

Draft Upper Harbour Local Parks Management Plan 2022

Consultation guide and summary



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Introduction

This guide has been written to give an overview of the consultation on the Draft Upper Harbour Local Parks Management Plan (draft Upper Harbour LPMP).

We are seeking submissions on the draft LPMP from 15 September until 15 November 2022.

The purpose of this guide is to:

- explain how the draft LPMP is structured
- give a brief overview on each section of the draft LPMP
- explain how to make a submission on the draft LPMP
- explain how you can get more information.

Please note that this consultation guide provides an overview of the draft LPMP. This guide does not provide a comprehensive rundown of the draft plan. Please read the draft LPMP before making a submission.

Where to find the draft Upper Harbour LPMP

The draft LPMP is available to read on the Auckland Council website [AK Have Your Say](#).

Alternatively, hard copies of the document can be read at the following locations:

- **Albany Village Library**, Kell Drive, Albany (Opening hours Monday to Thursday, 9am to 5.30pm, Friday, 9am to 5pm, Saturday and Sunday, 9.30am to 4.30pm)
- **Te Manawa (Westgate) Library**, 11 Kohuhu Lane, Westgate (Opening hours Saturday to Wednesday, 9am to 6pm, Thursday 9am to 9pm, Friday 9am to 7pm)

What the draft Upper Harbour LPMP includes and how it was developed

What the draft Upper Harbour LPMP covers

This draft LPMP has been prepared in consultation with mana whenua, key stakeholders and the public, using the process set out in section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977.

Whilst reserve management plans are a requirement under the Reserves Act, the local board has decided that the LPMP will cover all parks they have decision making authority for. It will include land held under the Reserves Act and the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA).

The draft LPMP covers 260 parks and close to 800 hectares of land in the Upper Harbour Local Board area, extending from Paremoremo and Albany in the north to Whenuapai and West Harbour in the south. The parks include a variety of recreation, natural, landscape and cultural values that need to be managed, protected and in some cases enhanced.

The table below outlines the scope of the draft local parks management plan in more detail:

Land in scope	Land out of scope
✓ land held under this Reserves Act 1977 ✓ land held under the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA)	✗ land for which the local board does not have allocated decision-making power e.g., roads. ✗ regional parks land. ✗ parkland owned and managed by other entities such as the Tūpuna Maunga o Tāmaki Makaurau Authority. ✗ Crown owned land for which there is no management agreement e.g., marginal strips.

How was the draft LPMP developed?

The Reserves Act sets out a process for developing reserve management plans. We need to follow this process in developing the plan to ensure that the Upper Harbour Local Parks Management Plan legally meets the Reserves Act 1977 requirements.

We invited all mana whenua with an interest in the Upper Harbour Local Board area to be involved in the development of the draft plan. This opportunity was taken up by Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki, Ngāti Maru, Ngaati Whanaunga, Ngāti Whātua o Kaipara, Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, Te Ākitai Waiohūa and Te Kawerau ā Maki.

Points of interest and input from mana whenua relate to the management of natural and coastal areas, sites and areas of cultural significance and the ability for mana whenua to provide input into future decisions on local parks.

As part of this process, two rounds of public consultation need to be carried out.

In **round one**, the public were invited to provide comments and suggestions relating to what they want to see included in the plan. It also included notification of key stakeholders and community groups using the parks. This round was completed in August 2019.

Comments received in this first round of consultation have been used to inform the development of the draft LPMP. Staff also worked with various teams across council, for example coastal, biodiversity, parks, sport and recreation and legal, as well as input from local board members.

The draft LPMP was approved for public notification by the Upper Harbour Local Board at its meeting on 18 August 2022.

Round two of public consultation is now starting. In this round the public is invited to provide comments and objections (submissions) on the draft LPMP. Round two will be open for submissions for two months and will close on 15 November 2022.

Who approves the final Upper Harbour LPMP?

The Upper Harbour Local Board have the statutory authority to approve and adopt the LPMP. A hearings panel will be established to hear submissions. After the hearings, the panel will provide recommendations to the full local board, who will consider and make changes and approve the final LPMP.

What happens to existing reserve management plans?

As part of developing the local parks management plan all existing reserve management plans have been reviewed in accordance with the Reserves Act. Outcomes from the review have informed the new draft LPMP.

When the final Upper Harbour LPMP is adopted by the local board, it will replace all existing reserve management plans for local parks in the Upper Harbour.

The replaced reserve management plans will remain available through the Auckland Council Archives website, but only as reference documents.

Summary of the draft LPMP

The draft LPMP is a high-level policy document rather than a detailed operational plan. It primarily focuses on providing a framework and direction about what needs to be considered when protecting, managing, developing and enhancing our parks.

It will be a tool that guides day to day park management and assist the local board to make quality decisions about:

- how our parks are used
- how the special natural, historic and cultural areas of our parks will be protected
- what needs to be considered when developing and enhancing our parks over the next 10 years.

The draft LPMP is organised in two volumes.

Volume 1 includes general policies that apply to all parks. These relate to how the local board will manage the parks and how certain activities requiring landowner authorisation will be considered.

Volume 2 provides key information for each individual park including its legal status, any special values and how specific parks should be managed.

VOLUME 1		VOLUME 2
Part A – Introduction and context	Statutory context and how to use this plan	Individual park information
Part B – Upper Harbour Local Board context	General context, issues, opportunities, and park outcomes	Information about individual parks in Upper Harbour, including general parks information, land status, classification and individual management intentions
Part C – Park management framework	Park values and management principles, Te Ao Māori and classification	Appendices Supporting and supplementary information for Volume 1 and 2
Part D – Park management policies	General park management policies including authorisations	

Please note: Individual parks information in Volume 2 needs to be read in conjunction with the general policies and principles Volume 1 of this draft LPMP. If in conflict, management intentions outlined in Volume 2 are override the general policies in Part D of the draft LPMP.

The table below gives an overview of the sections of the draft LPMP and a summary of the content of each section.

Volume	Section	Content
Volume 1	Part A – Section 1 Purpose and scope of the plan	Gives an overview of the purpose and scope of the plan, including what is in and out of scope.
	Part A – Section 2 How to use this plan	Gives an explanation about how to use the plan. It gives an overview of the structure of the plan, how to navigate it, including some examples.
	Part A – Section 3 Statutory and policy context	Gives an overview of the overall statutory and policy context in which the draft LPMP has been developed and will be used.
	Part B – Section 4 Overview of the parks network	This section gives an overview of the parks network in the Upper Harbour Local Board area, issues and opportunities, and desired outcomes.
	Part B – Section 5 Development of the Upper Harbour LPMP	Explains how the draft LPMP has been developed, how we have worked with mana whenua and how to have your say in the management of parks beyond giving feedback on the draft LPMP.
	Part C – Section 6 Park values	Outlines reasons local parks are appreciated, and the values present in each park to be considered in decision-making: • natural, • social and recreational, • cultural and heritage, and • economic.
	Part C – Section 7 Te Ao Māori in parks management	Highlights how the draft LPMP will give practical effect to principles in Te Tiriti o Waitangi / the Treaty of Waitangi including by working with mana whenua. The section outlines core Māori values and concepts and introduces how Te Ao Māori can be brought to life in parks management.
	Part C – Section 8 Principles for parks management	Identifies key themes that are important to the community and guides the overall direction of local parks management. The six principles serve as foundations for the park management policies. They are:

		Principle 1: Value the input of the community in enhancing park outcomes and creating a shared sense of responsibility for parks Principle 2: Partner with mana whenua in protecting, enhancing and developing parks Principle 3: Increase the visibility of Māori culture within parks Principle 4: Protect and respect local parks and their taonga (treasures) Principle 5: Provide for public use and enjoyment of parks by supporting a diverse range of experiences Principle 6: Enable access and provide connections to the water, the coast, natural areas, neighbourhoods and the park network Principle 7: Focus on environmentally sustainable practices in managing and improving parks. They are based on the strategic outcomes of Treasure, Enjoy, Connect and Utilise in the Parks and Open Space Strategic Action Plan (refer to Section 3.3.1)
	Part C – Section 9 Classification	Explains the legal mechanism of classifying reserves held under the Reserves Act. Classification is a statutory process, which needs to be completed for all reserves held under the Reserves Act. The aim of classification is to identify the primary purpose of a reserve. Classification also provides a high-level statutory management framework for the reserves held under the Reserves Act. The section also gives an overview of the most common classifications used.
	Part D – Section 10 General Policies	10.0 Park management policies – outline objectives and policies for park management; applies to all local parks; This section covers the following policies: • Access and parking (10.1) • Buildings (10.2) • Climate change and natural hazards (10.3) • Unmanned aerial vehicles (including drones) (10.4) • Encroachments (10.5) • Geological and landscape features (10.6) • Historic and cultural heritage (10.7)

		• Mana whenua and Māori outcomes (10.8) • Park development (10.9) • Park and park feature naming (10.10) • Partnering and volunteering (10.9) • Plants and animals (10.10) • Recreational use and enjoyment (10.11) • Signs, information and interpretation (10.12) 11.0 Authorisations for park use - policies on activities requiring authorisations such as leases, licenses and other forms of landowner approval; This section covers the following types of authorisations: • Activities requiring landowner authorisation (11.1) • Commercial activities (11.2) • Community leases and licences (11.3) • Events and activation (11.4) • Overnight accommodation (11.5) • Plaques and memorials and the scattering of ashes (11.6) • Public and private utilities (11.7)
Volume 2	Individual parks information	This section has information about each park and reserve included in this plan. It includes individual parks sheets for the 260 parks and reserves within the Upper Harbour Local Board area and an explanation about how to read the individual park sheets. The individual parks sheet provides key information for each park including its legal status and any special values such as natural, historic and cultural values. For some individual parks, specific management intentions are set. These intentions describe the management approach and/or desired outcomes for specific activities, experiences or issues on individual parks, including development opportunities. However, the draft LPMP does not include the current or recommended layout for each park or a prioritised action list for park development. For ease of use, the individual parks sheets have been split up into 12 geographic areas: Albany, Albany Heights, Greenhithe, Herald Island, Hobsonville, Oteha, Paremoremo, Rosedale, Schnapper Rock, West Harbour, Whenuapai and Windsor Park. Parks are listed in alphabetical order within each area.

Making a submission

How to submit your feedback

Your submission should be returned no later than 5pm 15 November 2022.

We encourage online submissions

We encourage you to give feedback online at [AK Have Your Say](#).

You can also email submissions to upperharbourlmp@ AucklandCouncil.govt.nz.

Paper submissions

If you prefer to provide us with a submission in paper form, you can scan and email submission forms to upperharbourlmp@ AucklandCouncil.govt.nz, or drop them off at:

- Albany Village Library
- Te Manawa (Westgate) Library

Alternatively, place your submission in an envelope and send it to:

Auckland Council
Upper Harbour Local Parks Management Plan
Freepost number 190198
Private Bag 92300
Victoria Street West
Auckland 1142

Call us if you have any questions

If you have any question, please either e-mail upperharbourlmp@ AucklandCouncil.govt.nz or phone the Auckland Council on 09 301 0101 and ask to speak to Jessica Morris.

Tips on how to make a submission

If you decided to write your own submission, here are a few tips.

A submission is your chance to tell us what you think of the draft LPMP. You might wish to comment on a topic of interest to you or an individual park, or particular sections of the draft LPMP, or a mix of these.

To make your submission as effective as possible, please consider:

Adding a heading or a policy reference number:

- head each of your topics with a title so we clearly know what the issue is you're submitting on, e.g. pest plants, or walking tracks
- state which section number or policy number you are commenting on, e.g. section 10.1.7, or policy 10.1.7.1.

Making your point clear:

- wherever possible, state clearly whether you agree or disagree with the section or policy you're commenting on,
- explain your reasons for agreeing or disagreeing,
- state what you think is an appropriate change, e.g. remove or add a new policy, or change a management approach.

Including your contact details:

- name,
- address or email address and
- contact phone number.

Indicating whether you want to speak to your submission at a hearing.

Speaking at a hearing

As part of your submission, you can ask to speak to your submission at a hearing. Speaking at a hearing gives you the chance to explain your submission to the Hearings Panel and present evidence that supports your written submission.

It gives you another opportunity to talk to the Hearings Panel about your thoughts and suggestions before they make their decisions.

Evidence is anything that backs up your statement and can be oral, written or visual (e.g. photographs or drawings). It should focus on issues directly related to your written submission.

If you wish to speak to your submission at a hearing, please either tick the box on the submission form, or make sure you state this if you do not use the form including your contact details.

Key dates

The timeline below outlines the steps in the review process.

Estimated timing	Key milestones
15 September to 15 November 2022	Notification of the draft local parks management plan
January - February 2023	Summary of submissions report made publicly available
February – March 2023	Hearing
March – April 2023	Deliberations and Hearing Panel's to make recommendations to the local board on amendments to the draft plan
May or mid 2023	Adoption of the Upper Harbour Local Parks Management Plan by the local board

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