# Consultation on the draft Local Board Plans 2026

## Written Feedback

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# Have Your Say on the Draft Albert-Eden Local Board Plan 2026

**#503**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** Aktive

**Local Board:** Regional Organisation

## Your feedback:

1. **Overall, how much do you support the priorities in the draft Albert-Eden Local Board Plan 2026?**

   Support most

   **Tell us why?**

   Aktive supports the Objective 'We foster Te ao Māori and it is visible in our local places' and the key initiatives:

   Nurture our relationships with the iwi and hapū who have an interest in our area

   Develop a strong relationship with the marae and kura in our area and achieve projects important to them:

   Te Māhurehure Marae

   Te Noho Kotahitanga Marae

   Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ngā Maugarongo

   Support local initiatives that celebrate Māori identity and culture and te reo Māori, e.g. celebrating Matariki.

   We support the Objective 'We celebrate diversity, making sure everyone is empowered to participate and feel like they belong' and the key initiatives:

   Invest in our community by building their skills and capability, connecting them to resources, networks and funding opportunities.

Reduce barriers so everyone can be an active part of our community, especially children, young and older people, migrant communities, LGBTQ+ communities, people with physical or intellectual disabilities and transient populations.

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Support communities at a neighbourhood level including small-scale groups and spaces that build connection across shared interests.

Aktive supports the Objective 'People and communities have access to spaces and services that improve their wellbeing, help them learn and meet their changing needs' and the following key initiatives:

Make progress towards a new library and community centre hub in Pt Chevalier.

Assess our community lease buildings to make sure they are being well used, will work for our community into the future and help groups connect and share spaces.

We strongly support the Objective 'Our community is healthy and active and can include movement and fun in everyday life' and the key initiatives

Partner with sports codes and schools to increase the number of indoor courts and the quality of sports facilities in our area.

Make our parks and public places fun so everyone has space and feels comfortable to play and recreate, especially children.

Provide more access to swimming pool space and help our community learn how to be safe in the water.

Upgrade our sportsfields and work with others to improve theirs, to get more hours of use in our area.

We strongly support the Objective 'Our parks and open space meet the needs of our changing population' and the key initiatives:

Get the most use out of our parks for more people, more types of activities and in more intense weather – both more rain and hotter summers.

Improve Chamberlain Park by adding a new local park and walking and cycling paths, restoring Waitītiko / Meola Creek and shifting golf holes to keep an 18-hole golf course.

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Add more open space to our network and improve links, connections and safety of existing parks through land exchanges or boundary changes.

Make the most of land purchased in the flood buy-out by turning any suitable sites into new parks.

While we support the Chamberlain Park initiative as noted above, it is critical that the future of golf at this location remains fit for purpose and future proofed. This is particularly relevant given the loss of dedicated golf space elsewhere in Tāmaki Makaurau.

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Adapt our programmes in libraries and community centres to better match what communities need and how they use our services.

Shift what our asset portfolio looks like by partnering with others, repurposing, integrating or consolidating.

We support the Objective 'We actively manage climate risks and reduce our environmental impacts' and the key initiatives:

Manage assets which are at risk of coastal hazards and climate change through the Waitematā Harbour West Shoreline Adaptation Plan.

Implement low carbon practices through capital projects when upgrading or developing our assets, for example minimising construction waste or adding renewal energy generation

We support the Objective 'Our community is connected to and cares for the local environment' and the initiative:

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Support the community to change their travel patterns to include more low carbon options, like walking, cycling, scootering or catching public transport.

Support community groups to use environmental practices in their buildings, such as renewable energy generation or capturing rainwater.

We support the Objective that 'New neighbourhoods have quality community spaces and infrastructure' and the key initiatives:

Complete planning for...

2. **Which of these do you believe our diverse community needs most?**
   **(Select up to 3 options)**

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**4. Decision making for transport is changing. Local boards will decide on some things and advocate for others. Which of the following transport issues are most important? (Select up to 3 options)**

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

# AK Have your Say
# Draft 2026 Albert-Eden Local Board Plan

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

## Introduction

Aktive 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.

Aktive 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. Aktive partners with, and invests in, a range of organisations and projects that get more people active in Auckland.

## Response to the draft 2026 Albert-Eden Local Board

We have read the consultation documents and draft 2026 Albert-Eden Local Board Plan to help inform this submission. We firstly want to acknowledge the significant investment into our sector by Local Boards. This is highly valued.

## Community

Aktive supports the Objective '*We foster Te ao Māori and it is visible in our local places'* and the key initiatives*:*

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## Built Environment

We support the Objective that '*New neighbourhoods have quality community spaces and infrastructure*' and the key initiatives:

- *Complete planning for areas we expect to grow due to changes in Auckland Unitary Plan rules, so we prepare for what services we will need to provide future communities.*
- *Provide community services for new communities coming to large-scale developments in our area, like Te Kukūnga Waka (Carrington residential development) and University of Auckland Epsom Campus.*
- *Bring people and activities into the area around Maungawhau Station so it is well used, lively and feels safe.*

We support the Objective '*Town centres have a strong sense of identity and connection to place*' with particular reference to the initiative:

- *Investigate the development of a civic space in the Mt Albert town centre to create a vibrant heart and strong connection to the Mt Albert Station*.

We support the Objective '*We celebrate the history and character of our neighbourhoods*' with particular reference to the initiative:

- *Work with mana whenua to understand the names, history and stories of local places, so identity and culture can be incorporated into the design of developments and reflected in the landscape*.

## Transport

We support the Objective '*A low-emissions, climate-ready transport system with real travel choices'* and the priorities:

- *Provide safe and accessible walking, cycling and micro-mobility options for people to use, including by adding missing links and connections.*
- *Promote the City Rail Link opening so people use the trains more and can connect to any other transport options.*
- *Make Maungawhau Station people friendly and accessible.*
- *Make the street environment around Maungawhau Station high quality, inviting and easy to use, helping people get to the station and into the surrounding urban areas.*
- *Ensure the public transport network is safe, reliable and accessible*
- *Provide the missing walking and cycling connection running east to west across our local board area.*

We support the Objective '*Transport projects are well-planned, integrated and reflect local needs'* and the priorities*:*

- *Reduce the negative impacts of level crossing removal projects by ensuring local communities can still move around their area and access important facilities.*
- *Make the most of level crossing removal projects by adding art, informal recreational or green spaces around any new interchanges*.

We support the Objective '*Risks are reduced so people can move safely around our area'* and the priorities:

- *Make changes to roads and intersections to improve safety for drivers, walkers and cyclists.*
- *Set safe speed limits to provide a consistent and safe speed environment, working towards survivable speeds on our local roads.*
- *Improve safety on public transport and at transport hubs, like train stations and bus stops.*

We support the Objective '*We share road space and balance the needs of different users'* and the priorities:

- *Ensure footpaths are wide, accessible, and safe.*
- *Improve the efficiency of our key road corridors so more people can use them more safely*.

## Advocacy

Aktive supports the following Local Board advocacy priorities:

- *Budget through growth funding for brownfields areas to cater for intensification, specially to fill gaps in provision for indoor courts, covered courts, upgrades to sports fields and improving lighting*
- *Budget to deliver the aquatic facilities we will need to respond to growth in the future.*
- *Work with sport clubs and Sport Auckland on local projects and programmes.*
- *Increased budget for buying open space, to ensure the shortfalls in service provision in urban areas can be addressed.*
- *Budget to buy and develop open space in already urbanised areas, like the central isthmus area.*
- *Budget to upgrade Dominion Road, improving footpaths, public transport, walking and cycling options*
- *Reducing the negative impacts of water infrastructure projects on local communities and using construction as an opportunity to leave parks better than before we started*

## Overall comments

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**Submission to:** Auckland Council Te Kaunihera o Tāmaki Makaurau

**Subject:** **Draft Auckland Local Board Plans 2026**

**From:** Arts Council of New Zealand Toi Aotearoa (Creative New Zealand)

1. Creative New Zealand welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on Auckland Local Boards' three-year plans for 2026.

2. Arts, culture, creativity and ngā toi Māori build stronger, more connected communities across Auckland, and create vibrant and prosperous communities where people want to live, work and visit.

3. Auckland Council has 21 local boards, each playing an essential role in supporting arts and culture across the Auckland region. The **Auckland Local Board Plans are an important opportunity for Local Boards to build on their investment in the arts**, and unlock the arts' economic, cultural and social benefits.

4. We thank Auckland Council and each of the 21 Local Boards for their ongoing support of arts, ngā toi, culture and creativity in Tāmaki Makaurau, and look forward to continuing to work with you to realise the enormous potential creativity can bring to all your communities.

**Arts, culture, creativity and ngā toi Māori are foundational community services that shape how people live, connect and feel about where they belong**

5. From festivals, concerts, public art and murals to galleries, libraries, arts hubs and marae, creativity shapes how the city looks, sounds and feels. It creates vibrant communities that people are proud to call home.

6. We know that Aucklanders value the arts and are engaging with the arts more than ever before. Two in three Aucklanders agree that arts and culture have a vital role to play in the future of where they live. Support for public funding of the arts in Auckland has increased since 2020, with over half of Aucklanders believing Auckland Council should help fund the arts.

7. Our *New Zealanders and the Arts—Ko Aotearoa me ōna Toi* research[1] shows that Aucklanders recognise the economic and social benefits of the arts, with:
    - 75 percent of Aucklanders agreeing that the arts create jobs, both in and around the creative industries, and the majority agreeing that the arts contribute positively to our economy
    - over half of Aucklanders valuing the arts for creating opportunities to socialise and connect
    - 69 percent of Aucklanders agreeing that the arts play a role in raising awareness of societal and environmental issues.

8. Young people, Māori, Pacific peoples and Asian New Zealanders are also more likely than other Auckland residents to agree that the arts are an important way of connecting with their culture, and that taking part in the arts supports their identity. Rainbow communities and people with lived experience of disability participate highly in the arts and need more accessible and inclusive environments to support their engagement.

**Together we can create healthy, sustainable and thriving arts ecosystems in local communities**

9. Through the Local Board Plans, we encourage each of the Local Boards to prioritise investment in the following.
    - **Cultural programmes and events** which encourage people to visit their local town centres, attracting visitors and shoppers. These programmes and events also bring diverse local communities together, build social connections and bring public spaces to life.
    - **Events and festivals that boost economic development and tourism** are also essential pathways for artists, producers, technicians and arts administrators to build the skills, knowledge and expertise that support bigger events, such as Pasifika and larger musicals and concerts. Smaller festivals and events are crucial to build the skills, knowledge and expertise that support bigger events such as Pasifika and larger musicals, concerts and exhibitions.
    - **Public art, murals and activated public spaces** provide a sense of place, telling the history and stories of mana whenua and your communities' unique identities, and making public spaces safer. We encourage working with your local arts and culture

[1] Auckland residents survey findings in *New Zealanders and the arts—Ko Aotearoa me ōna toi* (2023): https://creativenz.govt.nz/-/media/project/creative-nz/creativenz/publicationsfiles/2024-nzers-and-the-arts/20240730nzartsaucklandfinal.pdf

organisations, artists and creatives to explore ways of working together to further community opportunities.

- **Community halls, venues and gathering spaces** are important facilities for people to gather, rehearse and participate in community choirs, dance, kapa haka, theatre groups, reading clubs, craft-making and more, to experience arts and culture.
- **Making council owned venues available to arts communities to use free of charge or at reduced rates**. Dedicated spaces for Māori and Pacific peoples in your local areas are also crucial cultural centres for whānau, hapū, iwi and the wider community.
- **Ensuring investment reaches across the wider arts ecosystem**, including creative infrastructure in the city that works closely with communities across all of Auckland, ensuring a network of cultural infrastructure and cultural facilities. This network needs resources to deliver in a complementary way, to support staff who have the skills, knowledge and experience to successfully deliver services and activities in ways that are fit-for-purpose, high-quality and responsive to the needs of residents and visitors.
- **Lean into *Toi Whītiki***, Auckland Council's Arts and Culture Strategic Action Plan, which sets out a fantastic, community-led and region-wide roadmap.

**Prioritise investment in arts, culture, creativity and ngā toi Māori as important community services**

10. Our research demonstrates that Aucklanders place considerable value on the arts at a community level.[2] Arts and culture programmes and services support local board priorities, including:
    - employment for rangatahi
    - safer communities
    - celebrating diverse communities
    - town centre vitality
    - stronger local economies.

[2] Auckland residents survey findings in *New Zealanders and the arts—Ko Aotearoa me ōna toi* (2023): https://creativenz.govt.nz/-/media/project/creative-nz/creativenz/publicationsfiles/2024-nzers-and-the-arts/20240730nzartsaucklandfinal.pdf

11. To ensure these programmes continue to serve crucial community functions, local boards' prioritisation of arts and culture in three-year plans is essential.

**Supporting arts and culture in Local Board Plans delivers social, cultural, environmental and economic benefits**

12. We know councils around the country are facing significant pressures, with tight budgets and growing community expectations meaning plans are being carefully designed to deliver value and a pathway for the future. Arts, culture, creativity and ngā toi are part of the solution.

13. Auckland Council's recently commissioned *The Arts Matter* research found that Council's investment in arts and ngā toi is advancing outcomes across Council's vision and priorities.[3] This includes significant social, cultural, environmental and economic contributions that:

    - support community connection at local festivals and events
    - grow local economies by creating jobs, supporting local businesses and driving tourism
    - boost environmental awareness through storytelling, education and building understanding of complex issues like climate change
    - build social resilience by revitalising city centres and transforming public spaces into safe, vibrant and socially cohesive hubs
    - spark innovation and learning with creative practice-building skills, including imagination, problem solving and learning.

14. The arts contribute $18.5 billion to New Zealand's economy, 4.2 percent of our total GDP[4] and more than our wine, seafood and international education sectors.

15. In 2024, Auckland's arts and creative sector contributed over $8.5 billion to New Zealand's GDP, creating jobs and supporting local businesses. It is the largest arts and creative employer in the country, employing more than 50,000 people. The *Auckland Economic Monitor* shows 'Arts and recreation services' are experiencing strong growth in Auckland, with 11.7 percent of growth in contributions to Auckland's GDP and 7.1 percent of employment growth in the year to March 2024.

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[3] Auckland Council, *The Arts Matter*, 2026.

[4] Infometrics Sector Profiles 2025, Manatū Taonga Ministry for Culture & Heritage, Arts and Creative Industry Profile Report.

16. However, this growth relies on a strong arts ecosystem and pathways for young people to experience creativity, in order to nurture and develop creativity.

17. Economic conditions are putting sustained pressure on the arts community – creators, presenters and supporters alike. Arts organisations operate on thin margins and are highly vulnerable to any changes in relationships with funders. Making a living from the arts is hard for artists and practitioners,[5] and the wider arts ecosystem is fragile. While public engagement with the arts is strong compared with other countries, arts are often on the margins of public investment and support.

**Ngā toi Māori and mātauranga Māori are distinctive to Aotearoa New Zealand and central to our unique national identity**

18. Te reo, mātauranga Māori and ngā toi Māori are central to Auckland's unique identity, as the largest Māori city in the world. Success in protecting, revitalising and promoting Māori artforms supports many artists, practitioners and tourism operators in the region, and positively enhances Auckland's national and international reputation.

**Together we can create healthy, sustainable and thriving arts ecosystems in local communities**

19. We highly value Auckland Council and the Auckland Local Boards as partners in the arts, alongside mana whenua, iwi and hapū, community trusts and private givers. Demand for Creative New Zealand's services is high, and we are supporting a much lower proportion of proposals than we have historically. Private investments, including corporate sponsorship and private donations, are also down in the current economic climate.

20. Over the coming year we will be implementing our tuku rauemi approach. This means empowering communities as decision-makers, entrusting them to support arts and ngā toi Māori development that best meets their communities' needs. To do this, we will partner with organisations across the regions to lead local arts development and capability building, set their own priorities and make funding decisions.

21. We believe a regional partnership approach will strengthen co-operation on longer-term planning and investment between regional stakeholders, including local government and trusts, and Creative New Zealand. This approach will also create opportunities to grow

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[5] Creative New Zealand, *A Profile of Creative Professionals 2023*. New Zealanders employed in creative professions continue to experience low pay compared to New Zealanders earning a salary or wage. The median income for creative professionals is just $37,000, substantially less than the median income of $61,000 for New Zealanders earning a wage or salary.

investment regionally by leveraging Creative New Zealand funds, incentivising new investment, and helping arts organisations partner to secure philanthropic funding.

22. Auckland's communities are vital for the arts and ngā toi Māori to develop and grow. We want to see an arts ecosystem in the region where artists, creatives and ringatoi are supported to thrive, with viable creative careers and strong arts infrastructure. Together we can create a healthy and strong environment for the arts community, to help achieve its potential and share the benefits of the arts and ngā toi with all Aucklanders.

**Creative New Zealand's interest in the arts in Auckland**

23. Creative New Zealand receives funding through Vote: Arts, Culture and Heritage and the New Zealand Lottery Grants Board Te Puna Tahua. In 2024/25, Creative New Zealand **invested nearly $61 million in the arts in New Zealand**, through investing in the arts, developing the arts, and providing leadership in the arts.

24. In 2024/25, we **invested $17.7 million of direct financial support in Auckland**, almost 30 percent of our total investment by region. In addition, our investment in activity that takes place nationwide (17.2 percent) and online (4.5 percent) sees benefits flow to Auckland by supporting arts and cultural experiences presented in the region; and our international programme (7.1 percent) adds additional investment to Auckland via artists based in the region.

25. Under the Creative Communities Scheme, we provide funding to territorial authorities to support local arts activities. The annual allocation to Auckland Council under the Scheme is **$1.33 million**. In 2024/25, this funding supported **246 projects** which engaged 26,539 participants and had 395,572 attendances. Allocations to territorial authorities under the Scheme are based on a population-based formula.

**Final thoughts**

26. Thank you again for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Local Board Plans.

27. To quote Deputy Mayor Desley Simpson at the launch of *The Arts Matter,* 'Arts matter because people matter. A culturally vibrant Tāmaki Makaurau is essential to our region's future and the stories we tell as a nation. So, let's champion creativity... as a foundation for belonging, for identity, for innovation and community resilience.' We wholeheartedly agree.

28. Please contact us if you have any questions or if you wish to discuss this submission further. The key contact person is:

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**#5**

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   Other, please specify:Economic Development

3. **What would encourage you to visit your local town centres more often?**

   Parking accessibility

4. **Decision making for transport is changing. Local boards will decide on some things and advocate for others. Which of the following transport issues are most important? (Select up to 3 options)**

   Improving walking paths and footpaths.,Making the most of the City Rail Link (CRL) for our community.

5. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Albert-Eden Local Board Plan 2026?**

   I support the Albert-Eden Local Board Plan 2026 vision of a connected, active, and proud community, including sports facilities upgrades (Windmill Park, Chamberlain Park), Pt

Chevalier library/community hub, stream restoration (Meola and Oakley Creeks), and town centre revitalisation (Dominion Road, Mt Albert, Pt Chevalier).

However, with the 7.9% rates increase locked in for 2026/27 and ongoing council-wide cost pressures, the board must apply rigorous fiscal restraint. New and expanded initiatives must be clearly prioritised, sequenced, and costed with evidence of return on investment. Identify lower-priority activities for deferral, efficiency gains, or alternative funding (partnerships, reallocation). Protect and efficiently maintain high-value community assets such as sports fields and parks these deliver measurable social returns on wellbeing, youth development, and cohesion before spreading resources thinly. Under LGA 2002 s.101, demonstrate prudent financial management by balancing growth-related demands with affordability for existing ratepayers. Please detail in the final plan how these priorities will be delivered without further contributing to rates escalation.

# Have Your Say on the Draft Albert-Eden Local Board Plan 2026

**#513**

**Note:** This simplified version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed, and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.

## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** Civic Trust Auckland (CTA)

**Local Board:** Regional Organisation

## Your feedback:

1. **Overall, how much do you support the priorities in the draft Albert-Eden Local Board Plan 2026?**

   **Tell us why?**

   See attached file

2. **Which of these do you believe our diverse community needs most? (Select up to 3 options)**

3. **What would encourage you to visit your local town centres more often?**

   See attached file

4. **Decision making for transport is changing. Local boards will decide on some things and advocate for others. Which of the following transport issues are most important? (Select up to 3 options)**

5. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Albert-Eden Local Board Plan 2026?**

   See attached file

**Submission of Civic Trust Auckland**
**Draft Local Board Plans – all**

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**Introduction**

**1.** Civic Trust Auckland (CTA) is a non-profit public interest group, incorporated in 1968, with activities and interests throughout the greater Auckland region

**2.** The aims of the Trust include:
- Protection of natural landforms
- Preservation of heritage, in all its aspects
- Encouragement of good planning, for the city and region.

**3.** CTA is on Auckland Council's list of regional stakeholders and we have previously provided submissions on Local Board plans, as well as on many other Auckland Council plans. We submitted on Council's Annual Plan 2026/2027, and that submission is on our website here. We understand that our submissions on the Annual Plan were made available for local board consideration. We refer in this submission to the draft local board plans to some of the points we made in our Annual Plan submission (in **bold**).

**4.** We would here like to thank the Local Board members for their work and advocacy. We have a couple of suggestions for your newsletters: that there could be more items about what has been happening in the local board area in addition to the standard Auckland Council notices, and that perhaps in each issue the chair could introduce one of the other board members, so that communities have more opportunity to get to know all of their Local Board members.

**5.** CTA generally supports the initiatives in the draft local board plans. Our focus is primarily on the Environment sections of the plans.

**6.** We would also like to commend the aspiration of various local boards to develop parks and spaces that are inclusive, can be easily used and accessed by everyone and meet the needs of the community, including (as per the Howick Local Board Plan) neurodiverse children. We emphasise the point we have made in previous submissions about universal design, and also playgrounds that are accessible for children with disabilities. We draw your attention in particular to Magical Bridge NZ Playground in Hamilton as an example of a playground that is intended to cater for children with disabilities.

**7.** In our February 2014 submission on the Proposed Auckland Unitary Plan, and in several of our other submissions, we supported the principle of universal design. Our 2014 submission said:

- Universal Design principles need to be incorporated into new builds and modifications of existing residential buildings in order to cater not only for people with disabilities but others who can benefit from improved access, including the ageing population, those using pushchairs, moving house or office, injured people and people carrying loads. This will ensure access to housing, jobs, public transport, businesses, community and recreational facilities throughout Auckland for all Aucklanders and increase the choice of where people can live, work and play.
- Incorporation of Universal Design principles will improve the quality of life for people who currently face significant barriers in terms of physical access. The economic benefit is that such people will be able to live in independent accommodation and those of working age will have more opportunity to work and thus support themselves and contribute more to the economy. These barriers include stairs and showers with lips.
- Solutions to these barriers include open plan houses with open plan bathrooms with wet shower areas, limited stairs, handrails. A percentage of new housing stock should cater for these needs. This would open up options in the private rental market, taking away the current reliance on Housing New Zealand houses and enable people with access barriers to buy or rent houses without the need for extensive and costly modifications. The Auckland Plan states on page 70, *"One in five Aucklanders has a disability, and this figure will increase with an ageing population. There is unrealised potential for Aucklanders with disabilities to contribute socially and economically. Barriers that prevent this, such as attitudes and physical access, must be addressed".*
- On page 74, The Auckland Plan states, *"Other communities and groups, such as ethnic communities and those with disabilities, also face barriers. Removing structural or institutional barriers so that all Aucklanders are viewed and treated equally is fundamental to improving the well-being of all, and realising the full potential of our diverse populations."*

**8.** We would like Local Boards to include in their advocacy to Council some requirement in policy and rules for the provision of accessible housing, universal design principles.

**9.** We would also like to see more advocacy with regard to public transport, for example, with stories in Local Board newsletters about successful and enjoyable rides on public transport, or perhaps competitions between local boards to see which one has the greatest number of public transport rides logged by their community in a particular month, similar to the Bike Month (March) and Biketober (October) initiatives.

**10.** We appreciate the friendliness and good service given by bus drivers across the city, which supports these very necessary services.

**11.** Although we can appreciate that advertising on buses is a useful way for Auckland Transport to gain revenue, we suggest that AT exercises caution when it comes to obscuring the passengers' view through the bus windows, and the perpetual circulation of mobile ratepayer-funded advertising certainly has its detractors.

**12.** It is good to see Local Boards encouraging the use of low-carbon transport options. However, CTA does not give unlimited support to scooters, as per our Annual Plan submission (pg 6), where we stated that: **"where a cycle lane has been provided, e-scooters *must* be ridden in the cycle lane…. e-scooters pose a danger to people on foot, especially those with hearing, sight, or mobility issues. Being passed closely by a scooter is a distressing experience for a pedestrian, and already many people have been injured by e-scooters. Nationally, between 2021 and 2023, there were over 7,000 ACC claims for e-scooter related injuries, with a 37% increase in 2023. There have been several deaths from e-scooters in Auckland and many serious head injuries. We therefore submit that e-scooters be banned from footpaths, at least in places where there is a high density of pedestrians. We also submit that the current speed limit for commercial e-scooters (we understand it is 25 kph) is too high for when scooters are sharing the same space as pedestrians."**

**13.** We'd also like to draw to other Local Boards' attention the Henderson-Massey key initiative of investigating "smart" traffic lights that use sensors or cameras to give longer green lights where traffic is heavy, respond to rush hours, incidents and weather and prioritise buses. CTA supports some sort of light sequencing and enablement of left-turning when not crossing the path of oncoming traffic, thereby saving time and emissions.

**14.** We'd like Local Boards to promote car pooling as a transport option, and facilitate this within their Local Board area, namely, commuting (by neighbours, co-workers, or classmates), school runs (by parents taking turns driving a group of neighbourhood children to school and back), and business (efficient coordination of tasks and workers to enable shared transportation as needed).

**15.** CTA supports Local Boards investing in expanding the pedestrian network, and, although the cycling network cannot go everywhere, CTA supports its extension particularly where it enables commuting. We also support Local Boards advocating for such public transport measures as bus shelters and seating at bus stops. We also support the proposal by several Local Boards of an extra discount for students and children on public transport fares on top of the weekly $50 fare cap.

**16.** We are pleased to see Local Boards including in their key initiatives to support their community to be better prepared for emergencies like floods and storms, including reviewing the provision of community-led emergency centres.

**17.** CTA is of the view that Local Boards can learn much from each other, and we would encourage members to read each others' Draft Local Board Plans and collaborate on matters of

mutual interest. Many aspects of plans relate to more than one board (especially to directly neighbouring boards) and some of them relate to Auckland as a whole, for example, as regards transport, climate change and community engagement, and shared management of the harbour edge of the Waitematā Harbour.

**18.** CTA notes that many Local Boards are intending to review the use of their Council buildings. Notwithstanding the temptation to sell assets deemed no longer to be of use, CTA supports rigorous investigation as to what alternative use those assets may be put to. We would particularly like to highlight this advocacy point from the Waiheke Local Board (pg 22 of their plan): "*Any available council property being considered for health facilities or affordable housing,"* as a much better alternative to selling underused Council buildings.

**Area Plans**

**1.** We include here a summary of Graeme Easte's presentation to the Policy and Planning Committee on 10 March 2026 (here is a link to it), which CTA supports, advocating for the application of Area Plans. (Graeme began by playing the song "Little Boxes" by Pete Seeger.)

**2.** It was originally intended that the Unitary Plan (operative in 2016) would be supplemented with 21 Area Plans - one for each Local Board area - to reflect its local issues, challenges and opportunities over a 30-year time frame. All Local Boards did extensive workshopping with planning staff and community representatives, in order to fine-tune the application of the Unitary Plan process as it applied to their particular area but also to begin work on their own Area Plan.

**3.** Initially only four Area Plans were to be fully developed as pilots. Development of the remaining Area Plans was cancelled in about 2015. Ten of the 17 Local Boards subsequently developed "mini" Area Plans, Precinct Plans or Centre Plans for parts of their area.

**4.** Graeme recommended that work on expanding the coverage of Area Plans should start with those Local Boards which have expressed strong interest in such a workstream, and that the older existing plans should have priority for a refresh, but not at the expense of those Boards without Area Plans or only partial coverage.

**5.** Four Local Boards have Area Plans that cover their entire area:

- Devonport-Takapuna (plus 3 Centre Plans)
- Hibiscus and Bays (plus 3 Centre Plans)
- Māngere-Ōtāhuhu
- Ōtara-Papatoetoe

Ten Local Boards have only partial Area Plans or Centre Plans:

- Albert-Eden (1 Precinct Plan, 2 shared plans)
- Franklin (1 Centre Plan)
- Henderson-Massey (2 Centre Plans)
- Howick (2 Centre Plans)
- Manurewa } shared partial

- Papakura } Area Plan
- Puketāpapa (1 shared plan)
- Rodney (1 Centre Plan)
- Waitākere Ranges (1 Centre Plan)
- Waitematā (3 Centre Plans + 1 shared plan)

Seven Local Boards have no Area or Centre Plans at all:

- Great Barrier
- Kaipātiki
- Ōrākei
- Maungakiekie-Tāmaki
- Upper Harbour
- Waiheke
- Whau

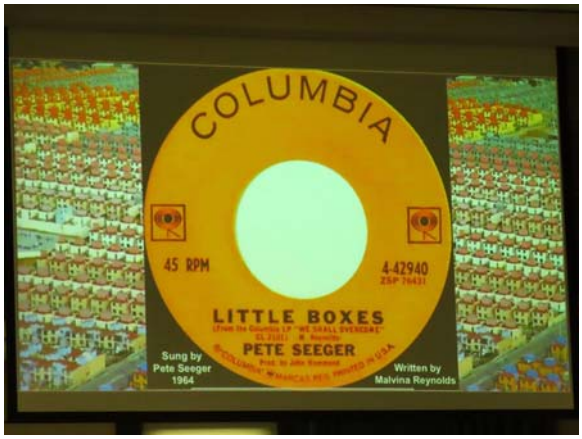
**6.** Local Board Chairs have told Graeme that having local plans has made a real difference to accommodating development in their ward, particularly as the urban environment intensifies.

**7.** Graeme's request to the Policy and Planning Committee:

(1) That in revising the existing Auckland Plan (the Auckland Spatial Plan) in line with the new legislation, and any consequent changes to the Unitary Plan, consideration be given to potential measures to protect and enhance **local** features and character.

(2) That when the work on the Regional Spatial Plan and the Unitary Plan begins to tail off, then freed-up staff time and resources be reallocated to work on new and revised Local Area Plans.

(3) That priority should be given to those areas without an Area Plan at all.




**NB** When quoting from Local Board plans in our submission, we use *italics.* When quoting from our Annual Plan 2026/2027 submission, we use **bold.** Following Council's apparent oversight of some of our submissions in the Annual Plan 2026-2027 process, our advice from Council staff

has been to resubmit those points relevant to the 3-Year Local Board Plans so that they may be considered at the earliest convenience.

**Albert-Eden**

**1.** We were pleased to see a photo of the Waiōrea Community Recycling Centre on the Local Board Plan cover. We have expressed our support for the centre in previous submissions, and some CTA members are regular visitors to the centre. We still think recycling centres and/or libraries could be a drop-off place for used batteries, and would again encourage Council to consider the merits of this idea.

**2.** CTA supports Albert-Eden communities that consistently say that *"climate action and environment projects are a priority"* (pg 10), and we support the Local Board in setting out a low carbon pathway in its Climate Action Plan. We endorse environmental restoration in areas like Te Auauanga, Waititīko, Pt Chevalier Beach and Mōtū Manawa Marine Reserve, rare lava rock forests and around the tūpuna maunga.

**3.** We are pleased that the plan reflects *"reducing emissions, protecting biodiversity, building community resilience"* (pg 11) and that the Local Board refers to the relevant Shoreline Adaption Plan to guide actions.

**4.** CTA also supports the following:

- *Help households be ready for an emergency, refresh the Albert-Eden Local Board Emergency Readiness and Response Plan and support marae and groups to join our Community Emergency Hub network* (pg 14).

- *Improve Chamberlain Park by adding a new local park and walking and cycling paths, restoring Waitītiko / Meola Creek and shifting golf holes to keep an 18-hole golf course* (pg 15).

**5.** CTA submitted in June 2015 on keeping the 18-hole course, being only public golf course on the central isthmus and used by a diverse range of Aucklanders of all ages and ethnicities, at that time seeing in excess of 50,000 rounds per year, so we are very supportive of this outcome that accommodates broader community usage without surrendering the 18-hole nature of the golf course.

- *Make the most of land purchased in the flood buy-out by turning any suitable sites into new parks* (pg16).

- *Implement low carbon practices through capital projects when upgrading or developing our assets, for example minimising construction waste or adding renewal energy generation* (pg 16).

**6.** In our submission on the government's Emissions Reduction Plan in November 2021, we stated "that adaptive reuse of heritage buildings, as well as buildings in general should also be considered in the first instance. An example is the Civic Administration Building in Auckland's civic square, where a recent promotion for these apartments states: 'The most environmentally friendly new build is the one you don't actually build.… The CAB has reused its original steel frame…. Reusing such a large portion of the building (after passing considerable forms of strength testing) vastly reduces its carbon footprint…. Our team has painstakingly removed 19 floors/2,130 tonnes of concrete and diverted 98% of the demolition material from landfill.'"

**7.** We support the advocacy for *"Increased budget for buying open space, to ensure the shortfalls in service provision in urban areas can be addressed"* (pg 16).

**8.** CTA supports all the objectives listed on pages 18-19. In particular, we support the community changing their travel patterns *"to include more low carbon options."* However, please note our comments in the introduction to this submission about e-scooters.

**9.** We strongly support the following key initiatives in the plan: *"Work with Ministry of Housing and Urban Development and the three Tāmaki Makaurau rōpū of Marutūāhu, Ngāti Whātua and Waiohua-Tāmaki who are creating Te Kukūnga Waka (Carrington residential development). Provide community services for new communities coming to large-scale developments in our area, like Te Kukūnga Waka (Carrington residential development) and University of Auckland Epsom Campus (pg 21); and the advocacy (pg 23): "Preservation and use of the heritage building at the northern end of Te Kukūnga Waka (Carrington residential development), working with Marutūāhu and their aspirations."*

**10.** As per our submission on the 2023 Local Board Plan, CTA recognises the regional nature of Building One's heritage significance, as denoted by its inclusion on Council's heritage schedule as a Category A building, and its Category 1 building status on Heritage NZ's List, and strongly supports a community wellbeing hub being incorporated into this building on the Carrington residential site. Currently, we are concerned that Building One is deteriorating, and that with tiles removed from the roof, rain is getting in, to add to the damage done by vandals over the years the building has been left empty. We strongly urge the Local Board to lobby Auckland Council and the Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions and Transport to protect this Category I and Category A building so that it can be preserved. It is a matter of urgency to make the building watertight, for example, by the use of tarpaulins, or by having the tiles that were removed from the roof put back in place. CTA understands that the building was set aside for adaptive re-use and that within the Albert-Eden Local Board Area reside many of the 600 groups or individuals who have expressed interest in a tenancy in the building.

**11.** Our Annual Plan submission included the following: **"We also suggest the local board takes any action available, including enforcement orders, to halt and remedy what appear to be intentional actions that will harm the main building of Oakley/Carrington Hospital at the Unitec campus. The building is Category A Scheduled Heritage within the Auckland Unitary Plan (Item 1618), excluding the additions made after 1905, and is a Category 1 Historic Place on the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (HNZPT) List / Rārangi Korero (Item 96). https://www.heritage.org.nz/list-details/96/Carrington%20Hospital%20(Former)."**

**12.** That submission included a photo showing the roof of Building One. We include below a historic photo of the building and also an updated photo showing a close-up of the roof, the gap where the tiles should be continuing all the way around the building, then two photos showing damage inside the building.

**13.** We strongly support the Local Board retaining this objective in its plan: *"Protect and celebrate our historic heritage by being good stewards of the assets we own and supporting others to care for theirs"* (page 22) and we suggest that it follows that the Local Board should focus its efforts on Building One.

**14.** We support the Local Board's advocacy, especially: *"Planning rules to protect historic heritage, special character, viewshafts of the tūpuna maunga (ancestral mountains) and sites and places of significance to mana whenua."*

**15.** Our Annual Plan submission also included: **"the local board advocates to Council for the repurposing of the old Mt Eden Prison."**

**16.** We support the priorities to: *"Provide safe and accessible walking, cycling and micro-mobility options for people to use, including by adding missing links and connections"* (pg 28); *"Provide the missing walking and cycling connection running east to west across our local board area"* (pg 29); *"Set safe speed limits to provide a consistent and safe speed environment, working towards survivable speeds on our local roads;"* (pg 29) and *"Ensure footpaths are wide, accessible, and safe"* (pg 29).

**17.** We repeat our request from our 2023 feedback that a Liberty Swing be reinstated in Rocket Park, along with some of the other original equipment for this special park, to support children with disabilities, as per the objective in the 2026 plan (pg 14): *"We celebrate diversity, making sure everyone is empowered to participate and feel like they belong,"* the key initiatives (pg 14): *"Reduce barriers so everyone can be an active part of our community, especially children, young and older people, migrant communities, LGBTQ+ communities, people with physical or intellectual disabilities and transient populations;* and *Work with groups to ensure that our programmes work for everyone and that our spaces feel safe and accessible,"* the objective (pg 15): *"People and communities have access to spaces and services that improve their wellbeing, help them learn and meet their changing needs;"* and the objective: *"Our community is healthy and active and can include movement and fun in everyday life,"* with the associated initiative: *"Make our parks and public places fun so everyone has space and feels comfortable to play and recreate, especially children,"* and the obj*ective: "*Our parks and open space meet the needs of our changing population" (pg 15).

**18.** We understand that the original purpose of Rocket Park was to provide accessibility for children with disabilities. We draw the Local Board's attention to this blog about the Magical Bridge NZ Playground in Hamilton https://www.magicalbridge.co.nz/

**Aotea-Great-Barrier**

**1.** CTA strongly supports the climate change and resilience initiatives that the Local Board has invested in (pg 10).

**2.** We support (in particular) the key initiatives to:

- *Partner with mana whenua to restore the mauri (life force) of whenua, moana, awa and taonga species and strengthen climate resilience on the island.*
- *Support the local Emergency Response Team to deliver emergency readiness, response and recovery initiatives to strengthen island resilience.*

- *Improve our council 'microgrid' to help us better capture, store and manage electricity locally.*
- *Ensure our village spaces, parks, reserves and beaches are safe, well-maintained and reflect our natural way of life.*
- *Partner with mana whenua, Department of Conservation and the community to investigate connecting track networks.*

**3.** We support all the Environment key initiatives and all the advocacy in this section. We are of the view that all the other Local Boards could support this advocacy as well, as much of it is relevant to the rest of Auckland.

**4.** In association with Tautaki Auckland, the Local Board developed the Aotea Great Barrier Island Destination Management Plan (focused on sustainable, regenerative tourism that balances economic growth with environmental protection) and CTA supports those identified efforts to those ends (pp 20-22).

**5.** We support the priorities under Transport, in particular (which we also supported in 2023): *"Support the introduction of a community passenger transport service"* (pg 25).

**Devonport-Takapuna**

**1.** In our last Local Board Plan submission, we encouraged the Local Board "to advocate for bike racks on buses that go across the Auckland Harbour Bridge," so we are very pleased to note that there are now 15 buses that carry bicycles over the harbour bridge.

**2.** We support the following objective: *"Our parks, facilities and recreational spaces are safe, accessible and meet the needs of our community"* and we particularly support the following key initiatives: *"Ensure accessibility is a key consideration in the development and maintenance of our parks, facilities and recreational spaces; Develop and maintain our parks, community facilities and recreational spaces with sustainable and locally sourced materials where possible;"* and *"Complete the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan."*

**3.** We support the objective to *"… explore opportunities to reflect Māori identity and support Māori wellbeing in our parks, public spaces and community facilities"* and the key initiatives associated with this objective.

**4.** We strongly support the Local Board's advocacy for the *"Establishment of a regional heritage facilities maintenance fund to support local boards to maintain, renew and preserve heritage buildings"* (pg 14).

**5.** We would have liked to have seen the retention of the objective that: "Natural and built heritage are conserved and both colonial and Māori history and significant places are valued, promoted, and celebrated" (page 19, 2023 Local Board Plan).

**6.** We support all of the Local Board's objectives under Environment (pp 16-17) and all the key initiatives, with comments as follows:

As regards *"Support appropriate planting and the principle of 'the right tree in the right place,"* we note that trees that grow large sometimes block views of both landscapes and attractive buildings, and that trees should not be encased in concrete, nor should they be put in a place where they will impact on infrastructure such as water pipes. In 2023 we stated, in response to the 'right tree in the right place' principle that "we would caution that the wrong tree in the wrong place (in any Local Board area) does not necessarily get removed but that it is allowed to live out its natural life, or there is consideration given to transplanting the tree. We understand that there is modern machinery that enables the transplanting of large trees. Perhaps Local Boards (including this one) could advocate to the Governing Body and/or central government for investment in one of these machines."

**7.** Regarding *"Support initiatives … such as education on: using bike hubs and electric scooters … different ways to travel for short journeys,"* please see our comments in the introduction to this submission about e-scooters on pages 2-3.

**8.** We support all the advocacy for the Natural Environment (pg 17).

**9.** We support all the Built Environment key initiatives (pg 19).

**10.** We would support the retention of the initiative from the previous plan: "Utilisation of regional funding to retrofit assets and upgrade them with solar energy saving measures" (pg 22, 2023 Local Board Plan).

**11.** We support the advocacy to the governing body as per page 20:

- *More funding to protect and renew our heritage assets.*
- *Invest in infrastructure and open spaces in areas where increased housing density is planned under Unitary Plan Change 120.*
- *Consult more with the Auckland Urban Design Panel for advice around large-scale developments.*

**12.** Regarding large-scale developments, we bring the Local Board's attention to the principles of universal design as outlined on pages 1-2 of this submission.

**13.** On page 24 under Transport, *"High dependency on motor vehicles"* is mentioned as a challenge, and we submit that the Local Board could encourage and advocate for the use of public transport, as per our suggestion on page 2.

**14.** We look forward to Local Boards having more control over local transport decisions as a result of the proposed legislation reform.

**15.** We support slowing traffic, in the interests of safety, as per the priority on page 24: *"Install speed advisory signs and other measures to help slow traffic across the area."*

**16.** From our Annual Plan submission:
**CTA supports the following activities/projects proposed by this local board:**

- **Working with Council to support people impacted by flooding events**
- **Advocacy to the Governing Body or other entities for support, including the Lake Road upgrade, the development of the Francis Esmonde link and a new ferry terminal at Bayswater**
- **Completion and adoption of the Devonport -Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan to help guide decisions and investment in parks and open spaces.**

**17.** We note that The Flagstaff, the Devonport Local Community Newspaper, revealed (on 2 July, 2026) the five 8-storey tower development plans proposed for Devonport by Peninsula Capital. These multi-level buildings rising behind heritage streetscape (pictured below) clearly block the maunga behind and would surely impact the proposed UNESCO World Heritage Site status that is being sought for all the Tūpuna Maunga of Auckland.

**18.** If intensification of such a scale is to be considered, perhaps master planning for that end of the peninsula might include consideration of the RNZN vacating its current site (and possibly relocating to Whangarei), in part, good for housing in Auckland and also potentially positive for Northland.

**Franklin**

**1.** CTA supports the objectives and key initiatives (pages 17-18) under "Natural Environment," and the advocacy on pages 18-19.

**2.** We suggest the retention of the following initiative from the 2023 plan (pg 26/33?): "Require all public space projects in urban/future urban areas to actively contribute to increases in tree canopy cover and more green infrastructure."

**3.** Under Transport, we support the Local Board working towards safe travel by foot, bike and mobility scooter, and note the inclusion of mobility scooters (page 27).

**4.** We support the ideas listed in the Opportunities section (page 28), particularly that of leveraging the Manukau Harbour and Hauraki Gulf as a Blue Highway. We see this as benefitting other parts of Auckland too, reducing reliance on the roading network and congestion across the city.

**5.** Under Transport priorities, we note: *"Investigate options to improve safety and environmental protection on Franklin's beaches, so that vehicle use does not create harm to people or place e.g. at Karioitahi Beach, Umupuia and Kawakawa Bay."* In general, we do not support vehicles driving on beaches. We strongly support the priority to *"Work with community providers to facilitate youth uptake of walking and cycling as a mechanism to address congestion and parking capacity,"* which we see as also facilitating youth health and environmental health. We support advocacy for better public transport routes, including more ferry services.

**6.** From our Annual Plan submission:

**CTA supports the following activities/projects proposed by this local board:**

- **Continue to invest in community-led pest management and environmental restoration programmes, with an emphasis on initiatives that engage Māori and youth**
- **Local and community leadership in the delivery of initiatives and programmes where appropriate**
- **Progress delivery of the Paparata Local Purpose Reserve (Bombay) concept plan**
- **Investigate and develop options that will address community safety and environment at Karioitahi Beach so that this special place can be enjoyed by locals and visitors and the unique environment is protected**
- **Commence work to progress delivery of the Paparata Local Purpose Reserve (Bombay) concept plan , ensuring that the local community has the opportunity to partner in delivery where feasible.**
- **Continue to seek options for the development of Clarks Beach Reserves in line with future need so that the board is able to invest in improvements that align with both future need and existing community aspiration.**

**CTA commends the Franklin Local Board for its intention to engage with the community in order to garner their ideas and input.**

**<u>Henderson-Massey</u>**

**1.** We support the Local Board in continuing with the key initiative (pg 14) to *"Develop parks, community and play spaces that can be easily used and accessed by everyone and meet the needs of the community,"* and draw members' attention to Magical Bridge NZ Playground in Hamilton, mentioned in the introduction to our submission.

**2.** We support all the key initiatives in the Natural Environment section (pp 17-18) and the advocacy on page 18.

**3.** Under Built Environment, we strongly support the objective of *"Community places and spaces are more accessible, sustainable and improve our collective wellbeing"* (pg 20), and in particular, the key initiatives of *"Make sure we consider sustainability and accessibility when we build and maintain community facilities and buildings"* and *"Identify and progress neighbourhood transport initiatives that improve safety, such as walking and cycling paths and speed calming measures."*

**4.** Regarding sustainability and accessibility, please see our comments about universal design on page 2.

**5.** In the Transport section, we particularly support the following key initiatives: *"Look into and set up traffic flow solutions such as 'smart' traffic lights that use sensors or cameras to give longer green lights where traffic is heavy, respond to rush hours, incidents and weather and prioritise buses;" "Introduce a weekly public transport fare cap for children and young people in addition to the existing $50 fare cap"* and *"Prioritise safety and ways to reduce the number of speeding vehicles in local streets and around every local school."* While an enhanced pedestrian environment is desirable, so too is the free flow of traffic, sequenced where necessary.

**Hibiscus and Bays**

**1.** In our last Local Board Plan submission, we encouraged the Local Board to advocate to Auckland Transport for bike racks on buses that go across the Auckland Harbour Bridge, so we are delighted that there are now 15 buses that carry bicycles over the harbour bridge on the NX1 route.

**2.** Under Community on page 15, we support the key initiative of *"Support communities to share stories about local heritage in ways that help people understand their area, feel a sense of identity and belonging, and learn about local history. This includes using te reo Māori place names and a range of storytelling approaches."*

**3.** We support all the key initiatives and advocacy under Natural Environment (pp 19-20). We note that one key initiative is: *"Support the development and increased use of parks, reserves and sports fields that are accessible, equitable and meet current and future community needs."* A visit by a CTA Board member to the Alice Eaves Scenic Reserve in January this year

revealed that although there is supposedly a track alongside the Nukumea Stream that is suitable for wheelchairs, it was not possible to get the wheelchair past the kauri dieback cleaning station, it being misleading to describe the track as accessible for wheelchairs.

**4.** We support the key initiatives and advocacy under Built Environment (pp 22-23) and under Transport (pg 29).

**5.** From our Annual Plan submission:

**CTA supports the following activities/projects proposed by this local board:**

· **Supporting further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation, through increased monitoring and extending projects such as local stream restoration including the Weiti River**
· **Continuing our commitment to protecting our natural environment - such as advancing restoration efforts along the Weiti River and strengthening monitoring to reduce contamination and sedimentation in our waterways**
· **Ensuring Hibiscus and Bays is welcoming and supportive for all through collaboration with a broader range of local residents and an increased focus on inclusive design, so it is accessible and usable for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds**

**CTA strongly supports this Local Board's focus on inclusive design, and would like to see other Local Boards focus on this as well, and for it to be included in Auckland Council's vision.**

The remainder has been covered on page 2 of this submission.

**<u>Howick</u>**

**1.** We support the Local Board's long list of key initiatives on pages 14-16 under Community and will provide comments on the following. *"Work with Animal Management to address local issues, and clearly communicate rules and regulations to the community, especially the rules around having dogs in public spaces"* (pg 14). Some dog owners do not seem to know that their dogs should be on a leash at all times in public spaces, except in designated off-leash areas. Other owners clearly do know this, and are flouting this rule. We encourage this Local Board (and all others) to implement the $300 fine for a dog being off-leash in an on-leash area, as well as the other infringements relating to dogs. There are owners who regularly walk their dogs off-leash, and their disregard for Auckland Council's Dog Management Bylaw is unfair on other dog owners and to those members of the public who have a real fear of dogs, whatever they look like and whatever size they are.

**2.** *"Develop inclusive play spaces designed for neurodiverse children, supporting safe, engaging, and enjoyable experiences for all"* (pg 14). We strongly support this initiative. Like universal design, such play spaces are suitable for everyone. Please see our note on page 1

about the Magical Bridge NZ Playground in Hamilton, established in December 2023, New Zealand's first fully inclusive and accessible playground designed for people of all ages, sizes, and physical or neurological abilities.

**3.** We support the objectives and key initiatives under Natural Environment on pages 18-21, and the advocacy on pages 21-222 noting, however, as in our 2023 feedback, as regards the following key initiative: *"Support the Tūpuna Maunga Authority to protect and enhance Ōhuiarangi / Pigeon Mountain"* that we do support protecting the maunga but we do not support the removal of trees from any of the maunga across Auckland. We maintain the position that particular trees that are not wanted on the maunga should live out their natural lives while replacement planting of other species is planned for.

**4.** We support the objectives and key initiatives under Built Environment on pages 24 - 26, though we caution with regard to *"Look into selling underperforming properties to help fund priority projects."* It may be better for these properties to remain in Council ownership rather than be lost to the private sector, and rather than use their sale to fund projects, make them perform better. This is a case where the community should be consulted about the use of buildings within their area, as regrettably, some Council buildings are not fully utilised due to lack of information about them, and also regrettably, some underused Council buildings are not maintained and become unusable.

**5.** Under Transport, the priority *"Identify high congestion areas and investigate options for improvement to reduce travel time and keep our emissions low"* seems to in part be answered by *"Provide safe, reliable, and timely public transport, with improved bus services, accessible routes, and well -designed, sheltered bus stops for the community."* We think there is an opportunity for all Local Boards to promote public transport more, for Local Board members to use it more themselves, and to investigate barriers to people using transport. We would like to see, for example, employers offer more incentives for their employees to use public transport and for the reintroduction of glide time, where practicable, to remove the barrier of being late for work.

**6.** From our Annual Plan submission:

**CTA supports the following activities/projects proposed by this local board:**

- **Run regular seminars for community groups/organisations on the local grant's application process**
- **Continue advocacy of the Tāmaki Estuary on water quality and coastal erosion**
- **Support our volunteer groups with resources needed for ecological volunteering, such as stream clean-ups and pest plant weeding**
- **Tackling the challenges of environmental protection and restoration remains a high priority**
- **Continue to support environmental groups and explore new initiatives**

**Kaipātiki**

**1.** We note the following on page 4 (From the Chair): *"To ensure a sustainable network of community assets, the board will take a fiscally responsible, long-term approach to renewing them. This includes reviewing the condition and performance of existing assets and recognising that, under ongoing limited funding, some assets may need to be considered for decommissioning (for example removing or deconstructing them)."* We repeat what we have written above in this submission, that unfortunately, some Council buildings are not fully utilised due to lack of information about them, and also unfortunately, some underused Council buildings are not maintained and become unusable. In our view, the community should be consulted about the use of buildings in their area.

**2.** In the 2023 draft plan, CTA supported the initiative (pg 14) to: "Investigate installing solar on facilities with significant solar potential, including: Birkenhead Pool and Leisure Centre, Kaipātiki Local Board Office, Glenfield Pool and Leisure Centre." We are therefore pleased to know that the Birkenhead Pool and Leisure Centre now has solar panels installed on its roof, that roof work is underway at the Glenfield Centre to add solar panels, and that the Board Office is in line to receive solar panels as well.

**3.** CTA supported the Kaipātiki Local Board's advocacy to the Governing Body in the draft 2023 plan (pg 18) "to protect and celebrate our built and cultural heritage" and would like to see this retained in the 2026 plan.

**4.** Also in the 2023 plan, we supported "the ability for local boards to have direct decision-making authority to make temporary changes to dog access rules to mitigate environmental or social problems" (page 23) and we are pleased to note that the changes proposed by the Kaipātiki and Devonport-Takapuna Local Boards to rules for local beaches and reserves came into effect in January 2026.

**5.** Again, we support advocacy to *"reinstate legislation that provides general tree protection Central Government"* (page 20), and would also continue to support the following, if it were included in the plan: "for urban planning legislation to adequately protect special ecological areas" (2023 plan, pg 23).

**6.** We strongly support this new advocacy: *"Advocate to introduce waste recovery schemes that make those who create waste responsible for dealing with it"* (pg 20).

**7.** We are pleased that the following key initiative has been retained: *"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."*

**8.** We continue to support *"continued improvement of the bus and ferry network serving Kaipātiki with: cheaper ferry and bus fares, maintaining our existing three ferry services – with increased frequency, more buses going to more destinations more often,"* and also *"a continued*

*move to electric buses and ferries serving Kaipātiki"* (pg 31). In our view, the Waitematā Harbour could be used much more for transport - being a waterway that does not need maintenance the way roads and rail do.

**9.** Under Community, one of the key initiatives is: *"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 support this initiative (alongside all the others), and appreciate that the wildflower meadows will attract more insects and other biodiversity than grass. We would like to see fruit trees included in the plantings in parks and public spaces, for the additional benefit of providing food for the community. We also like the use of māra hūpara, not only for the connection with both nature and local Māori history, but also due to its attractiveness and sustainability.

**10.** We support all the objectives, key initiatives, and advocacy under Natural Environment (pages 19 - 21). A number of our board members have enjoyed walking along the treetop boardwalk at Kauri Glen Reserve.

**11.** Under Transport, we strongly support the following priority: "*Consider introducing reduced speed limits (safer speeds) on a case-by-case basis on roads where vulnerable road users are often present, and where the impact on traffic flow will be minor"* (pg 31). It is our understanding that driving in a city, constantly stopping and starting at traffic lights, a lower speed limit tends to affect travel time only by seconds.

**12.** Under Economic Development, we support the following two key initiatives: *"Support local businesses to use more sustainable practices, such as reducing waste, cutting greenhouse gas emissions and using resources more efficiently,"* and *"Promote retail opportunities provided by the Wairau zero-waste hub and other second -hand providers like op-shops."*

**13.** From our Annual Plan submission:

**CTA supports the following activities/projects proposed by this local board:**

- **Support environmental groups, community volunteers, and our diverse communities to carry out environmental restoration projects, including stream clean-ups, habitat improvement, native riparian planting, and pest control**
- **Improvements to Little Shoal Bay / Wai Manawa Reserve**
- **Healthy Waters Ngā Wairau project, working alongside that project to ensure the parks, sport, and recreational outcomes are being suitably included and considered**
- **Invest in maintenance and renewal of our parks, playgrounds, community buildings, recreation facilities, and other public spaces so they continue to meet our communities needs**
- **Support a community-led approach for the delivery of relevant and diverse services that develop and connect the community**

· **Make substantial progress on the planning and delivery of major local projects, including the Beach Haven Coastal Connection (Stage 3), Birkenhead War Memorial masterplan implementation, and improvements to Little Shoal Bay / Wai Manawa Reserve**

**CTA endorses the Kaipātiki Local Board's community-led approach, and congratulates this local board on the huge response (about 5,000 people) to its consultation on the future use of recreation at A.F. Thomas Park. However this consultation was done, it clearly worked, and perhaps lessons can be learned by other local boards.**

**Māngere-Ōtāhuhu**

**1.** In our 2023 submission on the Local Board Plans, CTA supported the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board to "Revive the Māngere Gateway Heritage plan to enhance Stonefields and promote and regain heritage values" (pg 17). We understand that the Local Board has been actively working to revive this plan, including funding programmes designed to enhance the Otuataua Stonefields, and we are pleased about this.

**2.** We support all the key initiatives under Natural Environment in the current draft plan (pp 17-18), in particular: *"Support the creation of a new Māngere Ōtāhuhu Community Recycling Centre, making it easier for people to recycle and reduce waste,"* and we endorse the opportunity under Economic Development that *"The proposed community recycling centre could help create new sustainable community enterprises and provide more jobs."* We also particularly support: *"Fund education and community programmes that work with people to reduce and manage household waste, prevent illegal dumping, and build shared care and pride in our local environment,"* and *"Work with the community to develop and deliver local climate action plans and support community-led projects that help people cut emissions, use energy wisely and choose low -carbon ways to get around."*

**3.** We would like to note that CTA is very supportive of Respect Mt Richmond / Ōtāhuhu in its efforts to save the exotic trees on that maunga. On page 10 in your plan it is noted that *"Māngere -Ōtāhuhu has low tree canopy cover"* and that a key initiative (pg 17) is *"Work with landowners and developers to plant more trees (ngāhere) across private land, new developments and green open spaces;"* and an advocacy point (pg 18) is *"Funding to help local boards achieve regional and local targets for urban ngahere (tree) cover in the areas where there is less than 15 per cent of tree canopy cover. This provides habitats for birds and insects, and shade from extreme heat."* It is our view that exotic trees contribute to the canopy just as much as natives, and they also provide habitat for fauna and shade for people. We have proposed in various submissions that unwanted trees be left to live out their natural lives, and that it should be only then that they are replaced with other trees.

**4.** We note the challenge stated in the Built Environment section (pg 19): *"Plan Change 120 proposes to avoid building homes in flood-prone parts of Māngere-Ōtāhuhu to improve safety, but pushes to build new housing into fewer areas. This could increase pressure on already stretched local infrastructure and services.*" In our submission on Plan Change 120, we

supported those communities which stated that infrastructure and services would be put under pressure by intensification, including in our points as follows: 7(c) "CTA submits that to reduce capacity in certain locations, such intensification could be reallocated elsewhere in order to meet the arbitrary 2 million total required by PC120. This might be done by, for example, allowing THAB in some locations or allowing a variation in the number of floors in an apartment block; 8(c) PC120 needs to include planning for infrastructure, in order to support safe, resilient, and sustainable intensification. This includes schools, hospitals, green space, and transport. Growth should be directed to places where the necessary infrastructure is planned, funded, and deliverable; 8(d) In our view, it is poor planning to rely on potential legislation and/or private investment for future infrastructure. We know that some parts of the city have been waiting years for appropriate infrastructure and we know that the availability of funding for such work is not increasing. CTA considers that development should not be enabled where infrastructure is not practicably able to be provided." The ability to accommodate such changes is now more attainable given the reduction of the government's target from 2 million homes down to 1.4 million homes.

**5.** CTA supports all the key initiatives on page 20, particularly: *"Make sure new community buildings are designed to work well in a changing climate, are healthy and contribute to a quality built environment,"* as well as all the advocacy on page 21.

**6.** We also support all the priorities under Transport (pg 26).

**7.** From our Annual Plan submission:

**CTA supports the following activities/projects proposed by this local board:**

- **Deliver coastal and storm -water resilience work in the Manukau Harbour -adjacent suburbs (such as improvements to seawalls or planting buffer zones) to support long -term climate adaptation**
- **Continue the native tree planting and understory restoration programme across key reserves and corridors (for example around waterways in Māngere East and Favona**
- **Roll out community -led waste -minimisation and resource -recovery initiatives — supporting local groups to divert material from landfill**
- **Work with Auckland Transport and Economic Development Office to support our transport and economic aspirations**

**CTA supports the efforts of Respect Mount Richmond Ōtāhuhu to save the trees on their local maunga from felling by the Tūpuna Maunga Authority. This group is having to raise community money to defend itself in court against the TMA, which is funded by Council (ratepayer) money. We do not think that removing trees from the maunga aligns with Auckland's Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy. This strategy states that it will have been successful when (amongst other aims) it has:**

- **increased canopy cover to 30 per cent across Auckland's urban area, and at least 15 per cent in every local board area**

- **increased the network of green infrastructure on public land**
- **improved links between green spaces by establishing ecological corridors**
- **instilled a sense of pride in Aucklanders for their urban ngahere.**

**The strategy also states that "Protecting existing ngahere is crucial to safeguarding the added values and benefits mature trees provide …. (pg 42). The benefits provided by trees become exponentially greater as they mature. It's also more cost effective to care for mature trees…. People often have strong emotional connections to landmark, mature trees in their neighbourhoods, and are more likely to mourn the loss of a large tree. Additionally, some native species, such as kākā, and bats, prefer taller trees and their presence can significantly improve the biodiversity value of an area (pg 45)."**

**CTA submits that there needs to be better alignment between the Urban Ngahere Strategy and the Tūpuna Maunga Authority's Operational Plan, and that the views of all Aucklanders need to be taken into account.**

**<u>Manurewa</u>**

**1.** In the 2023 plan, CTA was pleased to note: "increase awareness of the notable tree schedule to protect more of our trees" (page 26) and we supported the key initiative to "Replace every tree removed from the streetscape due to damage, storms and accidents within one year" (page 27). We understand that due to financial constraints, further storm damage, and high operational costs have meant that this goal was not met, but we encourage the Local Board to continue with tree replacement. We submit that awareness of the notable tree schedule could be included in the Local Board's advocacy to the Governing Body.

**2.** Regarding the key initiative *"Look at options to improve access and usability across our parks and facilities. This may include identifying and removing physical barriers, upgrading paths, amenities, and signage, and working closely with disability groups to meet their needs"* (pg 17) we draw the Local Board's attention to the Magical Bridge NZ Playground in Hamilton as being a playground that caters for children with disabilities.

**3.** CTA supports all the climate change and sustainability initiatives on page 17, as well at the key initiatives under Natural Environment on pages 20-21 and the advocacy on page 22.

**4.** We support the Economic Development key initiatives of: *"Support industrial zones to move to a low-impact, low-carbon economy and adapt to the impacts of climate change;"* and *"Support initiatives that strengthen community economic resilience in response to climate change. This may include community-led renewable energy projects, such as solar generation and storage, that reduce energy costs, create local jobs, and increase energy security."*

**5.** We support the Transport priorities on page 29 and 30, particularly: *"Continue to support evidence-based ways to slow down traffic. This could be speed humps and raised pedestrian crossings around schools;"* and *"Look at options to improve safety and traffic management like*

*slowing down traffic and improved parking around the Homai quadrant which includes Sturdee Road."* We understand that when driving in a city and constantly stopping and starting at traffic lights, a lower speed limit tends to affect travel time only by seconds. We note that some suburbs have introduced 30 km or 40 km limits in some areas, which seem to work well.

**6.** From our Annual Plan submission:

**CTA supports the following activities/projects proposed by this local board:**

· **Continue to support ways to plant and retain more trees on public and private land and suburban streets**
· **Deliver a new neighbourhood park at Glenveagh Reserve.**
· **Continue to invest in our two illegal dumping pilot programmes: a proactive illegal dumping collection initiative and an illegal dumping enforcement programme.**

**Maungakiekie-Tāmaki**

**1.** With regard to the advocacy to *"Work with relevant agencies to advocate for policies and initiatives that reduce dog attacks, support responsible ownership, and keep our community safe"* (pg15), CTA suggests that this advocacy could include asking Auckland Council to direct its Animal Management Officers to remind/warn dog owners that they need to keep their dogs on a leash at all times, except in off-leash areas, and if they do not, they are liable for a $300 fine.

**2.** We support the Natural Environment key initiatives (pp 17-18), particularly *"Support rangatahi as leaders in climate action and investigate opportunities for rangatahi led environmental initiatives."* We also support the advocacy in this section (pp18-19).

**3.** We support the Built Environment key initiatives (pp 21-22) and the advocacy on page 22. We recommend the example of the Magical Bridge NZ Playground in Hamilton as a playground that caters for children with disabilities, as regards the initiative: *"Develop playground designs which are inclusive of all ages and abilities."*

**4.** We support the following Economic Development key initiatives page 24: *"Support initiatives which encourage businesses to do something about their impact on the environment"* (pg 24) and *"Support initiatives which encourage local procurement and the promotion of services within our community"* (pg 25).

**5.** CTA supports the Transport priorities (pp 27-28).

**6.** From our Annual Plan submission:

**CTA supports the following activities/projects proposed by this local board:**

· **Partnering with mana whenua and community groups on restoration, food resilience planting, and environmental education**
· **Exploring increased compliance resourcing and enhancing community emergency preparedness**
· **Continuing work to improve our parks and open spaces, including progressing plans for Waikaraka Park, focused on making sure local facilities, parks and green spaces keep pace**
· **Advancing important environmental restoration projects like Ōmaru Creek, continuing to care for our natural environment guided by shared values.**

**CTA congratulates the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board on the completion of the Te Kōpua o Hiku bridge at the Panmure Basin, which will mean safer, easier walking and cycling.**

**Ōrākei**

**1.** In the 2023 draft plans, CTA supported the seismic restoration of the Remuera Library and we are pleased to see this project completed.

**2.** We strongly support the first key initiative on page 21: *"Ensure that the heritage of our people, places and buildings is recognised, protected and valued by working with council organisations, supporting community groups and investing in eligible projects."*

**3.** We also support the Natural Environment key initiatives (pp 17-18) and the advocacy on page 19.

**4.** Alongside *"Encourage developers to prioritise sustainable design in their developments"* (pg 21), CTA would like to see "Encourage developers to prioritise universal design in their developments," and we refer the Local Board to page 2 of this submission, where we have written about universal design.

**5.** Regarding the initiative: "Look for opportunities to provide new venues for community use such as land reclamation (creating new land by filling in areas of water), buying property or working with community providers," firstly, we would urge the Local Board to undertake extensive consultation before considering land reclamation, due to the expense, the requirement for constant maintenance, and the vulnerability to flooding. Further, when we read on the next page the initiative: *"Decommission under-used assets like Leicester Hall, to invest in better value assets and services,"* we question why the Local Board would consider new venues for community use when there already are such venues, such as Leicester Hall, which has a kitchen, off-street parking, and is wheelchair accessible. We suggest that the Local Board considers that the community might like to be involved in the maintenance of such buildings, and potentially making it more fit for purpose, rather than looking to provide new buildings.

Furthermore, are such venues as Leicester Hall well-known to the community? Could they be advertised in the Local Board newsletters?

**6.** Potentially, *"Review[ing] the local board's lease portfolio to ensure that leased sites are providing the best value to community and identify what might be missing"* would bring to light what is needed, what is already available, and what could be done to make the best use of such assets.

**7.** We support the priorities under Transport and the associated advocacy. We support speed limits for e-bikes, e-scooters and low-powered vehicles, and we would like to see a ban on e-scooters using footpaths, in line with the Local Board aiming at more safety for pedestrians.

**8.** From our Annual Plan submission:

**CTA supports the following activities/projects proposed by this local board:**

- **Increasing investment in restoration and pest-management programmes to grow and protect your natural environment. Our reserves and open spaces are one of the most vital resources in Ōrākei**
- **Continued investment in growing and protecting our parks and playgrounds.**

**CTA endorses efforts by this board to work with the neighbouring Waitematā Local Board on matters regarding the health of the Waitematā Harbour that connecting those board areas.**

**<u>Otara-Papatoetoe</u>**

**1.** CTA supports the initiatives on page 14 under Community: *"Support climate resilience and local sustainability education and engagement initiatives for young people;"* and *"Continue to develop a 'multi -park management plan' that manages the use, development and protection of all parks, reserves and open spaces in the area."*

**2.** We support the Natural Environment key initiatives on pages 17-18 and the advocacy on page 18.

**3.** We suggest that the criticism on page 26 of *"Unreliable, infrequent and limited public transport options encourage more residents to travel by car"* is less valid than it was 3 years ago, as public transport in Auckland is improving all the time. We are of the view that what is needed is more promotion of public transport to people who do not think outside of taking their car with them everywhere they go.

**4.** We support the priorities on pages 27 and 28 under Transport. As per our submission 3 years ago, we support free public transport, not only to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and congestion, but to improve the health of the population, as overall, we do not move enough. We have suggested in previous submissions a trial of free transport.

**5.** We agree that Puhinui Station is a crucial transport hub, and, as we stated in our 2023 submission, we are of the view that the AirportLink service needs more publicity.

**6.** From our Annual Plan submission:

**CTA does not support this local board changing garden edging to chemical application, as this is an environmental risk, with chemicals running into waterways, killings beneficial insects and disrupting the natural soil balance. We note that weeds can build up resistance to the chemicals.**

**We do support this local board's seismic strengthening of Papatoetoe Town Hall, a 1917 heritage hall which is still in frequent use for community events.**

**<u>Papakura</u>**

**1.** Under Community, we support the key initiative: *"Support the protection of sites of Māori and European significance including the enhancement of Pukekooiwiriki Paa."*

**2.** CTA also supports the Natural Environment key initiatives on pages 18-20 and the advocacy on page 20.

**3.** Thank you for including *"Support 'universal access' design so people of all ages and abilities can access our facilities, and 'Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design' (CPTED) in upgrades where budgets allow"* in your key initiatives under Built Environment. CTA is a strong supporter of universal design, and your draft plan is the only one we have seen that mentions this design principle, which we see as catering not only for people with disabilities but others who can benefit from improved access, including the ageing population, thus increasing housing options for more people and improving the quality of life for people who currently face significant barriers in terms of physical access.

**4.** Under this same objective, *"Resilience, safety and universal access,"* we point out that in addition to native trees to *"provide shade, shelter and heat-resilient landscaping,"* that non-native trees provide the same benefits, and some provide fruit as well.

**5.** Also on page 24, under *"Objective 6: Regeneration and service property optimisation: Identify and sell assets that are underused and reinvest the money from the sales into upgrades for community spaces and facilities to benefit the community,"* we suggest (as we have to several other Local Boards) that some Council buildings are not fully utilised due to the community lacking awareness of them, that some underused Council buildings are not maintained properly

and so become unusable, and that the community should be consulted about the use of buildings in their area.

**6.** We support all the priorities and advocacy under Transport (pp 33-36).

**7.** From our Annual Plan submission:

**CTA does not support discontinuing funding for the following: ecological and environmental volunteers; Pest Free Urban South; Papakura Stream restoration; Wai care water quality education programming; Manukau Harbour Forum; and Finding Papakura Bats initiatives.**

**We do support the reduction of the number of public rubbish bins in public spaces as long as this leads to less rubbish, not more.**

**We also support the following:**
**· Progress a refresh of the greenways plan and other pathway opportunities (in particular , the McLennan Memorial Park pathway , plus connecting Kauri Flats School to Pulman Park, as well as connections around Hingaia to Drury).**

**<u>Puketāpapa</u>**

**1.** Regarding the key initiatives under Community, we make the following comments.

*"Assess the possibility of additional space for off-leash dog exercising."* We hope that this initiative will lead to more compliance in on-leash areas, which is a problem across the city, with people out walking feeling intimidated by dogs and also by some of their owners, who do not like being challenged about their off-leash dog(s).

*"Review current community services and facilities and assess how well they meet the needs of a growing population to identify any unmet needs and plan for future investment."* We recommend that such a review involve strong engagement with the community, as part of this review may reveal that there are some services and facilities about which the community is not aware.

*"Fund a masterplan for Monte Cecilia Park to consider the future use of the park, including the Liston Village land and any other future community facilities."* We are grateful for the Local Board opposition to the proposed demolition of dwellings at Liston Village, due to the ongoing and growing need for housing for elderly people.

**2.** We support the key initiatives under Natural Environment on pages 18-19, especially the updating of the Puketāpapa Local Climate Action Plan and the Puketāpapa Urban Ngahere Action Plan 2021, as we are aware that plans can be written and celebrated but then forgotten,

partly as a result of new people coming into various roles. We also support the advocacy on pages 19-20.

**3.** Under the Built Environment key initiatives (page 22) CTA is pleased to see *"Find ways to respond to the future growth expected in our area as a result of Proposed Plan Change 120, for example review the area plan for parts of Puketāpapa and Albert-Eden local boards."* We would encourage the Local Board to review the area plan, as per our notes about area and centre plans (on page 4-5).

**4.** We support the advocacy (pg 23): *"Advocate to build power lines underground, particularly where footpath space is limited"* and *"Advocate for 'beautification' at the White Swan Road Transpower substation in Mt Roskill."* Aside from the issue of limited space, we support beautifying streetscapes by removing visual contamination.

**5.** Under Economic Development, we support the key initiatives (pg 25): *"Sustainable business programmes that help reduce carbon emissions"* and "Fund programmes that help reduce pollution"

**6.** We support under Transport, the priority *"Seek transport solutions that better-manage traffic flow during peak times, like 'dynamic' lanes that can change direction or use, and responsive traffic lights to help reduce waiting times"* (pg 27). We have read that the Henderson-Massey Local Board is looking at "smart" traffic lights, so perhaps these two Local Boards could share their learnings such traffic lights, initially with each other, then with other Local Boards.

**7.** From our Annual Plan submission:

**CTA supports the following project proposed by this local board:**

· **Investigating how to respond to the future growth expected in our area as a result of Proposed Plan Change 120: Housing Intensification and Resilience**

**We also support the following projects, particularly the community informed vision:**

· **Deliver new neighbourhood park at 3-7 Howell Crescent, Roskill**
· **Wairaki Stream Ecological Enhancement and daylighting projects**
· **Developing a Monte Cecilia Master Plan, providing us with a community informed vision, and enable us to strategically invest in the park in the years ahead.**
· **Focusing our environmental restoration work along the awa and coastline. In particular control of pest plants and animals, protection of native species and the restoration of walking tracks so they feel safe and accessible to the community again.**

**<u>Rodney</u>**

**1.** A key initiative under Community on page 12 that we support is *"Include climate-resilient design features in all minor works and renewals so climate-resilience becomes a routine part of everyday delivery."*

**2.** Under Community on page 13, *"Transition facilities to multi-use, adaptable places and review our underused buildings and spaces to repurpose or sell and reinvest where growth and usage are highest,"* we suggest that such facilities are of high importance to the community and that if they are considered underused currently, then selling them is not the right response. Perhaps those community groups that currently take advantage of the community discount offered (up to 50% off) could be encouraged to pay the full amount, as they would presumably consider this preferable to losing the building. We like the key initiative of *"Make community facilities more multi-purpose by coordinating bookings, using movable equipment and offering a wider mix of activities across halls, libraries and recreation spaces."*

**3.** Under Advocacy on page 14, CTA strongly supports *"Advocate for more investment in regional parks in our local board area to meet the pressures of population growth and tourism."*

**4.** CTA supports all the key initiatives under Natural Environment (pp 16-17) and the advocacy (pp 17-18.

**5.** We support the advocacy under Built Environment, especially *"Advocate to make sure new development does not go ahead before essential infrastructure is in place."* Our comments about infrastructure and PC120 on page 14 are relevant to this.

**6.** Under Transport, we support the key initiative *"Improve public transport frequency, reliability and services hours on key routes"* (pg 28).

**7.** From our Annual Plan submission:

**CTA supports the following activities/projects proposed by this local board:**

· **Progress reserve and playgrounds projects, enhance greenways, increase rural roadside weed control, and maintain heritage sites**

**We particularly support this local board's aim to maintain heritage sites.**

· **Support volunteers to restore biodiversity through planting, pest plant and animal control, species protection, and local education**
· **Provide waste education, school freshwater programmes, and community-led stream restoration and catchment management plans to improve waterway health**
· **Supporting volunteers and environmental groups with planting, pest control, and clean -ups to protect biodiversity and create safe habitats for wildlife.**

**<u>Upper Harbour</u>**

**1.** CTA supports the Natural Environment key initiatives on pages 15-16.

**2.** In the 2023 draft plan, the Local Board stated that "Reducing carbon emissions as individuals can be difficult" and that "Communities need support and opportunities to make changes and live more sustainably" (page 16). We are pleased to see that in the current draft plan, included is: *"Support community-led initiatives and projects that encourage sustainable lifestyles, waste minimisation climate resilience and adaptation,"* along with further support for people to take positive environmental action.

**3.** We support all the advocacy on page 16 and 17, particularly *"Advocate for more funding for compliance and education to ensure that minimising construction and demolition waste is a priority,"* as this has been a submission point for CTA, for example, in our submission on the government's Emissions Reduction Plan, as referred to on page 6 of this submission.

**4.** Under Built Environment, key initiative, page 19: *"Improve or dispose of assets that provide lower community benefits to provide more funds for priority spaces and facilities,"* as with our comments for other Local Boards, we caution about disposing of Council buildings because they are such a useful asset for the community, and suggest that instead, community groups may prefer to pay more for hire than lose the use of a building forever, and that buildings could be better advertised, for example, via Local Board newsletters. We therefore support the initiative on page 20: *"Support different uses of community spaces, including sharing spaces with community lease holders and creating hubs and community partnership opportunities."*

**5.** We support the transport priorities on page 26, particularly: *"Advocate to make public transport cheaper and easier for young people to use" and "Advocate for Hobsonville ferry to be included in the $50 a week Auckland public transport fare cap initiative."* Perhaps the Upper Harbour Local Board would like to join the other Local Board that are advocating for young people to be entitled to a further discount on the $50 fare cap.

**6.** From our Annual Plan submission:

**CTA does not support reducing discretionary funding across all programmes and projects including environmental outcomes, events and activations, cycling initiatives and community outcomes.**

**We do support reducing maintenance like bollard and post and rail repairs and some garden maintenance, cost savings that most local boards are considering.**

**We do not agree with the proposed Option 2: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee at Albany Stadium Pool by $1 (Fees will become $2), and certainly not Option 3: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $ 4 (Fees will become $5).**

**We suggest that an alternative to increasing those fees would be to better monitor and enforce other existing regulations, e.g., implement the already existing fines ($300) for walking a dog off-leash in an on-leash area. Such infringements could perhaps be**

**attended to by compliance officers who are already looking at issues of non-compliance by members of the public.**

**We do support the following:**

· **Prioritise support for initiatives that deliver outcomes for our environment including community -led ecological initiatives, construction waste education, and the restoration projects.**

**Waiheke**

**1.** CTA supports all the Natural Environment key initiatives pages 16-17 and highlight *"Promote responsible pet ownership,"* as this is an initiative that we think all Local Boards could adopt. We also particularly like *"Continue to support and endorse organisations that enable Waiheke to move toward a fossil-fuel free future"* and *"Investigate the feasibility of using solar microgrids to power our community facilities."*

**2.** We are also very supportive of all the advocacy on page 18 and would like all Local Boards that have shores to adopt those same points, and all the Local Boards in Auckland to join you in advocating to *"Ban the sale and use of fireworks in Aotearoa."*

**3.** We support all of the key initiatives under Built Environment (pp 20-22) and recommend investigating the Magical Bridge NZ Playground in Hamilton for the initiative: *"Make sure we prioritise accessibility and inclusivity when we renew our playgrounds and facilities in line with the 'Waiheke Be Accessible' plan."*

**4.** We support all the advocacy on page 22, in particular *"Any available council property being considered for health facilities or affordable housing,"* as a much better alternative to selling underused Council buildings.

**5.** As regard the priorities under Transport, CTA particularly supports *"Advocate for legislative change that would enable Waiheke ferries to be included in the Public Transport Operating Model;" "Advocate for the integration of AT HOP cards so monthly passes can be used on all ferry services;"* and *"Support work toward ensuring routes to all Waiheke schools are safe for walking and cycling."*

**6.** We also suggest encouraging seniors who travel for free on HOP Gold cards to Waiheke to make a donation at the ferry terminal at Matiatia or online, perhaps towards a Waiheke community or an ecological need.

**7.** From our Annual Plan submission:

**CTA supports the following activities/projects proposed by this local board:**

- **Deliver investment in key areas, specifically:**
- **programmes which protect, restore, and enhance the island's natural environment**
- **Deliver actions within the Waiheke Local Carbon Action Plan**
- **Create connection to places and heritage through the installation of historical and cultural markers and dual naming of parks**
- **Improve walking/cycling network connections as outlined within the Waiheke Pathways Plan**
- **Ecological restoration and pest management programmes remain a high priority and the increase in birdlife and improved eco -systems is a testament to the on-going investment in this space**
- **Delivering actions from our Climate Action Plan remains a priority . To support resiliency on the motu, solar panels will be installed at Onetangi Sports Pavilion and Ostend Hall, and we will investigate development of community microgrids.**

**CTA notes that many local boards had planned the dual naming of parks and we hope that these plans have either already been carried out or will soon be underway.**

**We suggest that learnings from investigating the development of community microgrids could inform other local boards.**

**Waitākere Ranges**

**1.** In the 2023 Local Board Draft Plan, CTA supported this key initiative, which in various forms has been adopted by other Local Boards: *"Ensure universal design for accessibility is embedded into all park development projects to enable everyone to access their local parks"* (page 25). We would encourage its reinstatement in this year's draft plan.

**2.** Under Community, we support *"Prepare a Waitākere Ranges Local Parks Management Plan for our 200 local parks"* (pg 14). We like the emphasis on supporting "well *sited tree planting in parks,"* and the intention to *"Investigate a solar panel pilot on a community facility."* The Aotea / Great Barrier Island Service Centre could perhaps assist with this pilot, being fully powered by solar energy.

**3.** We note on page 15 *"Support for continued recreational use of the Avondale Racecourse,"* and CTA supports this aspiration too, this multi-purpose large green space serving not just West Auckland but other residents across the city, such as with the longstanding Avondale Market
The land also has a vital role in absorbing excess rainfall and slowing floodwaters. We support this board and the Whau Local Board in their request to Auckland Council to purchase the property as a public asset.

**4.** We support the Local Board in continuing to work to *"formally recognise the area as a Dark Sky place"* (pg 16).

**5.** It is pleasing to see the 27 active environmental volunteer groups being recognised and appreciated by the Local Board (pg 16).

**6.** CTA supports all the Natural Environment key initiatives (pg 18) and the advocacy (pg 19).

**7.** In the Transport section, we endorse the statement that *"Freeing up road space for those without alternatives (e.g., tradespeople) is essential"* (pg 26). We support the Transport priorities (pg 28), particularly, *"A bus or shuttle services to places like Piha, and appropriately sized buses on narrow / vulnerable bush clad routes."*

**8.** From our Annual Plan submission:

**CTA supports the following activities/projects proposed by this local board:**

- **Mobility scooter, walking and cycling connections, particularly through parks**
- **Continue to invest in environmental restoration programmes with a focus on the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area and our waterways**
- **Deliver park development, including play and amenity improvements in Swanson, Te Henga and Titirangi**
- **Provide tree planting and shelter to provide shade and amenity in parks, as well as berm planting in streets with low tree cover**
- **Continue to invest in local climate action to increase resilience and decrease emissions**
- **Working on fit-for-purpose transport improvements like investigating a trial bus service to Piha, advocating for smaller buses, and creating safer local connections**
- **Improve Glen Eden town centre, and protect and enhance the nationally significant Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area**
- **Support the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area Forum work programme, particularly community engagement**
- **Review maintenance of local parks and facilities to ensure they are well maintained while looking for savings**

**<u>Waitematā</u>**

**1.** In CTA's submission on the 2023 draft plan, we strongly supported this advocacy: *"Auckland Council to advocate for changes to legislation and regulations to enable councils to introduce planning controls on how urban trees are assessed and protected. Auckland Council to simplify and better resource processes for identifying and protecting mature trees"* (page 25). We would like to see this point retained in the 2026 plan.

**2.** In CTA's submission on the 2023 draft plan, under "Our Places" there were a detailed points about the city's historic heritage which we would like to see included in the 2026 plan to provide more detailed form than the somewhat general objective (pg 23 in the 2026 plan) *"Our unique special character and our historic heritage is valued, protected and enhanced."* In last year's

draft plan, we read: “We want to increase understanding, protection and conservation of city centre heritage places, landscapes and stories” (page 33) and “Valued elements of heritage and special character in the local board area should be recognised formally and informally to assist with its protection and incorporation in the development of our urban landscapes” (page 34).

**3.** There was also this key initiative (pg 36): “Provide feedback on resource consents and planning processes to ensure heritage sites and Special Character Areas are protected” and the following advocacy (pg 37): “Advocate to the Governing Body to allocate adequate funds to restore and preserve its heritage buildings, including incorporating seismic strengthening where necessary, to ensure their ongoing usage; Advocate to the Governing Body to allocate adequate funds to continue identification and formal protection of heritage and character elements of the Waitematā environment; and Advocate to the Governing Body to retain the council’s Heritage Acquisition Fund to assist with the protection and adaptive re-use of significant heritage buildings in the local board area.”

**4.** We submit that some of this advocacy in points 2 and 3 above be included again.

**5.** We also supported the following initiatives (pg 44): “Support the preservation of significant heritage buildings such as Carlile House, the former Fitzroy Hotel and St James Theatre.” We are pleased to see that the St James Theatre is currently being restored and we wish the Local Board to support initiatives that make the facility viable. Carlile House and the Fitzroy Hotel are languishing and we submit that the Local Board include some advocacy position that would enable efforts to retain these buildings.

**6.** As last year, CTA submits that an important addition to the draft plan is the recognition that significant parts of the landscape need protecting, particularly the Waitematā Harbour and volcanic cones, and notwithstanding governmental aversion to amenity, the views of that harbour from certain identified vantage points and the view of and between the volcanic cones that it would we are all assured qualify as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

**7.** Under Community, as regards the key initiative on page 15: *“Review our portfolio of buildings and consider reducing our asset footprint to have fewer but better assets that are fit for purpose and well used,”* as part of any proposed community facility rationalisation, CTA opposes the sale of Grey Lynn Public Library, and consider that building (pictured below left) which faces the busy arterial route of Great North Road, usefully provides the basis of expansion on the site (pictured below right), which runs down to Arch Hill Reserve.

**8.** We support all the key initiatives under Natural Environment on pages 18-19 and the advocacy on page 20.

**9.** Under Built Environment, we particularly appreciate the opportunity expressed as *"We value our special character and historic heritage areas and want to enable appropriate development that does not compromise the values that make them special to our community*" (pg 22).

**10.** We support the long list of key initiatives on pages 22-24. Having strongly supported the key initiative in the 2023 plan to: *"Deliver seismic strengthening, restoration and modernisation of Leys Institute Library and Gymnasium to preserve as a heritage taonga for future generations"* and having submitted for this through a number of Council processes, CTA is pleased to see the key initiative in the 2026 draft plan: *"Complete the refurbishment of the Leys Institute and Gymnasium into a valuable library and community facility and celebrate its reopening alongside the Friends of Leys Institute and the wider community"* (pg 23).

**11.** We support the advocacy on page 24-25: *"Enabling appropriate development, such as infill housing behind a character property and raising the height of houses, in special character and historic heritage areas without compromising the features that make them valued by the community."* We note the risk of over-intensification and so our support is very much subject to avoidance of negative effects that may compromise the underlying heritage values.

**12.** We support the idea to *"Reduce barriers to outdoor dining, street trading and activations making it easier for bars, cafes and community groups to use footpaths and street space to create vibrant people friendly streets."*

**13.** We particularly support the priority of *"Review streets where slower speeds are appropriate and explore opportunities for low-traffic neighbourhoods and greater safety around schools."*

**14.** CTA has the view that this initiative is essential for pedestrian safety: *"Provide clear direction on the management of micromobility that balances safety, accessibility for different groups, particularly in high-density and pedestrian areas."* Having people on skateboards, bicycles and e-scooters ride down the footpaths on Queen Street is plainly dangerous for pedestrians. It

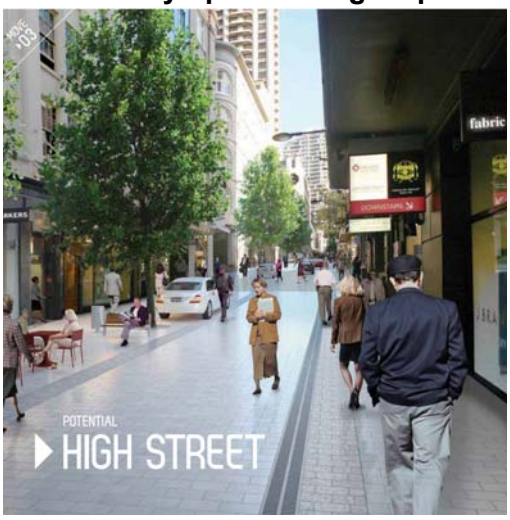
seems that no one is taking any responsibility for this, despite the increasing number of accidents and near accidents with e-scooters, the latter making walking in the city centre in particular an experience fraught with anxiety. Furthermore, adults don't seem to know or care that riding a bicycle on the footpath is illegal, and while bylaws state that skateboarders must not ride in a way that could be dangerous, intimidating, or a nuisance, simply riding a skateboard on the footpath on Queen St is dangerous and intimidating.

**15.** We also note, as mentioned in the Challenges section for Transport, "aging and uneven footpaths," with many trip hazards, but it is also to be seen with new paving (e.g., on Victoria Street East), where slippery materials were used and currently signs are up to warn pedestrians about slipping, as some people have already slipped and fallen. Pedestrians were also put in danger with the slippery-when-wet tiles that were installed some years ago on Karangahape Road. Such design mistakes should not be repeated.

**16.** From our Annual Plan submission:

**3(d) CTA does not support the currently proposed further expenditure on High Street in the city centre. As we said during our 23 March presentation, this expenditure is unnecessary, and, notwithstanding the supportive consultation results produced, the changes are, in fact, unwanted by many of the High Street businesses, which have had to bear several disruptions over the last couple of decades.**

**3(e) Council does not have endless money and there is no demonstrable return for the level of investment envisaged for High Street. If a redesign does go ahead, however, it should be simplified. The existing road already provides good natural drainage, and so, rather than digging up the whole street, something like the CCMP vision (below left), perhaps just substitute different new kerbstones, like the ones Council has used successfully up in Karangahape Road (below right).**



**3(f) Emily Place has $10.5 million in line to be spent; however, there are other projects around the city that we consider are more worthwhile, for example, fixing the Ernest Davis steps, and other projects that would enhance the neighbourhood.**

(In conjunction with fixing the Ernest David steps, it would be a worthwhile project at the same time to consider creating a pocket park at the bottom of the steps adjacent to the scheduled Station Hotel. This would involve Auckland Transport.)

**3(g) CTA strongly supports Jan Gehl's 2010 proposal to make Hobson and Nelson Streets two-way: (see pp 104-107). This would transform these streets from high-speed, one-way "motorway-focused" roads, which would slow traffic and improve local connectivity. Consideration might also usefully be given to retention of the level and southern-most span of the soon to be demolished Hobson Street on-ramp. It's an existing and potentially useful piece of urban infrastructure.**

**Whau**

**1.** Under Community (pg 14), we support *"Develop a Whau Local Parks Management Plan to guide the use, enjoyment, maintenance, protection and preservation of the 146 parks and reserves in the local board area."*

**2.** Under *"Community and environment are prepared for climate change and lower emissions"* (pg 14) we support the following key initiatives: *"Support community groups to help people of all backgrounds and abilities to get emergency ready for local hazards including severe weather events;" "Increase programmes and education around climate change risks and ways to take*

*action, including in schools and for our diverse communities;" "Plant more trees to increase our tree canopy cover in our town centres, parks, and road reserves;" and "Support implementation of the Shoreline Adaptation Plans (Manukau Harbour North SAP and Waitemata Harbour West SAP) to manage coastal erosion and coastal flooding risks affecting council land and assets."*

**3.** CTA supports all the key initiatives under Natural Environment (pg 17) and the advocacy on page 18.

**4.** We support the key initiative (pg 20) *"Plant trees in town centres and along road reserves to create green corridors that connect small and large open spaces,"* using the principle of the right tree in the right place.

**5.** We support *"Install physical markers to celebrate the historical Māori portage route between Waitematā and Manukau Harbours via the Whau River"* (pg 20), noting that for the Auckland Heritage Festival in October 2017, CTA held two events, in collaboration with Walk Auckland, where participants walked the portage routes in Otahuhu and New Lynn.

**6.** We strongly support *"Investment in greenspace, including funding to secure Avondale Racecourse to provide open space and recreation areas for the community."*

**7.** We note the document titled 'Avondale - Town Centre Regeneration High Level Project Plan, produced by Eke Panuku in November 2017. (AVONDALE) It notes *The Avondale Racecourse is adjacent to the town centre. It provides an attractive outlook and contributes to the character of the area through its racing activities and the popular Sunday markets. The racecourse also represents a potential future opportunity to significantly contribute to housing supply in Auckland.*

**8.** More recently, a submission by NZTR to Auckland Council's proposed Plan Change 120 to encourage intensive housing development rezoning for buildings up to 34.5m high. CTA considers the scale of development proposed is evident in the height limits anticipated under PC120 seems excessive. CTA supports the Whau Local Board's proposed 'Investment in greenspace, including funding to secure Avondale Racecourse to provide open space and recreation areas for the community.' Some of the community's wishes for retention of open space are outlined on this link below:

**9.** Under Economic Development, we endorse *"Support local businesses to reduce emissions and waste and lessen their impact on local waterways."*

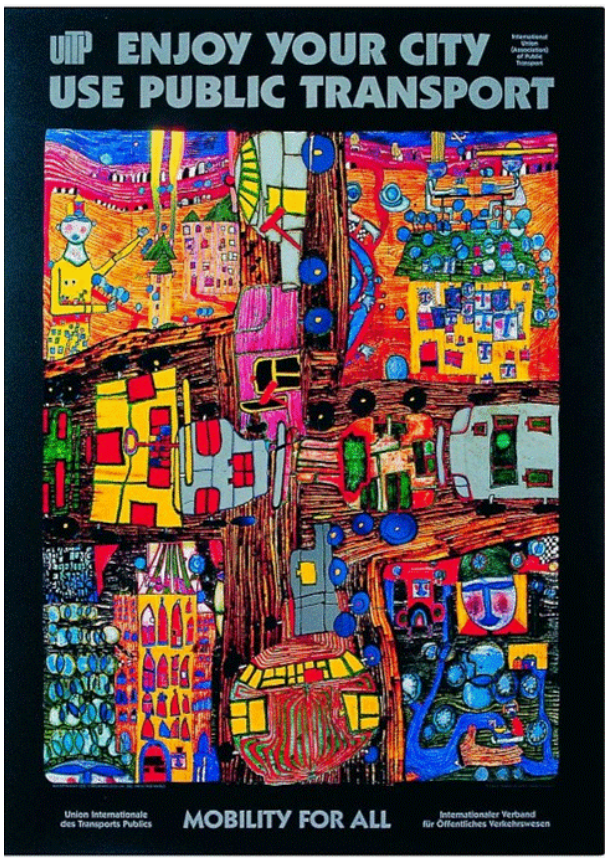
**10.** We support all of the Transport priorities on pages 24-25, particularly noting *"Encourage more public transport use and multi -modal travel through … provide bike infrastructure on trains and buses."* We note that 15 buses on the NX1 route now have space for bicycles, and that buses that travel to and from Whau could be similarly outfitted.

**11.** From our Annual Plan submission:

**CTA supports the following activities/projects proposed by this local board:**

- **Improve water quality and flood resilience of Whau streams and rivers through collaboration with volunteers, local schools, community hubs, organisations, and neighbouring local boards**
- **Develop a Local Parks Management Plan to guide decisions on managing use, development, and protection of all 146 parks, reserves and open space within the Whau**
- **Plan and design a local park in conjunction with the stormwater pond construction at the old Crown Lynn Pottery site**
- **Improve coordination for community resilience and emergency preparedness across Whau hubs, houses, and other community spaces**
- **Progress Whau heritage initiatives including to renew and provide interpretation for existing Pou and to install physical markers along the historic portage route that links the Waitematā and Manukau harbours.**
- **Aim to improve the water quality and flood resilience of our waterways and fund a coordinator to support emergency preparedness.**
- **Advocate for the acquisition of a significant proportion of Avondale Racecourse to remain open space.**
- **Construction of Te Hono library and community centre, design of a pool and recreation centre in the Whau area and a park at Crown Lynn Place.**
- **Aim to deliver initiatives that recognise the rich heritage in our area.**

We conclude by sharing these two inspiring posters by Hundertwasser that promote public transport:

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# Have Your Say on the Draft Albert-Eden Local Board Plan 2026

**#516**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** Communities Against Alcohol Harm

**Local Board:** Regional Organisation

## Your feedback:

1. **Overall, how much do you support the priorities in the draft Albert-Eden Local Board Plan 2026?**

   **Tell us why?**

   See attached file

2. **Which of these do you believe our diverse community needs most? (Select up to 3 options)**

3. **What would encourage you to visit your local town centres more often?**

   See attached file

4. **Decision making for transport is changing. Local boards will decide on some things and advocate for others. Which of the following transport issues are most important? (Select up to 3 options)**

5. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Albert-Eden Local Board Plan 2026?**

   See attached file

23 July 2026

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**Albert-Eden Local Board Plan 2026**

**Introduction**
Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft Albert-Eden Local Board Plan 2026 (the draft plan).

This feedback is provided on behalf of Communities Against Alcohol Harm (CAAH). We are a charity that supports communities in navigating alcohol licensing processes to reduce alcohol-related harm across Aotearoa.

Since 2014 CAAH has provided advice and support to local community organisations, members of the public, local government members and stakeholders relating to applications for alcohol licences within local community areas initially in South Auckland but now throughout Aotearoa.

We are active in the Albert-Eden area supporting work to reduce alcohol-related harm. We offer pro bono support to objectors including resident's groups. We also support local board members in your alcohol licensing role.

During the last term, CAAH supported 34 public objectors including Sandringham Kindergarten, Wings Trust - Manu Wairua alcohol and drug treatment service, and members of Gribblehirst Hub to challenge an application for a new off-licence in Sandringham. That application was withdrawn. We also assisted the alcohol licensing delegate from the Local Board to object to applications for two bottle shops in Pt Chevalier and F Bar in Kingsland. Opposition to these shops resulted in one being closed permanently. We also helped a local resident object to the renewal of a licence for a problematic bottle shop in Sandringham, and then maintained our support of the local resident's objection when the District Licensing Committee's decision to refuse the licence was challenged at the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority (ARLA).

**Feedback**
Overall we support the vision and priorities set out in the draft plan. We support the Board's commitment in the Community focus area to *a connected, active and proud community that celebrates its stories, people and places.*

CAAH recommends specifically referencing "safety" in the plan as this appears to be a gap. We are aware of a number of issues highlighting the need to improve public safety and target alcohol harm reduction.

In Kingsland, NZ Police have responded to serious violence associated with licensed premises, including a significant disorder incident involving weapons, while residents have consistently reported late-night noise, fighting, broken glass, public intoxication and disorder associated with the area's hospitality precinct. These concerns have featured in licence renewal proceedings and community petitions.

In Sandringham, community concerns have focused on the concentration of off-licence premises and their proximity to schools and residential neighbourhoods. Alcohol Healthwatch has identified the suburb as having a relatively high density of alcohol outlets, raising concerns about children's exposure to alcohol and the cumulative effects of alcohol availability on the community.

Point Chevalier has experienced ongoing issues with public intoxication, antisocial behaviour and alcohol-related nuisance in its town centre. Residents have sought increased Police presence, and Auckland Council introduced Community Safety Wardens to improve public safety and respond to persistent disorder. Community concerns have also been expressed about the sale of alcohol to intoxicated persons.

We therefore recommend including “safety” in the plan’s 3 year goals, for example: *Our communities are resilient **and safe** with strong connections to their neighbourhoods and each other.*

In support of this goal we recommend including “alcohol harm-reduction” in this key initiative: *Work with New Zealand Police, community groups and business associations on community safety projects and **alcohol-harm reduction**, focussing on local spaces.*

We would also like to recommend that the local board includes a Community focus area advocacy position: *Advocate for legislative and policy change to help reduce social harm from alcohol, tobacco and vaping.*

CAAH welcomes opportunities to partner with the local board to continue helping people navigate complex alcohol licensing processes and working to reduce alcohol-related harm in the Albert-Eden rohe.

We would like to present our feedback to the local board if this option is available.

Ngā mihi,

[redacted]

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**#511**

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**Organisation:** Community Groups Feeding the Homeless Inc.

**Local Board:** Regional Organisation

## Your feedback:

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   **Tell us why?**

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**Submission of Community Groups Feeding the Homeless**

**Draft Local Board Plans - all**

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Organisation: Community Groups Feeding the Homeless Inc.
Date of submission: 23 July 2026

The focus of Community Groups Feeding the Homeless (CGFH), in existence for 8 years, is on feeding homeless people and supporting them in other ways. We act as an umbrella group that supports a number of groups, including Sunday Blessings (Waitematā) and Waka of Caring (Manurewa). We maintain a list of free community meals in the city centre.

We greatly appreciate the support that local boards in general give to people experiencing homelessness and at risk of experiencing homelessness, including the funding provided by the Manurewa Local Board to support the Waka of Caring drop-in centre, and by the Waitematā Local Board for Sunday Blessings, WeCare and CGFH itself.

We repeat our advocacy as per the 2023 Local Board Plans for pātaka kai (https://www.patakai.co.nz/) and community fridges to be established and supported in all Local Board areas.

In our 2023 feedback, we suggested that once the food scraps bins were in place, that the community be encouraged to place any edible food that they don't need in a pātaka kai or community fridge rather than in their food scraps bin.

We would also like to remind Local Boards that all the Sikh gurdwaras throughout Auckland are open 24/7, with food available for anyone in need.

We see the Local Board newsletters as a useful way to inform local communities about such things as pātaka kai and encourage the public and food outlets to donate their excess food to them, and to donate unneeded clothing or household goods to op shops or centres like the Waka of Caring drop-in centre.

CGFH would like to express our appreciation to the libraries and community centres that provide a safe and welcoming place for homeless people and support them in a number of ways.

We include extracts from our 2 July written submission and our 17 July oral submission to government on the Summary Offences (Move-on Orders) Amendment Bill that we consider are relevant to Local Boards:

**"**Housing First needs more funding and visibility. It has a dedicated website and is mentioned on the websites of members of its collective, but in our experience, the programme is not well known in New Zealand. More landlords need to know that they can place their houses into the Housing First pool and the tenancy and property will be managed, with the rental payments guaranteed … We think the government and councils could help to publicise the programme more, such as in local board newsletters, on billboards and on buses.

"Members of CGFH have advocated since 2016 for the re-establishment in Auckland of a night shelter (ideally, a number of small to medium-sized night shelters), which most other cities in New Zealand have, and which existed in our city until 2012. For

people experiencing homelessness, a night shelter would provide a place to sleep and potentially somewhere to store their belongings.

“In addition to night shelters, we have advocated for (more) funding from both central and local government to provide activities for homeless people during the day, such as the programmes carried out at the Auckland City Mission, so that these people can be occupied, feel valued, gain confidence, contribute, and learn a skill. We acknowledge Heart of the City’s successful Street Guardians[1] initiative, which we understand is still operating, as “a positive approach to addressing begging in the city centre. It gives people who would otherwise be begging the opportunity to spend a day undertaking activities with community organisations, such as restoring wetlands to planting trees and cleaning beaches.

**“**We have also advocated to Auckland Council that lockers for homeless people (and others, such as travellers) be provided, in Auckland, perhaps at the central railway stations. This should mean that fewer items are left on the street and thus would facilitate people to become more actively involved in the community, to travel on public transport, and to seek work. It should also mean that people are more able to retain their important documents, essentials medications and personal belongings … The new railway stations could be good places for lockers.

“We also think lockers for homeless people to store their gear would go some way to solving the problem of people leaving bedding and other items on the street. The new railway stations could be good places for lockers.”

Having read the Local Board draft plans, we would like to share the Waiheke Local Board’s advocacy (pg 22) with regard to underused Council buildings, that “Any available council property being considered for health facilities or affordable housing.” We would extend this to suggest that unused or underused Council buildings could be considered as night shelters for people experiencing homelessness.

We endorse the support and/or recognition of these local boards for those experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless, and/or advocating for kai sovereignty, as expressed in their draft plans, as follows.

**Albert- Eden**

Work with organisations, such as Auckland City Mission, Lifewise or Salvation Army, to provide support to people experiencing homelessness, including accommodation facilities, wrap-around services and kai (food) (pg 15).

More resources to address the growing need for mental health and emergency housing services in local areas (pg 16).

**Aotea- Great Barrier**

Support investigations and initiatives into local housing solutions for kaumātua, pensioners, papakāinga (settlement) and worker accommodation.

**Devonport-Takapuna**

Increased funding and resourcing for the council’s regional homelessness initiatives.

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**Howick**

Develop a holistic approach to community resilience by integrating social wellbeing, economic resilience, disaster readiness, and sustainable food-growing initiatives.

**Kaipātiki**

Work with community organisations to support improved outcomes for our homeless.

Support community-led low carbon food initiatives that also promote kai (food) sovereignty (people and communities having control over their own food systems).

**Māngere-Ōtāhuhu**

Support community gardens, māra kai and other initiatives to improve food security at a local level.

A regional approach to solutions that address homelessness , rough sleeping and poor housing standards for the most vulnerable in our communities.

More resources to help build the resilience of our most vulnerable communities and better prepare them for emergencies and disasters.

**Manurewa**

Support initiatives that improve the health and wellbeing of our people in partnership with community organisations, including initiatives addressing homelessness.

Work with community partners who are working to reduce harm related to smoking, vaping, gambling, alcohol, drug use, solvent and inhalant abuse, and unhealthy diets.

Continue to fund a community broker role to deliver the Ngā Hapori Momoho Thriving Communities Strategy, connect the community with council departments and elected members and use external funding services.

Continue to support Auckland Teaching Gardens and fund other community food initiatives such as local food markets and community gardens.

Continue to fund locally led food sovereignty and initiate ways to strengthen community-led food systems in Manurewa.

**Maungakiekie-Tāmaki**

Investigate opportunities for community -led initiatives such as projects that help residents to grow their own food.

**Otara-Papatoetoe**

We need to work with government agencies, community groups, and social services to address the underlying causes of homelessness. Together we can make sure our policies and programmes focus on long-term community resilience and compassion for our communities of greatest need, including people experiencing homelessness.

Work with experts and community leaders on how to best help people experiencing homelessness.

Advocate for a meaningful, collaborative approach between Auckland Council and central government to address the underlying causes of homelessness, noting that policies like 'move-on orders' do not solve the problem.

Support māra kai and community garden initiatives – including through the Ōtara Kai Village, to continue to provide our communities with education and healthy options.

**Papakura**

Support placemaking, community-led activations, māra kai and food security initiatives that build resilience and local identity.

**Upper Harbour**

Advocate for shared agency solutions for issues such as community safety, homelessness and protecting our natural corridors that keep our public spaces safe and easy to access for the whole community.

**Waiheke**

Partner with health organisations to ensure mental health and disability support for tangata whaiora (a person seeking wellness) is accessible for all members of our community.

Any available council property being considered for health facilities or affordable housing.

Advocate for and use national policy changes (like National Environmental Standards for Detached Minor Residential Units) to lower the permitted standards for minor dwellings, making sure these are prioritised for long-term residential housing.

Support the vision of the Waiheke Food Charter, to work toward a sustainable local food system.

**Waitākere Ranges**

Investigate opportunities to promote kai sovereignty.

**Waitematā**

Waitematā … works with communities and partners to support people experiencing homelessness.

As a local board, we recognise and respond to complex challenges such as homelessness, public safety perceptions, ageing infrastructure and pressure on limited open space.

Homelessness continues to be a complex and visible issue in parts of Waitematā and requires coordinated responses beyond the local board's direct control.

Support local and regional initiatives and organisations that address homelessness, particularly youth homelessness.

Support and strengthen our network of community gardens and food resilience initiatives that enable communities to grow, share, and access healthy, culturally appropriate kai, while building local capability and connected, sustainable neighbourhoods.

The delivery of affordable, public, and community housing in the city centre and inner suburbs that helps addresses homelessness, supports quality urban living, enables people to live close to jobs and services, and sustains long-term community wellbeing.

Improved access for people experiencing mental health, addiction, and social challenges through coordinated, place-based service delivery that enhances safety, inclusion, and wellbeing in the city centre.

**Whau**

Develop a low carbon, resilient, local food system that provides Whau residents access to fresh and healthy food.

Support our vulnerable people and rough sleepers through cross -agency partnerships and community programmes.

Increased Housing First placements in Auckland, with priority for high-need areas such as the Whau.

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**#281**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** Gardens4Health

**Local Board:** Regional Organisation

## Your feedback:

1. **Overall, how much do you support the priorities in the draft Albert-Eden Local Board Plan 2026?**

   Support most

   **Tell us why?**

2. **Which of these do you believe our diverse community needs most? (Select up to 3 options)**

   Public spaces that feel safe.,Support local groups and volunteers build skills and continue to do their work in our communities.,Other, please specify:Better food security

3. **What would encourage you to visit your local town centres more often?**

4. **Decision making for transport is changing. Local boards will decide on some things and advocate for others. Which of the following transport issues are most important? (Select up to 3 options)**

   Improving the cycling network.

5. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Albert-Eden Local Board Plan 2026?**

Submission on 3 year local board plan for Albert-Eden.

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 Albert-Eden, 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 Albert-Eden 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 Albert-Eden.

**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 Albert-Eden 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 Albert-Eden.

Thank you for your consideration and for your ongoing commitment to the wellbeing of the Albert-Eden community.

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**#505**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** Healthy Auckland Together

**Local Board:** Regional Organisation

## Your feedback:

1. **Overall, how much do you support the priorities in the draft Albert-Eden Local Board Plan 2026?**

   **Tell us why?**

2. **Which of these do you believe our diverse community needs most? (Select up to 3 options)**

3. **What would encourage you to visit your local town centres more often?**

4. **Decision making for transport is changing. Local boards will decide on some things and advocate for others. Which of the following transport issues are most important? (Select up to 3 options)**

5. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Albert-Eden Local Board Plan 2026?**

   See attached file

# Healthy Auckland Together submission on the Albert Eden Draft Local Board Plan 2026

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

Ngā mihi,

[redacted]

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.*

HEALTHY AUCKLAND TOGETHER

## 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.

Albert-Eden Local Board 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 other, belonging and intergenerational relationships.

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### 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, Albert-Eden 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 Albert-Eden Local Board 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 for “communities are resilient with strong connections to their neighbourhoods and each other”, “Our community is healthy and active and can include movement and fun in everyday life” and “parks and open space meet the needs of our changing population,” particularly where they mention kai and encourage play and access to open spaces.

The draft Local Board plan could be strengthened to enable opportunities for play, improve accessibility and increase access to nourishing food.

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

- Wording is added to acknowledge and give effect to the 2025 Play plan
- In Objective 3, a priority is added 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.

### Natural Environment

The Albert-Eden Local Board plan does well for including extensive actions to care for, protect and restore the natural environment in Albert-Eden. 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** your objectives for “community is connected to and cares for the local environment” particularly the increase in access to green spaces and expanding the urban ngāhere.

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

- Wording is added to include roadways in the planting under the urban ngāhere.

### Built Environment

Albert-Eden'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.

We **support** your objectives for "new neighbourhoods having quality community spaces and infrastructure."

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

- Wording is added to the objective to integrate play into community spaces.

### Transport

The overall implementation of Albert-Eden 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 your objectives in this focus areas, as they address the safety, accessibility and promotion of active and public transport.

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

- Wording is included to set safe speed limits in school catchments, town centres and around marae,
- A priority is added to advocate for a time of use charging scheme that is equitable and raises funds that are used to improve public and active transport,
- An objective is added to engage with Mana Whenua and Māori to embed Māori identity, partnership and kaitiakitanga.

## Conclusion

Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment on the Albert-Eden Local Board Draft Local Board Plan 2026.

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## Appendix 1 Tabled Recommendations

| Community | | | |
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| **Objective** | **Priority** | **Stance** | **Recommendation** |
| 3 | - | 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. |
| 5 | 2 | Strengthen | Change wording to "Make our parks and public places fun and give effect to the 2025 Play plan so everyone has space and feels comfortable to play and recreate, especially children." |
| **Natural Environment** | | | |
| **Objective** | **Priority** | **Stance** | **Recommendation** |
| 2 | 2 | Strengthen | Change wording to "Support planting and restoration in our parks, open spaces and roadways by delivering our restoration plans and the Albert-Eden Urban Ngāhere (Forest) Action Plan." |
| **Transport** | | | |
| **Objective** | **Priority** | **Stance** | **Recommendation** |
| 3 | 2 | Strengthen | Change wording to "Set safe speeds in school catchment areas, town centres and around marae to provide a consistent and safe speed environment, working towards survivable speeds on our local roads" |
| 2 | - | 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 | Include an objective to "engage with Mana Whenua and Māori to embed Māori identity, partnership and kaitiakitanga in the Albert-Eden transport Network" |

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## 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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**#271**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** National Public Health Service - Northern Region

**Local Board:** Regional Organisation

## Your feedback:

1. **Overall, how much do you support the priorities in the draft Albert-Eden Local Board Plan 2026?**

   Support most

   **Tell us why?**

   See attached file

2. **Which of these do you believe our diverse community needs most? (Select up to 3 options)**

3. **What would encourage you to visit your local town centres more often?**

4. **Decision making for transport is changing. Local boards will decide on some things and advocate for others. Which of the following transport issues are most important? (Select up to 3 options)**

5. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Albert-Eden Local Board Plan 2026?**

   See attached file

**23 July 2026**

**Auckland Council**

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## Local Board Plans 2026

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

The primary contact point for this submission is:

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Ngā mihi,

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**Medical Officer of Health**
**National Public Health Service – Northern Region**
**Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora**

**Regional Director**
**National Public Health Service – Northern Region**
**Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora**

# 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 1** 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
[3] 2024/25 NZ Health Survey. https://minhealthnz.shinyapps.io/nz-health-survey-2024-25-annual-data-explorer/_w_9a4a831f8ccc4040a80cc15c9d98d87f/#!/explore-topics
[4] 2024/25 NZ Health Survey. https://minhealthnz.shinyapps.io/nz-health-survey-2024-25-annual-data-explorer/_w_9a4a831f8ccc4040a80cc15c9d98d87f/#!/explore-topics
[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 vapefree.
- 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.tcdata.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] Iungman 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. |

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| | | 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." |

**Table 5: Papakura**

| 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 | Objectives one and three should include lower speed environments, raised crossings and other road safety measures to improve local street safety, particularly around schools and community facilities. |

**Table 6: Whau**

| 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. |
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**#504**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** Ngā Ringa o Te Auaunga – Friends of Oakley Creek (FofOC)

**Local Board:** Regional Organisation

## Your feedback:

1. **Overall, how much do you support the priorities in the draft Albert-Eden Local Board Plan 2026?**

   Support most

   **Tell us why?**

   FofOC strongly supports the Board's commitment to partnering with mana whenua, protecting the natural environment and building climate resilience. We particularly endorse the Board's commitment to embedding the following three considerations into all decision-making and investment:

   • Ngā huanga Māori / Māori outcomes - Honouring Te Tiriti and ensuring Māori thrive in Tāmaki Makaurau.

   • He huanga āhuarangi / Climate outcomes - Leading urgent action for a low-emissions, resilient future.

   • He huanga tautika / Equitable outcomes - Ensuring all Aucklanders have access to what they need to thrive.

   These principles provide a strong foundation for sustainable environmental management and healthy, resilient communities.

   FofOC particularly supports the following goals, key initiatives and advocacy priorities:

   Te hapori / Community

   3-Year Goals (Objectives)

• Foster Te ao Māori and ensuring it is visible in our local places.

• Our parks and open space meet the needs of our changing population.

• Add more open space to our network and improve links, connections and safety of existing parks through land exchanges or boundary changes.

• Make the most of land purchased in the flood buy-out by turning any suitable sites into new parks.

• Actively manage climate risks and reduce our environmental impacts.

Advocacy

• Advocate for increased budget for buying open space, to ensure the shortfalls in service provision in urban areas can be addressed. (Governing Body)

Te taiao Māori / Natural environment

FofOC strongly supports the Board's environmental priorities, particularly those that recognise

healthy catchments as essential to resilient communities.

3-Year Goals (Objectives)

• The health and resilience of our awa (streams), estuaries and harbour improve by caring for the catchment all the way to the coast.

• Work with mana whenua on projects of mutual importance, acknowledging their role as kaitiaki (guardians).

• Work with others to develop a restoration strategy for Waitītiko / Meola Creek to set an overall vision and guide future work along the awa (stream).

• Work with mana whenua to restore Te Auaunga / Oakley Creek.

Recommendation – That the Board also continue to work closely with Ngā Ringa o Te Auaunga – Friends of Oakley Creek to support our long-term commitment and ongoing contribution to restoring and protecting Te Auaunga and its surrounding environment.

• Support community groups, volunteers and schools to do awa (stream) restoration, pest control and learn about the environment.

• Repair landslides and build long-term resilience on our coast and near awa (streams) to

reinstate safe community access and make sure these areas are better able to cope with future extreme weather events.

• Use awa (streams), floodplains and wetlands to help manage stormwater and improve flood resilience, including any blue-green projects.

• Our community is connected to and cares for the local environment.

• Incorporate mātauranaga Māori (Māori knowledge) in environmental projects.

• Support community conservation so locals are connected to their environment and can be responsive to local priorities.

• Support planting and restoration in our parks and open space by delivering our restoration plans and the Albert-Eden Urban Ngāhere (Forest) Action Plan.

Recommend - Prioritise planting of native trees, especially specimen tree in streets and parks

• Support community-led pest control and biodiversity projects, making ecological corridors which connect different local habitats and providing buffers around rare and sensitive areas.

• Ensure we have lots of places the community can access green spaces and use our parks and paths as a way to connect with nature.

• People know how to live low carbon lives and are empowered to take action.

Advocacy

FoOC supports advocacy for:

• Returning awa (streams) and wetland areas back to their natural state, where they have been changed. (Governing Body)

• Sustained, long-term budget for flood resilience and blue-green infrastructure, including buying property if needed to allow for catchment-scale solutions. (Governing Body)

• Protection of and fast action against new invasive pest species. (Governing Body & Central Government)

• Stronger planning rules to protect significant ecological areas. (Governing Body) – these need to be 'greater' planning rules.

• Increased number of Dark Sky places across Auckland and the reduction of light pollution. (Governing Body & DarkSky International).

Te taiao kua hangaia / Built environment

3-Year Goals (Objectives)

• New neighbourhoods have quality community spaces and infrastructure.

• We celebrate the history and character of our neighbourhoods.

Advocacy

We support advocacy for:

• Increased funding to buy and develop open space in already urbanised areas, like the central isthmus area. (Governing Body)

• Planning rules which reduce the risk to communities from natural hazards. (Governing Body)

• Stronger planning rules to protect historic heritage, spec...

2. **Which of these do you believe our diverse community needs most? (Select up to 3 options)**

3. **What would encourage you to visit your local town centres more often?**

4. **Decision making for transport is changing. Local boards will decide on some things and advocate for others. Which of the following transport issues are most important? (Select up to 3 options)**

5. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Albert-Eden Local Board Plan 2026?**

Additional Recommendations

• Strengthen Urban Tree Protection

The significant and ongoing loss of mature urban trees continues to reduce biodiversity, increase urban heat, diminish climate resilience and erode neighbourhood character.

Recommendation - that the Board advocates for new national legislation that enables local authorities to introduce planning controls for the protection of significant urban trees.

• Increased Funding for Local Environmental Management

The financial overview should recognise the critical role of healthy ecosystems in supporting community wellbeing, climate resilience and biodiversity.

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Environment Management budget to ensure adequate resourcing for freshwater protection,

pest control, ecological restoration and climate resilience.

The Albert-Eden Local Board has an important opportunity to continue demonstrating leadership in

urban ecological restoration, freshwater protection and climate action.

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the Board can create lasting environmental, cultural and social benefits for present and future

generations.

FofOC strongly encourages the Board to ensure that well-resourced environmental action remains a central priority within the Local Board Plan.

We look forward to continuing our valued partnership with the Albert-Eden Local Board, mana

whenua, Auckland Council and our community to restore and protect Te Auaunga and te taiao / the natural environment for generations to come.

Ngā Ringa o Te Auaunga
Friends of Oakley Creek

# Submission on the Albert-Eden Local Board Draft Plan 2026

**Submitter:**

**Ngā Ringa o Te Auaunga – Friends of Oakley Creek (FofOC)**

## *1. Introduction*

Ngā Ringa o Te Auaunga – Friends of Oakley Creek (FoOC) is a community-based kaitiaki group dedicated to the protection, restoration and enhancement of Te Auaunga / Oakley Creek and its surrounding environment.

Since 2004, we have worked in partnership with Auckland Council, mana whenua, local boards, schools and the wider community to restore native habitats, improve water quality, undertake pest plant and animal control, and advocate for stronger environmental protection.

FoOC sincerely appreciates the Albert-Eden Local Board's longstanding and generous support for our work and welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the Draft Local Board Plan 2026.

## *2. General Position*

FofOC strongly supports the Board's commitment to partnering with mana whenua, protecting the natural environment and building climate resilience.

We particularly endorse the Board's commitment to embedding the following three considerations into all decision-making and investment:

- *Ngā huanga Māori / Māori outcomes* - Honouring Te Tiriti and ensuring Māori thrive in Tāmaki Makaurau.
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### 3. *Focus Areas*

FofOC particularly supports the following goals, key initiatives and advocacy priorities:

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**3-Year Goals (Objectives)**

- Foster Te ao Māori and ensuring it is visible in our local places.
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**Advocacy**

- Advocate for increased budget for buying open space, to ensure the shortfalls in service provision in urban areas can be addressed. (Governing Body)

**Te taiao Māori / Natural environment**

FofOC strongly supports the Board's environmental priorities, particularly those that recognise healthy catchments as essential to resilient communities.

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**Te taiao kua hangaia / Built environment**

**3-Year Goals (Objectives)**

- New neighbourhoods have quality community spaces and infrastructure.
- We celebrate the history and character of our neighbourhoods.

**Advocacy**

We support advocacy for:

- Increased funding to buy and develop open space in already urbanised areas, like the central isthmus area. (Governing Body)
- Planning rules which reduce the risk to communities from natural hazards. (Governing Body)
- Stronger planning rules to protect historic heritage, special character, viewshafts of the tūpuna maunga (ancestral mountains) and sites and places of significance to mana whenua. (Governing Body)
- Integrated catchment planning and stormwater management for Meola / Epsom / Mt Eden and Sandringham. (Governing Body)
- Redevelopment on storm affected land compliments the surrounding community and character of the neighbourhood, as well as managing any future flood risk. (Governing Body)
- Minimising the negative impacts of water infrastructure projects on local communities and using construction as an opportunity to leave parks better than before we started. (Governing Body)

**Tūnuku / Transport**

FoOC supports the Board's commitment to developing a low-emissions, climate-ready transport system that provides genuine travel choices for all residents.

**3-Year Goals (Objectives)**

- A low-emissions, climate-ready transport system with real travel choices.

***4. Additional Recommendations***

- **Strengthen Urban Tree Protection**

  The significant and ongoing loss of mature urban trees continues to reduce biodiversity, increase urban heat, diminish climate resilience and erode neighbourhood character.

***Recommendation*** - that the Board advocates for new national legislation that enables local authorities to introduce planning controls for the protection of significant urban trees.

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  The financial overview should recognise the critical role of healthy ecosystems in supporting community wellbeing, climate resilience and biodiversity.

  ***Recommendation*** – that the Board advocates for increased funding through the *Local Environment Management* budget to ensure adequate resourcing for freshwater protection, pest control, ecological restoration and climate resilience.

### *5. Closing Statement*

The Albert-Eden Local Board has an important opportunity to continue demonstrating leadership in urban ecological restoration, freshwater protection and climate action.

By investing in the restoration and protection of our awa, wetlands, biodiversity and open spaces, the Board can create lasting environmental, cultural and social benefits for present and future generations.

FofOC strongly encourages the Board to ensure that well-resourced environmental action remains a central priority within the Local Board Plan.

We look forward to continuing our valued partnership with the Albert-Eden Local Board, mana whenua, Auckland Council and our community to restore and protect Te Auaunga and te taiao / the natural environment for generations to come.

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**#508**

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   **Tell us why?**

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**Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Submission**

**Draft Albert-Eden Local Board Plan 2026**

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

The Albert-Eden Local Board area sits within **Te Kahu Tōpuni o Tuperiri** and encompasses significant ancestral landscapes, waterways, wāhi tapu and places of enduring cultural 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 the Albert-Eden Local Board area 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 working with mana whenua and encourages this relationship to continue evolving through regular engagement with us on strategic priorities, annual work programmes and advocacy initiatives.

As tangata whenua, we welcome opportunities to contribute early to projects that shape the future of Albert-Eden, ensuring our cultural values and aspirations are embedded from the earliest stages of planning, design and delivery, rather than being considered retrospectively.

Strengthening this relationship will support better decision-making and ensure investment reflects both community aspirations and the enduring relationship of Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei with this rohe.

## Te Taiao Ora – Environmental Wellbeing

Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei strongly supports the Local Board's commitment to protecting and enhancing parks, open spaces and the natural environment.

We strongly encourage the Local Board to continue championing the restoration of Te Waitītiko, including the establishment of a wetland and a new local park at the western end of Chamberlain Park. Restoring the ecological health of the awa, strengthening

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biodiversity, improving water quality, and a significant public open space reconnects the community with the natural environment.

Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei also supports improvements to walking and cycling connections throughout the area, recognising the opportunity to better connect people with Waitītiko and the wider open space network while reinforcing the cultural significance of this landscape.

We are keen to work alongside the Local Board and wider Auckland Council, ensuring restoration is informed by mātauranga Māori and reflects the cultural values and aspirations of Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei as tangata whenua.

**Tuakiri Ora – Cultural Identity Wellbeing**

The Albert-Eden Local Board area contains places and landscapes that hold deep significance for Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei. As neighbourhoods continue to evolve through regeneration and intensification, there is a unique opportunity to increase the visibility of the iwi across the landscape.

Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei encourages the Local Board to work alongside us to identify opportunities for the restoration of ancestral place names and the increased use of te reo Māori through the naming of new roads, reserves, parks and public spaces.

Integrating Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei narratives into the evolving urban landscape, mahi toi (art) installations, will help ensure growth strengthens, the identity and history of place. The Local Board is well placed to champion these opportunities through its advocacy role and support for Auckland Council's Road naming, public spaces and arts and culture programmes.

**Huatau Ora – Future Wellbeing**

The Local Board Plan recognises that Albert-Eden will continue to accommodate significant growth. Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei supports an approach that balances housing, infrastructure and community wellbeing while maintaining a strong sense of place.

The redevelopment of Coyle Park demonstrates the value of involving Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei in the planning and delivery of community infrastructure for a project that will provide lasting benefits for local whānau and the wider community.

This collaborative approach is also reflected in Te Punga, Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei's masterplanned neighbourhood within the wider Te Kukūnga Waka precinct. Through Te Punga, Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei is investing in high-quality housing, shared open space,

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and significant infrastructure upgrades that will benefit both new residents and the surrounding community. The Local Board is encouraged to continue to seek opportunities and support this collaborative approach across future neighbourhood, parks and public realm projects.

**Whai Rawa Ora – Economic Wellbeing**

Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei encourages the Local Board to advocate for procurement and partnership approaches that recognise the iwi contribution to the Albert-Eden Local Board area and support opportunities for Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei to contribute to the planning, design and delivery of local projects.

Building on existing partnerships, including the delivery of Te Punga and collaboration on local parks and public spaces, the Local Board can help foster long-term relationships that deliver enduring economic, environmental and community benefits for Albert-Eden.

**Hei whakakapinga – Summary**

Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei supports the overall direction of the Draft Albert-Eden Local Board Plan and welcomes the Local Board's commitment to partnership, environmental restoration and community wellbeing. The submission highlights the significance of the Albert-Eden Local Board area within Te Kahu Tōpuni o Tuperiri and encourages the Local Board to strengthen its relationship with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, to champion the restoration of Te Waitītiko and Chamberlain Park, increase the visibility of Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei through place naming, cultural narratives and mahi toi, and build on successful partnerships that demonstrate the value of tangata whenua-led regeneration, investment and collaborative delivery.

# Have Your Say on the Draft Albert-Eden Local Board Plan 2026

**#515**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Inc. (Forest & Bird)

**Local Board:** Regional Organisation

## Your feedback:

1. **Overall, how much do you support the priorities in the draft Albert-Eden Local Board Plan 2026?**

   **Tell us why?**

   See attached file

2. **Which of these do you believe our diverse community needs most? (Select up to 3 options)**

3. **What would encourage you to visit your local town centres more often?**

   See attached file

4. **Decision making for transport is changing. Local boards will decide on some things and advocate for others. Which of the following transport issues are most important? (Select up to 3 options)**

5. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Albert-Eden Local Board Plan 2026?**

   See attached file

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## Submission on Albert-Eden Local Board Plan

23 July 2026

➢ Emailed to: albertedenlocalboard@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

### 1. Submitter details

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Central 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 Central Auckland branch covers the area from Mount Wellington, west to New Lynn, with its eastern and northern boundaries being the Hauraki Gulf and Waitematā Harbour. The 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. Everyone involved in the branch is a volunteer, including the committee, trappers, and supporters.

## Our Approach

This submission responds to the Albert-Eden Local Board Plan 2026. Forest & Bird's Central Branch is also submitting separately on the draft plans of other local boards within our operating area - namely Maungakiekie-Tāmaki, Puketāpapa, Waitematā and Ōrākei and comparison across boards has been valuable to our process.
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 hapori / 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.<br><br>Support community-led food initiatives such as community gardens, education on growing and preparing food, reducing food waste, and sharing produce.<br><br>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.

## Te taiao māori / Natural environment

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.<br><br>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.<br><br>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.<br><br>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.<br><br>Prioritise the restoration of wetlands where they exist or can be re-established.<br><br>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.<br><br>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<br><br>Plant more trees for shade in public spaces to mitigate the causes and consequences of climate change.<br>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 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<br>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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**#293**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** Sport Auckland

**Local Board:** Regional Organisation

## Your feedback:

1. **Overall, how much do you support the priorities in the draft Albert-Eden Local Board Plan 2026?**

   Support most

   **Tell us why?**

2. **Which of these do you believe our diverse community needs most? (Select up to 3 options)**

3. **What would encourage you to visit your local town centres more often?**

4. **Decision making for transport is changing. Local boards will decide on some things and advocate for others. Which of the following transport issues are most important? (Select up to 3 options)**

5. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Albert-Eden Local Board Plan 2026?**

   Please find our updated Submission to the draft Albert-Eden Local Board Plan 2026

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**Submission on the Draft 2026 Albert-Eden Local Board Plan**

Sport Auckland appreciates the opportunity to make a submission on the Draft 2026 Albert-Eden Local Board Plan.

Sport Auckland is a charitable trust that works closely with the Albert-Eden Local Board, Auckland Council,Aktive, sports organisations and community partners across Tāmaki Makaurau. Our vision is **Active Lives, Connected Communities, Healthier Brighter Futures**, and our purpose is to empower and connect communities to engage in sport and physical activity.

We see strong alignment between Sport Auckland's strategic direction and the Local Board's priorities and advocacy initiatives. We commend the Board's commitment to fostering strong, connected and inclusive communities and would welcome opportunities to work alongside the Board, local sports clubs, schools and community organisations to deliver projects and programmes that increase participation, wellbeing and social connection.

In particular, we support the Board's intention to partner with sports codes and schools to increase the number of indoor courts and improve the quality of sports facilities across the local board area.

Sport Auckland's guiding principles focus on equity, strengthening the sport and physical activity sector, partnering with local communities, and embracing diverse ways of being active. These principles align strongly with the priorities outlined in the Draft Local Board Plan, and we support the Board's ongoing leadership in creating accessible, inclusive and active communities.

We offer the following comments on specific objectives.

**We foster Te Ao Māori and it is visible in our local places**

Sport Auckland supports this objective and the initiatives identified under it. **Additionally Sport Auckland has identified play as a great way to integrate these initiatives i.e. Wayfinding and play assets reflecting pūrākau and whakapapa (tamariki and iwi codesigned)**

**We celebrate diversity, making sure everyone is empowered to participate and feel like they belong**

Sport Auckland supports this objective, particularly the initiatives to:

- Invest in community capability by building skills, connecting people to resources, networks and funding opportunities.
- Reduce barriers to participation so that everyone can play an active role in their community, particularly children and young people, older adults, migrant communities, LGBTQIA+ communities, people with disabilities and transient populations.

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**Our communities are resilient with strong connections to their neighbourhoods and each other**

We support the initiative to:

- Support neighbourhood-level groups and community spaces that build social connection through shared interests and activities.

**People and communities have access to spaces and services that improve their wellbeing, help them learn and meet their changing needs**

We support the initiatives to:

- Progress a new library and community centre hub in Pt Chevalier.
- Support people of all ages to come together in community hubs and provide free activities in council spaces.
- Adapt programmes in libraries and community centres to better reflect changing community needs and patterns of use.

**Our community is healthy and active and can include movement and fun in everyday life**

We strongly support the initiatives to:

- Partner with sports codes and schools to increase the number of indoor courts and improve the quality of sports facilities in the area.
- Make parks and public places more inviting and accessible for play, recreation and active use.
- Increase access to swimming pool space and water safety opportunities.
- Upgrade sports fields and work with partners to improve facility utilisation across the local board area.

**Sport Auckland also recommends that the Albert-Eden Local Board consider including a dedicated Play Plan, similar to the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Play Plan. Such a plan would provide a strategic framework to encourage everyday play, support children's wellbeing and development, and create more opportunities for informal physical activity across the community.**

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**Our parks and open spaces meet the needs of our changing population**

We support the initiatives to:

- Maximise the use of parks for a wider range of activities and to respond to changing climate conditions.
- Improve Chamberlain Park through the addition of new parkland, walking and cycling connections, restoration of Waitītiko / Meola Creek and retention of an 18-hole golf course. **Sport Auckland strongly recommends the retention of an 18-hole public course at Chamberlain Park which addresses shortfalls of equitable access to golf for the people of Tāmaki Makaurau**
- Improve Windmill Park through upgrades to courts, accessways, natural areas, social spaces, cycling infrastructure and play opportunities. **Sport Auckland would go further here and recommend covering one to two courts at Windmill Park that caters for netball, tennis, futsal pickleball and volleyball. That way all diverse communities could play and you could cater for local tamariki, rangatahi and older generations.**
- Expand and enhance the open space network through land exchanges, boundary changes and improved park connections.
- Investigate opportunities to convert suitable flood buy-out land into public open space.

**Our community is connected to and cares for the local environment**

We support the initiative to:

- Ensure residents have access to green spaces, parks and pathways that strengthen connections with nature.

**A low-emissions, climate-ready transport system with real travel choices**

We support the priorities to:

- Provide safe and accessible walking, cycling and micro-mobility options. **Sport Auckland identifies tamariki and rangatahi as key active transport users – and we advocate for having safe, playful routes to school.**
- Promote the City Rail Link and encourage greater use of public transport.
- Ensure public transport is safe, reliable and accessible.
- Deliver improved east-west walking and cycling connections across the local board area.

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**We share road space and balance the needs of different users**

We support the priorities to:

- Ensure footpaths are safe, accessible and fit for purpose.
- Improve the efficiency and safety of key transport corridors for all users.

Sport Auckland is particularly supportive of efforts to increase access to school and community sports facilities, especially indoor court space. This has been a significant area of focus for our regional partner, Aktive. Working alongside Aktive and other sector partners, Sport Auckland would welcome the opportunity to support the Local Board in achieving this outcome.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Draft 2026 Albert-Eden Local Board Plan. We appreciate the Board's continued commitment to supporting active, connected and thriving communities, and we look forward to continuing our positive partnership with the Albert-Eden Local Board.

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**#509**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** Te Kotahi a Tāmaki

**Local Board:** Regional Organisation

## Your feedback:

1. **Overall, how much do you support the priorities in the draft Albert-Eden Local Board Plan 2026?**

   **Tell us why?**

2. **Which of these do you believe our diverse community needs most? (Select up to 3 options)**

3. **What would encourage you to visit your local town centres more often?**

4. **Decision making for transport is changing. Local boards will decide on some things and advocate for others. Which of the following transport issues are most important? (Select up to 3 options)**

5. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Albert-Eden Local Board Plan 2026?**

   See attached file

**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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**#279**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** Te Taumata Toi-a-Iwi, Auckland regional arts trust

**Local Board:** Regional Organisation

## Your feedback:

1. **Overall, how much do you support the priorities in the draft Albert-Eden Local Board Plan 2026?**

   **Tell us why?**

2. **Which of these do you believe our diverse community needs most? (Select up to 3 options)**

   Free activities and events in local parks, libraries, and public spaces.,Ensure groups such as children, older people, and migrant communities can participate and connect within our communities.,Public spaces that feel safe.

3. **What would encourage you to visit your local town centres more often?**

   As the regional arts trust for Tāmaki Makaurau, Te Taumata Toi-a-Iwi appreciates initiatives by Albert Eden board that support arts, culture and creativity. We would encourage the board to continue to prioritise these.

   Arts, culture, and creativity events and programmes encourage people to visit their local town centres. They also bring diverse local communities together, build social connections, and bring town centres and other public spaces to life.

   Support for toi Māori, arts, culture and creativity will help Albert Eden board achieve key goals including:

   - fostering te ao Māori and making it visible

- celebrating diversity, making sure everyone is empowered to participate and feel like they belong
- helping ensure communities are resilient with strong connections to their neighbourhoods and each other
- encouraging people to visit local town centres more

We would encourage the board to continue to collaborate with your local arts and culture organisations and practitioners to explore the potential for further development.

4. **Decision making for transport is changing. Local boards will decide on some things and advocate for others. Which of the following transport issues are most important? (Select up to 3 options)**

5. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Albert-Eden Local Board Plan 2026?**

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**#290**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** The Tree Council

**Local Board:** Regional Organisation

## Your feedback:

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   **Tell us why?**

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   See attached file

The Tree Council
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## Submission - Albert-Eden Local Board Plan 2023

**by The Tree Council**
21 July 2026

**From: The Tree Council**
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Thank you for the opportunity to present The Tree Council's submission on the proposed **Albert-Eden 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.

We recognise the huge impact that Climate Change weather events have had on the Eden-Albert rohe and applaud the analysis of the challenges and opportunities for the Board over the next years.

Please find our comments on the sections of the Albert-Eden (A-E) draft plan below:

**Our Community**

- We agree that parks and open space provide important infrastructure for both community health and environmental management of water and biodiversity. The objectives for Chamberlain and Windmill Park sound useful in making these parks better utilised by the community, and planting restoration work along Meola Creek will have positive environmental health benefits. There may be further tree planting opportunities that would contribute tree canopy cover which the Local Board can encourage, as plans for Chamberlain Park are developed.

- We are pleased to see recognition of and your support for the important role mana whenua and community groups play in working to enhance, restore and protect biodiversity.

**Our Environment**

- We recognise the emphasis on and importance of increasing resilience in the blue-green systems of the A-E rohe. We support this emphasis. However it has reduced the imperative established in the previous plan for the Board's Urban Ngahere Action Plan e.g. for increasing tree canopy cover to 30%. We encourage the Board to support any initiatives to plant trees in parks, transport corridors or in proposed developments.

We have been particularly concerned by the tree loss resulting from the Fast Track consent process for the Unitec land on Carrington Road. Large numbers of previously protected (as on education zoned land) trees have been removed with no opportunity for public input or objection. The Tree Council has been part of the group opposing Plan Change 94, attempting to increase the requirement for the developers' to provide green space, tree and SEA protection. This is a good example of developers having little regulatory incentive to change their plans in line with community objectives. Therefore:

● We urge the LB to oppose all consents proposing to remove trees in Significant Ecological Areas and Scheduled Notable Trees on both private and public land as these are so important to retain for future generations. So few urban trees currently have legal protection it is vital to retain them.
● We recommend that if you have kauri in any of your local reserves you should consider getting them urgently tested for kauri dieback 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. 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.

In addition we would like to see specific support, including financial support, for the following initiatives to protect and enhance existing tree cover:
● 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.
● Grants for private landowners to maintain Scheduled Notable Trees on their property
● 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.
● 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).
● 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.

● 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:
○ establishment of community gardens, fruit tree plantings and mara kai. This is particularly important following the imminent destruction of the Mahi Whenua Sanctuary Gardens at Unitec.
○ monitoring of beaches and stream water quality
○ treatment of diseased kauri trees on local parks and private land
○ monitoring for myrtle rust
○ weed and pest control
○ protection of rare birds eg dotterel
○ restoration planting

● Public education on issues affecting biodiversity such as:
○ kauri dieback, myrtle rust
○ weeds
○ animal and insect pests
○ other biosecurity threats
○ control of dogs in sensitive areas○ conflicting uses eg vehicles on beaches

# Have Your Say on the Draft Albert-Eden Local Board Plan 2026

**#308**

**Note:** This simplified version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, contact and demographic information has been removed, and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.

## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** Women's Refuge Tāmaki Makaurau

**Local Board:** Regional Organisation

## Your feedback:

1. **Overall, how much do you support the priorities in the draft Albert-Eden Local Board Plan 2026?**

   Support all

   **Tell us why?**

2. **Which of these do you believe our diverse community needs most? (Select up to 3 options)**

   Free activities and events in local parks, libraries, and public spaces.,Environmental and climate action projects to get involved in, e.g. planting, pest control.,Support local groups and volunteers build skills and continue to do their work in our communities.

3. **What would encourage you to visit your local town centres more often?**

   Well organised local markets or street festivals that involve most if not all local vendors.

4. **Decision making for transport is changing. Local boards will decide on some things and advocate for others. Which of the following transport issues are most important? (Select up to 3 options)**

   Improving walking paths and footpaths.,Better public transport (buses and trains).,Better parking management (e.g. time limits, or paid parking to improve availability).

5. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Albert-Eden Local Board Plan 2026?**

Currently, local social services are not included under “Community”. The promotion and support of these services (such as ours, Women’s Refuge Tāmaki Makaurau) would significantly increase our visibility and accessibility to the community. Connecting our community with social services is essential in ensuring our people know where and how to seek help when needed. Alongside the free services we provide (24/7 crisis line, advocacy support etc), there is also potential to invest in prevention education. We would appreciate opportunities to connect with our local marae, schools, universities and community organisations for violence prevention education.