



Consultation on the draft Local Board Plans 2026

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#86

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Organisation: Aktive

Local Board: Regional Organisation

Your feedback:

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

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there's anything else you would like us to consider

Aktive strongly agree with the Objective 'Our parks and community facilities are well maintained, managed efficiently, and meet community needs' and support the following key initiatives:

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Invest in the maintenance of community assets in our parks, public spaces and along the coast so they meet the needs of the community, are easy for everyone to access and enjoy, are 'SunSmart', well maintained, clean and tidy, and cost-effective

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Invest in the maintenance of our pool, leisure, library, art and community buildings so they are fit-for-service, easy for everyone to access and enjoy, and meet the needs of our growing and changing population

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Consider how we can better meet community needs at our community facilities by prioritising investment in our well-used and valued assets and considering new preferences and trends

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Implement the actions and priorities identified in the Kaipātiki Play Plan, Kaipātiki Play and SunSmart Provision Audit, Kaipātiki Nature Spaces and Trails Feasibility Assessment, Naturalisation of Parks Service Assessment, and the Kaipātiki Local Parks Management Plan

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Invest in natural solutions that improve our parks and public spaces, including planting notable trees for shade, wildflower meadows for increased biodiversity and natural play items such as māra hūpara.

We agree with the Objective ‘Opportunities to take part in sport and recreation are available and easy for everyone to access and enjoy’ and support the following key initiatives:

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Support increased participation in sport and recreation by providing access to enough quality sporting facilities to manage the growth in sport participation, including working with neighbouring local boards to share facilities where suitable

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Implement priorities identified in the Kaipātiki Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan (currently in draft)

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Ensure our playing surfaces, sports fields, pool and recreational facilities are well maintained, fit-for-purpose and easy for everyone to access and enjoy.

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

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there’s anything else you would like us to consider

Aktive supports the Objective ‘Our community is prepared for the impacts of a changing climate’ with particular reference to the following key initiative:

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Support a community climate action programme that helps the community implement the Kaipātiki Climate Action Plan. The programme will help the community learn about climate change, reduce carbon emissions, prepare for its impacts and build long-term resilience.

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Quite well

Tell us why, and if there's anything else you would like us to consider

Aktive supports the Objective 'Our urban development is high quality and sustainable and creates inclusive, safe spaces with low climate impact' and the following key initiatives:

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Consider the effects of climate change when developing places and spaces by avoiding areas or activities that are vulnerable to climate risks like drought, extreme rainfall, coastal flooding and heat

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Prioritise investment in well-located, multi-purpose community facilities with good transport connections to reduce their carbon footprint.

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Invest in high-quality parks and open spaces to support more densely developed areas.

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Support high quality walking and cycling options that serve our key destinations such as Birkenhead, Glenfield, Northcote and Wairau

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What factors do you think the local board should consider when making decisions about the future of local facilities and assets?

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AK Have your Say

Draft 2026 Kaipātiki Local Board Plan

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the draft 2026 Kaipātiki Local Board Plan.

Introduction

Active is a charitable trust with a vision of making Auckland the world's most active city. Our purpose is to unite and inspire leaders and organisations in Tāmaki Makaurau to enhance the wellbeing of Aucklanders and create more connected communities through sport and physical activity.

Active has chosen to focus its efforts on tamariki and rangatahi who are underactive or where historic inequities exist. This sees us working with and for tamariki and rangatahi who are:

- Māori
- living in low socio-economic areas
- disabled
- young women and girls
- from Pacific, Indian and Asian communities
- from the Rainbow community.

We are a key strategic partner of Sport New Zealand Ihi Aotearoa, Auckland Council and major grant-makers and funders. Active partners with, and invests in, a range of organisations and projects that get more people active in Auckland.

Response to the draft 2026 Kaipātiki Local Board Plan

We have read the consultation documents and draft 2026 Kaipātiki Local Board Plan to help inform this submission. We firstly want to acknowledge the significant investment into our sector by Local Boards and particularly the recent investment by the Kaipātiki Local Board into a Sport and Active Recreation Facilities Plan. This is greatly valued.



Community

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- *Consider how we can better meet community needs at our community facilities by prioritising investment in our well-used and valued assets and considering new preferences and trends*
- *Implement the actions and priorities identified in the Kaipātiki Play Plan, Kaipātiki Play and SunSmart Provision Audit, Kaipātiki Nature Spaces and Trails Feasibility Assessment, Naturalisation of Parks Service Assessment, and the Kaipātiki Local Parks Management Plan*
- *Invest in natural solutions that improve our parks and public spaces, including planting notable trees for shade, wildflower meadows for increased biodiversity and natural play items such as māra hūpara.*

We agree with the Objective *'Opportunities to take part in sport and recreation are available and easy for everyone to access and enjoy'* and support the following key initiatives:

- *Support increased participation in sport and recreation by providing access to enough quality sporting facilities to manage the growth in sport participation, including working with neighbouring local boards to share facilities where suitable*
- *Implement priorities identified in the Kaipātiki Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan (currently in draft)*
- *Ensure our playing surfaces, sports fields, pool and recreational facilities are well maintained, fit-for-purpose and easy for everyone to access and enjoy.*

Environment

Active supports the Objective *'Our community is prepared for the impacts of a changing climate'* with particular reference to the following key initiative:

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Built Environment

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Advocacy

Active supports the following Local Board advocacy priorities:

- *Advocate for an increase to, and greater share of, regional funding to provide sport and recreation opportunities in Kaipātiki, including through the Regional Sport and Recreation Facility Investment Fund and Regional Sport and Recreation Facilities Operating Grant*
- *Advocate for the funding we need improvements to deliver parks and recreation at A.F. Thomas Park alongside infrastructure to reduce the risk flooding, mitigation project as set out in the Ngā Wairau blue help green flood*
- *Advocate for more local board operational funding to help provide more local community services and to adequately maintain our parks, community facilities and leisure centres*



- *Advocate for the full funding needed to successfully implement the Birkenhead War Memorial Park Masterplan*
- *Advocate for the development of infrastructure that is needed to support a well-designed, low carbon and climate resilient built environment.*
- *Advocate using sustainable design and construction that is resilient to the impacts of climate change*

Overall comments

Overall, we see a large number of positive outcomes from the draft Plan and welcome the strong emphasis on sport, active recreation and play through partnerships, infrastructure upgrades, enhancements or new developments to meet the long-term needs of the growing population.

A strength of the plan is a focus on the implementation of the Kaipātiki Play Plan and the Kaipātiki Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan once it is approved. We also acknowledge the strong lens of preparing for the impacts of a changing climate within the draft Plan.

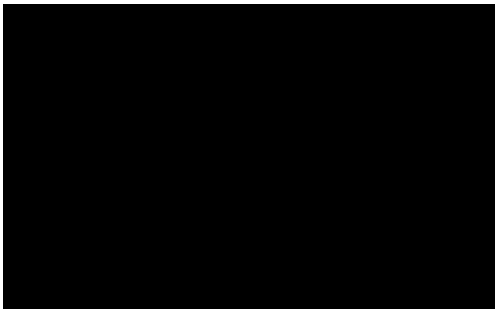
We are particularly pleased the Local Board sees the value in the Sport and Recreation Facility Investment Fund and has identified its importance for funding community-led projects. Increasing this Fund by \$35 million was a critical aspect of Active's and the sector's advocacy to the 2024-2024 Long-term Plan and we believe that the impacts of this additional funding are significant. We will again advocate for this funding to be maintained or increased for the 2027-2037 Long-term Plan and look forward to support from the Kaipātiki Local Board.

We also agree that the Regional Facility Operating Grant Fund is a critical support fund for many significant community facilities and Active will advocate for this Fund to be increased to reflect current demand in the 2027-2037 Long-term Plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the 2026 Local Board Plan consultation; this opportunity is greatly valued. Active is happy to expand on any of the points above in greater detail as required.



We look forward to the positive play, active recreation and sport outcomes Local Board investment in our communities will deliver.





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Local Board: Regional Organisation

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5. How well do you think we captured our *Transport* needs and priorities in this section?
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Tell us why, and if there's anything else you would like us to consider

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Tell us why and if there's anything else you would like us to consider, including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcome aspirations.

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Pest Free Kaipātiki Feedback on Kaipātiki Local Board 2026 Annual Plan

Overall, we strongly support the draft plan. It demonstrates a clear commitment to community-led restoration, biodiversity, climate action and the strong relationship between thriving communities and thriving ecosystems. We particularly appreciate that these themes are consistently woven throughout the plan rather than treated separately.

Measuring success

The plan contains strong aspirations but relatively few measurable outcomes or targets. While this is understandable in a strategic document, there may be value over time in identifying a small number of measurable environmental and community outcomes that demonstrate collective impact.

This aligns closely with discussions PFK has had with the Board about making environmental investment more visible. We previously proposed a Return on Investment study (using a Social Return on Investment approach) to quantify the environmental, social, physical health, mental wellbeing and employment benefits generated through community restoration. While this proposal was not funded, the current citizen science programme is another step towards measuring impact. Following this year's work, PFK would be happy to support the Board in developing meaningful outcome measures for future plans.

Natural environment and climate

We are pleased to see the emphasis on:

- catchment-scale restoration and integrated ecological management
 - daylighting streams and prioritising floodplains
 - shoreline adaptation
 - improving urban tree canopy
 - strong support for biodiversity, climate resilience and community restoration.
- One suggestion would be to explicitly recognise native planting and pest plant control as both climate mitigation and climate adaptation actions. They contribute not only to biodiversity outcomes but also carbon sequestration, flood resilience, erosion control and long-term climate adaptation.

Slips and climate adaptation

The plan identifies coastal inundation, flooding, erosion and slips as key challenges, but does not identify corresponding opportunities.

There is a significant opportunity to recognise ecological restoration as part of Kaipātiki's climate adaptation response. Native vegetation restoration can improve slope stability and

reduce landslide risk while also delivering biodiversity, water quality and community outcomes. PFK would welcome opportunities to partner with the Board on restoration projects and community education focused on slip prevention.

Volunteers

As in previous years, we greatly appreciate the Board's strong recognition of volunteers and community environmental groups. We know the return on investment from volunteer-led restoration is substantial—not only environmentally, but also through long-term behaviour change, community connection and improved wellbeing.

Ecological contract collaboration

We particularly welcome the advocacy statement:

"Advocate for the local board and our volunteer groups to be directly involved in a more collaborative approach of setting and monitoring council-contracted ecological services."

We wonder whether this could be strengthened by wording such as:

"Advocate for the local board and volunteer groups to have direct collaborative involvement in the design, delivery and ongoing monitoring of council-contracted ecological services that operate alongside volunteer restoration efforts."

This would better recognise the expertise of community groups and help improve coordination, reduce duplication and achieve stronger ecological outcomes.

Ecological priorities

If the Board wishes to further reflect PFK's ecological priorities, consideration could be given to explicitly recognising investment in protecting Kaipātiki's highest-value indigenous habitats, many of which occur across both public and private land.

Freshwater biodiversity

The plan appropriately focuses on improving water quality. It could be strengthened by also acknowledging the biodiversity outcomes this delivers, including protection of native fish, tuna, kōura, kākahi, macroinvertebrates and other freshwater species.

Restoration on private land

The plan refers to education and community restoration but says relatively little about supporting restoration on private land.

Given the significant proportion of Kaipātiki's important habitats occurring on private properties, this represents an important opportunity. Through programmes such as PFK's Halo initiatives, the Board is already helping residents become inspired, educated and

supported to actively restore biodiversity on their own land. Greater recognition of this contribution would be valuable.

Citizen science

Would the Board like to acknowledge the citizen science programme it is supporting this year? This is an excellent example of building community capability while improving environmental knowledge and monitoring.

Schools

Schools are largely absent from the plan despite being important long-term partners in environmental education and restoration. Given the Board's existing investment in this work through PFK, consideration could be given to recognising schools as key contributors to future environmental stewardship.



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Organisation: City Builders Association

Local Board: Regional Organisation

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Very well

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Very well

Tell us why, and if there's anything else you would like us to consider

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

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there's anything else you would like us to consider

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

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there's anything else you would like us to consider

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

Not very well

Tell us why, and if there's anything else you would like us to consider

6. Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Kaipātiki Local Board Plan 2026?

Support most

Tell us why and if there's anything else you would like us to consider, including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcome aspirations.

I support the Kaipātiki Local Board Plan 2026 focus on town centre upgrades and economic support in Birkenhead, Northcote, and Glenfield, restoring streams and natural environment, improving parks, playgrounds and sports facilities (including upgrades at sites like Birkenhead War Memorial Park), enhancing safer streets, wayfinding, and active transport, and supporting community heritage and wellbeing.

However, with the 7.9% rates increase for 2026/27 already locked in amid ongoing council debt and cost pressures, the board must apply strong fiscal restraint and demonstrate prudent financial management under Local Government Act 2002 s.101. Growth, stream restoration, and town centre projects bring infrastructure demands that should not disproportionately burden existing ratepayers. Fully cost and sequence initiatives, make clear choices on what to defer or scale back, and avoid spreading resources too thinly. Demand stronger efficiency in delivery of local services and facilities.

In particular, protect and efficiently maintain high-value assets such as parks, sports facilities, stream corridors, and heritage areas (including Chelsea Estate and Birkenhead War Memorial Park) that deliver strong returns on recreation, biodiversity, heritage, and community connection. Prioritise practical stream restoration, green infrastructure, and public realm improvements that offer multiple benefits. In the final adopted plan and Local Board Agreement, clearly outline efficiency measures, trade-offs, and how core local priorities like Birkenhead and Northcote centre upgrades, stream health, and parks/sports facilities will be advanced without further rates escalation. Kaipātiki ratepayers need value for money and focused delivery on the things that matter most in this established and diverse North Shore area.

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Te Kotahi a Tāmaki – Marae Collective

Submission from the TKAT - Marae Collective on the Draft Local Board Plans 2026–2029

Purpose

This submission reflects the aspirations and priorities shared by marae representatives across two regional hui facilitated by Auckland Council on 31 March 2026 and 6th July 2026 as part of the development of the Draft Local Board Plans 2026–2029 through community partnership agreement.

The first hui, held on 31 March 2026, focused on understanding the aspirations, challenges and support needs of marae across Tāmaki Makaurau. The second hui, held during the Draft Local Board Plans consultation on 6th July 2026, provided an opportunity for marae to review the draft plans, discuss local priorities and identify opportunities to strengthen partnerships between marae, local boards and Auckland Council.

Together, these discussions highlighted a shared vision for stronger partnerships, meaningful engagement, investment in marae capability, and greater recognition of marae as trusted community leaders and connectors.

Marae play a vital role in supporting whānau, preserving te ao Māori, strengthening communities and responding to local needs. They provide cultural leadership, social support, emergency response, and opportunities for whānau to connect, learn and thrive.

We welcome the opportunity to contribute to the Draft Local Board Plans and encourage all 21 Local Boards to continue strengthening their partnerships with marae over the next three years.

Our Recommendations

1. Build enduring partnerships with marae

We encourage all Local Boards to move beyond one-off consultation and establish ongoing relationships with marae throughout the work programme. Early and meaningful engagement enables better decision-making and ensures Māori voices help shape local priorities from the outset.

We also encourage more opportunities for elected members to meet directly with marae through regular hui, site visits and community-led conversations.

2. Recognise marae as trusted community partners

Whānau who may experience barriers to participation, and communities who are less likely to engage through formal consultation.

Local Boards should continue working alongside marae to reach these communities and support more inclusive engagement across Tāmaki Makaurau.

3. Invest in strong, sustainable marae

Marae require ongoing investment to continue delivering for their communities.

We encourage Local Boards to advocate for initiatives that strengthen:

- governance capability
- operational sustainability
- legal and compliance knowledge
- tikanga leadership
- community engagement capability
- emergency preparedness and resilience.

Clearer information about Council funding opportunities, criteria and application timeframes would also help marae plan more effectively.

4. Support rangatahi and whānau wellbeing

Rangatahi should remain a key priority across all Local Board Plans.

We encourage Local Boards to support initiatives that:

- strengthen cultural identity and belonging
- improve access to sport, recreation and wellbeing programmes
- provide wraparound support for tamariki and rangatahi
- create more opportunities for rangatahi leadership and participation in local decision-making.

5. Strengthen Te Tiriti partnerships

We acknowledge the distinct roles of both mana whenua and mātāwaka and encourage Local Boards to continue honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi through meaningful partnership, early engagement and opportunities to contribute to decision-making where appropriate.

Planning processes should also recognise that whakapapa and iwi relationships extend beyond Local Board boundaries, allowing marae and iwi to contribute to multiple Local Board Plans where relevant.

6. Encourage collaboration across Tāmaki Makaurau

There is significant value in creating opportunities for marae to connect with one another, local boards and Council staff.

Regional hui, expos and networking opportunities would support collaboration, knowledge sharing and stronger relationships between Māori organisations and Auckland Council.

Summay

The Marae Collective welcomes the positive relationships that continue to develop with Auckland Council and Local Boards.

We look forward to working in partnership to ensure Local Board Plans deliver meaningful outcomes for Māori communities and reflect the aspirations of whānau across Tāmaki Makaurau.

By investing in long-term relationships, recognising marae as trusted community partners and engaging early in decision-making, Local Boards can strengthen outcomes not only for Māori, but for the wider communities they serve.



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Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Submission

Draft Kaipātiki Local Board Plan 2026

Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the Draft Kaipātiki Local Board Plan 2026.

The Kaipātiki Local Board area sits within **Te Kahu Tōpuni o Tuperiri** and encompasses significant coastal environments, waterways, ngahere, wāhi tapu and sites of significance for Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei as tangata whenua. We appreciate the prominence given throughout the Draft Plan to Māori outcomes, Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and the recognition of mana whenua as partners in shaping the future of Kaipātiki and its communities.

We have structured our feedback using the Tāmaki Ora Māori Outcomes Framework, recognising that it was adopted by Auckland Council to guide Māori outcomes and provides a useful structure for considering opportunities to strengthen the final Local Board Plan. Our comments focus on those outcome areas where we believe we can make the greatest strategic contribution.

Iwi Ora – Iwi Wellbeing

Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei welcomes the Local Board's commitment to building strong and sustained relationships with mana whenua and encourages the Board to give practical effect to this commitment through regular engagement with the Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei on strategic priorities, annual work programmes and emerging opportunities. Early and ongoing engagement will support better decision-making and enable Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei as tangata whenua perspectives to inform projects from their earliest stages.

Building an enduring relationship with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei will enable the Local Board to better understand and respond to the cultural, environmental and historical significance of places within Te Kahu Tōpuni o Tūperiri, supporting outcomes that reflect both community aspirations and the enduring role of tangata whenua.

Te Taiao Ora – Environmental Wellbeing

Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei strongly supports the Kaipātiki Local Board's commitment to protecting and restoring the natural environment, recognising the interconnected relationship between ngahere, awa, wetlands and the Waitematā Harbour.

We encourage continued investment in the restoration and protection of Te Wai Manawa, Little Shoal Bay, recognising it as a significant cultural and ecological landscape. Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei confirm that protecting and restoring these interconnected environments presents an opportunity to strengthen biodiversity, improve water quality and restore the mauri of this important landscape through partnership with tangata whenua.

Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei also welcomes the Local Board's continued support for integrated environmental initiatives such as Te Ara Awataha, demonstrating how urban regeneration can restore waterways, strengthen climate resilience, improve ecological health and create high-quality public spaces. Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei encourages future environmental projects to continue integrating mātauranga Māori and recognising the cultural values and aspirations of Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei alongside ecological and engineering outcomes.

Tuakiri Ora – Cultural Identity Wellbeing

The Kaipātiki Local Board area contains places, waterways and landscapes of enduring significance for Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei that form part of the wider cultural landscape of Te Kahu Tōpuni o Tūperiri.

Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei encourages the Local Board to continue to work with us to identify opportunities to restore ancestral place names and strengthen the visibility of te reo Māori and Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei narratives through the naming, interpretation and design of parks, reserves, streets, public spaces and future regeneration projects.

As the Kaipātiki Local Board area continues to evolve, embedding the stories, values and identity of Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei and Te Kahu Tōpuni o Tūperiri and will strengthen community understanding of the area's rich cultural

heritage and recognise the enduring relationship of tangata whenua with these landscapes.

Huatau Ora – Future Wellbeing

Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei supports growth and regeneration that responds to climate change while enhancing the cultural, environmental and social wellbeing of communities.

As Kaipātiki continues to grow, we encourage the Local Board to involve Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei early in the planning and delivery of regeneration, infrastructure and public realm projects. Integrating mātauranga Māori from the outset will support developments that respond to the unique characteristics of place while strengthening resilience, restoring ecological systems and creating connected communities.

Projects such as Te Ara Awataha demonstrate the benefits of bringing together environmental restoration, stormwater management, active transport and public open space within a single integrated vision. Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei encourages the Local Board to continue championing this approach across future regeneration initiatives.

Whai Rawa Ora – Economic Wellbeing

Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei encourages the Kaipātiki Local Board to advocate for procurement and partnership approaches that recognise the contribution of Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei as tangata whenua and create opportunities for us to contribute to the planning, design and delivery of local projects.

Strengthening partnerships with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei will enable the Local Board to draw on the our knowledge, expertise and long-term stewardship of the natural environment while supporting investment that delivers enduring environmental, cultural, social and economic outcomes for Kaipātiki.

Hei whakakapinga – Summary

Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei supports the overall Draft Kaipātiki Local Board Plan 2026 in particular the strong commitment to environmental restoration, climate resilience, Māori outcomes and partnership with mana whenua.

This submission encourages the Local Board to continue building an enduring relationship with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei through regular strategic engagement, collaboration on the restoration of significant landscapes such as Te Wai Manawa / Little Shoal Bay, and the continued integration of mātauranga Māori, cultural identity and tangata whenua perspectives into regeneration, environmental restoration and public space projects. By working together, the



Local Board and Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei can help restore and protect the interconnected landscapes of Te Kahu Tōpuni o Tūperiri and the Waitematā, creating places that are resilient, culturally rich and valued by present and future generations.



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Submitter details:

Organisation: Gardens4Health

Local Board: Regional Organisation

Your feedback:

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

Quite well

Tell us why, and if there's anything else you would like us to consider

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

Very well

Tell us why, and if there's anything else you would like us to consider

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

Very well

Tell us why, and if there's anything else you would like us to consider

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

Very well

Tell us why, and if there's anything else you would like us to consider

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

Very well

Tell us why, and if there's anything else you would like us to consider

6. Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Kaipātiki Local Board Plan 2026?

Support most

Tell us why and if there's anything else you would like us to consider, including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcome aspirations.

7. To ensure our community facilities network is sustainable over the long term, the local board may need to review how assets are used, including whether some may no longer be fit for purpose.

What factors do you think the local board should consider when making decisions about the future of local facilities and assets?

8. How could the Kaipātiki Local Board improve the way it engages with you about local decisions, projects and priorities?

For example, how should we keep you informed, involve you in decisions, and make it easy for you to have your say?



Submission on 3 year local board plan for Kaipātiki.

Tēna koe,

I am writing on behalf of Gardens4Health: a network that is connected to over 130 community food gardens across the Auckland isthmus. Our team works every day with communities dedicated to improving access to fresh, healthy kai in their neighborhoods, most of whom do so without receiving any payment. We have seen first hand the impact of negligent kai infrastructure in our communities and how this impacts everyone. We want our leaders to have a robust plan for food resilience that is grounded in the existing work of communities, and our Council to be active in addressing the rapid increase of food inequity that is impacting everyone. This work cannot be done by volunteers alone.

A strong local food system is about much more than food. It supports healthier people, strengthens community connections, builds resilience to economic and climate challenges, encourages local enterprise, and contributes to thriving neighbourhoods. Investing in local food initiatives can help deliver many of the outcomes the Local Board is already seeking to achieve, including improved health and wellbeing, stronger communities, environmental sustainability and greater local resilience.

Across Kaipātiki, community organisations, schools, mana whenua, growers, volunteers and local businesses are already making an important contribution to improving access to healthy food. However, increasing pressures on household budgets, climate uncertainty, population growth and rising demand for food support demonstrate the need for stronger local coordination and continued investment.

I believe the Kaipātiki Local Board has an important opportunity to strengthen its existing commitments by recognising food as a strategic priority and working alongside communities to build a healthier, more resilient and more equitable local food system.

The actions below are practical, evidence-informed steps that can be implemented over the next one to three years to improve access to healthy food, strengthen community resilience, and support the long-term wellbeing of everyone who lives, works and learns in Kaipātiki.

How these actions support your existing commitments

These recommendations align closely with the outcomes and aspirations of both the Local Board Plan and the Auckland Plan 2050. Together, they would contribute to healthier communities, stronger neighbourhoods, environmental sustainability, climate resilience, local economic participation and greater social connectedness.

By strengthening the local food system, the Local Board can help create lasting benefits that extend well beyond food itself, improving quality of life while supporting communities to become more resilient, self-reliant and better prepared for future challenges.

Recommended Actions

1. Understand the local food system

- Commit to a local food system wānanga involving Local Board members, mana whenua, community organisations and other key stakeholders.
- Map existing food-related services, programmes, community assets, growing spaces, food providers and local champions across the Local Board area. Identify existing strengths, gaps and opportunities, and explore how current resources and investment could be better aligned to maximise impact, collaboration and equity.
- Develop a shared understanding of the local food system will help inform future investment and strengthen collaboration across the community.

2. Strengthen community partnerships

- Actively engage with the organisations, volunteers and community leaders already working to improve local food access and wellbeing.
- Visit community gardens, food hubs, māra kai, food rescue organisations, cooking and nutrition programmes, schools and local initiatives. Listen to the experiences of those working on the ground and build ongoing relationships that support genuine collaboration and shared decision-making.
- Promote existing initiatives through Local Board communication channels to increase community awareness, participation and support.

3. Invest in local food initiatives

- Increase support for proven community-led food initiatives through funding, programming and longer-term partnerships. This could include supporting community gardens and māra kai, strengthening local food hubs, providing dedicated funding for key coordination roles, improving access to small grants, streamlining Council processes, and providing greater certainty through longer-term lease arrangements where appropriate.
- Build the capability and sustainability of successful community initiatives, which represents a practical investment in the long-term resilience of the Local Board area.

4. Create healthier food environments

- Support initiatives that enable access to nourishing food and drink for everyone. This may include expanding access to drinking water, supporting culturally appropriate food initiatives, encouraging healthier food options at community events and Council facilities, celebrating businesses that provide healthy choices, and supporting community organisations to offer nutritious food through their programmes.
- Although Local Boards have limited influence over commercial food marketing, they can play an important leadership role by creating environments that encourage healthier choices and promote community wellbeing.

5. Celebrate and grow local food leadership

- Champion the stories, people and initiatives that are already strengthening the local food system.
- Share local successes through community events, digital communications and neighbourhood networks. Increase public awareness of local food initiatives and encourage greater participation across the community.
- Work alongside community organisations, mana whenua, schools, growers, businesses and residents to develop a shared vision for a resilient local food system that is better prepared for future economic, environmental and social challenges.

I believe the Kaipātiki Local Board has an opportunity to become a leader in creating a healthier, more resilient and more connected community through practical investment in its local food system.

Supporting better access to good, nutritious and affordable food is not simply a response to current challenges. It is an investment in healthier people, stronger communities, greater resilience, local economic development and a more sustainable future.

By working alongside local communities and building on the strengths that already exist, the Local Board can help create lasting benefits for current and future generations while delivering on its vision for a thriving Kaipātiki.

Thank you for your consideration and for your ongoing commitment to the wellbeing of the Kaipātiki community.

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Organisation: Harbour Sport

Local Board: Regional Organisation

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See attached file

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HARBOUR SPORT

Submission on the Draft Kaipātiki Local Board Plan 2026

*Supporting the plan's direction and strengthening local implementation for
sport, play, active recreation and community wellbeing*

Submitted by

Harbour Sport Trust

Date

17 July 2026

Organisation

He Toa Taua – Stronger Together

Overall position

Harbour Sport strongly supports the direction of the Draft Kaipātiki Local Board Plan 2026. The plan provides a positive strategic foundation for accessible sport and recreation, play, community-led delivery, equitable outcomes, active transport and investment in parks and facilities. Our recommendations are intended to reinforce this direction by adding local evidence, clarifying implementation requirements and ensuring that physical activity is recognised as a whole-of-life community wellbeing and preventative-health investment.

1. Executive summary

Harbour Sport welcomes the opportunity to respond to the Draft Kaipātiki Local Board Plan 2026. We acknowledge the Local Board's strong commitment to community connection, accessible and affordable opportunities, well-maintained parks and facilities, and the explicit objective that sport and recreation should be available and easy for everyone to access and enjoy.

We also acknowledge the significant work already undertaken by the Kaipātiki Local Board in developing the Kaipātiki Play Plan and the Kaipātiki Sport and Active Recreation Facilities Plan. These plans provide a strong local evidence base and an important platform for future investment, advocacy and partnership.

Harbour Sport supports the regional positions advanced by Active, particularly the need to maintain and improve parks and community facilities, implement the Play Plan and Facilities Plan, protect regional capital and operating investment, and plan across local board boundaries. This submission complements that regional position by adding Harbour Sport's local delivery knowledge, community relationships, State of Play evidence and experience supporting schools, clubs, health providers and community organisations across Kaipātiki.

Our principal recommendations

- Recognise physical activity as a preventative-health and social-wellbeing investment, including supporting initiatives and community programmes like Green Prescription, Community Strength and Balance, Active Families and Active Teens.
- Implement the Kaipātiki Sport and Active Recreation Facilities Plan using effective community capacity—not asset counts—as the principal planning measure.
- Link investment in places with investment in the people and organisations that activate them, including volunteers, coaches, community leaders and local providers.
- Strengthen reliable and affordable community access to schools and other third-party facilities through formal shared-use arrangements.
- Provide a clearer whole-of-life pathway from play and informal activity through active recreation, social sport, organised sport and health-supported physical activity.
- Strengthen rangatahi participation and school-to-community pathways through flexible, youth-informed and locally accessible opportunities.
- Include older adults, falls prevention, age-friendly recreation and social connection more explicitly in local wellbeing delivery.
- Establish a local implementation partnership and use measurable annual work programme outcomes to track access, participation, equity, facility use and provider capability.

Submission framing

Harbour Sport is not seeking to alter the plan's overall direction. We are asking that the final plan and subsequent annual work programmes translate its strong strategic intent into practical, measurable and sustainable local outcomes.

2. About Harbour Sport and our evidence base

Harbour Sport is the Regional Sports Trust serving the North Harbour region. We work across play, active recreation, sport, health and community wellbeing. Our role includes direct programme delivery, community development, sector capability, investment and fund administration, school and club support, facility advocacy, events, insights and partnership brokering.

Our work in and around Kaipātiki includes:

- place-based work in Glenfield and Beach Haven/Birkenhead;
- Healthy Active Learning and school engagement;
- Neighbourhood Play System and tamariki voice processes;
- Tū Manawa-supported play, active recreation and sport opportunities;
- youth sport, social sport and school-to-community connections;
- ActivAsian, SportSpasifik, Te Oranga Kaiora, Women and Girls and disability inclusion work;
- Green Prescription, Active Families and Active Teens;
- Community Strength and Balance and falls referral pathways;
- support for clubs, regional sports organisations, coaches, volunteers and community providers;
- facility planning and advocacy through the North Harbour Sports Council and wider community networks.

North Harbour State of Play evidence

Harbour Sport's 2026 North Harbour State of Play report drew on feedback from 48 clubs, 16 regional sports organisations and two community groups, representing 72,721 playing members. It provides a system-level view of the conditions affecting community sport and recreation across the five northern local boards.

Evidence	Implication for the Local Board Plan
Only 52.5% of surveyed organisations reported sufficient capacity to meet current demand.	Growing interest will not translate into participation unless facility, workforce and operating constraints are addressed.
More than 69% reported insufficient future facility capacity.	Long-term planning must respond to both current unmet demand and future growth.
Indoor sport remains heavily reliant on school gyms with limited community availability.	School access should be formal, reliable, affordable and counted as capacity only when sustainable.
Volunteer burnout, coaching shortages and succession risks are system-wide pressures.	Community-led delivery requires capability and operating support, not only capital assets.
Around 19.5% of organisations identified themselves as financially at risk.	Rising costs and pay-to-play responses may reduce equitable access.
Cost, transport, language, culture and disability continue to affect participation.	Equity needs to be designed into facilities, programmes, communications and measures.

3. Areas of the draft plan strongly supported by Harbour Sport

3.1 Community connection, affordability and community-led delivery

Harbour Sport supports the plan's commitment to connected, safe and well communities and its recognition that free and low-cost activities, community facilities, events and local organisations are important to belonging and wellbeing. This aligns with our approach of enabling locally led solutions and working through trusted schools, clubs, cultural organisations, health providers and community partners.

We particularly support the commitment to accessible and affordable events and programmes that reflect Kaipātiki's diverse population, and the intention to strengthen Māori participation, Māori-led initiatives and the visibility of te reo Māori and local narratives.

3.2 Sport and active recreation facilities

Harbour Sport strongly supports the objective that opportunities to take part in sport and recreation are available and easy for everyone to access and enjoy. We support implementation of the Kaipātiki Sport and Active Recreation Facilities Plan, the maintenance of playing surfaces and recreation facilities, and collaboration with neighbouring local boards where facilities serve wider catchments.

This network approach is essential. Kaipātiki facilities serve residents, schools and organisations beyond the local board boundary, while Kaipātiki communities also rely on facilities in Devonport–Takapuna, Upper Harbour and elsewhere across the North Shore.

3.3 Play and neighbourhood-scale activity

Harbour Sport supports implementation of the Kaipātiki Play Plan, Play and SunSmart Provision Audit, nature-space and trail work, and investment in natural and culturally grounded play. Our local Neighbourhood Play System work has demonstrated the value of bringing tamariki, parents, schools, community organisations, Auckland Council and the Local Board together to identify what prevents or enables children to play.

This approach should continue through implementation so that local investment is informed by actual use, community voice and barriers such as safety, cost, accessibility, transport and lack of suitable nearby spaces.

3.4 Active transport and access to community destinations

Harbour Sport supports the implementation of the Kaipātiki Connections Network Plan and improved walking and cycling links to schools, town centres, parks, pools, sports grounds and community facilities. Active transport infrastructure contributes directly to daily physical activity, independence, climate outcomes and equitable access.

3.5 Advocacy for regional and local investment

We support the Local Board’s advocacy for increased regional sport and recreation investment, adequate operating funding, A.F. Thomas Park improvements and implementation of the Birkenhead War Memorial Park Masterplan. We also support Active’s position that both the Regional Sport and Recreation Facilities Investment Fund and the Regional Sport and Recreation Facilities Operating Grant are critical to community outcomes.

4. Areas of significance to strengthen

4.1 Recognise physical activity as preventative health and community wellbeing

The draft plan uses strong wellbeing language, but the relationship between physical activity, health prevention, healthy ageing, social connection and management of long-term conditions is not sufficiently explicit.

Harbour Sport’s physical activity services demonstrate the scale and value of this work. During 2024/25, Green Prescription received 6,965 referrals and supported 6,345 participants across the Waitematā delivery area. Community Strength and Balance supported a network of 860 approved classes, 136,065 attendances and 2,023 annual falls referrals.

These are not peripheral programmes. They are part of the local physical activity system and reduce barriers for people who may not enter through a club, organised sport or conventional leisure-centre membership.

Requested strengthening

Include an explicit commitment to support and enable community-based preventative-health pathways, including Green Prescription, Community Strength and Balance, Active Families and Active Teens. This may include access to affordable venues, promotion, local connections, referral pathways, community activation and advocacy to regional and health-sector funders.

4.2 Adopt a whole-of-life physical activity approach

The plan should make clear that local physical activity provision extends across all ages and life stages. A strong local system provides connected options from early childhood through older age:

Play	Active recreation	Social and organised sport	Health-supported activity	Healthy ageing
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This framing is particularly important for people who need a low-pressure entry point, whānau who prefer family-based activity, rangatahi who are not attracted to competitive sport, adults managing health conditions and older residents seeking safe and social movement opportunities.

4.3 Use effective capacity rather than facility counts

Harbour Sport supports optimisation of existing assets before major new provision where this can genuinely increase participation. However, an asset should not be counted as available community capacity solely because it exists.

Effective capacity should assess:

- peak-time availability and actual utilisation;
- affordability and pricing stability;
- booking transparency and continuity of access;
- quality, suitability, lighting, drainage and all-weather reliability;
- accessible toilets, changing rooms, storage, seating, shade and wayfinding;
- public transport, walking, cycling and parking access;
- cultural welcome, safety and accessibility for disabled participants;
- whether school and third-party access is secured through sustainable arrangements.

Harbour Sport recommends that effective capacity become a core test in annual work programmes, facility business cases and cross-local-board planning.

4.4 Invest in people and organisational capability as well as places

Community-led delivery is a strength of Kaipātiki, but it cannot be sustained through goodwill alone. Clubs, schools and community organisations face increasing expectations relating to health and safety, safeguarding, governance, financial management, communications, funding, volunteer recruitment and programme quality.

Where appropriate, facility and programme investment should be accompanied by support for:

- volunteer recruitment, recognition, retention and succession;
- coach, official and community-leader development;
- governance, planning and financial capability;
- funding advice and income diversification;
- cultural capability and inclusive programme design;
- safeguarding, health and safety and operational systems;
- community engagement, communications and evaluation.

This is particularly important where the Local Board expects community organisations to activate council, school or community-managed assets.

4.5 Formalise school and third-party community access

Schools are critical to Kaipātiki's sport and recreation network, particularly for indoor courts and youth participation. However, access can be fragile where it depends on personal relationships, changes in school leadership or short-term booking arrangements.

Shared-use agreements should address:

- defined access times, including evenings, weekends and school holidays;
- affordability and pricing principles;
- booking and cancellation processes;
- maintenance, cleaning, supervision and storage;
- health and safety, insurance and operational responsibilities;
- accessibility and continuity when personnel change.

Third-party spaces should only be counted as long-term community capacity where these conditions are secure.

4.6 Strengthen rangatahi participation and school-to-community pathways

The plan appropriately supports youth voice, but should more clearly address the practical drop-off that occurs when young people move from structured school settings into community life.

Young people often lose subsidised fees, familiar peer groups, timetabled activity, school transport and easy access to facilities. Cost, work, study, family responsibilities and transport can make traditional weekly club commitments difficult.

Harbour Sport recommends support for:

- social sport, casual activity and open-access sessions;
- short-season and flexible formats;
- youth-led programme design and leadership pathways;
- school-to-club introductions and supported transitions;
- activity close to where young people live, study and travel;
- Active Teens and other health-supported pathways for rangatahi requiring additional support.

4.7 Include older adults, falls prevention and age-friendly activity

Older adults are included within broad all-ages wording, but their specific physical activity needs are not visible enough in the plan. Safe strength and balance activity, walking, low-impact recreation and social connection are significant community wellbeing interventions.

Local implementation should consider affordable venues, accessible toilets and entrances, seating, safe paths, transport, culturally relevant classes and strong links between health providers, community centres and activity providers.

4.8 Strengthen equity through practical delivery and measurement

Harbour Sport strongly supports the plan's Māori and equitable-outcomes framework. The next step is to translate these commitments into practical access conditions and measurable outcomes for Māori, Pasifika, Asian, disabled, Rainbow and lower-income communities, women and girls, recent migrants and whānau experiencing transport or cost barriers.

Equity should be evident in:

- where investment is directed;
- how communities are involved in design and decisions;
- the affordability and location of opportunities;
- facility accessibility and cultural welcome;
- multilingual and community-based communication;
- who participates, returns and progresses into ongoing activity.

4.9 Translate the strategic plan into measurable annual delivery

Harbour Sport recognises that a local board plan is strategic and should not contain every operational activity. However, the final plan should clearly signal that annual work programmes will include measurable sport, play, active recreation and wellbeing outcomes.

Useful local measures include:

- participant numbers, demographics, repeat participation and retention;
- cost and other barriers to participation;
- health and community referrals into activity;
- waiting lists and turned-away participants;
- peak-time facility use and secure community access hours;
- participation and satisfaction among priority communities;
- rangatahi and whānau voice;
- number and capability of supported volunteers, coaches and providers;
- wellbeing, confidence, belonging and connection outcomes.

5. Harbour Sport's recommendations

Harbour Sport recommends that the Kaipātiki Local Board retain the draft plan's positive direction and strengthen its implementation through the following actions.

Priority	Recommended action	Why it matters	Suggested delivery mechanism
1	Explicitly recognise physical activity as preventative health and social wellbeing.	Connects the plan to long-term conditions, mental wellbeing, healthy ageing, social isolation and whānau health.	Reference Green Prescription, Community Strength and Balance, Active Families and Active Teens in relevant annual work programmes and partnership activity.
2	Implement the Facilities Plan using effective capacity.	Asset counts overstate provision where facilities are unavailable, unaffordable, unsuitable or unreliable.	Use peak-time access, affordability, quality, accessibility and continuity as facility planning tests.
3	Create a Kaipātiki implementation partnership.	The plan spans council, schools, community providers, health partners and the sport system.	Establish a regular sport, play, active recreation and physical activity forum or implementation group.

4	Link capital investment with activation and capability support.	Facilities only create outcomes when organisations and people can operate them sustainably.	Include operating, workforce, volunteer, governance and programme-development considerations in project planning.
5	Formalise school and third-party community access.	School gyms and fields are essential but can be insecure or restricted.	Develop shared-use agreements with clear access, cost and operational responsibilities.
6	Strengthen low-cost, local and inclusive opportunities.	Cost, transport, confidence, language, disability and cultural relevance affect participation.	Prioritise neighbourhood delivery, trusted providers, accessible design and multilingual communication.
7	Strengthen rangatahi and school-to-community pathways.	Participation frequently drops when structured school support ends.	Support social sport, youth leadership, flexible formats and school-club/community transitions.
8	Recognise older adults and falls prevention.	Strength, balance and social activity support independence, safety and community connection.	Enable affordable venues, accessible environments and community-health referral links.
9	Embed measurable outcomes in annual work programmes.	Strategic objectives require evidence of participation, access, equity and sustainability.	Agree a small local indicator set and review progress with delivery partners annually.
10	Continue advocacy for regional capital and operating investment.	Kaipātiki's facility network serves a wider catchment and requires sustainable operating support.	Support the regional investment and operating funds identified by the Local Board and Akiive.

6. Harbour Sport's role in implementation

Harbour Sport is willing to support the Local Board and Auckland Council as a strategic and delivery partner. Our contribution can include:

- providing local and regional participation, facility and community insights;
- connecting the Local Board with schools, clubs, regional sports organisations, health providers and community organisations;
- supporting effective-capacity analysis and community access discussions;
- facilitating youth, tamariki, whānau and sector engagement;
- supporting play, active recreation and school-to-community pathways;
- supporting community providers with governance, funding, volunteers, coaching, inclusion and programme development;
- helping establish practical measures and impact reporting;
- contributing to cross-local-board and North Harbour network planning.

This reflects Harbour Sport's He Toa Taua – Stronger Together approach: local outcomes are strongest when community knowledge, public investment, sector expertise and trusted relationships are combined.

7. Conclusion

Harbour Sport strongly supports the Draft Kaipātiki Local Board Plan 2026. It provides a sound and constructive basis for improving community wellbeing through connected communities, accessible parks and facilities, sport and recreation, play, active transport, cultural identity and community-led action.

The principal opportunity is now to ensure that the plan's strong intent is translated into sustainable local delivery. This requires attention not only to physical assets, but also to affordability, effective access, preventative health, community capability, volunteers, school partnerships, rangatahi pathways, older adults and measurable equity outcomes.

Harbour Sport looks forward to continuing to work alongside the Kaipātiki Local Board, Auckland Council, Ake, mana whenua, schools, community organisations, health partners and the wider sport and recreation sector to support a community in which all people can be physically active, connected and well.

Final position

Support the direction. Strengthen local implementation. Invest in people as well as places. Measure whether communities are becoming more active, connected and well.

Appendix 1: Suggested wording for inclusion or annual work programme development

Area	Suggested wording
Preventative health and wellbeing	Support local physical activity and referral pathways that improve health, wellbeing, independence and social connection, e.g. including Green Prescription, Community Strength and Balance, Active Families and Active Teens.
Effective facility capacity	Assess community facility capacity using peak-time availability, affordability, quality, accessibility, transport, support infrastructure and continuity of access, including where facilities are owned by schools or third parties.
Community capability	Support the capability and sustainability of community organisations, clubs, schools and providers that deliver local play, active recreation, sport and wellbeing opportunities.
Rangatahi pathways	Support flexible, affordable and youth-informed opportunities that connect rangatahi from school activity into ongoing community participation.
Older adults	Enable accessible, affordable and socially connected physical activity opportunities that support strength, balance, mobility and healthy ageing.
Measurement	Use annual work programmes and partnership reporting to measure participation, repeat engagement, access, equity, facility utilisation, provider capability and participant wellbeing.



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Organisation: Harbour Volleyball

Local Board: Regional Organisation

Your feedback:

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Very well

Tell us why, and if there's anything else you would like us to consider

Opportunities to take part in sport and recreation are available and easy for everyone to access and enjoy: this is so important for everyone of all ages and ethnicities to have equitable access to sports facilities. This includes taking into account emerging sports which are growing fast such as basketball, volleyball, badminton, football. Multi-use facilities are critical to maximise use across different codes, and ensuring all public spaces/venues are made available to the sports in most demand especially from tamariki and rangatahi. Indoor facilities are particularly in short supply, maybe there are creative options to convert different spaces into sport facilities without the cost of new builds!

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Very well

Tell us why, and if there's anything else you would like us to consider

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

Very well

Tell us why, and if there's anything else you would like us to consider

- 6. Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Kaipātiki Local Board Plan 2026?**

Support all

Tell us why and if there's anything else you would like us to consider, including how we could better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcome aspirations.

- 7. To ensure our community facilities network is sustainable over the long term, the local board may need to review how assets are used, including whether some may no longer be fit for purpose.**

What factors do you think the local board should consider when making decisions about the future of local facilities and assets?

I would encourage the Board to ensure maximum use of all facilities based on community needs and demands.

- 8. How could the Kaipātiki Local Board improve the way it engages with you about local decisions, projects and priorities?**

For example, how should we keep you informed, involve you in decisions, and make it easy for you to have your say?



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Local Board: Regional Organisation

Your feedback:

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Tell us why, and if there's anything else you would like us to consider

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Tell us why, and if there's anything else you would like us to consider

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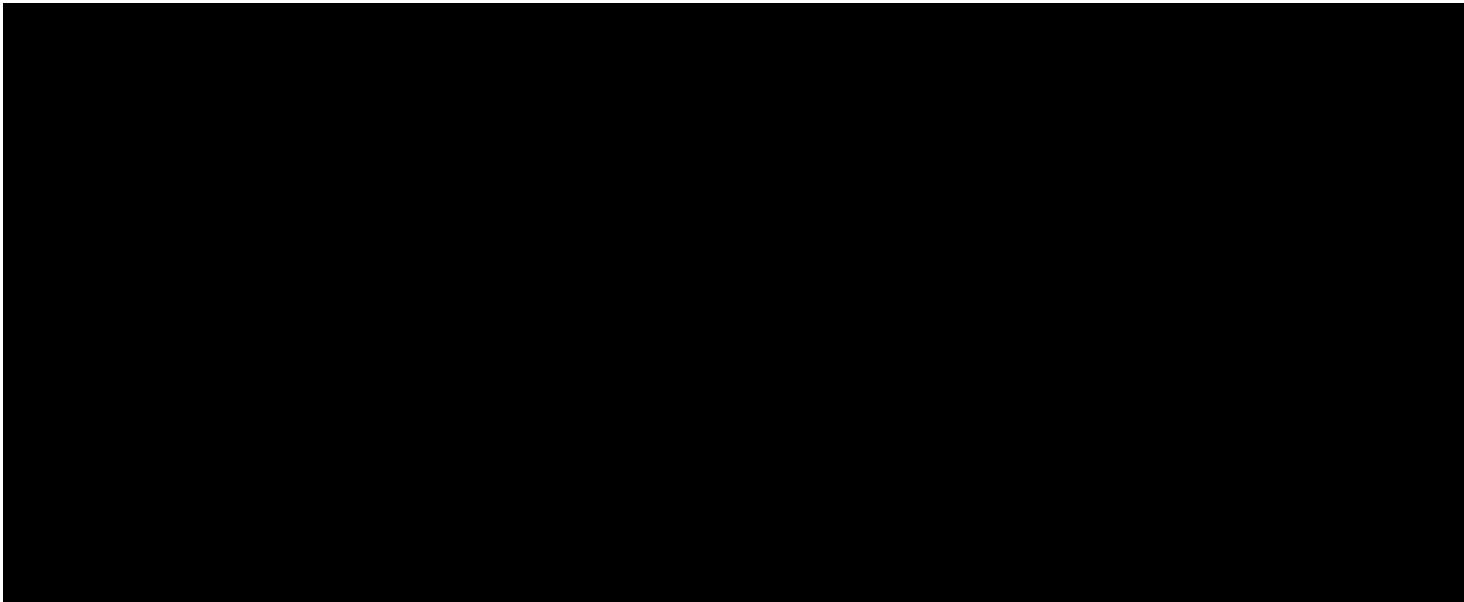
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Healthy Auckland Together submission on the Kaipātiki Draft Local Board Plan 2026

Thank you for the opportunity for Healthy Auckland Together (HAT) to provide a submission on the Kaipātiki draft Local Board Plan 2026.

Ngā mihi,



About Healthy Auckland Together



Healthy Auckland Together is committed to improving Tāmaki Makaurau so that it is an environment where all people can live full and healthy lives. By working collaboratively, we want to make it easier for everyone to be active, eat better and live longer lives. Healthy Auckland Together is a coalition of more than 30 partners representing local government, mana whenua, health agencies, non-government organisations, academia and consumer interest groups.



Creating a healthy city

Aucklanders deserve to live in communities that support all ages and all abilities to have freedom and build connections within their neighbourhoods. How our cities and neighbourhoods are designed, built and managed has a significant impact on the health and wellbeing of the people who live, work and learn in these areas.

However, increasing cost pressures on households, petrol and diesel vehicles dominating our streets, inequitable access to quality green space, and urban intensification without community-friendly design have led to a city with high demand for food support, decreased rates of active travel amongst children and diminishing outdoor play. These changes demonstrate the need for stronger local coordination and continued investment to improve the wellbeing of our communities.

Kaipātiki has a key role in the community and street spaces that enable good lives for all people. Enabling access to nourishing food, providing more opportunities to play and creating safe and healthy street environments will contribute to outcomes identified in the Auckland Plan 2050.

Mana Whenua

Engagement with Mana whenua is critical for improving outcomes for Māori. When iwi and Māori are involved in decision making around the built and natural environments, tamariki and whānau are supported to connect with local whenua, waterways, histories, mātauranga and cultural practices. Involvement in transport design and decisions, required under the Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009, supports Māori identity being reflected in the transport network.

Local Food Systems

A strong local food system is about more than food. It strengthens community connections, builds resilience to economic and climate challenges, encourages local enterprise, and contributes to thriving neighbourhoods. Working alongside communities and investing in healthy local food initiatives can help deliver many of the outcomes the Local Board is already seeking, including improved health and wellbeing, stronger communities, environmental sustainability and greater local resilience.

Outdoor Play

Engaging in outdoor play is a fundamental right of children in Aotearoa New Zealand and is an important contributor to physical, mental, social, emotional, and cultural wellbeing across the life course. When children engage in outdoor play, they experience better physical health through increased strength, bone health, cardiovascular and metabolic health; better mental health through stress reduction, emotional resilience and improved confidence, creativity, curiosity, and problem-solving; and greater social wellbeing through connections with others, belonging and intergenerational relationships.

Healthy Transport

The transport system has a significant impact on the health and wellbeing of everyone, wherever they live. How we get about has positive impacts, adults and children who travel actively, whether



they scoot, cycle or walk are protected against cardiovascular diseases, breast cancer, colorectal cancer and diabetes; improve learning and social connectedness in children and supports overall mental wellbeing. In contrast, reliance on petrol and diesel vehicles has led to increasing air pollution from vehicle emissions, causing damage to our cardiovascular and immune systems, leading to asthma, hospitalisations and deaths in communities; and ever-increasing vehicle sizes pose greater safety risks to our most vulnerable road users.

Recommendations

Through cleaner air, safer streets, more opportunities for play and access to nourishing local food, Kaipātiki can be a place where communities live longer, healthier lives. To support these outcomes for your communities, Healthy Auckland Together suggests the following recommendations.

Community

The Kaipātiki plan is to be commended for including actions on strengthening the opportunities for communities to celebrate inclusion, cultural heritage, events, sports and recreation in parks and town centres.

We **support** your objectives on implementing the play plan and consideration on play in natural spaces, such as mara hūpara.

Natural Environment

The Kaipātiki plan does well for including extensive actions to care for, protect and restore the natural environment in Kaipātiki. The natural environment is interconnected with the health and wellbeing of communities. A strong natural environment supports mental wellbeing and mitigates the impact of air pollution and high temperatures on our most vulnerable.

We **support** objective 4 of “Our people are environmentally aware and live sustainably”, particularly the priority to “Support community-led low carbon food initiatives that also promote kai (food) sovereignty (people and communities having control over their own food systems).”

We also **support** your objective “Our parks, waterways and forests are protected and enhanced so birds and other native wildlife can thrive,” especially improving tree canopy along roadways.

To improve outcomes for your communities, we **recommend** that:

- Objective 4 adds a priority to “Adopt a healthy local food strategy plan with implementation embedded in workplans.” More information about developing a local food strategy can be found in Appendix 2.

Built Environment

Kaipātiki’s built environment are key places for people to learn, work and play, and good access to supportive and welcoming public spaces contributes to the health and wellbeing of communities. Safe and well-designed town centres facilitate play and improve access for pedestrians. Sometimes, opportunities for active play can be unintentionally designed out or displaced by the way



urban environments are planned, as noted in the challenge that “new homes lack outdoor space for child play”.

We **support** the objectives “Our town centres are vibrant, safe hubs that meet the needs of our people” and “Our urban development is high quality and sustainable and creates inclusive, safe spaces with low climate impact. “

To improve outcomes for your communities, we **recommend** that:

- “Our urban development is high quality and sustainable and creates inclusive, safe spaces with low climate impact.” is strengthened to include play.

Transport

The overall implementation of the Kaipātiki Local Board’s new responsibilities in transport is a positive approach to enabling good health through increased safety and active travel.

Improving equity in transport is crucial for a healthier community and requires addressing wider systematic issues, including unsafe driving behaviour, congestion, personal safety issues and prioritising environments that support children’s independent mobility. Understanding the social stigma experienced by youth while cycling and using public transport is also relevant to improving uptake of healthy behaviours. The involvement of Māori, Pacific and disabled communities when developing actions is integral to good equity outcomes.

We **support** all of your objectives, as they address the safety, accessibility and promotion of active and public transport.

To improve outcomes for your communities, we **recommend** that:

- Safety wording is stronger, aiming to introduce safe speeds in school catchments, town centres and around marae.
- A priority is included to advocate for a time of use charging scheme that is equitable and raises funds that are used to improve public and active transport
- Include an objective to embed Māori identity, partnership and kaitiakitanga.

Conclusion

Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment on the Kaipātiki Draft Local Board Plan 2026.

Appendix 1 Tabled Recommendations

Natural Environment			
Objective	Priority	Stance	Recommendation
4	-	Addition	Add a priority to “Adopt a healthy local food strategy plan with implementation embedded in workplans.” More information about developing a local food strategy can be found in Appendix 2.
Built Environment			
Objective	Priority	Stance	Recommendation
2	-	Strengthen	“Our urban development is high quality and sustainable and creates inclusive, playful, safe spaces with low climate impact.” is strengthened to include play
Transport			
Objective	Priority	Stance	Recommendation
2	2	Strengthen	Change wording to “Introduce reduced speed limits (safer speeds) on a case - by-case basis on roads in school catchments, town centres and around marae, and where the impact on traffic flow will be minor.”
1	-	Addition	Add a priority to “advocate for a time of use charging scheme that is equitable and raises funds that are used to improve public and active transport”
-	-	Addition	Add an objective to “embed Māori identity, partnership and kaitiakitanga into the Kaipātiki transport network”

Appendix 2 Developing a healthy local food strategy

1. Understand the local food system

Commit to a local food system wānanga involving Local Board members, mana whenua, community organisations and other key stakeholders.

Map existing food-related services, programmes, community assets, growing spaces, food providers and local champions across the Local Board area. Identify existing strengths, gaps and opportunities, and explore how current resources and investment could be better aligned to maximise impact, collaboration and equity.

Developing a shared understanding of the local food system will help inform future investment and strengthen collaboration across the community.

2. Strengthen community partnerships

Actively engage with the organisations, volunteers and community leaders already working to improve local food access and wellbeing.

Visit community gardens, food hubs, māra kai, food rescue organisations, cooking and nutrition programmes, schools and local initiatives. Listen to the experiences of those working on the ground and build ongoing relationships that support genuine collaboration and shared decision-making.

Promote existing initiatives through Local Board communication channels to increase community awareness, participation and support.

3. Invest in local food initiatives

Increase support for proven community-led food initiatives through funding, programming and longer-term partnerships.

This could include supporting community gardens and māra kai, strengthening local food hubs, providing dedicated funding for key coordination roles, improving access to small grants, streamlining Council processes, and providing greater certainty through longer-term lease arrangements where appropriate.

Building the capability and sustainability of successful community initiatives represents a practical investment in the long-term resilience of the Local Board area.

4. Create healthier food environments

Support initiatives that enable access to nourishing food and drink for everyone.

This may include expanding access to drinking water, supporting culturally appropriate food initiatives, encouraging healthier food options at community events and Council facilities, celebrating businesses that provide healthy choices, and supporting community organisations to offer nutritious food through their programmes.



Although Local Boards have limited influence over commercial food marketing, they can play an important leadership role by creating environments that encourage healthier choices and promote community wellbeing.

5. Celebrate and grow local food leadership

Champion the stories, people and initiatives that are already strengthening the local food system.

Share local successes through community events, digital communications and neighbourhood networks. Increase public awareness of local food initiatives and encourage greater participation across the community.

Work alongside community organisations, mana whenua, schools, growers, businesses and residents to develop a shared vision for a resilient local food system that is better prepared for future economic, environmental and social challenges.



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23 July 2026

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Local Board Plans 2026

Thank you for the opportunity for the National Public Health Service – Northern Region, Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora, to provide technical advice on Auckland Council’s Local Board Plans 2026.

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1. Introduction and overview

This technical advice is provided on behalf of the National Public Health Service – Northern Region (**NPHS-NR**), Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora. NPHS-NR has statutory responsibilities to improve, promote and protect the health and wellbeing of people and communities under the Healthy Futures (Pae Ora) Act 2022,¹ and local authorities have duties to improve, promote and protect public health under the Health Act 1956. The Local Board Plans 2026 (**the Plans**) will influence the conditions in which people live, learn, work, travel and connect across Tāmaki Makaurau. For that reason, NPHS-NR welcomes the opportunity to provide advice that supports healthy, safe, resilient and equitable local communities.

Our overarching and plan-specific feedback relates to four of the five focus areas in the Plans and reflects NPHS-NR's priorities for community health:

- Safe, accessible and active transport.
- Reducing alcohol, tobacco and vaping harm.
- Food security and nutrition.
- Improving air quality and heat resilience.
- Equitable and inclusive communities.

Across all Focus Areas in the Plans, NPHS-NR recommends that Local Boards uphold initiatives and objectives that contribute to equitable health outcomes and focus on those with the greatest need. This includes prioritising actions that benefit Māori, Pacific peoples, disabled people, children and young people, older people, migrant communities and communities experiencing higher deprivation.

¹ s3a Health NZ is mandated to 'protect, promote and improve the health of all New Zealanders'
s13(c) Health NZ is to 'promote health and prevent... ill health, including by collaborating with other agencies and organisations'
s14(1)(k) Health NZ is to 'collaborate with other agencies and organisations... to address the wider determinants of health'

It also includes working in ways that uphold Te Tiriti o Waitangi, support meaningful engagement with mana whenua and mataawaka, and enable communities to shape local solutions. Areas where this is particularly relevant in a health context have been highlighted in the body of our advice.

Where NPHS-NR has not made a specific comment on a focus area, objective or priority within a Local Board Plan, this should be read as general support for the direction of that content. **Appendix I** summarises the specific amendments NPHS-NR recommends for individual Local Board Plans. Recommendations about harmful commodities in Part Two: General Comments should also be taken as suggested amendments to all Plans.

2. General comments

NPHS–NR values the role Local Boards play in supporting community wellbeing and local action on the wider determinants of health.

In the Northern Region (Auckland and Northland), around 15% of adults reported hazardous drinking in 2024/25, a slight increase from 13% in the previous year.² An estimated 7% of adults in the region smoke tobacco daily, trending upwards slightly over the last three years.³ Daily vaping is more common, with 10% of adults in the region reporting daily vape use – almost double the rate observed in 2020/2021 (6%).⁴

Physical activity and food security indicators also highlight areas where local action can support better health outcomes. Only 40% of adult Aucklanders are sufficiently physically active, and only 38% of children use active transport to and from school, an important proxy for physical activity.⁵ For fruit and vegetable intake, only 4% and 6% of Auckland adults meet the guidelines, respectively, while 15% of children are missing breakfast more than 3 times during the week.⁶

NPHS–NR encourages the inclusion of clear objectives and initiatives in Local Board Plans to reduce harm from alcohol, tobacco and vaping products; improve active and public transport options; and increase access to nourishing food environments.

² 2024/25 NZ Health Survey. https://minhealthnz.shinyapps.io/nz-health-survey-2024-25-annual-data-explorer/_w_9a4a831f8ccc4040a80cc15c9d98d87f/#!/explore-topics

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⁵ NZ Healthy Survey Data. <https://www.health.govt.nz/publications/regional-data-release-new-zealand-health-survey>

⁶ See 6

The following suggested objectives and initiatives are intended to be practical options that sit within Local Board influence, partnership and advocacy roles.

Suggested objectives and initiatives include:

Support community-led aspirations to reduce harm from alcohol, tobacco and vaping products. For example:

- Providing clear mechanisms for communities to raise concerns about alcohol harm, and ensuring those concerns can inform alcohol licensing processes and any future review of Auckland Council's Local Alcohol Policy.
- Supporting community members to navigate the process of applying for an alcohol ban area.
- Seeking feedback on community concerns about public areas that should be smokefree or vape-free.
- Collaborating with local community organisations and partners with shared goals to reduce harm.
- Engaging with public health organisations, including NPHS-NR, to share information, strengthen local evidence and support community-led harm reduction initiatives.

Support community participation in decisions about how alcohol is sold and supplied locally. For example:

- Objecting to alcohol licence applications of concern and supporting community members or groups if they wish to object through this process. This process can also involve recommending stronger conditions on licences that can mitigate alcohol harm.
- Reflecting community preferences in any future review of Auckland Council's Local Alcohol Policy (LAP).

Promote safe, inclusive and healthy public spaces. For example:

- Prioritising provision of public events that are free from alcohol, tobacco and vapes.
- Ensuring signage is clear and visible in public smoke-free and vape-free designated areas.
- Reporting non-compliance of tobacco, vape or alcohol retailers through relevant channels.
- Raising community awareness of available mechanisms to make complaints about non-compliance. In the case of tobacco and vape retailers, this includes our [smoking and vaping complaints toolkit](#).
- Support community provision of healthy food and drink, including urban agriculture, community gardens and well-located public drinking fountains.
- Support and invest in a comprehensive approach to play opportunities, including formal play infrastructure and initiatives that integrate play into public spaces and community settings, enabling participation by people of all ages, abilities, and cultural backgrounds.
- Improving road safety through evidence-informed measures such as lower speeds in high-pedestrian areas and on local roads, raised crossings, safer school travel environments, and other measures that support active transport and accessible local streets.
 - NPHS-NR strongly endorses the holistic framing used in Papakura's Plan under Focus Areas Three (Built Environment) and Five (Transport). This framing takes a determinants-of-health-based approach, and as a result NPHS-NR supports the use of this language across all other Plans.

3. Local Board Plans: Individual Technical

Advice

Alongside this overarching advice, NPHS-NR provides targeted feedback for seven Local Boards: Henderson-Massey, Waitematā, Māngere-Ōtāhuhu, Ōtara-Papatoetoe, Manurewa, Papakura and Whau. These Local Boards were prioritised based on the higher numbers of alcohol, tobacco, and vape retailers in their areas, as well as the proportion of priority populations within Local Board Areas, including Māori and Pacific communities.

3.1 Henderson-Massey

NPHS-NR supports the plan from the Henderson-Massey Local Board. In particular, NPHS-NR supports:

- Focus Area One: Community

NPHS-NR supports objectives associated with community aspirations to reduce harm from alcohol, tobacco and vapes. Smoking data in the Henderson-Massey Local Board area reflects the efforts being made to decrease smoking-related harm, with 8% of adults smoking regularly in 2023, down from 15% in the Census five years prior.⁷ We particularly endorse the initiative to support community safety approaches, specifically including alcohol harm reduction, and encourage the strengthening of this by collaborating with local community organisations and partners with shared goals to reduce harm.

- Focus Area Three: Built Environment

⁷ Tobacco Control Data Repository. <https://www.tcddata.org.nz/new-zealand-census/cigarette-smoking-behaviour-prevalence-maps-2013-2018-2023/?name=Territorial+Authority+and+Auckland+local+board&x=-369170&y=1749118&zoom=10>.

Objectives one, two and three support accessibility to active and public transport, which can contribute to improved physical activity, mental wellbeing, social connection and access to local services.⁸

NPHS-NR supports, in part, objective three of Focus Area Five: Transport. We recommend that road-calming measures, raised crossings and lower speed environments be explicitly referenced, as these measures can reduce injury risk and improve safety for people walking, cycling, using mobility aids or accessing schools and community facilities.

3.2 Māngere-Ōtāhuhu

NPHS-NR supports the Plan from the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board. In particular, NPHS-NR supports objective three of Focus Area Two: Natural Environment. NPHS-NR also supports initiative five, objective three from Focus Area One: Community as this contributes to local food security and equitable access to nutritious foods. These measures can directly support improved health outcomes for local communities.

NPHS-NR supports in part:

- Focus Area One: Community

In the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board area, 14% of adults smoked regularly in 2023, down from 20% in the Census five years prior.⁹ We acknowledge the opportunity noted around having a culturally diverse range of active and established community groups that provide a strong platform for community-led transformation. NPHS-NR encourages the Local Board to support community participation in decisions about how alcohol, tobacco and vaping products are

⁸ Sergio A. Useche, Francisco J. Llamazares, Cristina Marin (2024) Good for the planet... and for you too? Comparing five travel and health-related outcomes among active, motorized, and public transport commuters. *Journal of Transport & Health*, Volume 38, 101893.

⁹ See 7.

sold, supplied and experienced in local neighbourhoods, including through local advocacy, community engagement and collaboration with public health partners.

- Focus Area Two: Natural Environment

NPHS-NR supports in part objective three and recommends that it explicitly include urban ngahere (forests) planting along road corridors and in high-heat areas. This would support efforts to improve air quality, reduce urban heat and strengthen wider health and wellbeing co-benefits.¹⁰

- Focus Area Five: Transport

NPHS-NR supports in part objectives one, two, and three. Road calming measures, raised crossings and lower speed limits are effective ways to improve safety and lower the risk of injury in local streets. As a result, NPHS-NR recommends that these measures be included as part of these objectives.

3.3 Manurewa

NPHS-NR supports the plan from the Manurewa Local Board. In particular, NPHS-NR supports:

- Focus Area One: Community

NPHS-NR supports the initiative focused on upstream measures to reduce harm related to smoking, vaping, alcohol and other community harms. In the Manurewa Local Board area, 12% of adults smoked regularly in 2023, down from 19% in the Census five years prior.¹¹ NPHS-NR strongly endorses the objectives and key initiatives to work with community partners to reduce harm and identify

¹⁰ lungman T, Caballe SV, Segura-Barrero R, Cirach M, et al.,. Co-benefits of nature-based solutions: A health impact assessment of the Barcelon Green Corridor (*Eixos Verds*) plan. (2025). Environment International. 196: 109313

¹¹ See 7.

opportunities to increase community safety. NPHS-NR values the Manurewa Local Board's role in supporting community participation in decisions about how alcohol is sold and supplied locally. NPHS-NR also supports the objective to ensure community facilities are welcoming, accessible and designed so that everyone can use them.

- Focus Area Two: Natural Environment

NPHS-NR supports objective three, initiative one, as this measure mitigates the negative health impact of poor air quality and helps to improve heat resilience in the local area. NPHS-NR also supports objective four, as this objective contributes to positive health impacts associated with food security and access to nutritious foods.

- Focus Area Five: Transport

NPHS-NR supports objectives one to three as they contribute to increased opportunities for active travel, improved access to public transport, reduced transport barriers and broader health benefits associated with physical activity, social connection and access to essential services.

NPHS-NR supports in part initiative two, objective one of Focus Area Three: Built Environment. We recommend that people walking, cycling, using mobility aids and accessing public transport are explicitly reflected as part of encouraging people to stop, spend time and participate in community spaces.

3.4 Ōtara–Papatoetoe

NPHS–NR supports the Plan from the Ōtara–Papatoetoe Local Board. In particular, NPHS–NR supports:

- Focus Area Two: Natural Environment

NPHS–NR supports objectives two and four (initiative one) in particular, as these priorities contribute to food security, education, and equitable access to nutritious foods locally. NPHS–NR also supports initiative two in objective four as it supports the ongoing efforts to mitigate negative health outcomes associated with poor air quality, as well as improving local heat resilience.

- Focus Area Five: Transport

NPHS–NR supports objectives one, two, three and five.

NPHS–NR supports in part initiative one, objective two of Focus Area Five. We recommend that road-calming measures, raised crossings and lower speed environments are explicitly included to improve safety for people walking, cycling, using mobility aids and accessing schools, services and public spaces.

NPHS–NR opposes in part the current framing of objective four of Focus Area Five because it may privilege general private vehicle access rather than the specific accessibility needs of people who have limited or no practical transport alternatives, particularly disabled people and their whānau. NPHS–NR recommends reframing the objective to focus on transport accessibility for disabled people, older people, whānau with mobility or access needs, and others who may need to use private motor vehicles. Suggested wording: “Provide safe and accessible transport options for people who need to use private motor vehicles, while continuing to support active, public and low-emissions transport choices.”

We commend the initiative in Focus Area One: Community, and support the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board to continue engaging with alcohol licensing and local alcohol policy (LAP) processes and encourage supporting community participation in how alcohol is sold and supplied in the local area. NPHS-NR opposes, in part, the initiative, as there is not currently a process through which the Local Board can oppose new vape shops. However, we encourage the use and promotion of the [smoking and vaping complaints toolkit](#) to report retailers that are non-compliant with legislation.

3.5 Papakura

NPHS-NR supports the Plan from the Papakura Local Board. In particular, NPHS-NR supports:

- Focus Area One: Community

NPHS-NR strongly endorses the initiative to support community safety approaches, including alcohol harm reduction, and encourages the Local Board to strengthen this by collaborating with local community organisations and partners with shared harm reduction goals. In the Papakura Local Board area, 9% of adults smoked regularly in 2023, down from 18% in the Census five years prior.¹² NPHS-NR also encourages initiatives that support community aspirations to reduce harm from alcohol, tobacco and vaping products.

NPHS-NR also supports initiative two, objective two within Focus Area One, as it contributes to food security and local access to nutritious food.

- Focus Area Two: Natural Environment

NPHS-NR supports objective three within Focus Area Two. This objective will help improve local environmental conditions by mitigating the impacts of poor air

¹² See 7.

quality, supporting urban cooling and strengthening community resilience to increasing temperatures associated with climate change.

- Focus Area Three: Built Environment and Focus Area Five: Transport

NPHS-NR supports the Built Environment objectives in the Papakura Local Board Plan. We particularly note the Plan's positive approach to transport, including pedestrian safety and shaded areas. These measures can support active transport, improve local amenity and contribute to better air quality and heat resilience. NPHS-NR recommends that similar wording be considered for the transport and built environment sections of other Local Board Plans where appropriate.

3.6 Waitematā

NPHS-NR supports the Plan from the Waitematā Local Board. In particular, NPHS-NR supports:

- Focus Area One: Community

NPHS-NR supports initiative eight, objective two as it contributes to priorities related to food security and access to nutritious food. NPHS-NR also supports priorities related to minimising alcohol and tobacco related harm, including vaping. In the Waitematā Local Board area, 4% of adults smoked regularly in 2023, down from 9% in the Census five years prior.¹³ We encourage the Waitematā Local Board to continue supporting initiatives that are focused on further decreasing local smoking prevalence.

- Focus Area Two: Natural Environment

NPHS-NR supports initiatives two and three within objective one, as these initiatives mitigate the negative health outcomes associated with poor air quality

¹³ See 7.

and improves local heat resilience. NPHS-NR also supports initiative five, objective three, as it contributes to food security and local access to nutritious foods. NPHS-NR particularly supports initiative three of objective three, as it helps build community connection around active transport and can strengthen the population health benefits associated with walking, cycling and other active modes.

- Focus Area Three: Built Environment

NPHS-NR supports objectives one (all initiatives) and two (initiatives three, four and six) as they support the improvement of active transport and mitigate the negative health impact of poor air quality, respectively.

- Focus Area Five: Transport

NPHS-NR supports objectives one to five. These objectives support safer and more accessible transport options, encourage physical activity through active transport, improve access to employment, education and services, and contribute to reduced exposure to transport-related air pollution, which mitigates the negative health impacts associated with poor air quality.

There are no specific suggested amendments for Waitematā Local Board, other than the general comments in Part Two of this submission.

3.7 Whau

NPHS-NR supports the Plan from the Whau Local Board. In particular, NPHS-NR supports:

- Focus Area One: Community

NPHS-NR strongly supports the objective to collaborate with local community organisations, businesses and partners such as New Zealand Police to build safe local spaces. This objective could be strengthened by adding an initiative to

engage with public health organisations, including NPHS-NR, to share information, strengthen local evidence and support harm reduction initiatives. NPHS-NR also supports initiative three, objective one, as it contributes to healthy food environments and equitable access to nutritious food. NPHS-NR further supports initiative three, objective six, as it contributes to efforts to reduce the health impacts of poor air quality and urban heat.

- Focus Area Three: Built Environment

NPHS-NR also supports initiative two, objective one of Focus Area Three: Built Environment, as it contributes to reducing exposure to poor air quality and urban heat.

- Focus Area Five: Transport

NPHS-NR supports objectives one and three within the Whau Plan.

NPHS-NR supports in part objective two of Focus Area Five. We recommend including effective strategies such as lower speed environments, raised crossings and other road safety measures, particularly around schools and community facilities. These measures would support safer, more liveable streets and contribute to health and wellbeing objectives in Focus Area One: Community.

4. Conclusion

Thank you for the opportunity to provide technical advice on Auckland Council's Local Board Plans 2026. NPHS-NR values its ongoing relationship with Auckland Council and Local Boards, and welcomes continued engagement on actions that support healthy, safe, resilient and equitable communities across Tāmaki Makaurau

Appendix 1: Overview of Suggested Amendments to Local Board Plans

Table 1: Henderson–Massey

Focus Area	Stance	Detail
One	Support in part	Include support in the plan for community-led aspirations to reduce harm from alcohol, tobacco and vaping products. Include support in the plan for community participation in decisions about how alcohol is sold and supplied locally.
Five	Support in part	Objective three should explicitly include road-calming measures, raised crossings and lower speed environments to improve local street safety, particularly for children, pedestrians, cyclists and people using mobility aids

Table 2: Māngere–Ōtāhuhu

Focus Area	Stance	Detail
One	Support in part	Objective two should include ways that the Local Board can support community participation in decisions about how alcohol is sold and supplied locally. Include support in the plan for community-led aspirations to reduce harm from alcohol, tobacco and vaping products.
Two	Support in part	Objective three should include urban ngahere (forests) planting along road corridors and high-heat areas to support improved air quality, heat resilience and wider health co-benefits.
Five	Support in part	Objectives one to three should include road-calming measures, raised crossings and lower speed environments to improve road safety locally.

Table 3: Manurewa

Focus Area	Stance	Detail
One	Support in part	Include support in the plan for community-led aspirations to reduce harm from alcohol, tobacco and vaping products. Include support in the plan for community participation in decisions about how alcohol is sold and supplied locally.
Three	Support in part	Objective one should explicitly include people walking, cycling, using mobility aids and accessing public transport as part of encouraging people to stop, spend time and participate in community spaces.

Table 4: Ōtara-Papatoetoe

Focus Area	Stance	Detail
One	Oppose in part	NPHS-NR opposes in part the initiative that seeks to oppose new vape shops, despite our support for harmful commodity reduction in communities. There is not currently a process through which the Local Board can oppose new vape shops. Instead, we encourage the use and promotion of the smoking and vaping complaints toolkit to report retailers that are non-compliant with legislation, and to include in the plan initiatives associated with community participation and engaging in future regulatory opportunities.
Five	Support in part	Objective two should include road calming measures, raised crossings and lower speed limits to effectively improve road safety locally.
	Oppose in part	Objective four should be reframed to focus on transport accessibility for disabled people, older people, whānau with mobility or access needs, and others who may need to use private motor vehicles, while continuing to support active, public and low-emissions transport choices.

		Suggested wording: "Provide safe and accessible transport options for people who need to use private motor vehicles, while continuing to support active, public and low-emissions transport choices."
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Table 5: Papakura

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23 July 2026

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1. Submitter details

Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Inc. (Forest & Bird)
North Shore Branch

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2. Trade competition declaration

Forest & Bird would not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

3. Hearing options

We may wish to be heard in support of this submission

Introduction

Forest & Bird is the largest and longest-serving independent conservation organisation in Aotearoa. Its mission is to be a voice for nature, on land, in fresh water, and at sea, on behalf of its members and supporters. Volunteers in 44 branches throughout Aotearoa carry out community conservation projects and advocate for nature. Forest & Bird has seven branches and two nationally coordinated projects in the Auckland region alone, all of them run entirely by volunteers.

In support of the society's objectives, Forest & Bird is involved in resource management processes at the national, regional and district level. It routinely submits on regional and district plan provisions and some resource consents, and advocates in the Environment Court in relation to biodiversity, landscape and natural character. It is particularly committed to ensuring that the environmental bottom lines established in national policy statements, in order to give substance to the protective element of Part 2 of the Resource Management Act, are given effect to in regional and district plans and achieved through decisions on resource consents.

The North Shore Branch carries out a range of activities, including but not limited to weed control, pest control, restorative planting, education events, content creation and environmental advocacy. The branch covers the North Shore area from the East Coast Bays, south to Devonport, west to Greenhithe, and north to the Weiti River including Okura Bush. Everyone involved in the branch is a volunteer, including the committee, trappers, and supporters.

Our Approach

This submission responds to the Kaipatiki Local Board Plan 2026. Forest & Bird's North Shore Branch is also submitting separately on the draft plans of other local boards within our operating area - namely Devonport-Takapuna, Kaipatiki and Hibiscus and Bays and comparison across boards has been valuable.

We are structuring our submission to include Objectives, Key Initiatives, and Advocacy items, just as they appear in the draft Local Board Plan, along with commentary on some items and localised specifics.

Te hāpori / Community

We agree with the draft objectives and key initiatives in the Community section and would like to add the following key initiatives for consideration:

Objective	Key initiatives
Our communities are resilient with strong connections to their neighbourhoods and natural environment	Provide grants to local groups for projects or actions with a positive impact on community resilience, including those maintaining or creating carbon sinks, or nature-based solutions such as restoring wetlands, creating room for streams to flow naturally, and protecting sand dunes and mangroves. Support community-led food initiatives such as community gardens, education on growing and preparing food, reducing food waste, and sharing produce. Support initiatives that build community networks and connections which help communities respond to emergencies and the impacts of climate change and biodiversity loss.

Objective	Key initiatives
Our parks and open space meet the needs of our changing population	Invest in natural solutions that improve parks and public spaces, including native plantings, large shade trees, rain gardens, swales and daylighted streams, in local parks and open spaces, including wetlands or floodable areas in larger sites.
Council maintenance, projects and community investment decisions maximise net benefit to nature and climate resilience.	Consider and evaluate the environmental and climate impact of all local board projects and improve climate impact statements in council reports to cover net emissions, biodiversity loss, impermeable surfaces and stormwater effects, and scarce resource use and recovery.

Advocacy

We would like to suggest the below additional advocacy points under Community:

- Adopt long-term (50 to 100 year) risk scenario planning for climate change impacts across council asset and infrastructure planning - to Governing Body.
- Fund non-potable water reuse for irrigation and operation of sports, aquatic and recreation facilities - to Watercare.
- Greater public understanding of infrastructure maintenance and fault-reporting policies - to Governing Body, Auckland Transport and Watercare.
- Ensure an adequate level of renewals funding to keep existing community assets well maintained and adapted to be resilient to climate change - to Governing Body.
- Ongoing, multi-year, dedicated grant funding for community environmental and restoration groups, so they can plan and deliver programmes across multiple seasons rather than one funding cycle at a time - to Governing Body.

Commentary

Climate resilience and healthy communities are not separate outcomes. A community's ability to withstand climate impacts depends as much on its social networks, local food security and access to nature-based solutions as it does on physical infrastructure. Supporting kai resilience, through initiatives such as community gardens and food-sharing networks, reduces both the environmental and financial cost of how communities feed themselves, cutting food miles while easing pressure on household budgets.

Embedding climate resilience, restoration that creates carbon sinks, and nature-based solutions within the Community outcome helps ensure these considerations are reflected in the everyday work of community development, rather than being left solely to environmental work programmes.

We agree the draft objectives and key initiatives under Natural Environment and would like to suggest the below for consideration:

Objectives	Key Initiatives
Our native biodiversity and supporting ecological areas (whether on public or private land) are protected, restored and enhanced	Partner with community groups and mana whenua to implement projects focusing on education, planting, weed management, water quality, pest management, and indigenous biodiversity protection and restoration initiatives across public and private land. Identify and prioritise restoration planting opportunities, for community and council projects, that create ecological connections by retiring hard-to-maintain areas within existing parks and reserves. Support responsible cat ownership through desexing and containment encouragement, and work with neighbouring boards on control of feral and stray cats in areas of high biodiversity value. Ensure monitoring and compliance of dog access rules keep high-value conservation areas free of dogs while providing space for responsible pet ownership elsewhere
Streams and wetlands are healthy, restored, and better able to support natural flood processes and native biodiversity	Deliver a local freshwater stream quality programme to identify and mitigate pollution sources and protect coastal waters. Prioritise the restoration of wetlands where they exist or can be re-established. Prioritise ecological maintenance projects that protect and enhance identified potential inanga spawning sites through bank stabilisation, pest plant control, sediment control and pest animal control. Work with Healthy Waters to provide education and support that ensures commercial and industrial sites upgrade their on-site stormwater management to prevent contamination at the source.
We understand climate change risks, take action to reduce climate impacts, and prepare to adapt and respond to future events	Support and engage with communities on shoreline and flood risk adaptation planning related to council assets, favouring nature-based solutions where practicable, in line with the local Shoreline Adaptation Plan Plant more trees for shade in public spaces to mitigate the causes and consequences of climate change. Deliver the Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy to increase urban ngahere in parks and open spaces.

Advocacy

We support all the current advocacy points under Natural Environment and would like to suggest the following additional advocacy points:

- Stronger monitoring of activities that cause sediment runoff into streams and harbour margins, and stronger penalties for those who knowingly cause harmful sedimentation - to Governing Body.
- Increased regional funding for biodiversity, air, freshwater and coastal water quality monitoring across the local board area - to Governing Body.
- Reinstatement of general tree protection legislation - to Central Government.
- Ongoing, dedicated grant funding for the community environmental groups already carrying out restoration and pest control work across this board's area - to Governing Body.
- Continued Natural Environment Targeted Rate funding to maintain and grow current investment in pest control, kauri dieback management and biodiversity restoration across Tāmaki Makaurau - to Governing Body.
- That conservation remain the primary purpose for any public conservation land within the board area - to Central Government.
- Raise awareness of and advocate for dark sky areas and reduced light pollution to protect our indigenous seabirds - to Governing Body.

Commentary

Protecting nature is about more than restoring isolated sites, it also requires reducing the pressures that continue to degrade ecosystems. For native biodiversity to thrive and withstand the pressures of climate change, healthy, connected habitats are needed at a landscape scale, supported by partnership with mana whenua and community groups.

Freshwater deserves particular attention. Healthy streams, wetlands and estuaries underpin biodiversity, reduce flood risk and improve the health of the wider catchment, yet they remain vulnerable to sediment, stormwater and other contaminants. Delivering local restoration and catchment programmes in full local plans in full and resourcing the monitoring that keeps consented environmental outcomes in place, is what turns commitment into results.

As the more obvious threats of pest plants and animals become increasingly managed, consideration should be given to threats that remain unaddressed. Responsible pet management, dark sky protection and ecological hygiene measures all protect the gains that years of restoration investment, by community groups, volunteers and Council, are achieving, before other pressures quietly undo them.

Te taiao kua hangaia / Built Environment

We agree with all draft objectives and key initiatives under Built Environment.

Advocacy

We support all the current advocacy points under Built Environment and would like to suggest the following additional advocacy point:

- Funding for construction and demolition waste compliance and education - to Governing Body.
- Increased funding to actively monitor and enforce compliance with green infrastructure and canopy requirements attached to resource consents, so that planting and green space required at the time of consent is not lost - to Governing Body.
- Advocate that infrastructure capacity be confirmed before new housing and town centre development proceeds, and that intensification not be enabled within Significant Ecological Areas - to Governing Body and Central Government.

Commentary

As Auckland continues to grow and intensify, new development needs to protect the qualities that make an area a desirable place to live. Green infrastructure functions as essential infrastructure. Indigenous canopy, rain gardens, swales and other nature-based stormwater measures reduce flooding, improve water quality, support biodiversity and create healthier neighbourhoods. These benefits are only realised if they are designed into development from the outset and Council has the resources to monitor and enforce them once consent is granted.

Te whanaketanga ā ōhanga / Economic Development

We agree with all draft objectives and key initiatives under Economic Development. We support all the current advocacy points under Economic Development and provide the below to consider.

Objectives	Key Initiatives
Sustainable economic activity	Support projects that engage, advise, educate and assist local businesses and residents to minimise waste and build a circular economy.

Advocacy

We support all the current advocacy points under Economic Development. We would like to suggest the following additional advocacy points:

- Funding for the expansion of community recycling and resource recovery facilities serving this local board area - to Governing Body.
- Council procurement policies that favour local and ecologically sustainable suppliers - to Governing Body.

Commentary

A resilient local economy depends on healthy communities and healthy ecosystems. Forest & Bird encourages greater emphasis on the opportunities presented by a circular economy. Community recycling and resource recovery capacity, and support for local businesses minimising waste, add real economic value alongside the environmental benefit, while reducing pressure on natural resources.

Tūnuku/ Transport.

We agree with all draft priorities under Transport and would like to offer the below priorities to integrate into the plan:

Objectives	Priorities
A low-emissions, climate-ready transport system with real travel choices	Prioritise native tree canopy along cycleway and shared path routes with nature sensitive design Prioritise permeable surfacing on new or renewed parking areas.

Advocacy

We support all the current advocacy points under Transport. We would like to suggest the following additional advocacy points:

- Retain the Local Board Transport Capital Fund across the Board's whole area, so the Board can keep delivering local walkway and cycleway connections with native planting components - to Governing Body.
- Deliver projects that align with the Transport Emissions Reduction Pathway (TERP), the key strategy to decarbonise Auckland's transport system - to Auckland Transport.
- Improved cycle and pathway safety, including lighting, physical traffic barriers, accessibility and proactive maintenance to prevent problems - to Auckland Transport.
- More local initiatives to contribute to decarbonisation by encouraging more use of public transport, such as electric on-demand public transport options or better bike storage at transport hubs - to Auckland Transport.
- Improved weed management on motorways and road reserves - to Waka Kotahi (NZTA).
- Long-term planning to provide low-emission infrastructure for e-scooters, e-bikes and electric cars, such as electric vehicle charging stations, in larger development areas - to Governing Body.

Commentary

We support the Board's commitment to active and public transport. Our additions build on this by prioritising native tree canopy along cycleway and shared path routes, and permeable surfacing on new or renewed parking areas.

The Local Government (Auckland Council) (Transport Governance) Amendment Act 2026 gives the Board direct decision-making over local and collector roads, including cycleways and parking. This gives the Board a direct route to deliver street trees and permeable surfacing as part of footpath and cycleway renewals, through its own decision-making.

Conclusion

Forest & Bird appreciates the positive direction reflected throughout this draft plan.

While our recommendations are relatively minor, we hope they help guide continued progress towards thriving communities, thriving nature, and a more climate-resilient future.

Thank you for considering our submission



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Organisation: Te Taumata Toi-a-Iwi

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As the regional arts trust for Tāmaki Makaurau, Te Taumata Toi-a-lwi would like to tautoko the Kaipātiki board's priority; Opportunities to celebrate creativity in the arts are available and accessible to all.

Arts, culture, and creativity events and programmes can also support wider board goals, such as making people and communities feel connected, safe and well, reflecting Māori identity and culture and building active partnerships with mana whenua and Māori, and celebrating and supporting diversity.

We would encourage the board, as you work with local arts and culture organisations and practitioners, to explore with them what opportunities there are for toi Māori, and arts, culture and creativity programmes and events to help the board achieve its wider community priorities.

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22 July 2026

From: The Tree Council



1. Introduction

- 1.1. Thank you for the opportunity to present The Tree Council's submission on the proposed **Kaipatiki Local Board Plan 2026**. This submission is made by The Tree Council, an independent, voluntary organisation, a non-profit incorporated charitable society which has been serving the Auckland community since 1986 in the protection of trees and as advocates for the significant benefits and services that our trees and green spaces provide.
- 1.2. Your draft states that this plan focuses on protecting, enhancing, and sustainably managing the local natural environment, including reserves, waterways, biodiversity, green spaces and community-led environmental outcomes. It connects environmental stewardship, sustainability initiatives, and ecological outcomes to local aspirations.
- 1.3. The Tree Council applauds these initiatives and intentions, and provides the following comment and recommendations.

2. Community

- 2.1. Your plan states that you will invest in natural solutions that improve your parks and public spaces, including planting notable trees for

shade, wildflower meadows for increased biodiversity and natural play items such as māra hūpara. We fully support these initiatives.

- 2.2. The growing of fruit in suburban gardens has gone out of fashion in recent years and with intensification the space to do so will soon be unavailable to most people living in Auckland. Therefore having the opportunity to grow fruit in public spaces (parks, reserves, streets) is something that people value highly. Public consultations on the type of trees desired for public planting often results in suggestions for fruit trees. We note that one of your key initiatives is “support community-led low carbon food initiatives that also promote kai (food) sovereignty (people and communities having control over their own food systems)”.
- 2.3. Having public collections of different types of fruit trees would enable educational opportunities to take place that could include for example daily care, pruning, propagation, grafting, cookery, heritage and history etc. This could involve schools as well as public workshops, adoption by community or friends groups. The public collections on public land in local parks and streets could be localised to reflect the fact that some varieties of fruit trees are better suited to grow in specific areas of Auckland.
- 2.4. We urge you to advocate for the growing of fruit trees on local parks and streets in your local board area and to reach out to the public to identify fruit trees on private land that could provide the basis for the collection via propagation &/or transplanting. We note your support for the development of a community-led eco-designed plant nursery on the old Glen Road nursery site at Te Rangi Hiroa Park and this would be the perfect place to propagate fruit trees sourced from your local board area for planting in your local parks. Support for this project can be enhanced by working with NZ Tree Crops Association, The Tree Council and local groups in your area.

3. Natural Environment

- 3.1. We understand that the loss of tree canopy cover from development and changes in land use makes it harder to maintain and increase tree canopy coverage in line with the local board goals to provide shade, support biodiversity and help manage urban stormwater. We support your objective that “Our parks, waterways and forests are protected and enhanced so birds and other native wildlife can thrive” and we recognise that you have a high level of canopy coverage compared to many other local boards. However we are disappointed not to see that

one of your plan objectives is to enhance tree cover within the local board area by implementing actions from the Local Board Urban Ngahere (forest) Strategy Action Plan to enable opportunities to enhance tree cover to be identified and activated. We think this should be linked to the development of the “blue-green network” so that there is a clear guide to how and where this can occur to have the greatest impact.

- 3.2. We are delighted to see recognition of and your support for the important role mana whenua and community groups play in working to enhance biodiversity, control weeds and pests and undertake tree planting - and that you are guided by a Māori world view to protect and care for our natural environment, which we fully support.
- 3.3. We urge you to oppose all consents proposing to remove trees in Significant Ecological Areas and Scheduled Notable Trees on both private and public land, as well as street and park trees, as these are so important to retain for future generations. So few urban trees currently have legal protection it is vital to retain them.
- 3.4. We are delighted to see your emphasis on controlling the spread of kauri dieback in your area. Thank you for taking this issue so seriously. We note that you plan to advocate to the Governing Body regarding kauri dieback hygiene training for contractors and volunteers working off-track in local parks. We'd like to suggest that you contact some of the fantastic community organisations already working in collaboration with the Council's Biosecurity department on doing this kind of training. Both Pest Free Kaipatiki and Kauri Rescue are able to deliver this work alongside Council officers.
- 3.5. As you have kauri in many of your local reserves you should consider getting them urgently tested for kauri dieback (if you haven't already) and if found to be positive then you should consider getting them treated with phosphite to keep them alive. Kauri dieback has an almost 100% mortality rate so all infected trees will die without treatment.
- 3.6. We recommend you work with the Kauri Rescue Trust for the best way to approach this problem. There is an urgency as trees in which the disease has progressed too far will not survive even after treatment, so the earlier this happens the better. Kauri are carbon sinks, we need to keep these trees alive as long as possible. Kauri Rescue has already been working to treat trees in local parks and this work can be expanded with the support of local boards.

4. Advocacy

- 4.1. We support your plan to advocate to the Governing Body for an “increase in, and greater share of, regional funding to support work to

improve the environment in Kaipātiki” and for “ongoing investment in Kaipātiki using funds collected through the Water Quality, Natural Environment and Climate Action Targeted Rates”.

- 4.2. We support your plan to advocate to the Governing Body “for the local board and our volunteer groups to be directly involved in a more collaborative approach of setting and monitoring council-contracted ecological services”.
- 4.3. We are delighted to see your plan to advocate to Central Government “to reinstate legislation that provides general tree protection”. Thank you!
5. In addition we would like to see specific support, including financial support, for the following initiatives to protect and enhance existing tree cover:
 - 5.1. Practical support and (for eg legal) advice for private landowners wishing to provide permanent protection for their trees eg via covenants &/or scheduling to enable protection of existing tree cover on private land to be optimised as most of the mature trees in Auckland are on private land with no legal protection.
 - 5.2. Grants for private landowners to maintain Scheduled Notable Trees on their property.
 - 5.3. Provide permanent and visible physical labels for all Scheduled Notable Trees in the local board area to enable the public to see that this tree is legally protected and tell the stories of our natural heritage.
 - 5.4. Look for opportunities to schedule additional mature trees and encourage Council to undertake Plan Changes to the Unitary Plan to regularly add new trees to Schedule 10 (Notable Trees).
 - 5.5. Look for opportunities to raise awareness of the value of Scheduled Notable Trees by organising events to celebrate them such as guided walks, community picnics, heritage talks.
 - 5.6. We would like to see specific support, including financial support, for mana whenua, local communities and groups undertaking the following types of initiatives within the local board area:
 - 5.6.1. water quality testing
 - 5.6.2. monitoring of beaches
 - 5.6.3. treatment of diseased kauri trees on local parks and private land
 - 5.6.4. monitoring for myrtle rust
 - 5.6.5. weed control
 - 5.6.6. pest control
 - 5.6.7. protection of rare birds eg dotterel
 - 5.6.8. restoration planting

- 5.7. Public education on issues affecting biodiversity such as:
 - 5.7.1. kauri dieback, myrtle rust
 - 5.7.2. weeds
 - 5.7.3. animal and insect pests
 - 5.7.4. other biosecurity threats
 - 5.7.5. control of dogs in sensitive areas
 - 5.7.6. conflicting uses eg vehicles on beaches
 - 5.7.7. rules for marine reserves