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The document has so many inaccuracies in its rationale. It claims:

   >Golf membership is declining - this is incorrect. Golf membership and participation is increasing, outstripping most traditional sports both in real numbers and percentages

   >It excludes female and minority ethnicities - Golf NZ have demonstrated that the demographic and ethnic mix of participation is more diverse than most other traditional sports

   Golf is increasing in popularity. Access to golf courses are already limited with memberships closed for many public and private courses. The answer is not to close more courses to increase popularity and participation. That argument is illogical.

   This seems to be a revenue generating project to release land for Auckland Council to sell to boost its struggling financial position. If that is the case then just say that, dont wrap it up in some ill informed attempt at saying you are trying to make golf more widespread and inclusive. Its disingenuous at best for this position to be taken

Objectives

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: I support the increase of participation in golf, and anything that keeps recreation forefront of the councils agenda. These suggestions dont achieve that

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 it is important to engage a range of groups including part time and passionate golfers. But those passionate at the sport should not be increasingly marginalised in favour of those who do not carry the same passion for the sport / or the will to engage with it on an ongoing basis.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Absolutely agree with this, all golf courses have a responsibility to operate in a sustainable manner

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: Agree with this, there should be a robust framework. But not a pre-determined one that just seeks to reassign land to generate cash for council.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Golf can be a dangerous sport to have mixed usage. There are already courses where residents walk their dogs and family and co-exist perfectly well. It really depends on how far you take this. Will council be reviewing other sports greenfields to include golf activities as well or is this a targeted attempt at large parcels of land.

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: A wide range of golf facilities is a good idea. Important to not lose the traditional appeal of what has attracted millions of golfers to play the sport though.

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: Yes, a good idea to have a consistent framework

Other feedback

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

This appears to be a report that purports to want to increase the widespread appeal of golf. It seems that Golf NZ would naturally support that outcome and so it must be a concern to council that they are completely opposed to your plans. Given Golf NZs remit is to increase participation this must be a surprise. Further consultation, based on current statistics and opinions rather than old ones is much needed. The plan is currently flawed in its logic. Its clearly a grab for more land to be repurposed in Auckland towards housing. Just call it what it is, dont pretend to have the golf games interests at heart

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Makes assumptions that the facts don't back up

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: Aucklanders already have and are using the option and ability to play on council owned golf courses .The ethnic mix is strong and there are more people especially woman playing now than pre covid

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: Again another assumption that those that aren't playing golf actually want to play it, providing it doesn't mean they will do it and as noted there is already a wide participation of different gender, ethnicity and economic groups

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf courses are a tool for environmental conservation, to preserve our greenspace while protecting sensitive habitats and species and provide an escape to nature as urbanisaton and intensification increases

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: All just words from overpaid consultants with their own agenda whilst ignoring the actual facts

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The existing network of private and public golf facilities provide a wide variety of pricing for membership and green fees which makes golf accessible to a diverse range of participants in age, ethnicity, gender, and income levels making golf accessible to all. Current “mid-level” golf courses are in demand and well-utilised. We need a broad golf service that appeals to a wider group of people in addition to the current courses and facilities. By repurposing or reducing the number of courses this will have a detrimental impact.

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf is growing in participation and membership .Based on population growth projections, there is an expectation of an increase in golfers across Auckland over the next 20 years. Accordingly, there is a risk that the number of golf clubs that currently op

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: Golf courses are a tool for environmental conservation, to preserve our greenspace while protecting sensitive habitats and species and provide an escape to nature as urbanisaton and intensification increases

Other feedback

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

   This draft plan ignores the value of golf in Auckland , the environmental benefits of the green spaces , the physical, social, and mental health benefits for individuals and positive impact golf contributes

within our communities and that on council owned land golf is already open to a diverse range of participants in age, ethnicity, gender, and income levels making golf accessible to all who wish to play. What's next community sports clubs? We appear to have a council who will bend over backwards for elite groups like cyclists but punish other participation sports such as golf because of the (mistaken) belief that golf is a sport played by the "elite". Like all sports there are different levels of participation

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The implication is that the Council can do a better job of running golf venues/clubs than the current operators. The council has a very poor record of management in anything

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: Individuals who are interested can join a club now, or pay on a public course, or pay green fees at a club. I think the council proposal assumes that the organisation of golf by the council will be so much improved that more people will have access. Will the council be subsidising the costs?

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: There is no evidence that 'low participation groups' (whatever they are) want to play golf. Golf, by its nature , is an expensive sport to play. Will the council be subsidising these 'low participation groups'

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

   I don't know

   Tell us why: Sounds a good idea. What does it mean. Is the current furore over exotic trees an example of councils ability in this area.

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: Can you give other examples of council instituting 'a robust investment framework ...' successfully in anything.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Your earlier questions implied more golf will be played under council management. How can that coexist with other sport and recreation.

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: Making golf appeal to a wider group of people sounds nice, but how is that compatible with using current golf courses for other recreation

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: What is wrong with the way that golf courses are currently run. Can the council give examples of where they have carried out this function well.

Other feedback

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

   I think that it as good an idea as the government solving the NZ housing problem by building 100,000 houses.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf is the highest participation sport for adults in Auckland, with participation rates having increased markedly in recent years. Total adult club membership is now higher than that of rugby, soccer and netball combined. Furthermore, the increase in participation rates evidenced in recent years is even more pronounced in previously under-represented demographic groups, particularly women, youth and Maori, Pacific and Asian players. I am an example of this being a young Maori women who has turned to golf as my preferred form of physical recreation and connection to nature in Auckland.

   As the Auckland population continues to rise and the popularity of golf increases further, the demand for golf will only increase even more; the city needs more golf courses and facilities, not less.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: 'Increasing benefit to all Aucklanders' does not mean re-purposing land in a way that will necessarily appeal to every Aucklander. As the Auckland population continues to rise and the popularity of golf increases further, the demand for golf will only increase even more; the city needs more golf courses and facilities, not less.

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 increase in participation rates evidenced in recent years is even more pronounced in previously under-represented demographic groups, particularly women, youth and Maori, Pacific and

Asian players. I am an example of this being a young Maori women who has turned to golf as my preferred form of physical recreation and connection to nature in Auckland.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I am consistently in favor of improved land management practices that enhance environmental sustainability. Most golf courses across Auckland that I have had the pleasure of playing at strive to be good stewards of the environment and have made great strides towards a more sustainable approach to managing the land.

   The more significant consideration here is that golf courses are one of the most environmentally friendly uses for our land in Auckland. They are an excellent mechanism to help preservation of natural habitats, maintain green spaces throughout the city, and encourage active participation and knowledge of environmental issues with the public.

   Further support for golf courses to continue this good work can only be a good thing for all.

Key shift

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

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

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

   Don't support

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

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   The demand for golf far outweighs the availability of golf courses and facilities in Auckland. Reducing the number or utility of golf courses across Auckland will only serve to increase this imbalance and make the sport less inclusive and appealing to the very groups that you have highlighted.

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

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

Don't support

Tell us why: Golf is the highest participation sport for adults in Auckland, with participation rates having increased markedly in recent years. Total adult club membership is now higher than that of rugby, soccer and netball combined. Furthermore, the increase in par

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I am consistently in favor of improved land management practices that enhance environmental sustainability. Most golf courses across Auckland that I have had the pleasure of playing at strive to be good stewards of the environment and have made great strides towards a more sustainable approach to managing the land.

   The more significant consideration here is that golf courses are one of the most environmentally friendly uses for our land in Auckland. They are an excellent mechanism to help preservation of natural habitats, maintain green spaces throughout the city, and encourage active participation and knowledge of environmental issues with the public.

   Further support for golf courses to continue this good work can only be a good thing for all.

Other feedback

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

   I would urge Auckland Council to seek up-to-date statistics and data on golf participation in Auckland, particularly with regards to different demographic groups. My lived experience is vastly different to the picture you have painted in your plan and needs to be evidence based.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The existing golf courses in Auckland are very well run and open to a wide range of people and are well used. Subjecting the currently golf courses to multi use is likely to significantly their quality and condition and thereby reduce the amount people play on them. Golf is such a vital source of exercise and engagement, particularily for the older generation and this plan will impact that. There is also a vast amount of fully accessable public park spaces and these are not fully utilised at all currently. This plan is trying to address a problem that does not exist.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There is no inequity currently. A vast aray of people across all spectrums, ages and backgrounds use the current courses. And there are vast spaces for non-golfers available right across the city that are not fully utilised - accessing golf course land as well is not necessary.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

   Don't support

Tell us why: The golf courses are currently very well managed in this respect and much better than other non-golf courses park spaces that are managed by council.

Key shift

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

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf courses are available to all Aucklanders. There are also vast amounts of multi-use public spaces available to all that are not used well.

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The council has not proven itself capable of best practice ecosystem management. The current golf course managers do a much better job than council.

Other feedback

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

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I DO FEEL THAT THERE ARE INSUFFIENT PUBLIC GOLF COURSES TO CATER TO THE GROWING DEMAND OF AUCKLAND GOLFERS

Objectives

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: COUNCIL CAN UPGRADE CLUB HOUSE FACILITIES TO BETTER CATER FOR PUBLIC FUNCTIONS IE BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARY & OTHER PUBLIC CELEBRATIONS ESPECIALLY IN THE EVENINGS/NIGHT

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: STATEMENT OS WEAK AND NON SPECIFIC

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: COUNCIL CAN LOOK AT EXISTING GOLF COURSE AND MAKE IMPROVEMENTS ON ECOSYTEM MANAGEMENT AND BIODIIVERSITY WITHOUT CLOSING IT

Key shift

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

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

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

   I don't know

   Tell us why: NO SPECIFICS

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: SEE ABOVE SUGGESTION ON EXPANDED USAGE

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: SOUNDS LIKE VESTED INTEREST INVOLVED

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: SOME ADJUSTMENTS CAN BE MADE AS IT IS

Other feedback

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

   NO

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: At present my golf club has too many members by what the council is planning with the equity plan the ware and tear on the course would become unsustainable plus getting a tee time at this stage is extremely difficult.

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: Because you will have people who don't know the rules or the etiquette of golf who are just there for a hit and giggle mixed in with serious players and that would not work, there would need to be a test exam for those H & G players.

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

   I don't know

   Tell us why:

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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

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

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

   I don't know

   Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: My reasons i have already stated.

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

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

   Tell us why: As above

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

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

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Because this report seems to use old data and doesn't seem to be correct around the playing of golf as I understand it.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I don't agree because I think people already can use the land in many ways. So how would this help more people? We all use the courses anyway.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I am Chinese and a woman and I already play golf as do many of my friends who are also women and Chinese - how are we labelled as 'low-participation people' ?

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I believe many clubs are already caring about the environment and don't need council to change this.

Key shift

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

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I would be happy for the council to make a good decision around future investment in golf - if they properly get true information and up to date data.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This is already happening and I do not understand why lots of money would go to changing something which already offers choices to all who enjoy outdoor activities such as golf offers.

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: My club already offers golf in many different forms and caters to everyone from children to adults etc

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Agree

   Although I see many courses already do this! So no need for more proposals

Other feedback

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

   I think this draft plan is hasty and not really appropriate and seems to be anti golf rather than supporting the growth of the sport and recreation that golf offers so many of us.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: It is inaccurate and does not tell the whole story of how important golf really is to Aucklanders of all ages, ethnicities, sexes. Golf courses are the hub of many communities and huge them not only for recreation but also as meeting places, social venues and places to have community meetings etc. Golf course area also doing a huge amount of great environmental work aroudn Auckland and this is not being recognized either.

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 public golf courses are already fully open to the public!!! There is not limit to who can play golf on those golf courses and they are already being used for other functions, education, fund raising and being a destination for those in their communities to enjoy socially

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: We already have an over abundance of other venues for other activities and sports! We have heaps of parks, reserves and other sports fields already in every community in Auckland!!!! Most of those other facilities are not being used or maintained to their full potential yet either so why add to this problem even more. Other sports fields, parks and reserves should be better maintained and promoted for community to full efficiency before we go and summarily change golf courses. Most sports fields for example are only used after hours or on weekends. All the Auckland Golf Courses are packed with people every day of the week with Aucklanders playing the sport that they love.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Golf courses are unique in that they can and are habitat to many species that cannot be found on other sports fields and recreation areas. There is already a huge amount of great work being done environmentally on golf courses in Auckland along side Remuera Golf Club. In fact, Auckland Council is already helping those golf clubs with many environmental initiatives on golf course which is paying off massively. There is a huge sustainability movement already happening within golf courses world wide and within golf courses in Auckland...you should know this by now. Just keep helping to support golf courses in this area and they will be the 'lungs of the city' for your and provide much needed habitat for native species.

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: There needs to be a robust framework but golf courses are already available to all Aucklanders! Just support the existing golf courses to be even better

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   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: We already have a broad offering in all our communities that caters for everyone that is not being properly maintained or utilized. Focus should be on investing in those other facilities to bring them up to standard so that the communities would feel safe

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: Completely agree. This can be achieved in conjunction with this golf courses and in fact to a higher standard than most sports fields and reserves

Other feedback

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

Golf is the biggest sport in Auckland and NZ and should be supported to be even better. Not broken down and diluted along with all the other mediocre council owned parks, reserves and sports fields around the city. Golf courses can and should be supported and encouraged as they deliver a great sport with great social and especially health outcomes for all Aucklanders. They contribute massively to the economy of the city and are already well on the way to achieving great environmental outcomes too.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I. prefer the golf course as it is - people can walk it & we have excellent driving range facilities & many organisations use our club rooms for meetings etc.

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: Listed above

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Listed in 1st answer

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Remuera GC staff constantly maintain the fairways & are ecco

   friendly.

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: Golf course can be walked after hours - many meetings take place & the public can use the restaurant with easy parking.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: The public can use the restaurant & the driving range. with easy parking available.

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Ecco systems are being used by club staff in maintaining the grounds etc

Other feedback

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

   Remuera GC is an extremely busy facility. I have been a member

   for 47 years & value the friendships & exercise i receive from playing golf. We also use the clubhouse to play bridge & have many outside visitors using the cafe.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: It is not prioritising the golfers of Auckland. The number of people playing golf is increasing, so decreasing the amount of golf courses in Auckland is not going to help the current difficulty of playing golf in Auckland at the moment.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I don’t think golf courses should be given to the public as the golf courses work hard to serve their members and will have to work even harder to serve the public as well.

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: Any people that aren’t interested in golf won’t be influenced by Council-proposed engagement programmes as if they’re not already interested in golf I don’t think this plan will work.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I think the golf clubs are handling this fine already

Key shift

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

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I think the framework is fine how it is at the moment. I don't think the council should get involved regardless.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: That land should only be used for golfers

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I think the golf clubs should control how they want their service to function

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: I think that biodiversity is important and if it isn't done well enough at the golf club then I agree that the Council can step in

Other feedback

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

   I like how they're trying to invest in golf, but I think they're doing it for the wrong reasons. Allowing non-golfers to use premium golfing land is unfair for the rising numbers of golfers as the golf courses need to stay how they are. If the Council are going to look at investing in golf in Auckland I would suggest that they build more golf course to cater for the increasing demand, and input money into the clubs so that it is more enjoyable for golfers Auckland wide

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Draft Golf Investment Plan

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf courses are a huge asset and attraction to any city for all golf players. Auckland has a myriad of recreational spaces, parks, beaches without needing to infringe on golf courses

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf courses are carefully manicured. Without that, the game is not as it should be. To open this land to public use will cause massive damage to the courses. They are already available for recreational walks after hours, but to allow bikes, soccer balls, boots ect would be detrimental.

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: You target ethnic groups, youth and women in your low participation groups - where do those figures come from? So many women play golf - any that want to can do so. Many golf clubs are clearly predominantly asian and Indian. I don't believe there is any barrier to anyone. You can easily find a game on a course in Auckland for $25 a round.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Some golf clubs are doing this already, without your interference.

Key shift

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

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

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

   Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf is already accessible to all age groups and fitness levels. Grounds are already accessible to the community. There is already huge participation from youth, beginners, casual players, women, ethnic groups ect

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: Attempting to control individual golf clubs on what they offer their local community is not right.

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: Support so long as the mandated rules are not ridiculously overkill and too costly for a club to practically implement

Other feedback

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

   Taking golf courses for other uses, whilst there is such an increased interest in golf, will put extra pressure on the remaining courses from the over 100,000 Aucklanders who use these courses

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There are certain cultural and environmental elements to Auckland, that have been embedded into the fabric of the cityscape. The changes proposed would be irreversible and as the absolute explosion of golf during and immediately post Covid has shown golf is a game that has for centuries drawn a hugely diverse playership from 8-80, male and increasingly female and in Auckland a strong Maori and Pacifika golfing community has been supplemented by Asian Kiwis. Not to mention the intergenerational family/Whanau component of golf. Taking this approach to course over a hundred years old during a boom in participation especially amongst groups not always part of golf, female and immigrants seems an odd approach.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf is incredibly diverse and the assumptions that opening up land will be more inclusive do not strike me as true.

   Many 'New NZ'ers' as outlined by Sport Aktive are seeking indoor facilities to enjoy Basketball, badminton, table tennis etc therefore green space should be natured and treasured.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I like this thinking as a golf fan the more the merrier. I do believe their is significant effort in this space already by clubs. I don't believe it is necessarily the role of the council to drive this agenda nor to drive diversity of inclusion in another sport ie driving more people over 60 to take up diving due to

the number of pool facilities under council control. Driving ranges have modernised and see a huge range of people attend and participate. With new indoor ranges this will extend the golf footprint further.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: I like an overarching governance approach which is aligned the the historic and existing course design. The modern trend is certainly to allow the land to be as natural and the flora as indigenous as possible.

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: The statements are unnecessarily and overtly simplistic to skew perception.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Statement is disingenuous in that it implies gold usage is preventing other Auckland's undertaking activites when there are huge spaces available,

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: There may be areas which allow for broader participation - a look at the facility inside Ellerslie is a good example of this and features huge diversity without the need to encroach on existing courses. Some smaller iterations rolled out over time to ens

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

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

   Tell us why: Answered above. Work with IoT providers to ensure that sensored environments mean the most cost and environmentally effective management is achieved.

Other feedback

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

The rounds of golf played demonstrate the love for the game by Aucklanders. Participation makes for active Aucklanders who are healthy and relaxed in the outdoor environment. Barriers for participation have never been lower!

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Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Although I understand the dilemma of land use and the changing Akld demographic, my underlying concern is the potential negative impact on a sport which has a rich history and already appeals to a large number of participants for pure sport and recreation reasons.

Objectives

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: My concern is competing uses, I note the DRAFT plan indicates this can be achieved with controls however it runs the risk of destroying the very nature of competitive golf courses. For example tennis courts on golf course land with suitable facilities is obvious, walking and cycling paths near a sport that has the potential to seriously hurt someone is illogical

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: Generally I agree, if there was a way to encourage greater participation without destroying the very reason most golfers enjoy the sport, then great, specifically targeting ethnic groups that do not use these space with non-complimentary uses is simply smoke and mirrors and not accepting that a golf course is a golf course for a reason, forcing golf courses to rural areas will reduce participation through inaccessible locations and time taken to participate, this needs to be better considered, I suggest only some courses become mixed use space and key locations are retained for this current purpose with controls in place to achieve Eco objectives

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

   Support

   Tell us why: the way of the world, we must evolve provided it is in a managed way and doesn't force undue expense on those delivering as this simply creates the need to pass on cost and make sport and recreation in more inaccessible or pushes rates up - there must be a commercial view of what can be managed organically over time

Key shift

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: population growth dictates liveability must be maintained, either we stop growing (highly unlikely) or manage existing resources in a better way

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: as above I have concerns about some uses being proposed as mis-matched on expected outcomes

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: overall yes agree land needs to be intensified, but again need to be care that uses are complimentary and for the right reasons, simply selling land off to develop residential accommodation is a death spiral, adding bowls and tennis areas for example is h

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: provided costs to achieve are feasible and not simply ading to rates because it is the "right thing to do", there must be savings made elsewhere

Other feedback

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

overall, a sound plan that has merit, my concern as stated is we will lose the traditional golfing facilities and the sport will suffer irrespective of the increase in diverse participation, the core sport and its rich history must be protected into the future for generations to come. I would hope and expect Golf NZ has a suitable voice at the table to protect this important piece. thank you

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: It looks like Council is trying to take over golf clubs

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I am not convinced of the need for increased equity

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There is no problem with those in the "targetted " groups participating in golf - SHOULD THEY WANT TO.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Why should a non golf club member get some benefit from a Golf Club?

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Council, I believe gets paid lease money so members have paid for this exclusivity. It woulds not be safe for anyone to walk/run/cycle on a golf course for their recreation. Too dangerous for these people. Also Council would have to pay for substantial golf course redevelopment. Are the ratepayers of Auckland not already hit enough in our rates without this?

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: It looks to me that the goal of this is to ruin the golf courses. (Improvements paid for by members for the benefit of members and visitors) to some sort of standard format which will ruin the variances between clubs. This goal to seems to have been dream

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I believe all clubs are aware of their responsibilities and are working towards this.

Other feedback

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

   This appears to be a plan thought up by non golfers.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Becuase it is fundamentally flawed and factually incorrect.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf is constantly growing and thriving.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Golf growth already needs to at least maintain or grow the amount of facilities.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: 37 clubs in Auckland have adopted an environmental policy.

Key shift

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

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

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

Don't support

Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

   Do not support. Golf is thriving and has so many benefits!

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Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Need a plan to future proof golf in Auckland. Need to keep current players engaged and bring in new players through whatever pathways are deemed best by the sporting body. Understand Council perspective, but think that there have been some assumptions made in the paper that could be clarified, and or made more accurate.

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: Council needs to play a role here in making space available for sports and recreation. Council owned assets used for sport...not just golf...make sports more accessible to all. Land is made available to a lot of different sporting codes, whether that be netball, football rugby or athletics...sometimes it needs to be exclusive use, sometimes not. Eg a swimming pool is only available for water sport...not for walking your dog and allowing it to swim, an athletics track is specialist and needs to be protected from everyone walking and running on it. a golf course has money spent on keeping the fairways/greens etc maintained....wheras sports fields can be used by different codes in winter and summer. Council assets make golf more accessible for greater numbers of people.

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: Broad range of golf experiences, does make for a useful pathway...but if there are no courses to play at the end of the process, it is all in vain. I question the low participation groups validity.

For younger people there are a lot of different sports and activities to take part in, golf is but one. through the aging and maturing process a lot of options drop off, and golf becomes a lot more possible. the older population are well over represented in this sport as it takes time to play. Golf is attracting more and more players. Younger player numbers are growing rapidly.

Ethnicities. There are very large numbers of Asian Golf Players at every course in Auckland.

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I agree with the concept, but the execution here is trying to achieve too much with one throw of the dice. If this framework is followed then there will only be green spaces(maybe not if the investment framework wants dollar returns) and the provision of

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There need to be specialist facilities for some sports...golf is one of those. Allow walkers on thecourse etc, but needs to have a robust H7S plan attached to it.

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: need to increase the base level of investment

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: Environment needs all the support it can get

Other feedback

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

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Only partially support as there are many generalizations within the draft plan that could result in very negative outcomes for Auckland City

   and the growing popularity of golf if ultimately decisions are not based on up to date facts, usage, equity and fairness.

Objectives

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: My home club , Remuera, has seen an unprecedented surge in membership and golf participation.

   The club house eateries and newly completed driving range facilities are fully open to the public with amazing uptake in participation rates by members and non members alike including nearby rest home residents, community groups and school groups.

   Golf club membership is open to the public and all demographic groups albeit that the massive upsurge in golf popularity has exceeded membership capacity.

   Any AC longer term plans to change the usage of the leased land away from golf ie cycleways , walking tracks or housing developments would be seen as politically expedient and unwise and the "thin edge of the wedge" in respect of all Auckland's recreational parks and public spaces.

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: Already referenced above and the Remuera Golf Club is committed to being more inclusive of all sectors of society to participate in GOLF

Recent years have seen a strong increase in mid week ladies 9 hole golf and its junior programmes.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: The Remuera Golf Club appears to be a leader in the area and the visible increase in bird life around the entire course has been amazing over recent years. Increased "wilderness" areas within the course along with significant plantings of native trees and shrubs is commendable.

Key shift

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Concur with a long term AC plan that is transparent , robust and above and beyond the poorly conceived ad hoc wims of local body politicians.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Depends on the circumstances of each and every parcel of land within AC currently used for golf.

   Rest my case for Remuera Golf Club

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: Don't fully understand this distinction and context within the golf course network

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: No excuse or room for complacency on the environmental front

Other feedback

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

Auckland City's reputation as one of the worlds most liveable cities will incur irreparable damaged if this GIP does not accurately reflect the feedback of Aucklands golfing community , NZ Golf and the wider public vision for Auckland's quality of life and reputation.

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Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: One of the objectives is provide access to the public golf courses to all Aucklanders. I do not agree with that objective. Just as I cannot play golf at all the recreational parks in Auckland, there should be places for Aucklanders to play golf without being concerned with hitting or injuring someone whilst doing so.

   There are other sports that have facilities that are not opened up to everyone despite being on public land and/or having use of considerable public funds - soccer, netball, rugby, netball to name a few. I would think that would open the Council (and therefore the ratepayers such as myself) up to significant health and safety concerns and potential liability if the public is permitted to use golf courses as recreational facilities.

   I believe that golf provides a significant and positive impact on Auckland with social, environmental, economic and community outcomes. Your draft plan , if adopted, would have a significantly, detrimental effect on the health of those of us that use the current golf courses. It is difficult to get a tee time with the huge increase in players around Auckland. Taking golf time away from golf courses will only make that more difficult. My life is enriched for being able to play golf locally. I am healthier and happier since playing golf, receiving both physical and social benefits from the game.

   Further, your draft plan implies that golf courses in Auckland are used 'exclusively for golfers". That is simply incorrect. At Remuera Golf Course for example, it is open to walkers and many take advantage of that.

   It does seem ludicrous to me that the Council is suggesting that golf courses should be open to all. Facilities are designed and maintained for specific uses and a golf course is one such facility that just does not work as a multi-use site.

   Many golf clubs in Auckland, Remuera in particular, have programmes focused on encouraging non-golfers to start golf. Recent statistics will show that golf had a huge increase in membership and demand over the last few years during the pandemic. It was one of the sports you could do during lockdown levels, and for me it saved my sanity to be able to get out on the golf course during lockdown.,

   There are a number of generalisations in the draft plan that do not seem to be supported in the data as the data seems to be historical and out of date. For example, it makes the generalisation that the Asian

population is under-represented in golf. From my observation that simply cannot be correct. Further, golf courses are engaging many who were once considered low participation groups - youth, beginners, casual players, differently abled and competitive.

And the draft plan fails to take into account the significant work that has gone into developing best practices in ecosystem management at the various golf courses around wider Auckland.

Finally I am very disappointed that such a significant change in focus and use of the golf courses is only being put to public comment for a 6 week period, and over the Easter period when most are away or otherwise focused. I do not recall any previous mention or discussion of this proposal to the public and it certainly was not addressed at the previous Council elections.

As a Council you need to consider the needs of all your electorate, and that includes the many golfers in the community for whom the local golf courses provide considerable benefits.

Thank you.

Laurene Holley

Objectives

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: As above

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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

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

Don't support

Tell us why: See my comments above

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: See my comments above

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

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Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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

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

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

Partially support

Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   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?**

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Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Loosing or seeing the golf courses cut into is like cutting into all our green spaces! We are quickly loosing our green spaces which is NOT healthy.

   Many of our parks have little use, however there is numerous reasons why they should remain untouched!

   Many people use the course as running tracks or simply to walk their dog.

   Most Aucklanders don't go to Albert park or the Domain, but that is NOT an argument to repurpose them/

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: Chamberlain park is where I started playing golf with my friends. It was very accesable. i take great detlight in taking children of all backgrounds and ethic groups to play golf, primarily at the Remuera golf club. Membership there has never been higher. demand for the driving range is often overwhelming.

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: The board range of experiences would have to be well thought out

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Seems to me this is simply saying we're going to rip the guts out of these green spaces no matter what anyone says!

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Un used areas that are safe could be developed for other uses, tennis, play grounds, picnic grounds, squash etc

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Would need to se what that really meant

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: Would need to se what that really meant

Other feedback

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

   This draft is clearly biased. It is written like so many things these days in a manner thats essentially, we'd like your opinion, however that's just to make you feel good, as we are going to plow ahead anyway. The tone is autocratic, not a conversation between interested party's. This draft makes me sad, as the golf courses are an extraordinary resource that are already multifaceted. So many places, sports,

churches, parks are NOT 'enjoyed' by 'all' Aucklanders, but that does not mean they should be ripped up replaced or repurposed. Having these places as options are healthy generally. Golf is something to aspire to. It is a social space were a mixed rag bag of both 'rich' and 'not so rich' congregate to enjoy the game. If this Draft goes ahead, which I fear it will, once these spaces are gone they will be gone forever! To me it's like taking central park out of NY, the Parks out of London, the green belt that surrounds Dunedin. When you fly over cities often they vey thing that breaks up endless housing developments are .... Golf courses... for this reason many town planners in other countries build communities around this very thing... golf courses!

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Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Not sure where Council are getting data as doesn't reconcile with reality.

Objectives

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Golf is a growing sport and not everyone can afford it. Public courses need to remain to sustain activity.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: See above

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Our public courses have far too much introduced flora and not enough contribution to natural storm water flow.

Key shift

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

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Not at the detriment of affordable golf.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: As above

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: As above

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: As above

Other feedback

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

   Need to consider both up to date statistics on youth participation. Need to enhace native planting and move away from radiata, macrocarpa, willows, conifers etc.

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Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf is one sport, actually the largest participation sport, so is your intention to also analyse all other sport land being used?

   Golf doesn't work if you reduce the space, and it certainly doesn't work if you try to make it a Co-sharing space for waking/exercising or other, as it's too dangerous.

   There is plenty of other land available, which you can tear up to put housing on, which we all know is your actual intent, as a way to earn more rates income.

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: It is open to all Aucklanders, they can choose to play golf or not.

   Much like you can choose to play cricket, or soccer or rugby or get a dog to walk.

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: Why?

   Again, people have the choice to participate or not. Golf is a reasonably expensive sport, but it's not an elitist sport like I think you're making it out to be.

   Golf doesn't necessarily have to be playing on a course, it can be trying it out at one of the many driving ranges that are already open to the public at all golf courses populating public land.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Golf courses for the most part are ecological contributors. Many house a large number of animals and bird life etc. many clubs are using eco-friendly treatments.

   I'd argue that your other park spaces aren't maintained to the same degree.

Key shift

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

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I think you're making a bold statement that suggests previous councillors weren't acting in the best interest of the public at that time. In 25-50 years from now, the next people in your seats will likely argue the same.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Sure. Make it somehow more available, but unless your objective is to increase golf participation (which is at an all time high), then I think you're missing the point. It might be utilised by a small number per se, but actually that's partly by design of how the game of golf works. As I outlined earlier, there is plenty of other parkland space open to other activities.

   Or are you also suggesting that i can wander down to my local soccer or cricket pitch and start hitting golf balls across them??

   Or shall I start playing golf on the roads or the beach, because thats deemed public space?

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: Where are your stats that validate who's supposedly missing out?

   What is this broad golf service? More driving ranges? Different flavours of golf activities? Or is introducing things like frisbee-golf and the like, which isn't actually golf like many of t

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: As outlined earlier, I suspect most clubs maintain the land to a better degree than Council maintains other parkland spaces. So how about looking there first?? I'm pretty sure your idea of best practices (being a quick and dirty mow for the most part and the odd spray of chemical-based pesticides) isn't actually best practice for the ecosystem.

Other feedback

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

Golf is one sport, actually the largest participation sport, so is your intention to also analyse all other sport land being used?

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There is plenty of other land available, which you can tear up to put housing on, which we all know is your actual intent, as a way to earn more rates income.

Let's see your grand plan in greater detail. Let's understand your "best-practises", and let's see how and what you propose that makes it supposedly more available for everyone?

Some clubs have many more years left on their leases, so what's your plan there?

I applaud you for trying to think outside the square, but I really do hope you have some people on your team who actually understand the game of golf, and also how great the participation population in Auckland already is.

If you're just questioning the rate return vs the land consumed to try and find ways to make the spreadsheet look healthier, you're barking up the wrong tree, some things just need to be left as they are, golf courses are one of them.

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   Tell us why:

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   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

   Support

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Support

Tell us why:

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   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This is worded emotively and misrepresents the current situation. The 2 statements need not be an either/or choice. We can have sport and recreation for all Aucklanders while still having land used exclusively or predominantly for golf

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

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

   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?**

   Yes. I have a separate file I hope i can upload later in this process.

   Submission on Draft Auckland Golf Investment Plan

   Don Stock

   15 April 2022

   Summary

   1. The Plan is based on several erroneous assumptions and seems to predetermine an outcome of reducing the amount of land available for golf. This is unprofessional and likely to lead to sub-optimal outcomes. These problems must be fixed.

   2. The body of the Plan, despite the concerns expressed above, provides a logical and well-reasoned approach to optimising the use of the land.

   3. Optimising Council-owned land utilisation to achieve equality of access to recreational activities for all Aucklanders cannot be achieved by looking at golf land alone. Instead Council should be looking at all their recreational assets as a package, with the goal of creating a network of assets that collectively provide the most equitable access to recreational activities possible. For example, it is not sensible to

consider the merits of putting a walking path on a golf course without considering other walking options close by.

4. When assessing the relative benefits of alternative recreational options, the cost-benefit approach previously used by the Council (Martin-Jenkins 2018) is of little use. The opportunity cost of the land completely swamps the benefits, and most of the important benefits have not, and probably cannot, be quantified in dollar terms. Instead, a methodology based on qualitative assessments of the relative benefits of each option should be used.

5. Before any reduction in land utilised for golf is considered, the Council must be very sure that the benefits anticipated are robust and truly outweigh the loss of benefits from golf. The loss of benefits from, for example, reducing a golf course from 18 holes to 9 holes is definite, measurable and irreversible; the projected benefits from an alternative can easily be over-optimistic and unquantifiable.

General

6. First, I want to make it clear that I support the concept of an Auckland-wide review of the recreational needs of all sectors of the public and comparing that to an assessment of the current utilisation of Council assets against those needs. Such a review should identify gaps in equity and offer targets for improvement.

7. If the Council own assets, the Council should monitor how these assets are delivering against the Council goals and the needs of the public. This applies to all assets.

8. Such a review should not be limited to just golf land, however, as the Council owns significant other land and facilities that contribute to the current equities or inequities of access to recreational activities. All of these assets need to be part of any solution that aims to reduce inequities of access.

9. For example, we could find ourselves in the absurd position of selling some Council assets without even considering how they might contribute to improving equity of access, while at the same time cutting back access to golfing activities through this Plan.

10. A topical example would be the Council's current intent to sell the Mission Bay Bowling Club land for apartments over the strong objections of the local community, without even considering how this asset might help address inequities of recreational access, particularly for the disabled and elderly.

11. I have made a few comments below addressing areas of the Plan that concern me. These comments are written on the basis of personal experience at Remuera Golf Club and may or may not apply elsewhere.

12. My comments mainly relate to the introductory sections setting out the "Policy Objectives" and "Why we need a Plan", as these provide the foundation for everything that follows.

13. I see some glaring problems with the assumptions made in these sections, and these problems ripple throughout the body of the Plan.

14. Nevertheless, and despite issues created by the concerns referred to above, in broad terms I consider the Plan to provide a good framework for optimising the utilisation of Council golf land.

Policy objectives

Policy objectives

- increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly-owned golf land to all Aucklanders

15. I agree with the goal of improved equity of access to sports and recreation, but I don't see how Council has concluded that this requires "opening up publicly-owned land to all Aucklanders". This wording merely confirms that the Plan starts with a narrow pre-determined view that sees a reduction in access to golf. This may be a desired outcome if it can be shown that existing golf utilisation is achieving

less benefit than alternative uses, but other approaches might yield better outcomes. Let the evidence drive this, not the terms of reference.

16. An individual asset does not need to be all things to all people to achieve equity of access. Instead, each asset should have a clearly defined role in a network of assets that collectively provide equity. Not every asset is suitable for access to all Aucklanders; we don't ask tennis courts to allow rugby practices on them, but tennis facilities have an important role in the overall network of access to recreational activities.

- increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups

17. I agree completely.

- best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly-owned golf land

18. I agree completely. I note that Remuera Golf Course has a very strong environmental commitment and already meets the Council target. It is also worth noting that courses run by the Council have the lowest environmental scores.

Why do we need a golf investment plan?

"Exclusive use of publicly-owned land for golf is not sustainable"

19. This is a conclusion, not a reason for a plan. It is a conclusion without evidence or justification, indicating a predetermined outcome.

20. It is alarming and unfair that a reduction of golf is the starting point for the Plan whereas there is no discussion of even what the supposed inequities are. It is entirely possible that the best approach could turn out to be that some Council-owned land is exclusively used for golf, other land exclusively for netball and other land for multi-use. This statement, however, tends to preclude this outcome.

21. The body of the Plan seems to have a more balanced approach based on trying to optimise usage across the network of land, so maybe this is just a wording problem. Regardless, words matter, and these words give the impression that the Council is anti-golf.

22. Golf clubs do not have exclusive use of the land. As far as I am aware, they are open to anyone for golf. At Remuera, that includes playing the course, playing on the driving range, eating in the café, or booking the club facilities for a wide range of activities.

23. While all activities cost money, Remuera provides a range of options from the full experience on a world class course at a price much less than equivalent international course, through a more economical 9 hole experience, through to a driving range experience with world leading technology at a very reasonable price. It is far from exclusive.

"We have to meet a wider range of community needs"

24. Agreed.

25. This does not mean, however, that each sport or each land holding must meet every need. Golf actually provides recreational access for large numbers of people and a very diverse range of groups, more so than almost any other sport, but Council needs to manage all sports and all recreational assets in order to reduce any inequities.

26. Remuera has introduced new options to broaden the appeal of golf.

- The addition of 9 hole membership has made sport more accessible to women, time-constrained working people and older golfers.

- The driving range has been expanded and upgraded with technology to appeal to a wide range of people, particularly the young, time-constrained workers, and social golfers.

- The restaurant is open to the public, and has a strong community following, including non-golfing groups from nearby retirement villages
- The meeting rooms are well utilised by community organisations, including the Orakei Local Board
- These initiatives have been wildly successful, illustrating that the demand for golf exists, as long as it is packages to match people's needs.

Some Aucklanders are missing out

Not all Aucklanders have the same opportunities to play golf or to participate in sport and recreation.

There is inequity across different age and ethnic groups and for people living with disabilities.

Women and young people have lower golf participation rates.

Pacific and Asian residents have lower participation rates in golf and other forms of sport and recreation.

27. These reasons for having a plan are naïve, superficial and plain wrong. They are offered with no supporting justification and reveal the authors' biases and predetermination.

28. The Plan's approach is very negative, suggesting a predetermined outcome rather than a balanced review. Yes, some Aucklanders are missing out, but the narrative could equally be that many Aucklanders are already benefiting from Council golf land. Any balanced review should look at these benefits as well as any gaps.

29. Golf provides substantial access to recreational activity. Remuera Golf Course has more than 60,000 rounds played each year, equating to approximately 300,000 manhours of recreational activity. In addition, the driving range has heavy usage, approximating a further 300,000 hours of recreational activity. This is a lot of recreational use, providing access to more than 5,000 people.

30. Golf provides access to a wider range of demographics than any other sport. The Plan is completely wrong in describing the perceived inequities. Contrary to statements made in the Plan:

- Remuera has a very high proportion of women members
- It has a very active junior's program
- The Asian participation rate is very high.

31. The Plan completely ignores the group with the lowest participation rate in sport. Those over 65 have the lowest participation rates in sport and recreation, and probably the highest need for participation for their health and wellbeing. Golf is an excellent sport for over 65s:

- A round of golf involves walking 10km while pushing a heavy bag of clubs up and down hills.
- It involves regular upper body exercise swinging the clubs.
- It fosters balance and hand-eye coordination.
- It encourages social interaction both during the round and afterwards.

These characteristics have been identified as some of the most important requirements to maintain quality of life as people age. The benefits from golf are apparent at a glance; the majority of golfers at Remuera are much fitter, slimmer and healthier than the general population.

32. The Council should be actively encouraging golf for seniors as the most effective way to improve their wellbeing, rather than exploring ways to reduce access.

33. Golf caters for age-related disability better than almost any other sport. As players age, they have to give up most sports. But golf allows players to continue well into their 80s. There are several features unique to golf that make this possible.

- Golf is a low intensity, non-contact sport that puts a premium on skill rather than strength or endurance
- The handicapping system means that older golfers can remain competitive even as their strength fades.
- As their endurance reduces they can ride in a cart for part or all of a round, or they can drop down to playing 9 holes

34. There is virtually no other sport which provides these benefits to the over 65 age group, and certainly no sport which has the over 65 participation numbers that golf has. How many over 65s regularly play rugby, netball, soccer, cricket, tennis, swimming, rowing or even bowls? Just a tiny fraction of those that play golf. And yet the Plan completely ignores this demographic and the benefits that golf is already providing.

35. No sport caters to every demographic and ethnic group. The Plan appears to judge golf for failing to reach every possible group, which is totally unreasonable. The Plan specifically picks out women, young people, the disabled, Asian and Pacifica as being underserved, to which I would add seniors. An objective assessment would show that golf caters very well to seniors, women, young people and Asians, and particularly well for those with age-related disabilities. I would challenge the Council to find another sport which caters as well for a wider range of demographics.

“Private golf courses are capitalising on increasing land values”

“Reduced private provision could constrain future council decision-making about whether to continue to invest in golf, or other services that might deliver greater public value.”

36. Golf provides great benefits to the public. Reduced private provision would reduce this, meaning that Council should be looking to increase access to golf for the public to make up the shortfall.

Accountability

37. If golfing access on Council land is constrained to accommodate new activities, what assurance do we have that these will produce a greater benefit to the community?

38. Any loss of golfing access will be definite and quantifiable, whereas there is no guarantee that the projected benefits of new initiatives will be achieved. If the new initiatives fail to provide benefits sufficient to offset the loss of golfing benefits, it is unlikely that the changes could be reversed.

39. Council must proceed with great care before reducing any existing benefits from golf land.

Valuation methodology

40. The Council previously commissioned a cost benefit analysis of all the publicly-owned golf courses (Martin Jenkins 2018). Each golf course was shown to have a massive negative value, the social benefits being swamped by the high opportunity costs of holding the land, based at market rates on the assumption the reserve status could be rezoned for development. This is, of course, fanciful.

41. For example, Remuera Golf Course was valued at a net -$39M, with benefits of $4m per year swamped by $39M in lost opportunity cost. The report did acknowledge that this was silly, and recognised that there were numerous unquantified benefits, but this is the document that the Council is working to regardless.

42. The report also pointed out that virtually all Council assets such as libraries and swimming pools have a similar negative cost benefit ratio, implying that the most economically sensible course of action is to sell them all!

43. This current Plan seems to be based around retaining the land, but evaluating alternative uses for it. As such, the Martin Jenkins methodology is not relevant unless the opportunity cost of the land is set to zero, and the various unquantified benefits can be quantified.

44. Quantifying the health benefits of golf or walking or other alternatives in dollars is virtually impossible, and so using a dollar-based cost benefit analysis would seem to be of no value. Instead, a simple qualitative assessment of the number of participants, the diversity of participants, and the types and quality of the benefits likely to be accrued should be made to facilitate comparisons between alternatives.

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Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The underlying assumption that Golf membership and participation is declining is incorrect.

   Furthermore it is incredibly difficult to play golf on the weekend in Auckland as the golf courses are full. Reducing accessibility by changing existing golf courses will make it worse.

Objectives

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Reducing capacity of 18 hole golf courses, especially council owned ones, will make golf more elitist as fees will go up at private clubs, further reducing equity. It is only through council owned clubs that there is some level of equity. Go and compare the people playing at Chamberlain Park vs Pakuranga. If you reduce council owned golf course capacity you will make the equity situation worse.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: It would be good to have more facilities similar to the Ellerslie racecourse set up, but not at the expense of existing 18 hole golf courses.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Who doesn't support the environment. A no brainer.

Key shift

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: A vision and consistency is good.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: It is not clear from the report what sports have a shortage of facilities that need to use the land currently assigned to golf.

   Golf has significant participation, as evidenced by trying to book a tee time on a Golf Course in Auckland on the weekend. I have to drive 1 hour to Maramarua for my son and I to play on the weekend.

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: Auckland council have little expertise or knowledge of what golfers need and want. This is clear based on the incorrect facts in the report on declining membership and participation. Leave it to private enterprise to develop a broader golf service I.e Ell

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: Go the environment

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The draft plan contains factual errors and and incorrect, inaccurate and misleading information. It appears to have been prepared by people with little knowledge of what is happening in the golf community.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The draft plan largely ignores what is already happening in this regard.

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 draft plan largely ignores what is already happening in this regard.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The draft plan largely ignores what is already happening in this regard.

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: Whilst I would support this objective, your draft plan is anything but robust, being based on factual errors and incorrect, inaccurate and misleading information.

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This is based on an entirely false premise.

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: You have totally ignored the large amount of work being done by GolfNZ and Auckland golf clubs in this regard.

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: Apart from noting one club's efforts in this regard, you have totally ignored the work being done already by GolfNZ and Auckland golf clubs in this regard.

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Your procedure to be able to make a submission is unnecessarily complex and bureaucratic. It seemed to be designed to actively discourage people from making submissions. A name and email address is all that should have been required.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf attracts people and across all ages and fitness levels.

   It is fun and accessible to all.

   Remuera Golf Course allows communities access to the grounds and facilities. That was very noticeable when the COVID lockdown was on too.

   Remuera Golf Club is a leader in environmentally sustainable recreation facility and has achieved GEO certification carbon positive results, tree planting enhancement of bird species and effective peat Management.

   Please leave the Remuera Golf Course as it is. Do not interfere when something is working so well for everyone.

   Thank you for letting me have my say.

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: As I have earlier on

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 I did above

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: As at the beginning

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: As I did previously

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: As I did at the beginning

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: As zi did at the beginning

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why: I did at the beginning

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   I said it all at the beginning

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: As an active female golfer I would welcome a strategy that encourages more women and younger people to enjoy the game of golf as it supplies me with a sense of well-being, community, friendship and has done so for over 25 years. Attracting women and young people to golf is an initiative that NZ Golf is very active in supporting and if Auck Council can work with them and supply funding to the administration and marketing of this sport then that has to be a win win.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The word ALL is too broad and non-realistic and better replaced with MORE. Co-use / multi-use of golf courses will be full of Health & Safety concerns and this will only be increased with more new to golf people who likely will have less control over where they are hitting (it's a learned skill to hit balls in the right/intended direction and even then the very best can get it very wrong). Additionally MORE realistically addresses capacity constraints on tee-booking times and allows the Course Management teams time to care for the courses ie: turf maintenance including achieving environmental goals.

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: In the many years that I have been playing golf I have seen a sea change in those that engage in golf - its become a 'cool' game that attracts - youth, beginners, casual players, women

(especially to 9 hole golf), differently abled as well as those who prefer to play competitively; so I think the use of 'low participant groups' is misleading and not reflective of what's occurring.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: If one thing comes from this 'review' it should be to encourage or require all golf courses to become GEO certified, undertake pest control, be planting sustainable (safe in Auckland's weather conditions) trees. It's great to read that Remuera Golf Course has already achieved GEO status and Auckland is reaping the benefits already; yes others should be required to do the same.

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Golf courses need certainty to invest in Capital Improvements and to maintaining land and buildings so if an investment framework provided this certainty then that's a positive. Timeframes of 3 to 5 years from end of current leases are proposed; these tim

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Huge Health & Safety concern with this one. It is not realistic to have people hitting golf balls and others riding cycles or running through courses. Also I don't feel its correct to say golf courses are currently used exclusively for golfers; my course has a multi bay state of the art Driving Ranges that is used primarily by non members and non golfers. Additionally my course (RGC) already provides the community access to the grounds and facilities.

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: I don't support the sale of land currently utilised for golf as that would decrease the value golf plays for the people of Auckland. The addition of 'broader golf services' eg: driving ranges / mini courses etc would require significant investment for tho

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: Win win for all if clubs can get GEO status etc.

Hats off to Remuera Golf Club having achieved this already and to working with external environmental parties to achieve a vastly improved bird population etc.

Other feedback

9. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?

The current COVID pandemic has seen increased demand for golf and alternative use of land used currently for golf is inherently going to put pressure on existing facilities.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: It feels as if the council think most golfers are rich and that is who the golf clubs are for and run by which is not the case.

   A lot of golfers will have started when in there teens and come from working backgrounds and worked there way up in life.

   When you see how busy the clubs are now it is great as it means a lot of people are out getting regular exercise and socializing which is good for there mental health.

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: Cannot see how you could safely open up golf courses to other activities as well as golf.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: It says in the draft plan some Aucklanders are missing on the benefits of golf who are they and why are they missing out.

   If someone wants to play golf there are so many options there is nothing stopping them.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Golf courses are getting better at managing there ecosystems and biodiversity conservation as new innovations are found.

   Probably taken care of better than any land looked after by the council.

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: How many parks do we need for people to go walking in?

   There are ample parks,mountains and water fronts for Aucklanders to walk,cycle,scooter,skateboard and play without taking away any golf courses.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Partially support

   Tell us why: It would be good for more people to play golf but have you checked how many clubs memberships are full!!

   Have you found out whats stopping people playing golf?

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I partially support this but as soon as council gets involved there is too much bureaucracy,paperwork and wasted money.

Other feedback

9. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?

What are the numbers of golfers that would lose there golf to replace them with other sports,seems pointless to swap one lot of sportsman for another??

Look how many people are employed on the courses from the greens staff,office staff,cafe,professionals,shop staff plus other contractors that come to site.

I started golf in my teens at the municipal golf course with friends and learnt a lot from that.

Kept me off the streets and out of trouble,learnt to play by the rules.

Maybe gets some of the teens off there computers and into the fresh air for a change.

For a lot of retirees golf is the only form of exercise and socializing plus keeps them out of hospital through lack of exercise.

A lot of good friends meet and are met at golf courses they are very social places.

I appreciate the courses in Auckland and feel privileged they are on our door step and would like them to stay there.

Im not sure who you think is going to be using the golf course land more than the golfers that use them now unless the council just wants to break them down and start putting up more houses to clog up the city even more.

Are there any golfers on the panel drawing up the proposed policy?

It all sounds to easy to just blame the golf courses for taking up all that land when they do so much good for the people of Auckland.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The golf course leases should be maintained as golf courses in perpetuity. Having high use open spaces like golf courses are one of Auckland's design features

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 to "open up" golf courses doesn't make sense and is obscurely designed.

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: Why does " low participation groups" mean. Anyone can use the driving range and facilities. If people don't want to participate they don't.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: You seem to be intent on disbanding golf clubs to “open them up”.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   This is yet another “initiative” of ACC designed to fracture Auckland’s infrastructure in the name of “inequity and openness”. Even the way this “have your say” post is designed to disencourage response by being so structured and disingenuous.

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Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Support

   Tell us why: There are now far more competing pressures for use of prime land in Auckland. Residents in established neighborhoods are negatively impacted by extreme intensification whilst close by there are large land areas set aside for those who play golf. It seems there is an imbalance of priorities in providing and protecting such land use for the exclusive few (in comparison) who play golf. There are MANY other sports and recreation activities that need to be resourced. Those who can afford to play golf, could afford to travel out of the central city area to play golf on courses using land that is not in such high demand.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I support the opening up of golf course land to the wider public for other sports and recreation, BUT the needs for land for housing must also be taken into account. It is not just sport and recreation use that needs to be considered.

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 do not support golf getting special treatment as a sport. It is an expensive sport that does not provide the health and wellbeing benefits that many other sports would provide.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: More robust and transparent decision making is required when considering the use of such prime land in Auckland, The needs of community members other than golfers needs to be taken in to account.

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: Golfers are generally an exclusive group that require large areas of land for their activity. There are others needs that must be considered when it comes to deciding how land can be used.

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: Some support of golf as a sport is acceptable but it needs to be in line with the many other sport and recreational activities the communities in Auckland require and should be provided with as Auckland rate payers

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: Land is a precious resource and ecosystem and biodiversity must be clearly managed when it comes to any consideration of publicly owned land, not just golf courses.

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf is a growing sport, Courses are used 7 days a week by all ages and ethnicities. Particularly older population who tend not to play in team sports . Younger people are picking up golf at an increasing rate. You have not consulted in a proactive and positive way with Golf NZ who is a key stake holder in golf . Your facts and misleading and not accurate

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: What exactly do you intend to do with this land ? By opening up the land to all Aucklanders I doubt any more in numbers over 7 days would use the land than they currently do

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: You need to partner with private courses and public courses that already have plans that are in place to increase participation like 9 hole ,she loves golf and inclusion for disability golf, speed golf etc

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Partially support

Tell us why: Golf courses are well aware of this and are actively doing it. Large groups of volunteers planting trees and enhancing wet lands. etc in the suburbs as more and more tracts of land are cleared of trees and large trees taken down the bird population is decreasing

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: As long as the council engages with key stake holders and does their research

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This feels like a land grab - is more land going to be sold off to fund the huge losses the council makes as it is so mis managed. What sports would use the land 7 days a week in daylight hours ?

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Why would Auckland council have the skills to make these decisions on what appeals to a greater group of people. Engage with clubs and Golf NZ and make informed decisions

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: Volunteers are already working hard at making this happen if they can get support and knowledge from the council to better enhance this then great

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   This is not well researched and has plenty of mis information. Golf is not reducing in participation but increasing and gets Aucklanders of all ages and ethnicities out there walking and being active 7 days a week. It fees like a land grab and there are no guarantees that the council will not just sell off this land to fill their coffers

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: golf should not be considered a sport in which everyone combines their different individual activities. It is too dangerous for the general population to wander around while it is being played. Golf courses are very expensive to run and will the general population support this expense? No. Will they drive their cars around the course? Yes. You are not protecting the general population and therefore you could be culpable for the accidents.

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 of the above

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: All golf courses have their own support systems for beginners, children etc

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I hope the council actually give support financially to this objective. It is a very costly objective. The council has great resources to set aside for this?

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Are all Aucklanders going to pay the extra for the upkeep of said golf courses? They will love paying the extra in their rates.

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Very dangerous. Golf balls can. People meander and do not show any consideration for the players. Will the population pay the fees for the golf club?

   who pays for the damage that they will create, because they have know knowledge of courtesy on courses and have been seen walking over tees and greens.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf clubs themselves can do that in an organised manner. Open up

   Auckland tennis courts and basketball courts for people to wander round as well - especially when they are playing their matches. Also, let people walk and play and dig holes and drive in

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:

   all golf courses do that anyway. Their interest is in a beautiful environment and they work hard at it. Also. every golf course charges fees to help in the maintenance of this. Will the public pay each time they walk on a golf course? I dont think so. They will inevitably get hit by a ball and the council will be held responsible if these objectives are enforced.

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Do not implement the Plan. It is DANGEROUS for the public to meander across any golf course anywhere. there are beautiful designated areas for the public to play. I suggest that the parks should all be opened

for people to practise golf and hitting balls everywhere. A great place which could be free to all and the grounds could be easily repaired by the council workers. Put in come practice bunkers as well. Cornwell Park would be another place for people to play golf and drive balls everywhere. Would people get hit? Yes

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Draft Golf Investment Plan

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I do not support that the spare golf course land should be put into 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**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I think some of the golf clubs would not have enough funding to maintain their grounds if they didn't have membership fees to support their overheads and ongoing expenses.

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: Unless the equipments are free, this would not help and attract people who are usually not interested in this sport.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   I do not support the golf course land should free up for housing.

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Draft Golf Investment Plan

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The reasons I do not support the plan as it stands is that it states in the Draft - "We want to ensure that all Aucklanders benefit from publicly-owned land".

   All publicly owned land in Auckland is used by different sections of the community for varying reasons. To change the use of golf courses because not everyone plays golf is to close soccer grounds because not everyone plays soccer. We need different spaces to ensure that all can participate in the sports and leisure activities we choose to or are able to participate in. These vary depending on age, physical ability and access etc. Golf is a growing sport and is growing in certain age groups and ethnicities. There should be more access to golf as this is a sport that anyone can learn to play, at all ages, and can be played well into advanced ages which is a positive health benefit. Please refer to Golf NZ submission that shows the growth in golf memebership and golf rounds played in Auckland - Membership has grown 29% since 2013, which is larger than rugby, Netball and football. Unfortunately once people get past their early 30's most sports become much more difficult to play except golf which can be played by all ages and all ethnicities.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: For the reasons above - All Aucklanders have a range of open spaces to enjoy depending on their choice - parks for Walking etc, Sports fields for playing team sports such as rugby, football tennis etc. Why should golf clubs be singled out for use for "everybody". if this is the case then a small 9 hole course should be available at the local council owned football fields then. If people are encouraged to participate in golf then they too can enjoy the golf course also. Over 1 million rounds of golf were played

in Auckland in 2021 according to Golf NZ submission. Each one of these took 2-4 hours of outdoor exorcise. A most healthy activity for Aucklanders.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Yes I support Auckland Council in their suggestion to increase equity and participation in golf by providing a broad range of golf experiences. to do this is not to take away golf facilities but to strengthen them. Af the 13 golf courses on publicly owned land these should remain as golf facilities with enhanced facilities. 8 of these courses are within easy access of the metropolitan Auckland area including Chamberlain, Waitakere, Pupukle, Takapuna Waiheke, Waitemata and Remuera. All of these golf courses should be kept and made more available to the public and have their facilities improved so that people can learn to play golf in a location not too far from where they live. They should not be broken up or sold off under any condition but be improved to allow greater participation by those who live near their locations. They should also accommodate areas to learn golf such as practice areas and ranges and offer tuition etc.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: Yes of course all golf courses should be upgraded to be environmentally friendly and sustainable etc.. As should all other open air spaces have to do the same - parks, sprots grounds, tennis areas etc...

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf courses provide key Green space in our city and should not be sold off or used as land for houses at any price. Once the land has been taken/sold off, it can NEVER be replaced. Thanks goodness there has been an Ad hoc legacy for golf courses otherw

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There are many spaces around Auckland that not ALL Aucklanders can use, as I mentioned previously. We need spaces for ALL of the various types of activities that people participate in. No one space is used by all Auccklanders. As golf is a growing sport and the fact that it can be played by all ages, and well into older age then it should be supported and developed more as it is a healthy outdoor

sporting activity which more people should be encouraged to enjoy. So yes we need land exclusively for golf clubs.

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: The comment that Auckland golf courses meet the needs of a relatively narrow segment of the population is not correct. Over 31,000 Aucklanders belong to golf courses, and over 1 million rounds of golf are played in Auckland alone. Many of these by older

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why: I support that all golf clubs should meet best practise in ecosystme management etc.

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Yes - all golf clubs in Auckland owned by the council should remain as golf courses and be available for Aucklanders to enjoy. They should be upgraded to encourage greater and further participation in the activity of playing and learning golf, which can offer a life-time of sporting recreation. It is not not only a healthy activity, but is a social activity that can be enjoyed by all ages, all participating together. There should be more diverse ways to play and engage in golf from putt putt golf, 9 hole, womens, junior golf and the promotion of. Golf New Zealand are doing a great job of trying to get more women, and younger people involved in golf, and they are also supporting other ways to participate such as 9 hole golf. Golf is a sport that cover cover an entire lifespan and participants can be of any age and ethnicity and the Auckland Council should be supporting Golf NZ in every way to promote and increase the use of these special golf courses that Auckland have, and should never be taken away from Aucklanders.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I don't agree with the premise of the golf investment plan

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 opportunities for others. Opportunities are not fully utilised.

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: Increase affordability

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Who won't support best practice.

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

Don't support

Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Please do not create projects to justify your existence. Please stick to council basic services

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Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Objectives

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2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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.

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TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

Don't support

Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Nothing better than the beautiful green fields. Don't want any houses or other recreation facilities.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I believe the data used by council to show low participation in Golf and the lack of diverse nature of participants is based on out of date statistics

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The golf links provide a wonderful activity and sports participation as they are

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: The golf clubs state that they are been doing this.

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: An wide Auckland view good but the big city is a collection of “small villages” and local sensitivity and requirements must have a voice at the table

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf courses not to be eaten away. They are enjoyed as green space by many.

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: Is there going to be public council funding for this vision? While the coffers have been emptied by the pandemic?

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Already answered a similar question.

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Because golf is an extremely healthy sport and current golf course membership is very high meaning that golfers are only getting limited time playing the sport they love at present. Any attempt to reduce golfing facilities will cause less time on course and will be a disadvantage to golfers health and well-being.

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: Because these are golf only facilities.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   I don't know

   Tell us why: Not sufficient information in the plan.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Not enough facilities for golfers as current.

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: Unclear policy.

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Leave our wonderful golf courses alone. The proposed policy is poorly drafted and is ignorant of facts about existing golf courses and players needs.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Poor consultation, reasearch and biased options

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

Don't support

Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: It is good to see Auckland Council take an interest in Golf Clubs and the green space provided by golf clubs, but it feels like there has been no consultation with Auckland Golf, or NZ golf, and many of the assumptions appear incorrect to me in my experience of having played golf at 3 clubs in Auckland over the last 40 years.

   I am very concerned at theinsinuation that golf club land at any golf course would be taken for housing development, and it is incorrect to contrast Manukau and Grange golf courses as profit driven. Golf membership is growing, and the opportunity for recreation in healthy outdoor areas is a treasure that should be retained.

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 do have the opportunity. What is intended by equity ? If the council were to subsidise then the costs of running a course could be reduced and made affordable for those who cant afford it currently. Cheaper options are provided by driving ranges.. Currently the % of Asian players at ranges and golf courses is high , as the game appeals to Asians . You do not see so many Asians playing Rugby at Council grounds. You cant assume golf isn't for all - it is. At Aviation Golf course when I was a member the mix was mostly Samoan, Tongan and Maori - with some Asian. Aviation was affordable - rates were cheaper- now closed as the Airport took the landback.

   You cant open all the land to all Aucklanders - you can provide safe walking tracks on perimeters of some courses, but health & safety of walkers needs to be addressed.

   Golf is a global game - well represented by NZers on the international stage, this plan should not be looking to change the use of the land.

Our club looks to provide access to the public all ages and races via our driving range - which is very equitable . Walking on the course would be dangerous if not carefully monitored . I know at Muriwai there is a walking track between the beach and course .

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Support

   Tell us why: Answered a bit above - but Driving Ranges are great at providing a range of experiences, practice, Top tracer play, social opportunities for the public, members and friends.

   Golf clubs are offering 9 hole golf for the time poor , and kids after school. She loves golf - 6 hole formats for Women. You can't force people to play golf, but at our course we are fully utilising playing time.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: Best practice uses of dertiliser, tree planting are all carried out at my current club Remuera

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I support an Auckland wide plan . I dont support the view that all Aucklanders should benefit - thats too wide. I dont play badminton, tennis - so surely Aucklanders should be able to choose their sport, and spaces they want to enjoy. Why do you think all

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: As above .Golf is a lefacy game that the Golf Administrative bodies are adapting to current trands in society , very capably - they dont need the council meddling.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Support

   Tell us why: i think youve framed this question wrong - you need the asset based investment ...it should be AND appeal to wider group of people not an Or !

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: We are doing that at my current club very well

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Work better with the golfing bodies.

   If I was running the council I would day there are better things to be doing than trying to sell off courses for housing. Once a green space is gone - its gone for good. Dont be short sited.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I support the ambition to improve access to sport and recreation but not at the expense of cannibalising existing golf courses that are fully utilised and do not have the physical space for expansion. The beauty of all publicly owned courses is that they provide welcome green lungs for a city that is becoming increasingly densified. For those golf courses that have the physical space to accomodate other sporting activities - eg tennis and squash courts, I would fully support Council's facilitation of such mergers to create more diverse country clubs - but again, not at the expense of existing golf course facilities

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: As above. However, there is no question that golf itself provides a wide range of health and social benefits to a large and diverse demographic. With the increase in the number of retirees and longer lifespans, golf is one of the few sports that seniors (both male and female) can enjoy - keeping physically, mentally, and socially active

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

Support

Tell us why: Courses that have strong membership and finances are increasingly investing in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation. By way of example, Remuera GC is making ongoing and substantive investments in flora and fauna - with the extensive planting of native trees supporting the return of a wide variety birdlife. This investment is enjoyed not only by golfers, but also those members of the public that do, in fact, have access to the club's grounds and walkways

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: While tenants need to be accountable for maintenance and improvement of Council owned land, membership fees paid by golfers are not insignificant and their desire for continued enjoyment of a long-standing partnership with Council cannot be ignored

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: As above - to the extent that existing courses have the space to accommodate other sporting facilities, without compromising the quality of existing golfing facilities, that is to be encouraged

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: The numbers of women and young people that are enjoying golf are on the increase - as is the diversity of overall participation. Golf is, by nature, a time consuming sport so it is a challenge for time-poor people who wish to either take up the sport or p

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Don't understand why golf clubs have been targeted when the Council leases land to numerous activity specific clubs e.g. tennis , bowls , squash , croquet , pétanque . Without the ability to use and lease Council land most sporting clubs could not survive financially severely effecting their existence and the recreation and wellbeing of their members .

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf participation has increased markedly over recent years and all indications are that this will continue - all clubs have increased membership and most have waiting lists . Aucklanders are not and never have been excluded from joining clubs which on leased Council land

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: If clubs do not adjust to changing lifestyles , demands and participation they will not survive . These decisions should be member centric and local community driven .

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

Tell us why: Best practice in this domain is vital and should be not negotiable . NZ Golf is fully supportive of this nationally and regularly conducts workshops for Managers and Course Superintendents to promote ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation .

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: A long term plan providing it is transparent , involves the clubs and does not become a political " football "

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: No reason to have a " one policy fits all " or " making a change for change sake " strategy . Each piece of land occupied by the clubs is unique and should be treated accordingly .

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Support

   Tell us why: Clubs will need to offer a broader range of services that appeals to a wider audience otherwise they will not survive . However these activities must practical and the belief that you can have walking and cycle tracks through or around a 9 hole or 18 hol

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: No other option .

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   It is vital that green spaces are maximised and retained if Auckland is to promote its most liveable city strategy . The Council has an obligation to retain the existing parks and recreational areas not to reduce them . Golf courses are an integral part of "green space " and I believe that when Auckland grows to its predicted size the current number of courses will be needed to service the golfing fraternity and the public in general .

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: After reading the plan, it is not clear that the equity concerns raised actually exist.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I believe it will be extremely difficult to safely incorporate other users and the if it is, the cost of doing so will be prohibitively expensive.

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 golf clubs are already motivated to attract as wide a range of users as possible and they will be able to do this much more cost effectively than Council.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I am sure golf clubs are focused on working with Council to achieve this, but not sure this is appropriately included in this plan.

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:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: As mentioned previously, the costs of changing will be prohibitive and poor use of rate payers funds.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: kEEP OUR GOLF COURSES AS THEY ARE, A LOT OF PEOPLE MOVE TO AREAS FOR THE GOLF COURSES AND ONCE THEY ARE GONE THEY WILL NEVER COME BACK, IT IS A GREAT RECRETATIONAL SPORT FOR EVERYONE AND WE DONT NEED MORE HOUSING IN THESE AREAS

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: IT ALREADY IS, GOLF IS AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE ALREADY, YOU ARE TRYING TO SPIN THE QUESTION , YOU HAVE NOT EXPLAINED YOUR TRUE PURPOSE

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The plan does not evaluate demographics of people at each golf course (e.g. lower at Remuera, higher at Waiuku). Also doesn't bring cost of play and private clubs increasing inequity. It doesnt list why low numbers of pacific people aren't playing sport, if there are other green spaces that could be converted to increase equity. Also mixed models (like St Andrews is an open park on Sundays) I didnt see mentioned.

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: Those are the courses that lower income people go to play. How are we going to grow the game if its only for private consumption?

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The super city has yet to prove that it can do this. Everything is more expensive, not cheaper.

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I can't go race a car on a netball court, specialised land for sport and hobbies are needed

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: It will hurt all parts of the golf sector in NZ

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I think golf is already inclusive, diverse and equal. Opening up land to the general public is a waste of the facilities.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I think golf clubs are already managing this well

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: Auckland Council can definitely help with this

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Some people don’t want to get involved with golf, so let them be

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There is plenty other spaces that can be used for sport and recreation

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: I think golf already is an inclusive and diverse sport and golf clubs already have good policies on this.

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: Auckland council can definitely help with this

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   I don’t think this plan should go ahead as it will hurt all parts of the golf sector

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   I don't know

   Tell us why: The quickness of the feedback required, the overall lack of transparency from Auckland Council, and the constant fights by certain Council elected members using underhand methods to work against the great game of golf, has made me suspicious of anything Council says or proposes on this issue.

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: More people, from all walks of life and ethnicities, from all genders, play golf in Auckland than any other sport. Golf is a great game, it already exhibits greater equity than almost every other sport. There is no need to open it up further, it's an international game that appeals to everyone no matter what shape or skill level they are.

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: Public golf courses are already great value. One just has to go to, Say Chamberlain Golf Course, to see this. Also, in your question you say 'low participation groups', yet provide zero references to who they are. Who wrote this? A ten-year-old?

   Finally, golf can be played competitively by players of different ability levels due to its handicap system. Everyone knows this.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Once again, a vague question that can be taken many ways, it's almost like the committee who write this are trying to swerve the answers a certain way.

   But for what it's worth, golf courses are sanctuaries for plants and wildlife and act as green buffers and bird pathways. Plus, they're beautiful.

   Also, golf players are more linked to bio-diversity than any other sport because they have to play hand-in-hand with it. Take rugby, it's only played on flat grass. Perhaps we should tear up the Domain and turn that into parkland, mainly because no-one plays rugby on it a vast majority of the time.

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   I don't know

   Tell us why: This question is vague and can be interpreted in many different ways. I think we need less rugby grounds and more parks.

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Fewer people are playing rugby and rugby league. Turn those into parks.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf already appeals to every ethnicity and skill level.

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: Golf courses already have plans to increase biodiversity. You just need to aks them.

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

Terrible questionnaire. Sways towards a pre-determined outcome (like Auckland Transport's feedback forms).

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I believe that golf provides a significant and positive impact on our city Auckland , a sport that provides social ,and environmental activity , creating a community sport , that supports healthy mental health in a busy city .

   The draft that you plan , if adopted would ruin golf as many enjoy and have a detrimental effect on golfers.

   It is very tricky getting tee times now , as so many , have adopted golf in the last few years.

   Taking golf time away from golfers will only make that more difficult.

   I really wonder who comes up with these crazy ideas , do the people that think up this type of proposal really understand the running of a golf course , the work that goes into the course .

   It is ludicrous to think that the course can be used as a multi-use site .

   Many people walk the beautiful golf courses , early mornings and late after work in the evenings , and respect the care and maintenance that goes into the course for golf play.

   i feel this is a very sneaking proposal , for such a significant change , i feel very disappointed at the council to even suggest such a crazy plan .

   Megan Norcross

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: a golf course can't be used by other sports and recreations , the work that is involved in maintaining a golf course is huge .

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 feel that your question here is not relevant

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: as above

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: as above

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   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

   I don't know

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

scary proposal that clearly isn't thought through

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: You underestimate the current situation and benefits to a very wide diversity of Aucklanders. The following points are important: 1. Golf courses are wonderful green areas in our built up city maintained without Council cost in immaculate conditions.

   2. Most offer public access and welcome non-members to attend and to play (for a fee which is reasonable).

   3. The now very diverse participation is plain to see especially with very high women's participation often in 9 hole sessions.

   4. Your data appears to be out-of-date.

   5. There is an observed high Asian participation and it is growing in other ethnicities.

   6. The benefits to older citizens playing golf is greater than often appreciated. It is a game that can be played into one's 90s (I have played with people in that definition) and benefits both physical and mental faculties.

   7. Once land has been re-designated it cannot normally be retrieved.

   8. Encourage more clubs to use the land for greater participation but do not reduce the areas set aside for golf.

   9. Golf is not an elitist sport in NZ, far from it.

   10. Young people are taking up the sport; keep the facilities available for them.

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: Please see above. The benefits are so high to so many Aucklanders and it will not be able to be re-established if this move is made. Bad policy.

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: Don't use this as a benefit to reduce land allocated to golf.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: It is being done now at little or no cost to Council.

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: It is not broken so you do not need to fix it.

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf is for everyone and all are welcomed. The health benefits are so high.

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: That is not a good plan as golf courses now can and do appeal to a wide group of people. Golf is not now an elitist sport.

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: They are being managed now so well at very little cost to Council because the courses maintain their property.

Other feedback

9. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?

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Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The majority of Auckland Golf Clubs on Council leases allow all Aucklanders' to participate in recreational golf. The City needs GREEN spaces that the golf courses provide. The Unitary plan has provided in excess of another 450,00 titles on existing land for future residential development. More golf courses will be needed for future generations. It's therefore critical that the existing Council Courses are maintained and separated from urban development.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: All Aucklanders have access to Golf Courses

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: All Aucklanders have that right should they decide to participate.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Current Golf Clubs have survived in the past and will continue to do so.

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Its too dangerous for persons to walk golf courses as they can get hit by golf balls. If there is room for other sports, then that's OK

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: Good if Council financially invests in other sports facilities on existing land provided there is excess land to develop.

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?**

   All the courses are different, have different facilities and are expensive to maintain. Most of the public courses offer recreational facilities that are essential for mental health benefits. The city needs them and they must not be used for ideological purposes without agreement from the users.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf participation is at an all time high, across all demographics, so if it ain't broke don't fix it

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: See above

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: See above

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: See above

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: See above

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: See above

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: See above

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Don't support

   Tell us why: See above

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   See above

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf post covid has boomed with rounds of golf, diversity of players, especially junior and sheloves golf campaign.

   Most golf courses in the Auckland area have waiting lists now for membership and summer months you would find most courses booked up with members and vistors playing the course from dawn till dusk.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf courses should look at becoming multi sport if they have the room ie Lawn bowls, croquet, tennis, squash.

   In summer months perhaps letting walkers use the course before 7am and after 6pm is an option but health and safety and communication to the wider community to gauge interest.

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 figures that Auckland council obtained are dated and false I believe. if figures of rounds of golf post covid can be obtained then a better understanding that Golf as a whole is booming and is there really an issue or finding holes in something that in fact isn't broken. Participation in Golf post covid has introduced greater numbers in Junior and woman's golf especially.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

Support

Tell us why: The common goal is the Greenkeeping industry is helping with campaigning Predator free 2050, Golf course have or are mindful of having Environmental plans moving forward. Geo certification has been a leading way to track carbon emissions, having things in place with tracking of Environmental practices, power savings, waste savings, tree management plans resulting in better track of aging trees as well as planting native trees to entice native birds nesting and using golf courses as a safe place to nest and grow numbers. Bee keeping has been another channel for golf courses to show better environmental practices also. Added naturalize areas in places on the course that don't need to be mown, changing grass species and letting areas grow long has proven data shown that increase in bird numbers and different species have been introduced with little efforts.

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: Has work actually been done to prove that having x amount of greenspace is a good thing. Managed and looked after turf actually excretes more carbon positive numbers than trees. We in Nz don't calculate this but countries in Europe have and show proven da

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I'm all for added value to a Golf club with adding multi sport venues to a club but with out jeopardizing the asset as is. Eg Chamberlain Park golf course was 18 holes where public and many golfer go to learn and love the game. Figures will show that Council closing 3 holes with very little health and safety figures and no real reporting of minimizing risk. I do feel closing 3 holes was a biter move from council to try tarnish what is a great facility by trying to make a negative on the asset at hand. Chamberlain Park has run as a sustainable business since the 1960's and well after the North western motorway was built. Having a design plan or cutting down pine trees to add lanes and renovate the bike tracks could a driving range fence not been added to the budget? I guess with the local board losing its court battle to try and make the course 9 holes this was in fact a pre determined way to now in fact try minimize rounds of golf at chamberlain park, to try create another form of data that the asset is deemed "running at a loss" or a trend of decreasing rounds of golf. When in fact it showed post covid the boom of rounds of golf the course actually did have due to demand for golf in Auckland city.

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: Like above, I do believe the data is old and doesn't reflect current rounds of golf, membership boom and diversity of different people young and old playing the game of golf post covid.

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why: I believe that Golf courses should have clear guidance and show a Environmental plan to look after the asset in the best possible way moving forward.

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I believe Remuera Golf Club's vision provides opportunities for everyone allowing our facilities to be used for many different activities

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I agree with this and want to note that RGC provides many different facilities attracting a variety of people at various stages of the participation continuum

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Support

   Tell us why: I totally support this objective - I am a very active member of RGC in all they are doing in this space. We provide play, practice, fun, social and competitive experiences for ALL participation groups. In addition the driving range is a perfect learning environment for beginners and 'new to golf' participants, and is a thriving social hub for non golfers of all ages and backgrounds. We also review our off course programmes to ensure all social and wellbeing needs are met. I urge you to come and see for yourselves as part of any future research and consultation

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

Tell us why: Again I agree with this objective and Remuera is leading the way in this area. I assume you are familiar with the work that is being carried out - we have a commitment to fostering nature, conserving resources which will ultimately support communities.

We have a 'green mission' including maintaining our GEO certification (Golf Environment Organisation). We aim to make a positive ecological and environmental impact on both players and nature. Our vision is to place social and environmental issues at the roots of the game; to prove that golf is good for nature and communities.

This is all due to the outstanding work of our Course Superintendent and all his green-keeping staff in terms of ecology and environment.

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: Absolutely support this statement and believe wholeheartedly that golf meets the needs of the whole community from a social, physical, psychological and environmental point of view. I hope through your consultation you will have plenty of evidence that th

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: I support this and as you will see from the RGC Annual Report we have recently refined our club vision and core pillars. Central to this is the club as our Third Place - providing a golfing and social environment that is safe, inclusive, welcoming and relaxed with a range of activities and opportunities for members and visitors. In order to meet our Vision we have evolved the RGC member mix to focus on several considerations in 2021 including the introduction of new membership offerings designed to improve the diversity mix of male and female members, attract a younger age demographic, support broader playing preferences (e.g. different types of competition, more 9 hole, less frequency) and encourage off course engagement within RGC.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Support

   Tell us why: You will see from all the above statements that our vision supports the need to provide a diverse and inclusive membership, opportunities for a wide group of participants in all aspects of the game

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: We have a 'green mission' including maintaining our GEO certification (Golf Environment Organisation). We aim to make a positive ecological and environmental impact on both players and nature. Our vision is to place social and environmental issues at the roots of the game; to prove that golf is good for nature and communities.

This is all due to the outstanding work of our Course Superintendent and all his green-keeping staff in terms of ecology and environment.

Other feedback

9. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?

I would recommend that you undertake a face to face consultation exercise that would provide you with all the necessary facts on which to base any future decisions. This survey is complicated and time consuming - and biased. I hope you will take the time to conduct the necessary research and avoid any further false and out dated over generalisations!

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I am supportive of Auckland Council having an investment plan for golf.

   I am concerned about the publicity and messaging regarding the Auckland Golf Investment Plan.

   There is an imbalance of messaging that may have detrimental consequences not only for golf, but for the people of Auckland. The document includes several factual errors, old data, and misleading generalisations, which I believe justify a withdrawal of the plan as public submissions, discussion and voting among Local boards and Parks, Arts, Community and Events Committee will be based on incorrect, inaccurate, and misleading information.

   Based on population growth projections, I can expect an increase in golfers across Auckland over the next 20 years. I have seen and experienced this firsthand in recent years at my local club, Waitakere. Accordingly, there is a risk that the number of golf clubs that currently operate across Auckland will not be able to keep up with demand and more golf facilities are needed.

   My advocacy position is for Auckland Council to recognise any loss to golf's existing footprint would not only be detrimental to the supply network of golf facilities but also to the experience and equitable access to existing and future golfers. Further, increased investment to enhance and add new introductory facilities is required to meet the demand of golf in the future.

   For the avoidance of doubt, I am strongly opposed to the sale, part sale, redevelopment or repurposing of golf courses and facilities on council owned or managed land proposed in the Auckland Golf Investment Plan which would diminish the value that golf can add to the city and people of Auckland.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I refer to my comments above and reiterate the following points:

1. The number of people playing golf has increased markedly in the past few years. This is supported both by data available from Golf New Zealand and anecdotally from my own experience (the course is generally busier than it has previously been).

2. Golf is a much more accessible sport than other sports. To this end, I note that adult golf membership in New Zealand is greater than membership of any other sports club. I note at my club members of all ethnicities, backgrounds, age, gender and race. For example, I have recently played golf with friends in their 80's! The handicap system ensures that the game continues to be fun for all to play competitively against one another.

3. Golf is an excellent form of 'active' relaxation. On average, golf rounds that I play in take 4 hours across a hilly course where I walk in excess of 8 km. This is my most active form of exercise all week.

Accordingly, I believe the Plan increases barriers to playing golf and will make it harder (not easier) for people to take up the sport in years to come.

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 note that golf membership and rounds played have been increasing through time. Furthermore, participation across ethnicities, incomes, and age groups is considerably more balanced than other sports (please see the submission of Golf NZ for supporting data). To this end, I do not consider that there is any failure or shortfall of participation within Auckland and that no further changes are required.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

Don't support

Tell us why: 'The Plan is negative and bias stating that some golf courses are high users of water, fertilisers, pesticides, and energy. The Plan has no balanced data or evidence. Further, stating that 'many other golf clubs struggle' is misleading.

Golf courses in Auckland are a part of our cultural heritage, set within natural landscapes, and sanctuaries for plants and wildlife. There is a growing awareness within our communities for the need to preserve our green space while simultaneously protecting sensitive habitats and species. Golf courses act as important tools for environmental conservation, enhancement and provide an escape to nature as urbanisation and intensification increases.

I support golf clubs adopting practices that:

• conserve natural resources and water usage

• lower energy and fossil fuel use, moving towards green and renewable energy sources

• build resilience to cope with unpredictable weather patterns and related damages.

Golf is already making a positive difference and contributing to being part of the solution by reducing carbon emissions, adopting new technology and practical solutions to promote and support sustainability in and through golf. For example:

• More than half of Auckland Council owned or managed golf courses back on to green space and act as green buffers to reserves and areas of native bush protecting them from soil erosion, extreme temperature fluctuations, dust and noise pollution and ground water contamination.

• Golf courses provide a valuable storm water function. For example, Takapuna Golf Course collects surface water and run-off from neighbouring streets and properties. Damage to neighbouring and business properties is effectively mitigated in the event of a major weather occurrence such as a 10-year flood.

• Remuera Golf Club's habitat restoration project involved converting 60,000m2 to no mow zones, introducing more than 700 native plants and trees planted by volunteers and a predator control programme targeting mice, rats and possums to create a safe habitat for native birds including kereru and kaka.

Further, Auckland Golf and North Golf and the 37 golf clubs have adopted an environmental policy that focuses on:

- Reducing emissions and managing golf clubs carbon footprint

- Restoring the natural environment of the golf course and surrounding community

- Creating a predator-free golf course and community.

The golf sector is committed and prepared to step forward as a leader for sustainability and climate action to create a better future for golf, our people, and our environment. Work to date an d this commitment is in no way recognised within the Plan

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: Part of what makes Auckland special are its green spaces and our access to the great outdoors, regardless of where we live. The proposed framework changes inevitably see golf courses being sold for housing development - and a movement away from Auckland'

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf is already accessible to Aucklanders and therefore is "sport and recreation for all Aucklanders" (as noted above golf has high participation amongst income brackets, ethnicities and age groups and a game that can be played during any sunlight hours 365 days per year).

   The changes proposed are akin to suggesting I could take my family for a picnic in the middle of a rugby pitch whilst a game was on - this is both extremely dangerous and suggests that the interests of those playing rugby are somehow secondary.

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: As noted above, I do not consider there are any issues with golf participation in Auckland. This is supported both by the data submitted by Golf NZ as well as my own experience in golf.

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Don't support

   Tell us why: As noted above, I do not agree with a number of statements in the Plan.

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Your proposal appears ill informed and directed towards an uniformed and prescriptive outcome

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: Opening up golf courses to all Aucklanders exists today - however opening up as your plan alludes too makes no sense and is simply myopic for so many reasons the least of which being safety etc

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Your material talks of low participation/low impact groups - walking, etc which demonstrates a complete lack of understanding of the golfing environment. Golf course provide a array of experiences today . Your would be better off focusing on supporting the amalgamating of other leisure activities such as tennis clubs, squash clubs, gyms, mini golf, hospitality facitlities within the golf club environment in central locations. Out of central locations who needs this sort of focus i.e. one size does not fit all. the outline in the plan both strategically, visually and from a content perspective is poorly drafted by someone that thinks they are good at putting square pegs in round holes with limited data, information, knowledge or worse insights.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

Partially support

Tell us why: Most golf clubs and the care for green space especially in the over crammed auckland urban environment are already doing a good job - leave them be and don't reduce their effectiveness with increased buracracy.

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: Just look at your narrative 'ad-hoc legacy' to 'robust' - seriously? You are expecting to believe those behind this myopic plan will wave a magic wand and magically make all things robust - this smacks of an untrustworthy group of myopic zealots that thi

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Same language again - all Aucklanders ... ALL AUCKLANDERS have plenty of opportunity for sport and recreation today - whether it be playing golf, going to a golf club, joining a golf club or any other activity, leisure, hobby or sport. To suggest otherwise is disingenuous to say the least and again smacks of a complete lack of understanding of the environment, the challenges faced and solutions for the future.

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: T support investment and support for growing golf club environments, supporting the wider community with good leisure options and facilities and maintaining green spaces within the Auckland urban isthmus.

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: Seriously - the council can do a better job than the highly experienced green staff across Auckland courses - I think not - leave it to the experts whom - by the way are doing a fantastic job.

Other feedback

9. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?

I think the only thing in the plan that you have presented that makes any sense is the name of your document "Investment Plan" - the council should be supporting golf courses and clubs to increase the investment that goes into the wider facilities and management - while fostering a vision of growth rather than a myopic view of controlling the environment for misguided political use.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I agree that land on which golf courses exist can/should be use more inclusively, but low-cost activities such as running/walking/cycling are not practical when hundreds of golf balls are flying around. Some courses have available (extra) land for 'smallish-footprint' developments such as tennis/squash courts, and these would increase the appeal of the venues for more of the population. But funding the developments would be difficult.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: The concept is good - but the safety issues relating to scores of non-golfers (ie; those unaware of the dangers of walking/running around a golf course) is a serious problem. Activities that can be controlled (tennis/squash/bowls) away from the fairways makes sense - if there is land available. Such facilities broaden the appeal of the traditional golf course to the wider public, and would encourage newcomers to try the sport.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Offering different kinds of golf experiences has merit - if there is land available for such developments. Note that additional parking areas would also become a major problem. Perhaps a better integration of public transport could be a solution?

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: Golf course are 'green lungs' and are particularly valuable in the middle of suburbia - attracting enormous biodiversity. Many courses should be encouraged to minimise their ecological impact by using friendlier pesticides and herbicides, planting native species, implementing 'sharper' irrigation systems, introducing robust pest trapping regimes and encouraging birdlife.

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I think most people would agree to sharing the space, but it should be balanced against the investment a club has made over the decades. Many clubs have established high-calibre facilities through extensive investment - it does not seem fair to eradicate

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I agree that golf courses can and should be encourage to make their facilities available to the wider population - where possible. Few course will entertain the notion of the public walking along the fairways - it is not practical. Many courses do already extend their facilities to the general public - such as driving ranges and restaurants.

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: The format of golf (18-hole layout) is centuries old - it is neither fair, feasible nor practical to force a golf club to alter its facilities in a way which would see the course radically altered to include other formats of golf. The equation is differen

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why: As stated earlier, golf courses (particularly those in suburbia) are significant 'green belt' areas and they need to be maintained for the character and ecological well-being of the area. Many golf courses are already following sustainable/eco-friendly practices - a uniform, overall plan which every course subscribed to would be useful.

Other feedback

9. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?

The draft concept has merit for a rapidly-changing society, but I would hate to see an established infrastructure knee-capped in a bid to cater for that rapidly-changing society.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I do not support this approach because the plan reads to me that you intend to reduce the number of people that play golf when in fact it is a growing sport in NZ. You also state in your WHY that people are excluded from playing when this is in fact not true- anyone can just go and play at most of these golf clubs quite easily.- Of course it costs because the equipment and course maintenance is more expensive that a simple sport like football or rugby.

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: Sounds like a socialist/political agenda? Everyone that wants to play a sport already can.!

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   I don't know

   Tell us why: Firstly 'm not sure what this states?

   There are already a broad range of golf available

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: This can be done on existing courses and in fact is already being done

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: It is difficult to fully support when this is just two sentences and the full detail is not here

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This would suggest that you will move land from golf courses to non golf use.

   It is obviously not safe to mix land use (cant have people walking around a golf course when golfers are hitting golf balls)

   Most of the golf courses already have heavy foot traffic and I often see more people using golf courses than open green space that are not golf courses.

   Good examples would be Takapuna golf course where it can be difficult to get a game - its very busy but the local parks are often empty- maybe not at 7am and 5pm when people walk dogs but that is a short space of time but golf courses can be busy all day

   Golf courses are often paid for and maintained by the golf activity but Council owned green space are paid for and maintained using public money- Rates

   Golf has a resurgence in NZ and we will need golf courses in the future for our growing population- At the moment our population is very low but will increase.

   Once a golf course is committed to other use it will be very difficult to reverse but gaining land for other sports such as Tennis, squash, etc is a lot more easily done

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 do not know what this question/statement is trying to say?

   I think somebody must be misinformed if you think that existing golf courses/clubs are not trying to attract more members and players.

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

Support

Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?

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Draft Golf Investment Plan

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The Golf Investment Plan is a cloaked attempt to drive through a hidden agenda to get rid of golf courses. The employees of Auckland Council behind this plan have not engaged in an open and transparent manner by way of engaging with key stakeholders. The number of errors included within the Draft GIP indicate the forced attempt by a faction of council trying to rush through a change that will never ever be able to be reversed. To think that my children, and their children will not have the same golf opportunities that I had growing up is shameful. The green space set aside for golf with the lush trees and bush is something that cannot be replicated through other sports. A flat playing field that is 100% grassed is not the same as a golf course that covers rolling hills, gulley's and lakes. A golf course is a beautiful green space that is enjoyed through a game of golf representing physical activity taken outdoors with all the benefits that this provides to the individual and the community. We should be keeping all the green space we have and taking more. Rather than the council trying to sell of green space for housing projects.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The golf course land is enjoyed by thousands of Aucklanders, people travelling to Auckland, as well as overseas travellers who come to NZ as a golfing mecca. With more and more people playing golf each year, combined with a rapidly growing population, we need more golf courses not taking existing courses away (or downsizing them). Golf course memberships are full, and public courses (e.g. Takapuna / Chamberlain Park Golf) represent the way thousands of people get into golf. Taking these amazing resources away will remove the access point that most people have as their first opportunity to get into golf. If the only courses left are private members courses, this is a short sighted strategy. In the USA there are hundreds of public (or Municipal) courses that provide people the public

opportunity to try golf, play golf, this strategy removes equity and the ability to play sport and recreation for Aucklanders.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The proposed plan does nothing to achieve against this strategy. Does anyone understand what this actually means? The council employees need to engage with stakeholders and those in a position to provide actual evidence based information, rather than what has been quickly stitched together by the Auckland Council employees that worked on this draft plan.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   I don't know

   Tell us why: I don't really know understand what is trying to be achieved here...and I don't know anyone else either who can register what the practical steps are behind "Best Practice Ecosystem and Biodiversity Conservation". As active person who travels around NZ across a range of sports, I do know that golf courses are a great source of biodiversity with the flora and fauna. My wife rarely plays golf, but acknowledges that golf courses are an amazingly beautiful place. We need to protect all golf courses that we have, I'm sure there are some best practice ideas that could be introduced to make them even more beautiful over time, through native plantings and introduction of species / pest control. Playing golf at Wairakei (Taupo) with the pest control fence and wild animals roaming the course is one of the best golf courses that I have played in the world.

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: Rather than strategy buzz words, please state what the intention is; (A) Keep existing courses as is, (B) Set aside more land to grow golf course access to all Aucklanders, (C) Remove existing land currently being used for Golf. Transparency is the key h

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I would need to see more details on what "other sports and recreation" activities the draft plan believes the land could be used for? A large part of golf courses is set on rolling hills, creeks, lakes, steep terrain....hence why a golf course is there and the flat land has been used for sports fields. If more flat land is required for sports fields and parks, then the council should be acquiring flat land (not taking from golf courses). More transparency is needed around this. Frisbee and Football golf is a new sport

linked to golf that is growing fast around the world. Golf is a sport that has been around for hundreds of years, and will continue to do so for hundreds more.

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: No idea what this means.

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: I can understand this strategy when talking about Tiritiri Matangi Island and conservation land, however I'm less sure how this is applied when talking about a golf course. I'm sure all golfers who are lovers of the outdoors and the land would be willing to listen to new ideas.

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   The best cause of action is if something isn't broken, don't try to fix it.

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Draft Golf Investment Plan

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The plan seems based on an outdated premise that golf is an exclusive sport which is clearly wrong when looking at the number of people who are either members of golf clubs or play casually. Also I am concerned that the true purpose is to turn green spaces which are well cared for into intensively developed urban spaces resulting in the loss of substantial green areas. This has already happened in a number of areas resulting in limited areas for the community to enjoy the outdoors. Certain areas of Auckland have been developed into overcrowded suburbs and will doubtless become slums of the future. Council needs to look at the bigger picture!

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: In reading the plan it will do little to provide for Aucklanders. When the land is returned to Council, as history shows, it will sell off swathes of land stating that they are surplus to its requirements.

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 I stated earlier, the plan is based on a false premise. Golf clubs are already enjoyed by participants and visitors from all walks of life, all ages and ethnicities.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

Tell us why:

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Because Council, once empowered and holding the land free of the golf courses, will do what suits it at the time, including selling the land.

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: As above, all people can join or participate in playing the game.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I do not believe that the Council will operate clubs or businesses well and will invariably sell the operations to private enterprise and become landlords and rent collectors without any concern regarding how widely the areas/businesses are operated or us

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: It is already happening. My concern is who sets the "clearly defined targets' and what involvement the community will actually have. It smacks of it being run like AT- no accountability and no interest in public opnion..

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   In the last few years, golf memberships and public participation in golf has increased substantially. Every one benefits with both the very young and old being able to play. Golf Clubs provide an opportunity for people to meet and enjoy the company of others in the open air. The health benefits especially for the elderly are substantial. Clubs welcome non-members and already provide other facilities such as on-site cafeterias for all, driving ranges, putting greens and retail facilities. Any reduction in the availability of

the number of golf clubs will result in extra pressure being placed on those remaining with the result that many who want to participate will be unable to do so.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Seems to be very anti status quo. I believe the date has been misinterpreted and implies that golf is a very restricted past time.

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: Everybody currently has access to all of the golf courses on a user pays basis. This includes members who pay. The addition of driving and entertainment facilities has increased the visibility of access.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: If someone is interested in golf there are plenty of existing opportunities to participate if motivated.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The current golf infrastructure is an asset to all Aucklanders. Outdoor recreation spaces such as golf courses are an asset and integral part of a liveable city such as Auckland. From an investment perspective it is difficult to assess bu it should be not

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: They are already available to be used by all Aucklanders. Like some other facilities, health and safety concerns restrict the access of non golfers to the courses but this is no different than other sporting facilities when in use.

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: Golf participation is at an all time high and is already available to any one

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   This review appears to be based on a view that golf is not a sport in which an average cross section of the local community participate in. This is factually incorrect and would be confirmed by a simple visit to any course on a sunny day. At Remuera I would suggest that is would be 50/50 male/female participation and a wide group of different ethnicities. Golf courses and facilities are expensive to maintain and accordingly there is a cost to participation. This can however be quite minimal for example such as hiring bucket of balls at a driving range. No sporting activity or pastime is without cost.

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Draft Golf Investment Plan

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Inadequate consultation and Auckland Council declining to work with Golf New Zealand. while I support formalization of the governance framework from the previous ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils. More consultation is needed. The sale of land used for golf courses will likely reduce the number and increase costs for access to golf facilities which Aucklanders are lucky to have compared to other parts of the world.

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: NZ is lucky that golf is accessible to all Nzers, and is not an expensive elite sport as it is in Asian countries or United States. I understand "based on population growth projections, we can expect an increase in golfers across Auckland over the next 20 years. Accordingly, there is a risk that the number of golf clubs that currently operate across Auckland will not be able to keep up with demand and more golf facilities are needed".

   The sale of land by private courses further reduces the potential access to gold courses by the public.

   I am strongly opposed to the sale, part sale, redevelopment or repurposing of golf courses and facilities on council owned or managed land proposed in the Auckland Golf Investment Plan which would reduce the size and number of golf facilities and their contribution to the well being of Aucklanders.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

Tell us why: Participation by women and younger people has increased significantly during the last 5 years (NZ Golf: Participation measured by rounds played in Auckland by young people, families, women, casual golfers, members, and disabled peoples, has consistently grown over the previous five years by 33%). Anecdotally memberships have grown during COVID-19. due to the handicap system golf allows people of all ages, abilities, gender, ethnicity or disability to play and compete equitably together. It promotes social and business networking and health benefits as a gold round typically results in around 12000 steps.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Subject to cost factors given financial hardships of clubs

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: Ad hoc council decisioning is poor.

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: As above:

   NZ is lucky that golf is accessible to all Nzers, and is not an expensive elite sport as it is in Asian countries or United States. I understand "based on population growth projections, we can expect an increase in golfers across Auckland over the next 20 years. Accordingly, there is a risk that the number of golf clubs that currently operate across Auckland will not be able to keep up with demand and more golf facilities are needed".

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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: Due to the handicap system all abilities can play golf equitably. Its not necessary or appropriate for council to change the form of the game or facilities. Councils are not in a position to have expertise to determine these matters. Are you telling the R

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: Subject to cost issues and some golf clubs are facing financial challenges.

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   NZ Golf says "Golf is thriving and a growing sport and recreation contributing towards the vision of Auckland being the world's most active city".

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf courses and their amenities enrich so many communities around Auckland already, We don't need a watered down version of this.

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: Many golf clubs already allow communities access to the grounds and the facilities, for examp-e, driving ranges and catering facilities.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf experiences are being offered already through some courses through coaching, driving ranges, group lessons etc

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Some courses are already practicing tree planting, effective pest management and looking after local bird life. This just needs to be encouraged on all courses.

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: All Aucklanders will not want to use these facilities as like all Aucklanders do not use football, netball, rugby grounds or botanic gardens. These are specialised grounds/facilities that need to cater for the many men and growing number of women who pla

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Lets not water it down!! All Aucklanders will not want to use these facilities as like all Aucklanders do not use football, netball, rugby grounds or botanic gardens. These are specialised grounds/facilities that need to cater for the many men and growing number of women who play this game.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: These facilities are already available to those that want it as are buses, botanical gardens and other sports grounds.

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: Some courses are already practicing tree planting, effective pest management and looking after local bird life. This just needs to be encouraged on all courses.

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Golf courses attract many different segments of a community. Many ages of a population play golf. There are not many sports where a 20 year old could turn up and play a 75 year old. That's what happens in golf. Many different nationalities play golf and play it together.

   Interest in golf is growing, particularly with women and young people. The use of land for other purposes will put extra pressure on the facilities we do have, which are already stretched. The facilities are well managed at this point and serve a large community of people.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There are things about the plan that make sense, yet it would be more useful to have the individual golf clubs lobbied on these concepts rather than create an overarching plan that takes control on behalf of Council. By doing so the entire system is watered down, as clubs are not able to take the Intiative themselves and create a plan that is appropriate to their situation and the context of their location, demographics and budget

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I believe all Aucklanders have the opportunity to access the facilities that are currently offered. Many clubs have community oriented events and facilities, and in fact most clubs are crying out for support by local communities

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: Many clubs in the area already are doing this to various levels. Driving ranges, mini putt, twilight golf no other activities are all in play and seek to involve people that would not usually experience golf to get involved. As well many clubs encourage school groups and host activities around their participation. I believe that clubs should be supported and encouraged rather than have Council demand that certain criteria are immediately met. There is no need for over arching control based policies and what is needed is support and encouragement to clubs that are actively involved in getting community integrated into their multi-faceted offerings

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Again this is happening. I know of a number of clubs that have been internationally recognised for their work in ecological management of the land they inhabit. Encouragement, guidance and support is better than a system that involves Council taking control. Especially when Council has shown a real lack of leadership in these ecological initiative.

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: Council do not need to control. Council needs to guide and give encouragement and clubs will respond. Many clubs are crying out for financial and resource support to invoke the intimidates mentionedi

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The lands set aside for golf are by definition large - it is a game that requires large pieces of land for safety reasons if nothing else. These lands in some cases have been vested in Council as reserves, or green areas as a break from the urban sprawl that is common in our city environs. By all means the local community can enjoy the landscape and environment around golf courses, but this must be done in conjunction with clubs for the safety of the public and amenity of this memebers, who essentially fund the management of the land that they sit on

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: Gol courses are not assets in the traditional financial sense. Much of the land was in-usable (eg Muriwai) or gifted (eg Remuera) for various reasons so the land in question cannot be unilaterally valued as if it were land for housing stock. The concept o

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: Best practice in environmental design can be achieved by assistance by Council or other consultants to help clubs manage their land better.. Many clubs in Auckland already achieve fantastically in terms of environmental management, Ned have won awards for doing so. What is needed is guidance and encouragement, not management and bureaucratic oversight.

Other feedback

9. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?

I do not believe that the investment plan is actually a plan to invest. I believe it is an underhand way of the Council being able to take control of the assets that it has found itself managing with a view to take advantage of the inherent value Theron. I do not consider that Councils motives are honourable and am frankly disappointed that they would seek to capitalise on this. I wholeheartedly disagree with further Council control of the very well managed facilities that serve many thousands of Aucklanders. I do agree that many more could be encouraged to enjoy the facilities, but that this can be done by way of assistance and financial support rather than a system that appears to be more invested in stripping assets than actually helping people

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Very little available for Aucklanders who are past their prime but still need exercise and social interaction

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 currently have access to the golf courses. Young & old

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: Don’t understand the question how can reducing golf courses - ‘by providing better golf experiences ‘ they are currently great courses / spaces

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Already does this & has Auckland becomes more populated these golf courses will be needed even more

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: As per my comment previously. These golf courses are available to everyone. Young & old. Rich or poor.

   You can’t fix something which isn’t broken

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: Can’t get any broader than what it currently is

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Council does not need to make any changes these golf courses meet the need of Aucklanders now & will in the future

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf is a rapidly growing sport in NZ, yet already has over-utilisation of existing golf courses. I can't comprehend why the existing courses in Auckland would be reduced when it is a growing activity for people of all ages.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf is a rapidly growing sport in NZ, yet already has over-utilisation of existing golf courses. I can't comprehend why the existing courses in Auckland would be reduced when it is a growing activity for people of all ages.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Support

   Tell us why: Reduced rates for local residents to access course would allow more participation. Much like school zoning.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: I believe golf courses already provide this.

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why: Golf is an amazing sport, and one of the few activities that people can enjoy their entire life. Auckland is already limited on available courses, so reducing the courses even further is hugely disappointing.

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Please consider discussing further with Golf NZ about growth plans, and ways the public may have access to the courses

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf is a crucial part of Auckland City, all public golf courses are essential for the well-being, family and community structures, and for physical exercise.

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: Public golf courses already provide equity, sport and recreation. Golf is one of very few sports where people of all ability age, race and gender can play against each other equally.

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 believe these opportunities already are in place with places such as golf warehouse ranges, nine holes, foot golf and mini putt. Was there consultation done with such businesses?

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Wairakei golf course in Taupo is an example of the potential of golf courses impact on biodiversity.

The use of herbicides on golf courses do not impact water quality in the amounts they use therefore public golf courses in their current form do not threaten the environment regarding water biodiversity. (Wylie,2016)

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: Statistics quoted are outdated and incorrect in this report which shows a bias ad hoc historic decision of the current council.

   Please can you reference current Nz golf statistics and my research is extremely different using current sources.

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf is one of the only games that all abilities, ages, genders and nationalities can play equally and equitably.

   Why would you like away opportunities for such. If you go and stand on the tee at Takapuna or chamberlain you will see this. This report seems to lack substance and has outdated information please update with current figures.

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: Places such as golf warehouse are already providing such.

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

I am disappointed that the research provided in the plan was conducted without consultation with Auckland golf, Nz golf or north golf. The numbers mentioned have changed drastically in the last couple of years since COVID. The lack of accurate data suggests a lazy and bias approach by Auckland council. For the well being of current and future generations I hope that the time can be spent to re realise such plan but this time using correct information. This feels like lies damn lies and statistics … a decision such as this should be based on unbiased questioning and information and I fail to see that.

I hope that the council gives the Auckland public a fair chance to save our future because decisions made now can't be undone.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf at Chamberlain Park is available and enjoyed by many different ethnicities and socioeconomic groups. If the course is changed or closed that opportunity will disappear and those participants will no longer have access to this cost effective game.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf at Chamberlain Park exhibits a very equitable way for all to enjoy the recreation of playing a great game.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I am new to the game of golf and have enjoyed the opportunity to play at various courses around Auckland. Participation of the sport seems very high with tee times at most courses being taken very quickly when open.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: Having the open green spaces for all to enjoy ongoing and looked after for future generations is a must.

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 current historic plan works well and doesn't need change. If it's not broken don't change it.

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf as a game offers all who participate an opportunity to have exercise, company of other people playing the game, a challenging experience and fun.

   As a retired pensioner I can't see any limitations to starting the sport. Chamberlain Park is an affordable place to enjoy the game of golf whether you are a beginner, a novice or a longtime player.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf like any activity will appeal to those who want to give it a go. The same as running, walking, biking etc, if you want to try it you will.

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   I retired recently and took up golf. I enjoy playing at Chamberlain Park where I have met people from all of Aucklands diverse ethnicities. I would say the course is well patronised by the public both old and young. It would be such a shame to take the opportunity away from all future participants of the game.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

Don't support

Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Things are working fine as they are.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The plan is factually incorrect and outdated. The consultation process is bias, unfair and unreasonable.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf is one of the most popular sports with 1.1 million rounds played annually. The land is already open for all Aucklanders to enjoy. Golf is accessible and inclusive for all.

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: Golf needs more facilities not less. The current 18 hole courses are extremely well used and the Council should be investing and creating new experiences in addition to what is already out there. The participation rates implied and stated in the plan are completely wrong. Golf is an incredibly diverse sport.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Golf already plays a large role in the environmental landscape of Auckland with next to no investment from the Council so yes best practice is great and golfing green space must be preserved.

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Increasing benefit to all Aucklanders would look like the Council investing in new areas of land for MORE golf courses.

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: golf's adult club membership is larger than rugby, netball and football's adult membership combined. The existing network of private and public golf facilities provide a wide variety of pricing for membership and green fees which makes golf accessible to a diverse range of participants in age, ethnicity, gender, ability, and income levels. The plan is completely incorrect to say Auckland Golf courses meet the needs of a relatively narrow segment of the population.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf needs more facilities not less. There is current pressure on existing facilities due to high demand for the sport. Auckland Council should be focusing investment on new courses and facilities not changing what is currently available.

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: The plan undervalues and does not give a fair representation of the work currently done by Golf clubs in this space.

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   The plan is incredibly disappointing.

   This plan does not provide a fair representation of the true value of golf or golf facilities to Auckland. It relies on information that is nearly a decade old in some cases and does not truly reflect a post covid world and the growth of golf over

many years. It is clear the entire consultation process is flawed and asking for public submissions based on incorrect information makes no logical sense. Golf is growing, not declining. It is one of the most inclusive sports in the country. Membership and participation is growing at incredible rates and Council investment should be to have MORE golf facilities and courses.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: The premise of the plan that golf courses are used by the few does not seem quite right. As well as golfers, people who live nearby are often able to enjoy golf courses when they are open for other recreation, by the quality of life effects of being near parkland (tranquility, birdsong, trees). The effect is difficult to describe but very strongly felt. The availability and multiple use of golf courses particularly came into effect during the lockdowns. Also, golf courses have facilities open to non members - eg reasonably priced driving ranges (pay by the basketful of balls, not subscription) and the cafe's and function facilities.

   The plan does seem to open the door to use of existing golf land for development. This is a concern in areas like St Johns/Meadowbank/Remuera/Stonefields where the Stonefields development in recent years has significantly impacted on road use (more prone to congestion) and the spaces that the golf courses provide are a significant - and possibly very important - curb on overuse of infrastructure within and around the city.

   The role played by some golf courses in flood management needs to be fully understood.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: The objective itself is obviously important and desirable, but does the plan consider the level of benefit already enjoyed by non golfers and local residents? I feel probably not.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Support

Tell us why: This also makes a great deal of sense. Note though that existing measures that a number of golf clubs take - public access to driving ranges at reasonable prices, allowing walking at certain times, classes for children of non members do much for this. It would be interesting to see how these can be improved

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: Some Auckland golf courses appear to be leaders in this area - in global terms. These can set standards and provide guidelines for others.

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I am somewhat wary of the term "robust investment framework" - it can be interpreted in many ways. The principle seems to be to favour an eclectic approach, which is good and "ad hoc decisions" are indeed not ideal, but again, some golf clubs appear to be

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: We live near a golf course. It is not used "exclusively" by golfers. They are the main user group but its not exclusive as such. Also the use for golf is compatible with a well managed space for nature - likely doing a lot for the city's biodiversity. The effects of changes need to be considered.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Partially support

   Tell us why: The shift makes sense - the action needs to be informed by what some golf clubs are doing already.

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: As above, haven't some golf clubs in Auckland won international awards for ecosystem management already?

Other feedback

9. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?

If turning some golf land over to housing development is being considered, then the effects of these in addition to the current intensification of housing that is going on around Auckland must be taken into account. For example, some golf courses are close to areas that now permit multi storey housing - deliberately for intensification. This is for good reason but the important questions are - if more land is developed, what is the impact on transport, water, wastewater and power infrastructure and quality of life IN ADDITION to the intensification already going on, and what are the effects on quality of life and ecological and other values for the city, if this is to take place in addition to existing intensification measures.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: 1)Golf courses can be dangerous places in terms of golf balls flying through the air. To have people accessing the course whilst golf is being played, for other than that reason. i.e exercising/walking/cycling etc would be a dangerous pracitce. Health and Safety does not stack up.

   2)Golf courses need to be prepared to a certain standard to play the game. People cycling/running/exercising/walking animals etc will reduce the ability of green keepers to do this.

   3)Golf is a game to be played without other distractions i.e animals/bikes/scooters/children with balls etc

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf courses are available to everybody as are golf driving ranges.

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 only possible avenue here would be to make cheap memberships/scholarships available to low participation groups to grow their involvement.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

Partially support

Tell us why: As mentioned previously, golf courses need to be maintained at a very high level. Where possible ecosystem management is to be applauded as long as the golf courses can be maintained to the highest possible level.

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: AD hoc historic decisions by legacy councils (whatever that means!) must have been made for a reason! The inference here is that these decisions are /were wrong. In the interests of growing the sport these decisions were made. Land set aside and golf play

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf courses are for golfers just as netball courts are for netball players and squash courst are for squash players. Sports have their own unique needs and requirements - golf is no different. Why single out a sport for this investment as it is so-called.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf courses are generally run by groups of very efficient folk who generally speaking also run a golf club. There is access to all facilities at public and council owned courses for all. How would a broad golf service offering be able to efficiently repl

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I have already answered this with my comment in the previous chapter re environmental management.

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

Golf seems to have been targeted here as the only sport that need this attention. It must be driven by a land grab as otherwise all sports should be targeted for investment and growth - particularly for the low participation groups of society.

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Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Support

   Tell us why:

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Support

   Tell us why: Makes sense to have fairer use of this public land, which is otherwise effectively providing a huge subsidy to one sport.

   Include access and pathways where can improve journey lines for walking or cycling.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why:

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Support

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: It is not clear to me exactly what the plan is proposing and how it intends balancing the slightly contradictory objectives of increasing participation in golf and opening up golf courses to other uses. There is lots of talk about goals but little information on how exactly the competing demands will be objectively measured.

   Also, it should be a more universal sport and recreation investment plan, not just golf. The Council should be considering its investment across the board

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: It is not clear to me that there will be increased participation in sport and recreation simply by repurposing golf courses into other uses. Certainly in the area that I live, there are many sport and recreation opportunities near the local golf course and it is hard to imagine which sector is missing out due to some missing sports use (as opposed to other competing interests on individual's time).

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Support

   Tell us why: We should be trying to increase participation in all sports and recreation , not just golf. I suspect this is not related to the access to these things but other factors such as, work, time, lack of interest etc.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: The Council should be supportive of best practice in anything related to the ecosystem.

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: As noted above, there should be a global framework around the Council's investments

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This should be contingent on two factors. Firstly whether the golf course in question is under-utilised. If it is, then there is a strong argument to repurpose or sell. Secondly, whether there are other uses for the land that carry greater investment weight. Note that if you repurpose a well utilised golf course, you will naturally restrict sports and recreation access to the golfers that frequented that course.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   I don't know

   Tell us why: I don't know what this means. What is a broad golf service?

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Partially support

   Tell us why: This should be the case for all council owned assets.

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   It is too targeted at one sport rather than a review of all the Council's investments. Also, like all of the Councils sport and recreation assets, they tend to be sole purpose (eg tennis / netball courts, swimming

pools, libraries etc), so by definition they only cater to the proportion of the population that wants to partake in that sport.

The plan does not seem to mention whether the golf courses are being well utilised at present, which would be a key factor in the decision making process. For example, if they are all well utilised, and some golf courses are repurposed, then where do the golfers (who played at the repurposed course) then go to play golf?

What are the (actual and target) participation rates by sport / activity? Are there sports / activities that are clearly missing out by not having facilities?

The plan talks about low golf participation rates for different demographics. This is understandable given golf's high demands on time and different interest rates. This is not necessarily a bad thing and doesn't need to be fixed. Also, for many people who are time rich (retired / flexi working etc), golf is an ideal activity for them.

Many golf courses would be difficult to repurpose to other activities due to the terrain.

Alternatively, the Council could simply sell all of its land assets and make sport and recreation completely private? There would then no longer be any need to have an investment plan.

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Draft Golf Investment Plan

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: Already best practice with golf courses

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:

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I support increasing accessibility for golf courses to be used to play golf but not for them to be sold off of used for other activities such as walking and cycling at the expense of golf.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The publicly owned golf courses are already accessible to all Aucklanders to play golf. By opening them up to more than golf you will reduce the accessibility for golfers . I am a pakeha golfer and have played golf in recent weeks with people from Pacific, Korean, Malaysian, Chinese, Maori and male and female backgrounds. I would never have had the opportunity to speak with them if it were not for golf. The publicly owned courses such as Takapuna and Chamberlin are also some of the cheapest you can play which allows those from low economic backgrounds to play. If they are sold or limited then you will get people giving up the game.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf already has a hugely diverse participation - generations of people play from young kids, young adults, adults, grandparents and from all nationalities. I suggest Auckland Council actually attends a driving range or public golf club to see. It is currently the most diverse sport there is.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

I don't know

Tell us why: Golf clubs currently support their areas as best they can for golf.

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I support more investment in golf. The game is booming and people from all way of lives are playing. It is already difficult enough to play without changing the focus to enable walking, cycling general leisure on that land.

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I support having that land exclusively for golf. It is the most diverse sport their currently is and the courses are never empty even during bad weather. This is in comparison to parks and reserves that are only used by people when the weather is good and at weekends. Or netball and tennis courts that are empty outside of weekends and school holidays.

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: The private sector will do a better golf service offering if that's what the market wants. Currently the publicly owned golf courses are a huge benefit to the community and should stay that way.

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I support good ecosystem management when it is in the best interests of golf, not when it is in the interests of cost cutting or selling land.

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: You just don't understand the benefits of golf and making it available to as many as possible at reasonable prices

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: See above

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: It is important to have golf courses in Auckland that support the growth of the sport, share the amenities as permits and preserves the "green lungs of the city". However in the next 2 decades the only courses contributing will be Chamberlain, Takapuna and Waitemata as the balance are Country courses and not easily accessible to younger players , diverse players or many older adults because of distance. We play regularly at Chamberlain and Takapuna and they already have a diverse and multi aged population

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Chamberlain and Takapuna already support a broad range of diverse nationalities, they are good courses for parents to take their children or spouses to as their game develops.

   The issues of participation do not relate to the courses but rather the need for Schools and Golf Auckland to encourage the participation by getting youth and women to lessons.

   There is no restriction in the public courses, just capacity esp compared to private clubs with closed memberships

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: The courses covered allow 9 hole and 18 hole participation. There are putting and chipping greens for tuition and practice. Within 6 months of lessons most learners will be wanting to play 9 hole

or 18 hole games. Chamberlain and Takapuna provide ideal facilities for that - it doesn't matter what you wear and what happens if you have a duff shot. They are also ideally located in the north and centre of Auckland. The absence of facilities are "Pitch and Putt" courses such as at Ellerslie race course where learners can play in their first 6 months

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: Most courses I have played at are big green areas with lots of trees. Most have access to water for irrigation through bores. Green keepers complete certified training. It will all improve with continued focus

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: As mentioned earlier, the majority of courses in the draft paper are "Country Courses" which should be maintained for variety for an expanding population. For Urban Auckland, the 2 key courses are Chamberlain and Takapuna that must be kept as 18 hole cou

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Chamberlain already has a Cycle path along one of its boundaries. With planning walking / Jogging paths could be developed along this and around other boundaries. Possibly similar at Takapuna and even Remuera with a variation on the lease,

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: Women do not participate as much as men nor youth as much as adult. This is largely because of the fees and practices of the private clubs. As said earlier, Little prevents women and children playing at public courses. The key is getting them started and

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: Needs to be plans of what is planted, Greens and fairways need to be appropriately maintained

Other feedback

9. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?

I am now retired and have been playing golf 2-3 times per week, principally mid week for 6 years. I am frequently playing with people of adult age of a variety of backgrounds.

Restricting the availability of the 18 hole courses at Chamberlain, Takapuna (and I guess Waitemata) will deny exercise to this group. The midweek year round capacity for golf needs to be maintained. In comparison I frequently see Rugby fields, Netball courts, Football fields sitting empty midweek. Agree the concept of Introductory golf and Development golf but please understand that after 6 - 12 months there must be a pathway to Development/Advanced golf and at present that is only available at Chamberlain and Takapuna unless the learner pays $000s to join a private club

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?

Don't support

Tell us why: Hi, Whilst I understand the desire to leverage the existing golf courses for other users, there are some significant challenges to this and I do not support this proposal.

1. Health and safety

Golf balls can kill. You simply cannot have people walking and cycling around a golf course.

High nets to protect nearby residents, walkers are expensive – space is required.

2. Increasing participation in golf

The existing golf courses are at or nearly at capacity – you cannot increase numbers.

3. Increasing equity for golfers

Existing golf courses service a wide range of the population comprising different ethnic and socio economic groups contrary to the opinion of O'Connor Sinclair 2013. Since Covid in 2020, the number of golfers has increased dramatically – from all walks of life.

There are already a large number of slots for casual golfers available – a lot of which are not taken up.

It is no more expensive to be a member of most golf clubs than it is to become a member of the gym. The issue is that the clubs are full and have no space for others – they are at capacity.

Any moves to repurpose golf land for other sports will increase waitlists and reduce equity.

Golf clubs are supported both financially and socially by dedicated golfers who have been members for many years – if the proposal is to increase the number of casual golfers and replace the regular golfers, there isn't much equity in that. Will you allow me, as a non footballer to go along and play football at a club that uses council land?

4. Environment

I welcome changes that would improve the management of the environment but do not believe that we need a large organisation put in place to manage it. A lot of the methods used to control weeds etc are cost based – if you increase compliance costs, the cost of golf goes up and reduces equity and participation.

The point needs to be made that all sports, including golf, require the use of managed land – bush/natural habitat is not useable except for walking. If council wish to increase sporting land they should create more useable land and not look to cannibalise or reduce the land already in use.

5. Green spaces/trees

Golf courses are some of the last remaining green spaces in Auckland city and whilst there is pressure to optimise the land, reducing the green space would be a loss for our city. Manukau golf course was turned into housing, the Grange reduced it's size to accommodate housing

Moving golf courses further and further out increases the distance required to travel to golf, increasing pollution and contributing to global warming, which are not good outcomes for the environment.

6. Key shift from regular golfers to casual golfers

Given the courses are at capacity, the proposal to reduce access to regular golfers and increase access for casual golfers will adversely impact the regular golfers who have invested time/money into these clubs. How exactly are you proposing to achieve this? Limit the number of rounds regular golfer can have per week? Reduce the number of booking slots for regular players and increase the number of casual players?

7. Equity for golfers

Golf courses are expensive to maintain to a high standard and the golf clubs have set their fees according to the level the club wishes to maintain. The members fund this. In order to reduce the price of golf to make it more appealing and accessible to lower income earners, you either need to reduce the quality of the golf courses or subsidise with ratepayers money – neither of which is good for golfers (who are ratepayers) or for wider ratepayers who do not play or wish to play golf.

Increasing the ground rent of golf courses would also increase the cost of participation and reduce equity and participation rates.

8. Other council owned land for other sports

How much additional land that is council owned/managed that is available to other sports and recreation compared to golf courses?

9. Robust investment framework

What is this exactly? Are you proposing we spend more ratepayers money on a new golf investment department? As a ratepayer, I am against any plans to increase the already bloated council bureaucracy.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders

Don't support

Tell us why: The publicly owned golf land is already available to all Aucklanders and those that like to play golf are members of clubs already. The memberships are full but you can join a waiting list like everyone else does - there simply isn't any more space available for others to play - you would have to stop regular golfers from playing to allow for casuals to play which is discriminatory.

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: Why are you trying to attract more people to play golf when the courses are full already. Yes, you can build more driving ranges to allow more people to have a go but they can then not access golf courses because they are full. The same goes for council owned football clubs - you can't just have non footballers turn up to play.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Yes, we should protect the environment but it needs to be balanced against the cost - members fees are already high and any increase in compliance must be funded from somewhere - ratepayers will not want to fund this and increasing fees at golf clubs reduces the equity you are trying to increase.

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: We do not need any more bureaucracy in the Auckland city council. Golf clubs are already accessible to all Aucklanders.

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf balls can kill - you cannot have walkers wandering around golf courses. I would support any spare land being used for tennis etc but the cost of fencing is prohibitive and someone has to fund it

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Please explain what this actually means. what sort of service offering to what wider group of people?

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

Don't support

Tell us why: We cannot afford best practice - costs will go up and make it harder for people to play golf.

Other feedback

9. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?

I would appreciate some specific problems you are trying to solve here beyond the generic statements in the plan - it lacks any specifics so I am not sure how you expect this to be supported.

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Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Seems that Golf NZ and Golf Auckland haven't had a chance to provide input. The plan seems like a way to free up land for council "re-purposing", without seriously looking at the worthwhile use it is already being put to.

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: How can you ask this question without providing information as to who is using the land at the moment. Aucklanders are playing golf more than ever before. More people belong to Golf clubs than rugby, netball and soccer combined. You have loaded the question to infer the plan would open up the land for Aucklanders without proving that the land is already being effectively offered to a whole range of socio-economic and ethnic groups.

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: A broad range of golf experiences are already provided to low participation groups. Where is the input to support this statement? Not in the plan as the council hasn't sought input from GolfNZ or Golf Auckland.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Don't support

Tell us why: Please Auckland Council look at the facts already in front of your face. 37 clubs have already moved in this direction. Others are already moving to best practice in ecosystem management and bio diversity conservation.

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: Believe this is pure PR spin designed to give Auckland Council the authority to sell off council land or re-purpose it for other activities.

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Where are the numbers showing a massive increase in golf participation around Auckland. They are not there as GolfNZ and Golf Auckland were not consulted. Why isn't it in the plan? Because it doesn't support the spin the Auckland Council wants to portray.

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: A "broad golf service" what exactly is that? How can council say it wants to "invest" in golf participation in Auckland without consulting Golf organisations already in Auckland?

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: Again, please look at what already is being done on Golf courses regarding ecosystem management. Look at targets already in place. Consult with GolfNZ and Golf Auckland before setting up a survey that is angled purely at Auckland Council getting access to land that is already providing for a huge number of Aucklanders so much recreational enjoyment.

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

I fully support Golf NZ's letter of 8th April 2022 to Auckland Council requesting the withdrawal and correction of this plan. Auckland council needs to engage in proper consultation with NZ Golf and Auckland Golf before presenting a plan that appears to have no expert input.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?

Partially support

Tell us why: I refer to Page 3 of the plan. I agree that some changes are warranted but I do not accept as a fair statement of the situation the reasons set out on this page.

1. Exclusive use of publicly-owned land is not sustainable

this heading a clearly wrong. It is modified in the paragraphs below but the heading give a clear indication of bias. So much land devoted to golf would be sustainable if the Council had given attention to providing adequate green space in new areas of housing. I agree that that with a more condensed city there is too much land close to the centre devoted to golf.

2. We have to meet a wider range of community needs. Agree and the council should have made the investments in Parks and Spaces to achieve it rather than proposing to take so much of the golfing land

3. Some Aucklanders are missing out

Not true - as far as I am aware there are memberships of golf clubs available. Each person makes their own decisions as to where they would spend their money. Certainly there is need for other facilities for sport and recreation and the Council should be investing in those.

It states "That there is inequity across different age and ethnic groups and for people with disabilities" This is a misuse of the word "inequity". Inequality certainly - as a plus eighty year old I don't get my share of use of children's playgrounds

You state that women and younger people have lower participation rates - that is to be expected based on their interests.

You state that Pacific and Asian residents have lower participation rates in golf and other forms of sport and recreation. So what - they have different cultural interests.

4. You state that private golf courses are capitalising on increasing land values. An irrelevant comment that again indicates bias. The issue should be what is the situation with publicly owned land

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf course are available to the public already - as far as I am aware there is possibility of membership. If the heading said "some publicly owned land" I could have supported it

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I have only ever played a few rounds of golf and never broken 115 but there idea that low participation requires local government action seems the essence of unwarranted interference with people's personal choices. By all means make golfing experience more attractive - but for who - the people who want a challenging game or the people who want a cheap game

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Why not, provided the eco-nuts can be kept out of decision making

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: Looks like the philosophy of Jeremy Bentham is still alive in the ACC bureacracy

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: What a wild and sweeping statement to support or oppose. How can you make policy on the basis of this sort of question to the publci

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: I am sure that the golf clubs want more players and they should know their game.

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: Yes, if we can keep the eco-nuts out of the governance

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   No

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#981

Draft Golf Investment Plan

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The Auckland Golf Investment Plan has not been designed with any consultation of golf sector or golf clubs or the community before being released.

   This information lacks credibility as it is bias, non-neutral, and Auckland Council seem to be working towards pre-determined outcomes. This is apparent from the quality of information presented. Workshops seem to held behind closed doors without public or stakeholders being aware.

   It is unacceptable this information was presented to the public based on the inaccuracy and fails to consider the value that golf offers to Aucklanders and the city to inspire participation, provide inclusive facilities to connect diverse communities, and preserve our greenspace.

   Auckland Council seems to have overlooked the need to prepare any relevant data that indicates the current state of golf which is growing significantly. This is true based on historical trends and even accelerated since the onset of COVID-19. For instance, since 2013, membership has increased by 31% to 31,765 and rounds played has increased by 33% over the last five years. Over 1.1 million rounds are played across Auckland.

   In a global report published by Nielsen reported 70% of Aucklanders believe the public has little influence on Council processes! It's because of processes, behaviours, assumptions like this plan that leave the public isolated, and confused by decisions about them, for them.

   If Auckland Council truly wanted to present a Golf Investment Plan, it should have been designed with the golf sector and presented to the public together. A shared vision and plan for the future that Aucklanders would be proud of.

   The unintended or intended consequences of this plan will be detrimental to golf and exacerbate gaps in the facility network making golf less accessible, and a facility network that is not catering for the demand.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Publicly owned golf land is inclusive of all Aucklanders. Auckland Council should be helping empower and support golf clubs as they connect diverse Aucklanders from all walks of life, not threatening them.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Golf is already attracting and retaining participants more than any other sport in Auckland and it is working with the community to provide experiences for all ages, genders, skill levels, ethnicity and disability. For instance, a project that inspires young people to start, learn and play golf is underway www.futuresauckland.co.nz which provides coaching, events and meet ups at across the region. Equipment is provided for all beginners. Membership for young people under 19 have increased by 47%. She Loves Golf events are held across the region for women who want to participate in a female-friendly environment, catering to social and fun experiences. For women, membership has grown by 18%. Participation by disabled people is higher in comparison to others sports and therefore removing the opportunity to be active will be detrimental. For instance, Sport New Zealand's Spotlight in Disability Report outlines that golf's participation by disabled peoples is 5%, Football is 2%, Tennis is 1%, Rugby is 1%, Netball is 1%. By ethnicity, golf is attracting a wide range of participants, European is 11%, Maori is 10%, Pacific Peoples is 8%, Asian is 7%.

   If Auckland Council invested further to enhance the facility network, there would be even more experiences available for diverse population of Aucklanders.

   Why not work with the golf community to define low participant groups more clearly and develop strategies? We should be working together.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: Golf New Zealand, North Golf and Auckland Golf are already working with GEO, an internationally recognised leader in supporting golf clubs to be environmentally and socially responsible. Work in partnership with key stakeholders to encourage GEO Certification.

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Ad hoc decisions by legacy councils may have been in the best interests for their local community. Auckland Council have not yet presented a robust investment framework for golf where the public could determine the criteria or impacts for golf.

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf courses are accessible for all Aucklanders. Based on the demand for golf and projected population growth, more introductory golf facilities would serve beginners and complement the existing network of golf facilities for existing and future golfers. The physical health, social, and mental health benefits of golf are valuable for all Aucklanders. Auckland Council should be working in partnership with the golf sector to enhance the value of golf, not reduce it.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There is not an oversupply of 18-hole golf courses in Auckland. Auckland needs to maintain the existing amount of 18-hole golf courses to keep up with demand and further, invest and enhance existing facilities to cater for the growing population that want

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why: As previously stated, Golf New Zealand, North Golf, and Auckland Golf are already working towards having every golf club in Auckland complete the GEO programme and certification, an internationally recognised . Work in partnership with the golf sector.

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   This draft Golf Investment Plan does not accurately determine the value of golf in Auckland. It is bias, has been poorly researched, lacks any diversity of voice from the community.

   Golf is one of the most popular sport and recreation activities in Auckland and we should be working together to enhance the value of golf for the city and it's people.

   Golf is a growing sport and is contributing towards the vision of Auckland being the world's most active city.

   If we reduce the facilities and reduce accessibility, we are creating unintended consequences for sport and recreation.

   The questions for this submission are incredibly bias and are written in jargon which are unhelpful for the public. Auckland Council has not taken a neutral position and are working towards pre-determined outcomes.

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Draft Golf Investment Plan

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I am not sure you have the numbers correct for how golf is played and the age demographics. The plan seems to be based on outdated figures. oe There is no mention of 9 hole golf and women participation over the past 5 years. The R and A have a great plan that has a focus on growing the game. I do not think that council staff are experts in this field.

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: Most clubs are already opened up for participation by anyone who is keen. You can book on line and play on most courses. Golf has seen a huge growth over the past 2 years.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Support

   Tell us why: A lot of Golf Clubs already provide this and I am not sure whether council is skilled enough and have the money to improve this.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: All clubs need to be improving in this area and be GEO certified.

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I am not sure the statement is correct when you have words like AD hoc decisions of legacy councils. There were probably very good reasons why we have such great golf courses around Auckland, mostly built and paid for by volunteers and members and NOT cou

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I don't support this statement as you have not included all the other council owned land that is not available for the general public to enjoy, either grazing land, pony clubs, leased land etc, locked up sports fields. I believe you need to work harder at looking at a bigger picture and also see what individual clubs are doing.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Again, I think this is a very misleading statement. Council has no money to invest in further golf facilities and has not invested in the ones it already manages, so not sure what you are implying

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why: I believe there should be certain practises followed by all all golf course to be sustainable

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Golf is developing quickly around the world and I think your basic starting point is about 10 years out of date. I am not sure that NZ Golf would support some of your statements and you have not been transparent in explaining the trends in golf and what needs to happen in Auckland. The plan set out is a mixture of Asset management and golf participation, with neither having a clear goal. You either want less golf clubs so you sell the land. Council is not the best to increase participation in golf.

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#1017

Draft Golf Investment Plan

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The plan is idealistic

   It is not safe to share a golf course with the general public.

   Golfers are aware of the golf etiquette that has evolved to keep them safe

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: Unfair to members who pay their fair share

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf clubs already have robost frameworks otherwise they would not exist all these years

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There are plenty of other parks in the city for public to enjoy

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: Smacks of Council knows best how patronising!

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: My club already does this

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   This is why the rates are so high in Auckland

   Council trying to fix something that does not need fixing

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Draft Golf Investment Plan

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There is sufficient opportunity for people to learn and enjoy golf in the current environment. Removal, or co-use of courses will reduce opportunity for current golfers and not provide a pathway for people developing a passion for the game.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The current courses provide opportunity to a wide range of diverse nationalities, ages and golfing abilities. Making them available for cycling, walking etc will remove golfing opportunities for many and result in health and safety issues.

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: An increase in a broad range of golf experiences would be a good thing, but not at the expense of current players opportunities. I also believe that players who have developed the skills to enjoy golf, will not want to play just on reduced courses.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: I believe many courses already are doing this. My club, on council leased land is very cognizant of best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation.

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: Retention of the "country courses" is important to allow for population growth. The two urban courses; Chamberlain and Takapuna must be retained in their entirety as 18 hole courses to service new players and an increasing Auckland population. Purple tees

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I support sport and recreation for all Aucklanders. Chamberlain has a cycle path along boundaries, Takapuna locals walk on that acourse and Remuera has access through the course to join Waiatarua

   reserve. Health and safety issues arise if co-use is envisaged.

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: There is little to prevent particular groups from participating through available public facilities. For targeted populations providing tuition and getting them started is key. Identify other sports land/ venues where that could occur.

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: Some of the public courses are not maintained to an appropriate standard, particularly greens and fairways.

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   As an older woman who started playing golf three years ago, I feel strongly that the current variety of opportunity to play golf in Auckland city needs to be retained. I enjoy playing three rounds a week on both a club course and on public courses. Most current golfers find it challenging to be able to get

bookings that work in with their busy life styles. Reducing access to current clubs as their leases expire will deny opportunities to people who wish to play the full game.

Also, providing "quick" golf experiences must be supported by opportunities for emerging golfers to play and enjoy the full 18 holes.

Rugby fields, netball courts, football fields, cricket grounds sit empty through most of the week.

Increased access to golf through introductory and development programs would be a great thing, but there must then be a pathway to Development/Advanced golf, which means retention of 18 hole courses. At present that opportunity is available only at Chamberlain and Takapuna.

Easy access to golf courses in urban Auckland must be retained, rather than the proposal that serious, advanced players should play mostly on country/ rural courses. We are needing to reduce our carbon footprint, not increase it.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The plan implies the reduction in golf facilities and reuse for other activities. Our community better off with maintaining a diverse range of activities, including golf.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The council has plenty of options for providing land for other activities without taking away golf land. In my are Churchill Park, which once was a golf course, is a large piece of land poorly maintained and underused.

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: Golf already attracts people across all age groups and fitness levels. It is fun and accessible to all. I have found that as I am playing more golf as my other interest (football, tennis, touch) become beyond my physical ability. It is a sport that can be played later in life and that is the key driver of the demographics not accessibility.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Partially support

Tell us why: Golf courses are already becoming environmentally sustainable recreation facilities. Actions are being taken to become carbon positive, plant trees, enhance of bird species and effective manage pest. The council should support this not take it over.

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: The council needs a robust investment framework in all activities. To much public money is wasted by the council.

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Tell us why: The council needs to consider all it recreational activities together. Not focus on golf on its own. Tennis players can't use rugby fields, runners have no need for swimming pools. To suggest a sport should not be permitted to continue because you don't play it is a nonsense.

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: Enhance what exists. Don't take it away.

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: Clearly golfers of all sports enjoy the outdoors, as an escape from urban life. Don't use your plan as an excuse to take this away

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   I have been playing golf for 30 years, from my late teens. I have played it in many formats, play with people from a broad cross section of society. The benefits to both physical and mental well-being are many. Golfs adult membership is great than rugby, soccer and netball combined. It deserves its place in Auckland. I don't understand why the council has an agenda to eliminate it.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I was incredibly disappointed to read the Auckland councils plan, not only was it incompetent but completely biased

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The current golfing system is already incredibly busy, if anything we need more golf courses. As a young person all of my friends are starting to take interest in golf, with the only barrier being the difficulty of getting onto a course in Auckland due to the rising popularity

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: Golf already does this?

   Struggling to find a response here due to the poorly worded question/statement

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Again positioning of this shift implies golf is not currently available to all Aucklanders. Participation numbers prove golfs popularity

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf needs additional service offerings on top of the current courses available not instead of.

   References to “mid level development courses” are misleading and it is wildly inaccurate to claim that these courses do not cater to a broad range of people.

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   It is clear this plan has been drafted with pre determined outcomes in mind.

   It is very upsetting to see a plan released by Auckland council that is so full of errors/ generalisations/ bias and based on outdated data.

   I am disappointed in the Auckland council and look forward to an apology for its inaccurate claims.

   I also trust this plan will not go ahead.

   Thank you.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The plan will make golf less accessible, ultimately will push the cost of playing golf higher discourage people from picking up the sport.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf courses in Auckland are now quite busy already. Opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders means that it would be even harder to play a round of golf with reduced number of courses.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I agree with the proposition but not at the expense of reduced number of golf courses

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: Support the idea that golf courses should be leaders in environmentally sustainable recreation facilities and committed to any actions that have an positive impact on climate change.

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 use of golf land for other purposes will put extra pressure on remaining facilities with increased interest in golf in the community.

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The reduced number of golf land would make golf less accessible and decrease any value golf plays for the people in Auckland.

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: Doing so would not necessarily attract a wider group of people to take up the sport.

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I believe most golf courses are committed in being environmentally sustainable.

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Golf is a sport that can enrich the community in many ways. Unlike a lot of other sports, it is a sport that can be played across all age groups, benefiting the population with more connections, fitness, and also employment opportunities.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōrākei

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Selling Green space is a dumb short sited plan.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: They are golf courses leave them alone. Put more time into creating more green spaces.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   I don't know

   Tell us why:

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

Don't support

Tell us why: Leave the golf courses alone

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Create more green space

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: Use other parks for your multi use approach

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?**

   Do not sell nor scrap golf courses

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Your feedback (all questions are optional)

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Auckland Golf Investment Plan?**

- ☐ Support
- ☑ Partially support
- ☐ Don't support
- ☐ I don't know

Tell us why

I would like to fully support our engagement by Auckland Council but am concerned at the large number of errors and generalisations in the plan. It is incomplete as a draft and the consultation timeline is much too short.

2. Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

	Objective	Support	Partially support	Don't support	I don't know
1	Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders	☐	☑	☐	☐
1A – Please tell us why	The plan appears to restrict the materially significant golf interested community from being provided for.				
2	Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups	☑	☐	☐	☐
2A – Please tell us why	This is already well advanced at several locations that have been lead by motivated and qualified golf sector participants.				
3	Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land	☑	☐	☐	☐
3A – Please tell us why	This is already underway and benchmarked globally across many clubs in New Zealand.				

3. Key shifts

Below are the four key shifts that the draft plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

	Key shift	Support	Partially support	Don't support	I don't know
1	FROM ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils TO a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders	☐	☐	☐	☑
1A – Please tell us why	The language here is very confusing and doesn't clarify what an objective shift may look like.				
2	FROM publicly owned land used exclusively golfers TO sport and recreation for all Aucklanders	☐	☑	☐	☐
2A – Please tell us why	As previously noted there is a large group of golf interested participants that would utilise existing and enhanced facilities				
3	FROM asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses TO a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people	☐	☐	☐	☑
3A – Please tell us why	See 1A above. ie unclear what the shift could look like.				
4	FROM variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land TO best practice in ecosystem management	☑	☐	☐	☐

	and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets				

4A – Please tell us why

There is a strong argument for growing the land available for proven Carbon Positive golf facilities, and enhancing outputs from existing facilities

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Tell us why

Remuera is a long-established, well organised club with an enthusiastic local membership using the facilities to almost full capacity

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1A – Please tell us why	Club has waiting list with no space for new members at this stage				
2	Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups	☐	☐	☐	☐
2A – Please tell us why	Club has high participation already				
3	Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land	☐	☐	☐	☐
3A – Please tell us why	Ecosystem management & biodiversity conservation already excellent				

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1A – Please tell us why	No case for change of Remuera				
2	FROM publicly owned land used exclusively golfers TO sport and recreation for all Aucklanders	☐	☐	☑	☐
2A – Please tell us why	Space is very well developed as an excellently managed golf course				
3	FROM asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses TO a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people	☐	☐	☑	☐
3A – Please tell us why	No need for change				
4	FROM variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land TO best practice in ecosystem management	☐	☐	☑	☑ Already best practice used

	and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets				

4A – Please tell us why

No case for change

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