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Draft Golf Investment Plan 2022

Devonport-Takapuna

Local Board

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This will dramatically change the lifestyle and fabric of Auckland as a city. The first option on any expired lease should be for the golf club to purchase the land.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: this is just woke bullshit. There is plenty of recreational space for citizens of Auckland (all of them) and a wide variety available as well.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf NZ and private organisations undertake significant initiatives to increase golf participation and since Covid there has been a massive uptake in golf membership across the region.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Positive for the environment for all Aucklanders.

Key shift

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

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: there is no lack of recreational facilities for all Aucklanders across the region.

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf courses are already at full occupancy so can't support greater participation across fewer courses.

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Positive for the overall environment of Auckland city

Other feedback

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

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Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: So many other things to put resources into. Just more cost.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I dont see how anyone is precluded from playing golf, or accessing a golf course on council land.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Low participation groups are probably that because they are simply not interested. If they were interested, they would play.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: The natural environment needs to be protected, and not impinged upon by excess development.

Key shift

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: If everything was assessed by a ‘robust investment framewok’, there would be no parks, no rugby fields, and no golf courses, etc. Things shouldnt come down to money.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf courses are also widely used by runners, walkers, dogs.

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There are so many council assets that should take priority, or are in disrepair. Why take on more cost when budgets are stretched.

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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   Focus on core council services. Initiatives like this just add material extra amounts of cost, when core functions continue to be ignored.

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Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The information within the draft plan is flawed. It does not at any point reference NZ golf numbers and the large increase in playing numbers from 2020 onwards. The decline of other sporting codes is not considering and this appears to be a land grab on golf courses. The insight data used does not appear to truly represent how popular Golf is becoming. By removing publicly owned Golf courses this will restrict access further not promote it. Private golf courses are less accessible to many and publicly owned courses are generally more accessible for new players. This draft plan has been written with a pre-determined outcome which will not benefit the sport or the wider public's use of reserves/ park land.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This will result in Council selling off land to try and fund develop of the remaining land, which will not benefit anyone but waste ratepayer money with expensive surveys or poor designs on park land that functions and provides a community benefit already.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Participation is already high in Asian communities . The plan uses a flawed sport survey to justify low participation.

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: A consistent framework is needed, however this should focus on providing more access to Golf not removing golf courses

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Many golf courses can be used by the public already and are outside of playing hours. The same could be said for many other sporting codes, I don't see rugby fields being marked for development or better access to Aucklander's

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: 18 hole golf courses are an important part of golf that must be retained.

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

   Overall, do not support the plan as it is flawed with information that directly contradicts the increase in golf as one of the fasting growing sports in NZ since 2020. Golf courses should be retained as playing numbers will increase over time not decrease.

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Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf is a big part of my life and my mental health and golf courses are great assets

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: With regards to Waitemata golf club, this area is open to us all, not just golfers. No change is required

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Perfect

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Let greenkeepers do their job

Key shift

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

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

   I don't know

   Tell us why: Not sure

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: We pay a big membership to play golf

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

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

   I don't know

   Tell us why:

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

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

   I don't know

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

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Your feedback

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Objectives

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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Support

Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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Organisation (if applicable):

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Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I agree the land should be repurposed, I don't understand the leaning to "golf experiences"

Objectives

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: why does this still need to be "golf experiences"? Just open up this land as park space, mixed-use with walking trails, playgrounds, etc.

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: nobody needs golf

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I believe the demographic data is outdated and does not consider all the other sports, recreation spaces under council management - this requires a more holistic approach not only targeted specifically around golf course use. ie soccer fields, mixed use land, parks and open spaces

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Increase equity by opening publicy owned land does not increase equity - this needs more consultation.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Creating a destination to include other actitivty will support this; but need to consider the land use and investments required to change the layout, OHS and particiaption.

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: see previous comments on land use and investment

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

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   Support

   Tell us why:

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Golf is an elitist sport & not inclusive for the majority of Aucklanders. With so much land dedicated to it, it should be accessible & utilized by everyone, especially considering it is public land.

Objectives

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

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   Support

   Tell us why:

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Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Lots of ppl play golf. It a sport that should be supported by the Council

Objectives

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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

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

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

Partially support

Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Public golf courses need to remain just that. Public golf courses so everyone can play

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The land is already well used by golf players and any Aucklanders can play

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Best practice is already in place

Key shift

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

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

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

Don't support

Tell us why: The Council has a poor record of investment framework.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: 5ere are too few public golf courses already. R

   Changing their land to a range of different sports will reduce 5e opportunity for golfers. If housing is introduced there will be a significant loss of green spaces.

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Ideology on paper that doesn't work in reality.

Other feedback

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

   Leave the golf courses as they are. Green spaces that are open to all golfers who don't belong to expensive private golf clubs.

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Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: sometimes trying to cater for all does not work - Golf courses are designed for golfers with large amount of time and effort looking not only the gold fairways, bunkers but also the putting greens - I have seen first hand during Covid lockdowns how the general public have no care with regards to the greens, with adults, kids animals running amok, cycling over them - in short they ruin the course

Objectives

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: as per above - people's disrespect for the course they are using

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: depends at what cost - sometimes common sense is forgotten so that others can pat themselves on the back!!

Key shift

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: need to understand more - what is the framework, how does it work, who is on it, their agenda etc etc

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: as per above - people disrespect for the course they are using and ruining it

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: as above, a minority spoil it for the majority because of their tree hugging views

Other feedback

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

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Premise for change is simplistic and there is a clear bias to change the status quo. Any review will not be collaborative and the governing body will determine future policy

Objectives

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Some courses may be converted to public use where the existing format does not meet standards. Other well run clubs with high environmental values should be maintained. A Council run management of clubs would be a disaster

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: This assumes that there are thousands of people queueing up to play golf. This is not the case. Demand can be met by the Council working with existing clubs to extend their facilities to cater for increased demand.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Golf clubs have invested large sums of money and employed specialist greenkeepers to enhance the courses with no consideration as to ownership or lease term but based on achieving best practice. If they come under Council management standards will slip du

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Not all Aucklanders will want to use the golf courses. Existing public courses should be used as a benchmark before adopting a blanket policy.

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The Governing Body will make the decision on the future of each course. What is there to stop conversion to property development on the basis of the land being superfluous to public needs?

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Each course has dedicated and experienced greenkeepers and diligent committee members striving to achieve high standards. Club members contribute through annual membership fees to fund the upkeep.

   Under public ownership standards will not be maintained.

Other feedback

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

   Existing courses have a high ecological value and provide a buffer from the over development of housing. Golf members are not a privileged few but come from all socio economic backgrounds and are multi racial. I find it hard to believe that Asian people are under represented in golf participation.

   There is no research provided on the level of demand to be met.

   Golf club members are being treated as selfish pariahs rather than supporters of high level eco practice at no cost to the Council.

Decision making by the Governing Body moves to a political realm rather than those who have detailed knowledge of each course built up over a number of years.

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Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: No indication that recent analysis of current usage has occurred. Observational evidence suggests the basis of ethnic and distribution usage is incorrect. No comments relating to health benefits for older golfers but club and casual.

Objectives

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: All existing sport facilities (public parks for walkers, water sports, rugby grounds, netball and tennis courts etc) need to be taken into consideration before any of these assumptions are accepted

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Where's the research to show the current inequality across the region or whether the broader community is actually going to participate in changed facilities

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Golf courses currently provide valuable environmental pockets of green throughout the city what is the guarantee that housing, business and other encroachments on this green space won't happen

Key shift

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Other publicly owned land is set aside for many other uses where is the overall research to show there is a current imbalance

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: If that appeal can be proven then please show the evidence

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Should be happening on all public land region wide already if not why not

Other feedback

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

   There appears to be Insufficient research to support the need for change leaving the impression that the plan is a land grab attempt to increase intensification. A true cost benefit analysis would surely show data relating to the wider benefits of the status quo.

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Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: The transformation around a golf course to enable other recreational activities would need careful consideration due to the obvious dangers for people engauged in walking, running or cycling near an unfenced golf course.

Objectives

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: There is a great opportunity to almagamate close by sports groups/ clubs. For example the golf club I belong to has three other organizations on the golf club boundaries.

   Take a leaf out of the Australian RSL pholosify umbrella. I could write it up but you have a look. They have become very financial entities.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Makes sense.

   The club I belong to already aim for this.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Most affiliated golf club members and clubs are ahead on this.

Key shift

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: One strengthen the other. It will come down to like thinking management that supports all groups.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Safety factors are a concern.

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Golf can be very expensive to participate in, courses should be able to catter for all abilities and financial criteria.

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: I fell we have coverred this question.

Other feedback

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

   Transport.

   I know many fellow golfers whom would take the opportunity to go by public transport if push cart and golf clubs were able to be taken on board busses. Push chairs, wheel chairs are all good and I believe they are considering mobility scooters being allowed. All goes toward helping the environment.

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Your feedback

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   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Objectives

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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Partially support

Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

   As long as no golf course land is sold - Council MUST NOT sell off any more open space land - Auckland needs more open space land - especially with increased housing intensification.

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Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Support

   Tell us why: zero carbon goals more ecosystem regeneration and kaitiakitanga approach, more opportunities for using the asset by all people in the area.

Objectives

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: during lockdown our local golf course was used by lots of people for walking, running and cycling, especially children, but when golf balls are flying around people are less likely to go for a walk on the land because they are worried about their safety.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: any kind of activitiy has health benefits and this reduces other costs in the community and increases over all wellbeing.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: a great place to plant more trees to mitigate climate change, provide habitat for endemic plants and insects and bird life and increase biodiversity - this is essential in today's world

Key shift

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

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: strategic goals help decision making be more transparent and focus on the environmental repercussions of poor decisions which we cannot afford right now in a climate crisis.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: green spaces are essential for wellbeing, they should not be rezoned for housing but more people need to be able to interact with the environment around them so they are connected to the environment and beleive it is valuable and for their own wellbeing.

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: don't know a lot about golf and I don't participate in the game but this sounds good.

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: essential to move all council services to zero carbon enterprises for climate resilience and wellbeing of everyone, this is a start.

Other feedback

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

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I think we're diluting existing facilities in an attempt to make everyone happy. Instead of having very good we end up with lots of average! Which makes everyone feel... meh! Why not look for new, innovative ideas?

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: If it's about making the private courses public... yay! The public courses are already open to all Aucklanders. I think the intent here could be clearer.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Fully support opening up golf for everyone!

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

   Support

   Tell us why: This will also beautify the golf courses.

Key shift

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

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

   I don't know

   Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I fear that public officials don't like things that are hard... private clubs will be hard so let's re-purpose the public courses (Takapuna & Chamberlain) and then courses that are already open to everyone are compromised!

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Support

   Tell us why: I strongly support reconsidering whether golf courses are the best use of public land. Hard objects flying long distances at high speed necessitates that only very few people can use the space at the same time. The demand for sports fields for other forms of active recreation is high, as well as green space for passive recreation, dog walking, picnics etc.

Objectives

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: As outlined above, golf is allocated more space than is equitable, given the current number of participants.

   I thought it was excellent to see the number of people out using golf courses for their daily walks during the Covid lockdowns. I am sure the number of people "using" the course were higher than ever before!

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

   Support

   Tell us why: While golf in NZ is more egalitarian than most places, it is still a sport primarily for the wealthy. For me, this is another reason why golf is not an optimal use of public resource. If the council continues to be involved in golf, it should be in the in

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

   Support

Tell us why: This should apply to all publicly owned land!

My impression is that golf courses are currently an example of poor ecosystem management, with a high degree of maintenance required. They could easily be allowed to evolve more naturally, with wetlands and t

Key shift

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

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: There are benefits to this approach, but it will be challenging to formulate in a robust way. It is impossible to forsee all future challenges which may necessitate "ad hoc" decisions.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: Golfers are a minority. Minorities' needs must also be addressed, but at the moment, I feel that resources are overallocated towards golfers.

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: I feel this is the role of public courses - to provide an opportunity for anyone interested to try out the sport. They should be mostly targeted at an introductory level. A smaller number of full length courses provide opportunities for enthusiasts, but t

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Desperate need for more parks especially on the north shore

Objectives

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: As above

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf is a sport requiring huge amounts of space which should not be located in the inner suburbs

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: As above

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: As above

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Golf and general recreation do not mix flying golf balls are dangerous

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

   When these golf clubs were established they were on the outskirts of the city they are now considered inner suburbs and the land is desperately needed for general parks and recreation

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: It's pitched as an investment plan but in actual fact it comes across as a plan to reduce golf and golf courses in Auckland. The statistics used are misleading and the solutions seem designed without consultation from actual golfers.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There is enough green space for other activity. Other recreational activity on golf courses that are booked out flat. This does nothing but discourage golf.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I support broad participation but not at the expense of the current golfing public. We should be looking to be more exclusive but I don't see how this needs to discourage other golfers. Also the notion that 18 hole courses are not a place for beginners is

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Yep totally support this

Key shift

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Support the notion but not the current plan

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Again bizar notion that reducing gof courses would lead to increased participation in golf.

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Based on what? Doesn't seem to have been designed with golfers in mind.

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Yep golf courses need to do better

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   I wish you engaged with golfers on this topic, the plan seems to be written by and for non golfers.

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Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I think while some of the ideas are good the data you are using is out of date and not correct

Objectives

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Golf courses cater to an increasing number of players and need 18 holes. To reduce them makes the game unplayable.

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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   Partially support

   Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: There can be things added on IF required but golf is an 18 hole game and to reduce the available space its detrimental to the game and all those that play

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

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

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   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Tell us why:

Objectives

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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

Partially support

Tell us why:

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   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

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

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   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Realize that land is a valuable resource. However, each course needs to be reviewed on its merits, its location in the community and other sports and recreational services already available.

Objectives

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Once again, each on its own merit. We play at Waitemata and there is a wide range of ages, genders and ethnicities that are members at the club. Asians are very well represented in the membership. We also have beaches, North Head and Mt Vic which are open to walkers to why reduce the land of the golf course when there are other exercise options available? The club membership has grown and the booking are always full.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Keep the golf clubs as they are and expand options is a great idea. The cost of membership is driven by the land lease costs paid to the Council so the higher that is the higher the membership cost. Is Auckland Council pushing membership costs up and ther

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Always in favour of best practices to manage land

Key shift

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: No public land should be exclusively used by one sector but some people will never take up golf even if its free! Look at all options before saying "golf courses must go"!

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Even if this land is opened to all what's the guarantee it will be used? We have a maximum membership at Waitemata (1200 members) and have beaches, Mt Vic , North Head and various other tracks to walk / run / cycle on!

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Yes mini golf / driving ranges would be great but need land / resources to develop so whos going to pay for that??

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

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

   I don't know

   Tell us why: As above

Other feedback

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

   The Draft Plan has been well thought out and constructed however 13 courses have 13 different location / community requirements so please work with each course individually and get the best outcome for all and not just a wider group of people. Your statistics of 17% walking and 7% playing golf are skewed by Covid - many golf courses were closed/ reduced numbers playing during Covid and many people that have never walked took up walking during Covid! Golf is just one sport using land - what about rugby / football field that only get used for parts of the year at least golf is played throughout the year. In New Zealand golf is still an affordable sport to play , don't take that away from us.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I left rugby for golf as the body is getting a bit old. I play golf competitive and with friends. Golf is an 18 hole game, giving up the land or shortening the golf courses doesn't make sense. I belong to the Devonport golf club and it is amazing to be apart of it down there. Should the council ruin that, like it does most things, it would be a huge upset to the players and community. Golf has become one of the most popular sports since covid, the amount of people who I talk to who have only been playing for a little over a year shows massive growth in the sport. Shortening or removing golf courses to free up land would only put further stress on the golf clubs that survive. If you want a task, fix Lake Road, build another crossing, do something that will benefit everyone and not a minority. Lake road is one of, if not the worst road in New Zealand when it comes to traffic.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: As per above. Also sharing the space makes no sense at all as it would become a hazard for non-golfers

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

Don't support

Tell us why:

Key shift

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

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

   If you want to become the most hated council go ahead with this draft, I understand there needs to be growth with housing and other things but as far as I'm aware, the main hindrance is the council. How slow it is to get consent and how expensive you are. My rates just went up and I'm unsure why, I have seen no benefit at all, also to be one of the only places who pays for rubbish to be collected. This is the worst run council in NZ. Sort it out and stop putting forward stupid drafts.

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Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I am a member of Waitemata Golf Club and derive significant social and health benefits from playing golf. I want my two young children to begin playing golf and removing any of the local courses from the North Shore (Waitemata, Pupuke, Takapuna) would significantly limit their access to golf facilities. All of these golf courses provide massive upside to the general public and non golfers alike through the availability of open spaces and pockets of nature within suburbia. Once gone, they can never be replicated.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: They are already open to all Aucklanders via playing a game of golf or using as an open space in conjunction with golf.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Yes the more participation the better. However, removing golf courses will only make the sport more exclusive

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

   Support

Tell us why: Greenkeepers already do an amazing job at maintaining these spaces. Far better than Council subcontractors currently do on many public spaces

Key shift

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Don't make short term decisions that can't be reversed i.e. selling golf course land for cash. Legacy councils weren't all bad, earmarking this land for golf has had massive benefits for Auckland over the years

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: We already have plenty of awesome public space. Take Devonport for example, volcanic cones, cricket fields, rugby fields, schools. No need to change what isn't broken

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: As above, don't change what isn't broken. The housing crisis will improved by the Unitary Plan through higher density on land already allocated to residential. This will just take time, don't make a knee-jerk reaction by selling golf courses for short ter

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Yes, consistent ecosystem management is a good goal

Other feedback

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Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Objectives

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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Don't support

Tell us why:

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   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

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

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   Partially support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I play at Waitemata golf club Devonport .I think the club is well used by the community young and old not only by golfers walkers.

   T try he golf club is also very involved in younger players also form a social point the club is also well used

   The club encourages young players of both sex's and we also have full membership and a very healthy waiting list.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Every sport is covered in some way in Waitemata so why would take away a golfing facility and replace it with something we already have.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The golf course is fully used all through the day.7 Days a week

   More than any of the other facility

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

   Don't support

Tell us why: This is a very poorly thought out plan for the use of open spaces in Auckland

Key shift

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: You need to consult your community better before even trying to implement a plan like this.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There is adiquit land for all to be enjoyed

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Why change something that works for the community that owns all the land anyway

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Again this is a well used faculty filling a good need in the comunity

Other feedback

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   No I feel it should be left as it is

   Maybe some nice walkways around the club would be a better use maybe

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Your feedback

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   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Objectives

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The problem with the current draft golf investment plan, is that it uses inaccurate data, and paints golf as being elitist and in decline. Whilst I don't believe it the intention of the authors to advocate for the reduction in number of golfing holes on our course or on others around Auckland. If this plan (in it's current form), were to become a template for Council when making decisions on our lease, this could be used for such purposes, given that the document is not clear and open to interpretation.

   Our golf Club has a positive impact on physical and mental wellbeing, for not just the members but those that are also able to use the cafe and grounds. The park like environment enhances physical activity whilst also supporting those passionate about golf. Our participation rates have increased and will continue to do so.

   It is vital for the club to retain the 18 holes on our current footprint, as this is a club with a rich history but one which is also forward and community involved.

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

   Don't support

Tell us why:

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I am a retiree and golf is the only sport I can participate in. I'm not against progress, such as sharing facilities with other activities, however, I love being part of my Club and the positive aspects of playing 18 holes of golf. If I want to play I want to play 18 holes not 9. The outdoor activity is good for my mental and physical health as well as the skill level I try to reach to improve my game. The social side of golf is also very important to me. I play at Waitemata in Devonport and enjoy the environment at the course and the socialising. I've made numerous lifelong friends through being part of this Club. I also enjoy playing at other courses around the district such as Pupuke, Helensville, Akarana, Huapai, Redwood, Titirangi, Muriwai, Whangaparaoa, Takapuna GC and Chamberlain Park etc.

   Also, the popularity of golf has increased to the point there is a waiting list to become a member. Many of the new members are retirees, like myself, or young Dad's in the late 30s or early 40s. They seem to enjoy the environment, competition and socialising.

Objectives

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I want my golf club to stay as an 18 hole golf course. Members of the public do walk over it but show respect to golfers who are playing and wait for them to play. Also, golfers wait for people walking to pass before playing - all in good harmony. I would NOT like to see the parkland/golf course reduced in size.

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

   Partially support

Tell us why: There isn't a lot of additional room for, say, a driving range at Waitemata GC. There is a driving range nearby at Barrys Point Rd. Most people find Waitemata a very friendly club and new members have been warmly welcomed.

I would take issue with the comm

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I believe ecosystem management is very good at most golf clubs with professional green keepers and trainees attending courses. Most members respect their course and leave the course as they find it i.e. tidy.

   Each course has different requirements i.e. sa

Key shift

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: As covered above a broad brush approach by council is not suitable to the unique requirements of each coarse. I don't agree that it's been an ad hoc approach but a selective approach.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I disagree with this assessment that there is a small number of regular golfers. Club membership is growing to the point of needing to provide waiting lists to join. People joining are in the mid 30s to mid 40s who a an active group. More women than ever

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Our club has invested heavily in drainage of the course and maintenance of the trees, gardens and shrubs. Most courses I visit are very well maintained and looked after.

   Appeal to a wider group of people is a gross generalisation. I know many non golfers

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

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

Don't support

Tell us why: I've covered many time earlier that I believe golf courses are well maintained and loved by their members. If the council has suggestions on the ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation then they should share their knowledge with the clubs - not

Other feedback

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

I question a lot of the statements being made by the research group.

(i) Participation by women, young people and non-Europeans is low.

The increase in women and young people is noticeable. Many non-Europeans (especially Asians) have joined clubs

(ii) There is little variety of service offering across Auckland golf courses.

Mini Putt is not golf, it's a fun game to play with grandkids. Golf Clubs offer classes for new players and encourage participation. Our club has introduced a cafe where locals come and enjoy a coffee and chat. Most courses have a sprig bar for relaxing and socialising after a round. Liquor licencing should be looked at as our club hasn't been granted one.

(iii) Almost all of Auckland's courses are traditional 18-hole development-level courses suitable for more experienced golfers, which are declining in number.

This is incorrect as memberships are increasing in number. I suspect this statement was made by a non participant in golf.

(iv) There are few places for people to get started in golf.

I started at one of the two public courses and a know many new participants are starting at these courses (including my wife).

People also start at driving ranges where they can practice without embarrassment.

In summary, golf is in great spirit at the present moment. This may not have been the case a decade ago but presently numbers participating are increasing in both men and women and youngsters.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I feel that in my area of Devonport the local golf course is already open to the public for walking and other activities. There is a cycle track around the edge of the 15th fairway and there are no fences limiting access to the course. There is currently a waiting list to join the club and the club has initiatives in place to engage more kids and ladies in golf as per the council wish list. I support the council investigating ways to use the area in other ways but would strongly oppose any reduction in the current footprint of the the golf course i.e the course should remain an 18 hole community golf facility.

Objectives

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: As stated above Waitemata golf course in Devonport is already open to the public for walking and other sporting activity. There are often dog walkers and runners on the course at the same time as people are playing.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: NZ Golf and the local club already have things in place to increase participation in golf from low participation groups and I would welcome the council helping to fund more of these initiatives to increase participation in golf. As stated previously there

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

I don't know

Tell us why: As most golf courses have full time staff looking after the grounds and facilities who I believe already use best practice in ecosystem and biodiversity conservation I struggle to see how the council could do better than it currently is doing with it's g

Key shift

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

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

   I don't know

   Tell us why: I think the "robust investment framework" would have to outlined very very clearly to explain to all interested parties exactly what the end result should look like. If that end result is a reduction in golf course footprints for a short term monetary gai

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: As pointed out earlier on the course at Waitemata is already fully open to the public to use and any member of the public can enter at any time as long as they are aware that people are also playing golf in that space. I often see non playing members of t

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I think the council should let the "golf service" be run by NZ Golf and the local associations that already understand peoples' golfing needs and have plans in place to increase participation by more people.

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

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

   I don't know

   Tell us why: Please see earlier answer re. ecosystem and biodiversity

Other feedback

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

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The current situation is working well.

Objectives

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Already the golf courses on publicly owned land are available to anyone who wants to join or pay green fees. Some also allow for the public to walk over and use for recreation purposes. The golf clubs such as Waitemata are in great demand already and the players are drawn from all ethnicities, age groups and sporting abilities. Also the only reason that the golf courses are attractive is that members and green fee players are spending upwards of $1,500 a year to maintain the quality of the environment.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: As said, the clubs already attract a broad spectrum of players and there are no equity issues.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: The golf courses are already environmentally maintained and frankly significantly better than most Council land which is maintained by Council.

Key shift

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The question is clearly slanted away from the status quo and implies that decisions made in the past were incorrect.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: As stated, that is already happening. Anyone can participate assuming they pay for the right to use the facilities which is exactly the same as any other sport and recreation facility owned by Council such as swimming pools.

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

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

   I don't know

   Tell us why: Not sure what the question is trying to say.

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: As said it is already happening at the cost of golf members and players.

Other feedback

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

   I cannot help think that this is another issue that Council staff has raised which is looking for problems rather than accepting that the current situation is working well.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Golf as described in the plan is portrayed as discriminory. I play golf and have never, in any sport or community based health activity experienced participation by such a diverse sector of our community. Male and female, asian kiwi moari african, young and old all are welcome as members or guests anytime of the week apart from sat morning competitions. Furthermore there is no exclusive use areas and the community regularly walk on the land, enjoying the trees and the grass. Golfers and locals look out for one another and most certainly i have never experienced what is documented in the plan as " the land is reserved for a few" that is nonsense unless it is a private club

Objectives

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: this is already the case and all parties must be considerate of one another

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: This already happens and everyone has an opportunity to play, whether as a member or guest and prices are differentiated for ages and gender

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

   Don't support

Tell us why: Really guys when has council done a better job than community driven initiatives or well run private business. Why does council truly believe you can do a better job than I or any other person involved

Key shift

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There are very few examples of where this has been well executed on a longer term scale outside of doc

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This is nonsense, there is no publicaly owned land that is exclusive for any party. It is a requirement to pay to play golf, no exclusivity to walk on the course or have your dog walk with you on the course. Even kids play on the course

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Agree but work with communities to establish how

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Again words are words, demonstrate where this change has happened and how it has excelled and become "BEST PRACTICE" then get the community behind you. Dictating without evidence is simply unfair and an abuse of power

Other feedback

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

   Please think about what the impact on the elderly like myself will be. Golf for me and many like me is my form of activity and relaxation. I cannot afford private clubs and often we take our children/grandchildren to walk and enjoy the course, the birds and the trees

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Whilst I am generally supportive of council looking at how they can better support local clubs I think that the plan has an outdated view on golf. As a mum of 3 kids, living near a golf course has such a positive impact on our physical and mental well being as a family. My Son 10 and daughter 8 both play, along with many other young kids in the community. We, with whanau and friends meet at the club on the weekends for a game and a meal. My 4 year old often runs through the course after hours and living near such a beautiful green space is really good for mental health. It currently offers opportunities for all age levels and given that we are living busier lives, its really important that we have cities that offer open green space, trees, all delivering positive impact on the communities fitness while bringing people together. While 9 holes is great for weekdays, I think it's really important that we continue to offer the 18 hole game. We want people to holiday in our city, locals to spend money locally and for tourists to visit. While there could be opportunities to add additional activities on the course, I believe golf should remain the core use. Its a sport for all the family and it would be a shame to loose any of that accessibility.

Objectives

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

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

Support

Tell us why: Golf is a great game for all the family to enjoy at all ages. It can be an affordable game for youngsters giving them fitness and community belonging.

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

   I don't know

   Tell us why: I love the look of Waitamata golf course, it is such a special place to walk and watch over. Something that can't be easily replaced.

Key shift

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I think golf needs to remain the core use for the facilities, instead of changing that, increase use for all members of society, including school programs etc

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I think golf needs to remain the core use for the facilities, instead of changing that, increase use for all members of society, including school programs etc

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

Golf is a game for all the community, and this is an opportunity to bring fitness, fun, and well being to more members of the community and to bring more tourists to our suburbs.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I like the idea of increased transparency and accountability, but I feel that the equity and participation rates are currently very high. The courses are generally quite affordable, people walk on the courses regularly for exercise, and the tee times seems to be always quite filled. In fact, from what I've read, their memberships are up year over year for the past five years, so it's far from declining in popularity.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I mean, I get the concept, but they seem quite open to all Aucklanders as it is. People are regularly getting exercise walking through the courses, and people are allowed to sign up for tee times and play at the courses for very manageable fees.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I think this would be fine and good, if there are low participation rates at particular courses. If a course is busy all the time, has plenty of members and a solid social scene and events and youth programs (like Waitemata does) then I'm not sure what mo

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

   I don't know

Tell us why: This feels vague and could end up shutting down an entire course because someone finds a rare frog on the premises. But I wholeheartedly agree with the idea of making sure courses are using safe products in their groundskeeping, not harming the area and m

Key shift

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The current courses benefit Auckland at a huge level already. Having green spaces in our area are critical for health and mental well being, and the courses are well used, as our club houses. In fact, since 2013, golf club membership within Auckland has g

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There are no shortages of spaces for other sports to be played on. And no shortage of people who take advantage of golf courses for playing or just walking. Giving the courses over so more people can walk on a fairway does not improve on the current situa

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This again feels like a fix for a broken system, which we don't have. If the courses were empty, and losing money, then there should be intervention. But changing the system to take more control across the board and put it into one centralized group that'

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: As long as the targets are sustainability and rules on pesticides, great.

Other feedback

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

   I think this needs to be scaled back considerably and redrafted with people from the golf community involved to help keep this popular, accessible sport thriving into the future.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: The Draft Plan is based upon / supported by a whole host of inaccuracies and assumptive statements that are highly misleading. If this is the level of research that Council believes is necessary to be the foundation for a long-term plan for change, then they are not living in the real world. Therefore, it is with reluctance that I offer any level of support to the plan itself as it is not based on well-researched facts and data.

Objectives

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I play regularly at Waitemata Golf Club. Our club already has access to walkers who use it to exercise their dogs, both during the time that golf is played and at other times, too. Alongside our club land are two Council-owned tennis courts and the local squash club, where I was a member until around 7 years ago and moved to golf due to aging knees and lower mobility.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Waitemata Golf Club already has a thriving Junior set-up each Friday afternoon during school Terms, where differing ages and skill levels come along, receive coaching and instruction on the Rules of Golf, play a couple of the shorter holes, all while thei

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

Support

Tell us why: This is the one part of the plan that seems to be supported by proper data and research, with individual club level information, targets and achievement over time.

Key shift

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: It is true that golf courses are, by their very nature, large tracts of land. However, attempting to, in some way, create 'multi-use' spaces out of them without first destroying the golf opportunity they currently offer would appear impossible. Golf is, i

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: See my comments above to the preceding question. Also, Waitemata Golf Club is NOT used exclusively by members, as stated earlier. (Yet another misguided assumption by your report writer, it would seem)

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: This is already happening. If Council can accelerate the pace of this change, then bring it on.

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Needs to happen and if Council can provide the support necessary to accelerate this, all good.

Other feedback

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

   As I said, the Plan is predicated on a bunch of inaccuracies and misconceptions bordering on predisposed bias against the game of golf. For instance, it states that our Asian population is not well

represented in golf playing and membership. This could hardly be further from the truth and the statistical data shows that the proportion of Auckland golfers of an Asian background echoes the proportion of the Auckland population that they represent. The author of the report should be thoroughly ashamed of their lack of thoroughness.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The current draft plan paints a picture that golfing in New Zealand is on the decline and elitist. This is an unfair assessment. Golf is a great game for all people, my local course costs less than a gym membership to belong, and has an increasing number of players who are finishing with other more intensive sports like rugby, football, cricket which its more relaxed and less injury-inducing. Many of us in our early 30s view golf as a way to continue playing a semi-competitive sport over a lifetime, rather than many younger sports that you can only play until our late 20's because of injuries. Taking away and dividing up golf courses will reduce the opportunity for others like myself to take up the sport. A sport like sailing is viewed as more commonplace and not elitist in NZ compared to overseas, and the same applies to Golf. It's for everyone. I overall support the peripheries of golf courses to be used as recreational areas and improvements there, but killing a great game when there is already so much open space and areas to do this in Auckland seems unnecessary and simply targeting misconstrued perceptions about a sport.

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

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recreational areas and improvements there, but killing a great game when there is already so much open space and areas to do this in Auckland seems unnecessary and simply targeting misconstrued perceptions about a sport.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Golf clubs are actively doing this already with great initiatives such as twilight golf, ladies reserved tee time, working with schools etc.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Golf courses attract great amounts of wildlife, and to get rid of them would only hinder this. All for increasing biodiversity, as golf naturally supports this.

Key shift

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The current draft plan paints a picture that golfing in New Zealand is on the decline and elitist. This is an unfair assessment. Golf is a great game for all people, my local course costs less than a gym membership to belong, and has an increasing number

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The current draft plan paints a picture that golfing in New Zealand is on the decline and elitist. This is an unfair assessment. Golf is a great game for all people, my local course costs less than a gym membership to belong, and has an increasing number

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

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

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

Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: There are a number of inaccuracies in the data being used to promote this policy. Waitemata has made significant changes to broaden the membership base and the appeal to the wider community. Over the many years I have been a member I have seen the club enjoy a wide growing patronage of Women, various ethnicities, Youth and Navy personnel. To propose that Auckland council would do a better job than Waitemata Golf Club to broaden the golf service offering in the Devonport community is simply naivete on the part of policy makers.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I believe there is reasonable equity provided by Waitemata Golf Club. I have not seen discrimination and anyone can either join as a member or participate as a guest. There are already numerous recreation areas on the Devonport peninsular that support a multitude of sporting activities.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: As above I believe Waitemata Golf club is already doing a very good job and the information in the draft plan is very misleading.

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

   Support

Tell us why:

Key shift

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

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Apologies but I don't see how a centralised body could achieve more than the people on the ground in their communities.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This is a really misleading and unfair question. Whoever has designed this questionnaire should be ashamed of positioning or at least have some good data to support this premise.

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: You are saying that currently the golf courses under council/ Auckland management are for the benefit of a minority (golfers) and that by introducing this plan, all Aucklanders would benefit. What is the difference with other sports clubs that are on council owned land. You cannot isolate just golfers if your intent is to provide "green space" for all Aucklanders. The majority of golf clubs you have listed allow public access for recreation, it just so happens there is also golf being played.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: What do you mean by opening up publicly owned land. Are you saying for exclusive recreational use or both golf and allow recreational use (walk through). Be specific in what you are saying

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Most clubs have already increased their levels of membership to include juniors, 9 holes, seniors, women love golf, kids golf. You mention that asian and pacific island participation is low however everyone has the same opportunity to play - you are allud

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

   Don't support

Tell us why: Golf courses are generally well maintained looked after with regular maintenance carried out. What Ecosystem management is considered for sports fields - is this any difference to golf? Provide data before making assumptions. Most sports fields require so

Key shift

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

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: What is the overall aim you are trying to achieve? There is a saying that you can't please all of the people all of the time but you can please some of the people some of the time. This looks like another example of woke culture where the voices of a mino

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The daily usage on a golf course if the first tee is at 0730 and the last around 5.30pm is around 300 people. Over 7 days this 2100 people - the difference is, the general public can walk or carry out their recreation activity (which is either walking, c

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Most clubs are already running initiatives to include a wider cross section of society. Note - this is limited to numbers whereby too many people detract from the sport.

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: All sports and grounds across the country have an effect on the ecosystem.

Other feedback

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

   Don't use Manaakitanga and guardianship of the land as justification just to tick off the culturally sensitive aspect of this plan. A few maori words introduced doesn't mean anything. The Auckland council has introduced a unitary plan that involves condensed housing creating huge pressure on

infrastructure and the environment and now they want to take away the opportunity for people to play the sport they chose just in case some one wants to walk across their golf course.

What if this submission was to include council rugby or football grounds? Netball courts or other outside facilities? You would get the same woke people of society that think they should have a right to everything. Wake Up Auckland Council...you have got more issues than worrying if over 15,000 people a week can play golf.

If I was to put in a submission to say I don't want boating in the harbour because I want to use it for recreational swimming what is the difference? The opportunity is there for all Aucklanders to go swimming because not everyone enjoys boating. You would bet the same number of woke people that would agree event though it is ridiculous.

Auckland council - get your infrastructure sorted, traffic management and unitary planning for housing is a joke. You are creating a condensed society because you think more houses equals affordable living. WAKE UP!!!!

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I support all the comments made by Dean Murphy in Golf New Zealand's letter to you dated 8th April 2022.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I support all the comments made by Dean Murphy in Golf New Zealand's letter to you dated 8th April 2022.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I support all the comments made by Dean Murphy in Golf New Zealand's letter to you dated 8th April 2022.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I support all the comments made by Dean Murphy in Golf New Zealand's letter to you dated 8th April 2022.

Key shift

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

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

   Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I support all the comments made by Dean Murphy in Golf New Zealand's letter to you dated 8th April 2022.

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

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

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

   In general, I support all the comments made by Dean Murphy in Golf New Zealand's letter to you dated 8th April 2022.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: It's not needed, the land is already open for public use and there are junior golf programs in place. The club, especially Waitemata is open to all, people ride their bikes and walk their dogs through and have a go at golf when they want.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I definitely support these objectives, but believe this already happens as mentioned above about it being open to all and welcome new golfers, we have chatted to a few people walking by the tee box at Waitemata and they said they were going to play soon for first time and were excited. It's open to everyone, lots of dog walkers, cyclists, family's, solo players and young and old diverse age groups, I play with a guy who likes to swim after playing he is from Japan. There are a lot of different ethic groups currently playing and the course Waitemata is open to all, there are no fences or barriers to entry.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: It would be better to target more marketing of the golf participation and awareness of golf in schools at a young age, there is already a strong junior golf scene with different ethnic groups. Some people don't persist with golf as they find it too hard.

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

Don't support

Tell us why: Still support all this. But think the caretakers aim for this as their kids and dogs play on the course at Waitemata so they don’t want any bad things put on the land.

Key shift

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

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I support it but council owned courses are already open to all and golf participation is encouraged to everyone.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: It’s already open to walkers, cyclists, family’s, visitors, at Waitemata golf club there are no barriers or fences. A box track has just been developed more next to the course, all people are welcome.

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: It already appeals to a wide range of people, I have met the most diverse people through golf.

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This needs to be seperate and work with the clubs to achieve it and give them resources and funding.

Other feedback

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

   Waitemata gold club is a friendly and diverse club, all are welcome and new golf participation and development is already happening. It’s always open to other people like walkers, dog walkers cyclists etc.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I don't believe enough consultation had occurred with nz golf or auckland golf.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The land works well and is equitable for golfers. Golf is booming in Auckland why ruin it now.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Additional golf activities are a good idea.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: This needs more detail and thought

Key shift

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

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

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

   I don't know

   Tell us why: The new wording doesn't have any specifics and seems vague.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf courses add value beyond the ability to play golf.

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

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

   I don't know

   Tell us why: Too vague

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

   I believe the council needs to get more feedback from golfers and people trying to get into golf to get a better picture of what's required. Feels like a money grab by the council due to other areas failing in performance financially.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf has become one of New Zealand's most popular sports in recent years. This plan outlines using land for other things which would result in holes having to be removed. If holes are removed golf courses become less than 18 holes which means the sport cannot be completed at the standard level. The points about golf courses not benefiting everyone is true but it can be said for a lot of things. A rugby field does not benefit everyone so why aren't they being looked at in the same light. I think this plan needs a lot more work and thought put into it. Many golf course are willing and open to ideas on using land to involve more people in the community and these can be done without effecting the sport itself. This includes walks and bike tracks around the outside. As well as this, some golf courses can not be developed for housing such as Waitemata Golf Club which has been built on re claimed land and floods often with heavy rain, imagine if this was houses flooding, this is without even mentioning the added traffic chaos onto Lake Road.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf has become a very popular sport within New Zealand in the past few years. Many clubs have affordable annual subs or affordable payment options for everyone, not just a few. As you are probably aware, many golf course are already open for all Aucklanders to use for many different recreation activities, I know this as I am a GreenKeeper at Waitemata Golf Club and see a significant amount of people use the area for activities such as running or dog walking.

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

   Partially support

Tell us why: Adding things such as mini putts and driving ranges could help improve participation at golf courses, many of these places already exist outside of golf courses. Wouldn't putting these things in golf courses for everyone significantly effect their busines

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf courses are already big and open environments that have a thriving ecosystem from birds to animals. There are also several parks in Auckland that have been neglected for a number of years resulting their own ecosystems failing.

Key shift

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

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf is accessible to many Aucklanders, as well as this, golf courses already have many benefits outside golf such as, using the club house to host things such as weddings, funerals. Club houses are also home to many other clubs such as Rotary Clubs. Many

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: As mentioned in an answer above, many Golf courses are public land and available to everyone to use at any time for sport and reactionary activities. As well as this, their are so many other sports fields that are not used 90% of the time and these also d

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: As mentioned above, adding things such as driving ranges and mini putts could benefit golf course and potentially attract people, it will have a massive negative effect on local driving ranges (Golf Warehouse) and mini putts. As well as this, many golf co

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

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

   Don't support

Tell us why: As mentioned above, golf courses have a thriving ecosystem that is well maintained, whereas several parks are now run down due to poor maintenance and neglect which in turn has destroyed their eco system.

Other feedback

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

This plan has several outdated facts.

Also why were golf courses or any golf related organisations such as New Zealand Golf not contacted to have their say before this was published?

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Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I think the comments and the plan are very generic and lack substance and a reality check. It is as if golf is not something 'good' and it is not inclusive or equitable and it needs to be fixed - an old fashioned mindset based on ideology instead of facts. It is also very poorly drafted, lacks clear rationale and thought.

   The club that I play at is in Devonport, Waitemata GC.

   It is a very diverse membership - we have a lot of young members (and this is a growing part of the membership), a lot of old members and many in between. We come from all walks of life - tradies, city works and many many members from the Navy etc etc. And many diverse ethnicities (although grouping us Kiwis based on ethnicity is simply wrong) - many of our membership have Asian backgrounds (multiple Asian countries), are Maori, South Africans, Scandinavians, Continental Europeans, British, Irish, Mediterranean, North American etc etc. And we are all Kiwis. And everyone gets along.

   It is a very busy Club. Busy all 7 days a week. From early morning to late in the evenings. And the membership has increased over the last few years. The membership is now almost full.

   But we are still open to green fee play for anyone to join us on the course all days of the week. And playing as green fee guest is relatively affordable, eg 9 holes for $35 (over ca 2 hrs). Cheaper than many other leisure activities, and very important - golf courses are open to anyone! You don't have to be a member. If you can play the game well enough - you can simply pay the green fee and then play. In that regard golf is very inclusive with very few barriers. You can also rent clubs.

   Almost every day of the week our Club have competitions - Ladies days, mixed days, Mens days, Different section days, annual club competitions etc etc. We have a very large and active part of the Club that are females.

   Few sports are as equitable as golf when it comes to participation - because power / youth is small part of the skill required. It lends itself to all ages, and girls / ladies and boys / men. Not like say Rugby - where almost no-one plays past the age of 30. And the Golf handicap system lends itself to everyone playing against everyone and competing with each other. Certainly very inclusive and equitable.

Waitemata GC is also open to the Public for walking, strolling, dog walking etc. It is a shared space. All entry points to the course states this clearly - it is a shared space. And most times that I play gold I would see non-golfers using the golf course / park for walking, dog walking.

My final comments might come across as a bit negative, but what are you comparing golf to? Is there a 'model' sport that ticks all your boxes?

Or do we want to live in a city and community that offer a wide variety of sports to attracts us all, at different times of live, in different situations - competitively, socially, rarely or often?

Some sports might be 'narrow' - like say Petanque and Lawn bowls - that predominately cater to 'older' kiwis, maybe not all ethnicities, and takes up public space. Should you now rationalise these clubs and venues and install what instead?

Rugby clubs (are they equitable? - do they involve Kiwis of all ages, or ethnicities), Tennis Clubs (quite expensive annual memberships, and hourly rates), Sailing Clubs (they use our foreshores, and out waters (for free), you need an expensive boat - and is the diverse in age participation?), Football clubs (they use a lot of land too, and our young Kiwis love the game - but do older Kiwi men and women play that much?), What about Swimming clubs and pools (how diverse are these Clubs - ethnicities and ages? Let alone the cost of building them, maintaining them and heating the water), etc etc.

Thank you for asking for feedback.

Regards, Fred.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: It is open to all Aucklanders already. So in a way I support it it BUT - the statement is wrong / poor. It implies exclusion. Anyone can play golf. it is open for anyone. And many many Kiwis play golf, has played golf or are thinking of taking up golf, or to start playing golf again later in life. It is an 'all life sport' - you can play it from youth to old age, 'able' and 'disabled' - unlike many other sports that require more contact like football, rugby or basketball.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Another poor objective. Every sport has low participation groups - otherwise all 'groups' would be playing every sport.

   Again you imply something - I think - that lower socio demographic groups don't have access to golf? And you imply / state it like a

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

   Support

Tell us why:

Key shift

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

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Most golf course are shared land (so it is NOT exclusively) - you can walk there and you can play golf there. Since it predominantly a golf course, you predominately play golf on a golf course. Like a swimming pool - you predomitaley swim in it (or jump i

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: See all my previous answers. Another ideological statement, and unachievable aspiration.

   It already appeals to a wide group. And it again implies that it is not a wide group of people..?

   Is it more narrow than what sport? Rugby - based on what criteria?

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

   Great that you ask for feedback.

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Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf is growing every day and the council is now adopting in fill housing and creating overcrowding seems with no proper planning and start tampering in an area the is well under control is again throwing our money, the rate payers away. Golf course are accessible to all public if the choose not if you choose for them it is public land own by the public that already uses and looks after.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I have been a member of a golf course for over 40 years and have never witnessed such a great use of the area ever before and for golfers and non golfers exercising, walking and playing, our new planting is massive and of no cost to council, if something is improving why mess with it.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This is the business of the clubs and community group to sort and they are not a council who are slowly making it hard to live and have freedoms in this city

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Again we have so much new planting continually going on at no cost to the public or council

Key shift

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

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf courses already have these things in place

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Our course is already open to the public for exercise and walking enjoying with tracks etc.

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Those who want to access the facilities are welcome to when ever they want with care and safety

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There are great things going on by members and outside community groups already in this field .

Other feedback

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

   Don’t try and fix what’s not broken as far as I know all the ideas that are suggested are being implemented by clubs and groups at no cost to an overpowering council, run the city better not the people.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I love golf. I love playing at my local course (Waitemata) and I love the 18 hole version of the game. I would be very upset by any initiative to reduce the size of the course, which is small by golf course standards, and by any initiative to limit opportunities to play the 18 hole version of the game. I would be shocked by any initiative to build housing on this site because it is so low to sea level, or even below sea level in parts, and it floods in winter. No-one wants this for housing. And the flooding will only increase with climate change and sea-level rise. I refute suggestions that the game of golf is exclusive or elitist, male focused and Pakeha focused. I only took up golf 2.5 years ago and felt very welcome to join the Waitemata Golf Club. I am one of the many women who play golf there. The membership has a high proportion of Asian players, male and female, and also has Maori players (this is particularly apparent through its relationship with the Navy). I also want to emphasise that golf is extremely popular among retirees. There are very few sports that retirees can participate in in such an active and complete way, with the option of using a cart as they get older and less mobile. Many people look forward to playing more golf once they retire, and I am absolutely one of these. That is what I want for my retirement. Everything about the game is good for people's physical and mental wellbeing. It keeps us active. Our fees fund the maintenance of the place and the mowing of the lawns and pruning of trees. The course makes a strong contribution to enhancing community spirit, because people often play with people they haven't met before. We have met many local people through playing golf with them. I would also emphasise that the course is almost fully booked, on most days, with groups four people teeing off every 7 minutes. There are often non-golfers walking on the course, particularly people with dogs, most of whom know to stick to the tree-lines in order to stay safe. People in the area are spoilt for choice with other parks and places to walk. Even just on the other side of Lake Road there is a huge open space, with the soccer grounds and the area around the skate park which are much less utilised than the golf course. There is also a cricket ground nearby, also less-used than the golf course. There are two volcanoes, and the spectacular walks up both the east coast and the west coast to Takapuna. Please leave the Waitemata Golf Course as is.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Equity is much more apparent in golf club membership than the Golf Investment Plan suggests, with strong representation among women, Asian people, and retirees in particular. Our club has moved away from men's and women's tees and replaced them with tees that have gender-neutral names and each play can choose which tee they play off.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: We don't have low participation rates. We have a course that is almost fully booked, most of the time. It is the 18 hole version of the game that most golfers play and love.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: This is essential for the future of the planet.

Key shift

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

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Understanding history is important to understanding the present. It is possible that some historic decisions were arrived at through rigorous processes and remain appropriate for the communities they serve.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I refute the suggestion that the Waitemata Golf Course is used exclusively by golfers. It is already used by walkers, including dog walkers, most of whom know to stick to the tree-lines to stay safe. I would again emphasise that golf clubs serve a part

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

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

Don't support

Tell us why: I refute the suggestion that the Waitemata Golf Club does not already serve a broad demographic.

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

   Please retain the 18 hole version of the game at the Waitemata Golf Club.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I would expect this activity to be used on all council owned sport and park areas including rugby, soccer softball, netball and any other sport areas.

Objectives

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I play at Takapuna and it has a very high usage rate. More people use Takapuna golf course and driving range than the soccer, rugby and net ball courts near by each week.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Takapuna already has a coaching facility, and many beginners play the course. I can't see how other forms of golf could be implemented while still having maintaining an acceptable course for experienced players.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: A golf course is a perfect place to have great indigenous ecosystems.

Key shift

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

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: There are quite a few people who exercise by walking on the course without being in danger on the course. But having cycle ways would impact on the course be requiring paved areas constructed, there by reducing the eco system outcomes.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: More people use Takapuna golf course than all both the sports fields and netball courts over the road. These areas are only used for a few hours for practice and Saturdays. The netball courts are the least used facility as its winter only.

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

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

   I don't know

   Tell us why: What other use to you propose for Takapuna Golf course?

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: as above

Other feedback

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

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: The only part I support is the best practice in ecosystem management

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Does Auckland not already have many parks, walks, beaches where people can use for sport recreational purposes.

   Members pay for the up keep of these courses, once you drive out the members to privately owned courses who pays for all the up keep...higher rates!

   Once you do drive golf members to the few private courses around Auckland then you will without any doubt make golf extremely elitist where only the very wealthy will be able to afford the fees due to the extremely high demand that will be created to join these clubs.

   If you the decision is made to open up golf courses, then equally all parks etc should be open for golf...which they currently ban!!!

   How could you not have one without the other?

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: All groups of people can already access golf via the Takapuna public course.

   Most courses provide times for juniors and green fees players.

What makes the council think it can do a better job the the golf courses in attracting a broader range of particip

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

   Support

   Tell us why: I agree the all golf courses parks etc should be looking for best practice when addressing the ecosystem

Key shift

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

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I don't support any "ad hoc" decision from the council but I nor should any decision regarding the future of golf courses be made without looking at the long term affect on the sport and on going costs to keep these areas as useable, safe and in good con

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Are existing council parks overflowing with so many people that they require to convert golf courses into more parks?? Why not convert all council parks rugby, cricket grounds to multi purpose sports including golf???If these plans come to fruition and

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Sounds good in theory however golf already is appealing to a wide group of people...most clubs have nearly full memberships.

   Again anyone can play at Takapuna and for that matter most courses.

   Has anyone looked at the cost of running these plans without

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: As long as all council parks, beaches walks have the same practice

Other feedback

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

Please be robust in your decision making. I'm 58 and played on and off for most of my life. I save each year for my golf fees as this is my enjoyment and what I'm looking forward to do in my retirement years.

If you take the council courses away you will force a majority of golfers to quit as it will become a game for only the very wealthy.

As I said once they are gone they will never come back.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: At a high level I can't support the proposals made by Council as they stand in the Draft Plan, given they currently rely on what are clearly outdated and/or an incorrect fact base.

   In putting the next version of the draft plan together I strongly ask the Council to undertake more up to date research (noting these facts are readily available from authoritative sources).

   In particular the incorrect claims made in relation to 'declining' participation rates should be addressed (noting participation rates in Auckland are in actual fact up 11% over the last 5 years); the fact Golf Club membership has continued to grow (and thrive through the pandemic) – with Golf membership levels now outstripping Rugby, Netball and Football combined; and address the inference that Golf is not an accessible sport – the available statistics in relation to ethnicity, gender, disability and age all demonstrate Golf has attracting a broad base of participants.

   The fundamental issue with the current Draft Golf Plan is it uses inaccurate information, and incorrectly paints Golf as being elitist and in decline.

   With regards to the specific elements of the plan, I'll provide further comments under each section below.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Instead of the way it's presented in the Draft Plan, the facts are current Golf playing (measured by rounds) and increasing membership statistics instead provide a narrative for the potential INCREASE in facilities to accomodate the increasing numbers of the playing public choosing to play Golf. "Opening up publicly owned land to all Aucklanders" implies a reduction in land use which is counter to the clear need.

Any erosion of the current facilities would be of detriment to the large number of Aucklanders (relative to nearly every other major sporting code) who gain enjoyment of these facilities every week. It's worth noting Golf facilities are typically used 7 days a week and during all daylight hours - few other sports make use of their playing surfaces / fields in the same way (and typically only use them in weekends or evenings).

In particular, it is critically important the 18 hole course footprints are retained. These footprints allow for a range variations of formats of the game to be played by all skill levels, and help accomodate the largest number of players at a point in time.

I'd acknowledge there may be opportunities to add additional activities on the periphery of courses (such as the recent BMX track installed at the edge of Waitemata Golf Club), however Golf should remain the core purpose of the land.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I support this objective, however I can't support the Conclusions and Recommendations contained in the Draft Plan (given the fact base appears out-dated / incorrect).

   When compared against other major codes, Golf is already very well represented (rankin

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Clearly managing our ecosystem and conservation is a good idea - one I suspect few would disagree with.

   However what is not well represented in the Draft Plan is the important role these green places play in our community. In the case of the Waitemata Go

Key shift

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

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I partially support a more consistent approach to how Golf is managed in Auckland on Council-owned facilities going forward, with the caveat that approach is developed on a more robust, accurate set of information than currently provided in the Draft Plan

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

Tell us why: Consistent with my earlier comments in this submission, there is clear demand for quality golfing facilities in Auckland. It would be highly damaging for the sport and the large number of community participants of the current footprints were eroded below

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: My interpretation of the recommendations in the Draft Report would see a 'dumbing down' of the sport, and certainly a commoditisation to some form of 'short format'.

   I believe this would be damaging for the health of the sport of Golf in both Auckland a

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

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

   I don't know

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

   The overall tone of the Draft Report appears somewhat biased against the sport of Golf, and appears not to recognise the contribution these clubs, using Council-owned land, make to our communities.

   As a parent and a participant, my involvement with the sport to date has only been positive, and one of the things I have valued is the 'broad church' the sport appeals to - and the wide range of people you end up playing with. I have seen nothing of the 'elitism' portrayed in the report - certainly at the council-own courses, which typically are able to offer much cheaper memberships and general access than their private counterparts (such as Royal Auckland, North Shore Golf Club etc).

   I am generally supportive of council looking at how they can better support clubs that are based on their land - but with that should be more recognition of the work these clubs are actively doing around growing the game, shortened formats, welcoming new members and ecological management plans. This component appears to be 'missing in action' in review, and I would like to see stronger recognition that the Clubs are providing a valuable community facility that benefits both members and the wider community at large.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The Plan is based on a foundation of misinformation about the role golf plays in the community and the overall benefit it provides to members and non members alike

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf course land is some of the most highly utalised land of all council land used for sport and recreation

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: These ideas are already happening and being very successful making golf one of the more inclusive activities in the community.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Already happening

Key shift

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

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: It would be great for the council to invest in the facilities to further enhance the work the clubs do for the community in maintaining the green space..

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: By enabling Club leases to allow clubs to add additional activities to support the whole community. E.g. could be creating a gym, childcare facility etc that runs alongside the Club.

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Again this is already being done by clubs.

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Best practise is already being driven by NZ Golf

Other feedback

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

   It is important that Courses remain with a full 18 hole layout. To reduce the footprint would mean many clubs would become unviable which we pound be a great loss as Golf is a very high participation rate and form of exercise for health and well-being across all the community.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf is such a popular sport and there aren't enough time slots to book so decreasing the amount of courses would decrease the number of people that can play. This would lead on to health issues and quality of life issues

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: It is decreasing equity. You are taking away from the most played sport in the country

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: It is decreasing equity. You are taking away from the most played sport in the country

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

   It is a terrible idea. Pull your heads in

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The draft plan uses out of date data. It paints a picture of golf being elitist and decline. Where in reality golf numbers are growing significantly. To meet future demand there needs to be more golf services in accessible areas within the urban city. The strategy also says woman and Asian communities do not play golf. Where they have far higher participation percentages than other sports such as rugby, football, tennis and netball.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Overall the objective has a good intent. However, it implies that golf courses are not current accessible to Aucklanders which is not true. Many Aucklanders walk and exercise and share golf courses both when they are in use and befor or after use. By reducing golf courses it will not be able to cater for future demand of the sport.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: More golf services are required to meet the large demand currently on golf courses. Other services such as golf driving ranges and 9 hole golf courses are needed but not at the expense of existing services

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

Don't support

Tell us why: This objective shows a lack of understanding of the current ecosystem and stormwater function that golf courses play. The green spaces provide for biodiversity already. While better management practices are needed. This should not be from other land uses.

Key shift

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

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The plan is inaccurate and uses out of date data. This should be withdrawn and worked with key stakeholders again.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf courses are all currently accessible to guest golfers and to the wider public. Clubs are welcoming and allow for use by the public already.

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: More services are required to meet future demand of golf. This should not be at the expense of existing services

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf courses already provide this.

Other feedback

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

   This should be withdrawn. It is inaccurate and flawed. Current “mid-level” golf courses are in demand and well-utilised. We need a broad golf service that appeals to a wider group of people in addition to the current courses and facilities. By repurposing or reducing the number of courses this will have a detrimental impact. The existing network of private and public golf facilities provide a wide variety of

pricing for membership and green fees which makes golf accessible to a diverse range of participants in age, ethnicity, gender, and income levels making golf accessible to all.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The Draft Plan is based on statistics that in many cases are outdated and erroneous. It is unscientific to seek public feedback on inaccurate information. Not only are the facts incorrect in many cases but the story that has been built around such the data is misleading and appears intended to lead submitters down predetermined paths. I will make submissions below with the knowledge that these inaccuracies exist, but people who are unaware of these inaccuracies are not able to give a valid response.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I am not opposed to making well thought out changes that will encourage wider participation in golf and further increase the already intensive use of urban golf courses. However the general statement that publicly owned golf land should be opened up to all Aucklanders ignores the true status of golf as a recreational activity in the Auckland region. There is no analysis of how public land used for compares with public land used for other sporting or recreational activities.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: In principal it is not unreasonable to aim to increase equity and participation in golf. However this objective seems to have been developed without awareness of the true statistical situation and without taking into account the inevitable participation

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: This is a reasonable intent. I am only able to partially support it because it is not clear how best practice is to be determined and whether or not the same standards are expected of all public grassed sporting areas.

Key shift

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

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This objective does not give proper recognition to these 'historic decisions'. In most cases these were made by the former major Councils (e.g. North Shore, Waitakere, Manukau, Auckland and Rodney). The decisions of these Council's took into account the i

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Accurate statistics for golf participation demonstrate a sound argument for continuing to use the existing publicly owned land golf course land for golf. Further, there is no accurate analysis by hour and land area of the recreational usage of public lan

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This objective is again based on an incorrect assessment of the current status of golf as a sporting activity in Auckland but concludes that the existing situation should be changed. The existing golf courses that are on public land in Auckland, make a ma

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: The principle is reasonable but the objective does not recognise that significant progress has already been made in this direction on publicly owned golf course land. It is not necessarily a question of either/or. Further significant progress can be made

Other feedback

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

I would make the following additional points:

1. From the latest accurate statistics I believe it is reasonable to conclude that golf in Auckland is not an elitist sport. However if the Council is to seek to close down access to golfing activity on publicly owned land then it will certainly ensure that golf will head more in that direction.

2. The significance of golf as a sport for life should not be underestimated. There are relatively few active sports that involve the level of physical activity required for golf that can be enjoyed all through life. Also as people age the relative health benefits of swinging golf clubs and of walking 6-8 Km increase. Additionally continuing to play golf requires that a certain level of ancillary fitness is maintained. Thus many golfers are incentivised to also join gyms or attend fitness groups.

3. Golf is a sport that lends itself to multi-generational participation. Thus extended families can play sport together and because of golf's unique handicapping system can enjoy friendly competition.

4. The statistics show that the Asian New Zealanders participate in golf to a similar level to other main ethnic groupings. However It would be a useful exercise to determine just how relevant golf is to New Zealand's Asian population compared with their other sporting activities. I would think that looking at their overall participation rate golf would rate exceptionally highly. This is in my view should have considerable significance for policy formulation. There are also wider benefits from people from different backgrounds and of different ethnicities playing sport together.

5. I note that the golf range on Fred Thomas Drive is included in the review. The significance of this site for providing recreation opportunities for all age groups and ability levels in all weather conditions should not be underestimated. The site's location makes it easily accessible for the valuable purpose it serves.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Since COVID, people playing golf has exploded. I am a member at Waitakere Golf Club. It used to be a quiet, out of the way club. Now it's hard to get a tee time. Golf is a great way to get outside, away from computers and cell phones, get gentle exercise, meet new people and appreciate nature. It is also a great challenge and pastime. Golf is enjoyed by all, female, male, able bodied, handicapped, young and old. Auckland's golf courses have provided access to this sport/recreation/social activity, for many decades. Any reduction in facilities or raising of cost would exclude a great many people from this excellent activity. The council should be planning to create new green areas for the citizens to enjoy, not reducing what has already been created. As the city expands, new "green" areas MUST be planned and incorporated into the community. We can cover all land area with housing.

Objectives

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Adding to existing golf facilities is positive. Making these facilities available to all citizens is imperative. Our burgeoning population needs more, not less. Auckland's population is never going to get smaller. We need to plan and create more world cla

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: My golf club, Waitakere, is set in the beautiful Waitakere ranges. We have all of the nature that the ranges offer on our course. It is a beautiful, serene place to appreciate nature whilst getting good exercise. The club is actively involved with the par

Key shift

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

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: What investments are being made? Most of the "legacy" investments are important too. Is the council throwing out the baby with the bathwater? Where is the consultation on each project being selected for investment? Where are the plans? What are the benefi

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf courses are under full demand. They are being fully utilised, particularly since COVID. Council should create more "green" areas to allow for other activities.

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The exercise gotten from walking 18 holes on a golf course is not replicated in "services". Driving ranges etc. can be created and operated by private ownership, (like Golf Warehouse). If the council wants to operate more of these facilities, by all means

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

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

Support

Tell us why: Golf courses are great assets to both manage and conserve biodiversity. All golf courses should be actively creating and managing their landscapes to benefit the native wildlife. As far as I am aware all golf courses are doing this already. Perhaps they c

Other feedback

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

Please, please discuss any plans with NZ Golf and Auckland clubs. Take note of the incredible numbers of participation in the sport, particularly since COVID. Take the opportunity to build on what is already in place and create a better city to live in.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Waitemata GC.

   Busy all the time. Hard to get a preferred tee time. Waiting list for membership. Multicultural. I've played with all ages, from juniors to seniors, Navy and women. No elitism here.

   Auckland's population is increasing. More courses are needed, not less.

   Surrounded by already underutilised parks: Woodall, Allenby Reserve and Ngataringa Park. What advantage is there in reducing the size of the golf course? A better idea would be to develop Allenby Reserve into a putting/practice facility that is designed to introduce new golfers to the game.

   Already partially used as a park. Golfers are mindful and accommodating of dog walkers and joggers in the mornings and evenings.

   Reduction in the number of holes. Golf is traditionally an 18 hole game, but Waitemata has a good 9 hole membership alternative already. The course would become less attractive to green fee players (and members) and income would reduce from that alone.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: As above

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

Support

Tell us why: As above

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

   Support

   Tell us why: As above

Key shift

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: As above

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: As above

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: As above

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: As above

Other feedback

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

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I believe supporting golf is crucial for our younger generations. It is a game that promotes outdoors, improves mental health and wellbeing, and is becoming more affordable for everyone.

Objectives

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Golf courses are already open to the public but they could be more accessible. Public awareness of golf courses has increased considerably since the first lockdown and people began walking courses.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Golf is the most played game globally. Memberships are growing year on year so doing what we can to promote to those who maybe can't get involved initially is very important.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Anything that improves our environment is good.

Key shift

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

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Golf and golf courses are not a one size fits all. Decisions should not be made thinking they are.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: There is room to include more options for the use of golf courses, but where a golf course has a waiting membership list to join, it clearly shows that there is growing demand for the sport.

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Wider appeal is good for the game.

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

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

   I don't know

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

   Golf has such a positive impact. I am a member at Waitemata with my two young boys and it has improved our mental wellbeing and our physical strength. Being part of the club allows us to improve our environment as we work on the course. Our participation rates are the highest they have ever been and the club is seen as a huge benefit to everyone in the local Devonport community.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I find the draft Golf Investment Plan to be based on an inaccurate set of facts, and it appears to be attempting to describe non-existent problems to make a case the plan author has pre-determined. I believe these proposals will do huge damage to our communities, undoing and ignoring the benefits and great progress made over the years.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: From the perspective of a junior golfer with an Under 19 membership, I believe the sport is very accessible within my age group. I know from experience, and visiting the potentially affected golf clubs, that most have invested in great junior golf programs. Waitemata Golf Club (as an example) runs multiple sessions throughout the week supporting all skill levels with the added encouragement of getting out and playing the course. It is a great social environment and has allowed me to meet many new people. This is not the elitist sport, played by few people that the plan makes Golf out to be. As well as being committed to junior golf development, these clubs also run "She Loves Golf" programs which support woman into the game, as well as veteran competitons and groups to create a playing environment for more elderly members. I think Golf is one of the few sports you can play through your whole life. Clubs already are trying make the sport as accessible as possible through recognising many different groups.

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

   Don't support

Tell us why: All clubs already provide a 9 and 18 hole service which gives players flexibility in the amount time they want to be playing. The current course sizes are required given their heavy use - and continuing to maximise the number of people wanting to play in

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: As a student, looking after our environment and ecosystem is at the front of my mind. When playing on the golf courses mentioned in the plan, I am in an environment that is maintained very well and it is very rare to come across litter. I put this down t

Key shift

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

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The decisions made in the past have actually allowed us to be in the position we are today, with several courses around the North Shore that are accessible to casual golfers and members.

   Golf is thriving in these locations - ultimately I think our commu

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Attending a boys secondary school, I am aware of so many sporting codes, where they are played and what they require to work. Sports such as rugby and football collectively has massive amounts of land around Auckland dedicated to them - given far fewer p

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: New Zealand Golf alongside all golf clubs in the country have continued to highly encourage more participation and make the sport more appealing by removing historical stereotypes, particularly high expenses. The courses on council-owned land are really

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

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

   Don't support

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Other feedback

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

I am not satisfied with the level of this survey as it doesn't represent the current situation of golf throughout these golf courses - certainly not the environment I have enjoyed as a junior player.

I think the information as presented will also mean some people who support it, will unfortunately be supporting it based on incorrect information. That doesn't seem a fair outcome for anyone.

Golf has had such an increase in interest throughout the Covid 19 pandemic and the effort these clubs are constantly putting in to improve accessibility for all, which has clearly not been recognised by the council.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Inaccurate data on all levels, ie: participation, gender, age, including the supposed inability of anyone in the region to participate in golf, clearly nonsense.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Adding golf course land for other sport and recreation activities will not significantly increase any more population uptake.

   Aucklanders enjoying their preferred activity have already got it sorted.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: This must be done through Golf NZ for many reasons, however, many coaching and playing schemes have been in operation for some time especially at Takapuna Golf Course.

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Will give full support to this IF, the Ratepayers (the owners) are fully consulted, with plenty of time for debate, not like this

   Daft Plan, which appears to deliberately constrain peopels' response to the plan by the amount of time we have been given to

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The numbers playing golf are rising to levels that will see course overcrowding. And to suggest that all Aucklanders need more

   sport and recreation facilities is absurd.

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Already happening particularly through Golf NZ

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Already happening.

Other feedback

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

   Once again in this new trend of governance, we the Ratepayers/Taxpayers are being told, not asked about changes that are

   already decided 'behind the curtains'. The day 'Accountability and Transparency' appears in any shape or form by governing

   bodies will be a red letter day.

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   Tell us why:

Objectives

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: These spaces that have taken decades to develop to a high standard will be destroyed by obnoxious members of the public aswell as creating a safety issue of people walking and running through areas where golf balls are being hit

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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   Don't support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Objectives

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Don’t believe you have accurate stats to back ‘your research’ up

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Low participation groups won’t engage.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Most golf courses have this already. You’re trying to fix what is not broken and there are other areas to focus on the ecosystems

Key shift

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Sounds like bureaucracy to me

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This will make golf unaffordable and unattainable for me

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I feel this is a false promise

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

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#708

Draft Golf Investment Plan

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Suspect conclusions based on inaccurate data

Objectives

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Publicly owned golf courses are already accessible to the public in some shape or form

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Opportunities already exist

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Should be being done already as a council responsibility

Key shift

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

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

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

Partially support

Tell us why: Super city has existed for a number of years. Surely a "robust investment framework" is in place already. If not, it should be.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Publicly owned golf courses are not used exclusively by golfers currently with the odd exception.

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I am not aware of any obstacles that currently prevent the public accessing existing public golf courses in some shape or form

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Best practice management should already be in place for all publicly owned facilities including golf courses.

Other feedback

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Auckland's golf courses belong to all Aucklanders, not just the small minority that plays golf.

   These are large open parklands in our city that should be democratised. I've lived in Devonport for nearly 15 years. I had never even stepped onto the huge open green space that is our local golf course until the lockdown closed down the golfing there. Many others in the community had the same experience. That is far from a democratic use of this commonly owned property.

Objectives

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Auckland's golf courses belong to all Aucklanders, not just the small minority that plays golf.

   These are large open parklands in our city that should be democratised. I've lived in Devonport for nearly 15 years. I had never even stepped onto the huge open green space that is our local golf course until the lockdown closed down the golfing there. Many others in the community had the same experience. That is far from a democratic use of this commonly owned property.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf is too land hungry for inner city areas. It should be played where land is at less of a premium

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

   Support

   Tell us why: These are green spaces in the city - well maintained they will add to quality of life for the city

Key shift

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

   This is a great initiative to recover these spaces for all the people of Auckland

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Disagree with the premise that people want to play golf to the level envisaged by the investment plan. No evidence was provided of a demand to play golf. However, I agree with the concept of reviewing the council's support for golf and ensuring the game can continue to be played to some extent in urban Auckland.

Objectives

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Intensification of Auckland will require the council to provide for expansive parkland similar to Cornwall Park or the Domain. To allow people to enjoy trees and open spaces and to provide for passive and active recreation. The opening up of golf courses for other activities is vital for the future liveability and vitality of Auckland.

   The conversion of some golf courses eg Takapuna, to provide for playing fields must be considered given the shortfall of playing fields across Auckland. The Takapuna example is in close proximity to a number of schools, public transport, the Northern Motorway offramp, and other regional sporting facilities (Netball courts and rugby fields).

   Auckland's swimming pools are also in short supply and frequently overcrowded, offering few opportunities for water sports and training. Some communities in Auckland require substantial investment in new sports facilities to provide youth and other ages groups with facilities such as swimming pools.

   More limited golf activities could be provided at Takapuna.

   Using the land more effectively could also see some golf course land developed for housing. Given it is public land, any housing development should be to provide for public or 1st home buyer opportunities.

The sale of public land for residential or business activities should be explored but the proceeds must be reinvested back into city's parks and other sports needs, including golfing.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: No evidence has been provided of the demand by low participation groups to take part in golf. As noted above, many people don't have the time or the inclination to play golf. Some nationalities prefer other sports such as squash or badminton. Many youn

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

   Support

   Tell us why: The COVID lockdowns allowed my partner and I along with many others in our community to walk through the Pupuke Golf Course. While we enjoyed the extensive open space and the views to the Gulf, we were dismayed at the poor quality of vegetation on the gr

Key shift

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

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

   I don't know

   Tell us why: An integrated and strategic approach to investment in golf clubs will benefit both the clubs and Aucklanders.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: As noted above, Auckland desperately needs more sports fields, swimming pools and large areas of public open space. Land that it surplus to these needs and golfing should be developed for housing and business activities.

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

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Golf needs to do more to attract new players, and a broader golf service, albeit with fewer 18 hole courses could be the way to go.

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

   Implement a shared approach where the golf course land is shared between players and the public. For instance, every Sunday could be reserved for the public to walk in the grounds and golf cannot be played. This concept has worked overseas and could allow some public courses to remain as publicly owned assets.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This is based on inacurrate and biased information. For example, the number of Maori/Pacifica Island and Asian cultures who play golf. Number of golfers compared to cyclists, walkers is not a relevant comparison. This document is clearly written with NO understanding of what golf is, how it is played, what benefits it provides.

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Inaccurate information in this report.. ALL Aucklanders already have access to Golf, similar to how they have access to Rugby, access to Cricket, access to Netball, and a variety of other sports.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There are already a variety of golf experiences being provided - 9-holes, casual golf, etc. Again, the report is based on inaccurate and biased information.

   Golf courses have a maximum number of games that can happen on any day, similar to the number of g

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

   Don't support

Tell us why: Golf clubs already do this. The Auckland Council has a poor track record in eco-system and biodiversity conservation, so why would they be trusted to take this over?

Key shift

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This is NOT a robust framework. It is poorly thought out, poorly consulted. Written with an agenda in mind.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: How can all Aucklanders use a golf course? How can all Aucklanders use the Rugby ground or cricket ground? Each is for a specific purpose. If you open this up, you disadvantage the use of the ground for what it is intended for. You CANNOT have walkers

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Who is paying for these suggested random "Golf services"??? Golf clubs already provide many golf services. and appeal to a wider group of people. That is how golf works already.

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I have NO faith whatsoever in the council to show best praces in anything, and to any non-existent defined targets.

Other feedback

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

   'This takes NO account of benefits of golf, to ALL age groups:

   - the elderly - people in their 80s and 90s can still enjoy golf. It provices exercise, companionship, well-being, socialisation

   - juniors - it provides leadership, ethics, sportsmanship, friendships for life

- mid-age - exercise, friendships

ALL groups are represented by golf; it not a select group.

Golf runs across all ethnicities, and ALL financial spectrums

? for example, the report says Asians are under-represented - when was the last time the author visited a golf course? You would see an abundance of Asians, Maori-Pacifica, and all nationalites on the golf course.

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Your feedback

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

   Tell us why:

Objectives

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf courses in urban areas have been on marginal land for 100 years in many cases. The land has been tended by club members over this time. It would have been a council cost otherwise. If 18-hole courses are to be in rural area and city courses broken up into 9-hole, 6-hole, putting, driving ranges etc the final outcome will be privitisation and further exclusivity.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Clubs already provide junior coaching and support as well as running 9-hole bookings for older players, especially women. Asian participation numbers are high.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Who can object to this

Key shift

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: A golf course is a local facility. This question suggests local facilities should be aimed to suit a one size fits all structure and that local boards don't know what suits their locality.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: During the Covid lockdowns there was increased use by non golfers but this was minimal. Devonport is blessed with 5 beaches two volcanic cones and lots of non golf green space which seem to have been preferred.

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: What research has been proved to justify a "broad golf service" whatever that is.

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

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: As owners of the land councils can require ecosystem management from the golf clubs. Broad golf services would require the same.

Other feedback

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

   Breaking up urban golf courses will result in the break up of the clubs which provide social opportunities for locals. Mini golf, ranges, putting and crazy golf will not support club structures so the voluntary work that golf club members do in this way will disappear.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: While, in general, I support the objectives of the draft report, it concerns me that the description of the current situation is so inaccurate and misleading. For example, as I understand it, golf is a thriving and growing sport. Participation numbers are increasing, not in decline. It raises questions about validity of some aspects if they are based incorrect information.

Objectives

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

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: The implication in the statement is there in an inequity. In which case you could apply the same principle to many sports, recreation and open spaces. Not mentioned in the report is how golf participation compares to other sports. Yes, golf (18 hole course) does require a lot of space and I absolutely support sharing that space with other uses in a safe way, but I don't believe the course should be compromised.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Support

   Tell us why: The report is very light on detail as to what is currently being done to attract participation in low participation groups. Golf is an important cultural activity of many NZers. It is important that that continues, in my view.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

Support

Tell us why: Environmental protection and enhancement has to be an objective applied to all council owned green spaces.

Key shift

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5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: The inference is that past decisions to support golf courses, despite all the evidence of participation (that like many sports, ebbs and flow) the value to well being and health over a life time partaking, is of no value.

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I support the use of publicly owned land for golf, and if that requires exclusive use to maintain the current level of facility, and as long as there are high levels of participation as there is now, then so be it. However, with careful planning and inve

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I'm in favor of investment in a wide range of golfing services. However, I would encourage a more accurate assessment and consideration of the current situation concerning golf participation before going further.

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   There are a number of disturbing factors in the draft plan: Inaccurate facts on participation; very little consideration of the cultural significance of the sport; the value of health and well being derived from

playing; no reference to the many senior women and men (like myself) that derive a lot of pleasure from a sport we can keep playing right through to advanced years.

Golf is played over 18 holes and it is important that isn't compromised by unnecessarily reducing the land space. There is opportunity to share the space safely.

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Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I believe golf New Zealand and Auckland Golfs' research and submissions highlighting the many deficiencies in the rpoposal.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Publicly owned golf land is already available to all Aucklanders, and many golf clubs are actively encouraging participation among young people. Clubs are doing a great job in managing courses. Local decision making is always better.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Support

   Tell us why: By all means encourage targeted participation but I see clubs doing a great job already.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: I believe this is already happening

Key shift

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5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The amalgamated Auckland Council doesn't have a good track record in looking after specific local interests as was possible under legacy Councils. Change doesn't necessarily mean improvement

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Would this mean that courts used exclusively for netball, say, would be opened up for sport and recreation for all Aucklanders. There seems to be a pre-determined bias about the place of golf in our community.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Does Council have more expertise in managing and promoting golf than the golfing community?

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why: If Clubs are not doing this - but many are- then they could be given support to improve.

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   I support the submission by Golf New Zealand, Auckland Golf, and North Golf which formally requests that the Plan be withdrawn, corrected and redrafted based on the many valid reasons explained in detail in their submission.

   Once again there would appear to have been an inadequate consultation process by Auckland Council. An all too common occurrence.

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Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Seems to be written by people sitting in a room who know very little about golf, what provides the appeal of the game and are also unaware of various inclusive initiatives in play. Implementation would provide deterioration in quality of life for many current and future ratepayers

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Current golf courses are already at membership limits with course play times heavily booked. Implementation would reduce accessibility for many to play. Around Waitemata is plenty of currently under utilised public land which provides opportunities to meet other public use objectives.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The ideas in the plan of limiting to mini golf, short 6 ! Or 9 hole courses or fast play with out hazards etc are dumbing down the sport which would reduce appeal and challenge to many. Mini golf / driving ranges etc could be provided on alternative smal

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Plan lacks any substance and Lack of information in plan of what is intended to be done that is superior to what is being currently targeted at various courses

Key shift

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5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Plan doesn't tell me how this will be achieved versus any shortfalls today

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Plan is an inaccurate representation of usage at thegolf club I experience which is very inclusive of encouraging females to golf throug("She LovesGolf" initiative and very active junior participation programmes. Facility for golfers is balanced with f

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The development golf courses already provide and accomodate inclusion and alternative experience for range of players. The proposed offerings are unlikely to create an appeal to the sport of golf by limiting developmental opportunities and significantly

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Partially support

   Tell us why: As per previous section plan doesn't give me any assurance of things to be done better

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Doesn't appear to be an accurate reflection in relation to my golf course experience which shows increased inclusivity and initiatives that include community usage.

   Doesn't appear to reflect any understanding of what people seek from the game of golf

   Lacks any substance re improvements and deliverables re ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation.

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Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Would like the land to stay as it is

Objectives

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2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Would like the land to stay as it is

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I golf club already does this

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

Don't support

Tell us why: I want the club to stay as it is

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Want it to remain a golf club

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   I don't know

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

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Draft Golf Investment Plan

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Support an investment plan but have concerns regarding statements that suggest access to golf will become limited

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf is an activity which crosses boundaries of gender, age, demographics and culture, providing health benefits and social contacts. Numbers of participants have been increasing in recent years and in some areas, it is already difficult to book.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Public Golf courses currently cater for a wide range of the population from different backgrounds. To cater for increases in population, and growth in participation, Auckland needs more golf facilities, not fewer.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Golf courses provide much needed green space in an increasingly populated city. Up to date practices in course management assist with biodiversity and eco management.

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   I don't know

   Tell us why: The meaning of the first statement is not clear so unable to comment.

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf brings health and social benefits to a large cross section of the population, is experiencing an upsurge in number of participants and provides economic input into local areas. Clubs leasing public land allow people to access affordable golf as often

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Golf already appeals to a wide group of people; is played by men and women of different ages and ethnic origin, providing health and social benefits.

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Best practice management meets biodiversity goals. Provide support to golf courses to improve if this is a problem.

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Very disappointing to learn that the plan was developed without rigorous discussion with golf facilities, boards of management and clubs. Numbers of golfers are increasing. With increased population, there will be a need for more golf courses. The Plan does not specify what changes the Council might make to meet their goals of opening up the land for the use of all Aucklanders. A broad range of golf services are currently offered and are already under pressure from growth in interest in the sport. There is no indication of what specific changes in the golf service might be implemented to supposedly enhance the experience for those who currently choose not to play at affordable public courses. Which may be to the detriment of those who currently play.

Overall, it seems the Plan has been developed with little thought or concern for those who currently play golf in favour of those who can walk or cycle almost anywhere.

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Draft Golf Investment Plan

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Based on false facts about the usage of golf courses. Golf courses have a very high useage. Golf courses are also enjoyed by non golfers.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Many golf courses are used by non golfers already./

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The use of golf courses in there current form is increasing not declining. Golf courses are used on a more regular basis and by a larger number of people than many other council run sporting facilities.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Golf clubs already do this at the cost of the members.

Key shift

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5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Many golf courses are not exclusive.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This does not align with the reality of the current use of golf courses by a large number of people.

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Golf courses do provide diodiversity and are maintained by the members as against other recreation facilities which are maintained by council.

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

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Draft Golf Investment Plan

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: You will never be able to get this land back if you convert to housing... That's before even mentioning the current traffic situation which will only get worse.

   Furthermore, many public courses such as Waitemata are actually over subscribed for membership & bring together many members of the community. There is no shortage of "usage" by the public as per the claims & within the Devonport area there are a number of other surrounding parks that the public can enjoy.

   The course is also prone to flooding in bad weather, so by being a golf course it ensures it is properly kept & maintained whereas you would not get the level of care & maintenance from a park.

   As a Devonport local, I can not express strongly enough how much I appose any action being taken against Waitemata golf course. They have a great community surrounding the club & it would be such a shame to repurpose the land for anything else when there is no sensible reason to do so.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There are so many other areas that can be utilised for outdoor recreation in the Devonport area. There's no shortage of access to outdoor spaces & given the membership at Waitemata golf course is so overly subscribed there's no shortage of demand for usage of the space.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

Tell us why: There's so many other areas for people to enjoy activities.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I don't believe the land will be as well kept if not maintained by the golf course.

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I imagine it will take a long time to decide what will happen / planning of the changes in the event the land will be unkept and it will be a real shame to see a senseless change occur

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: People still use the course for dog walking outside of main golfing hours. The golf course is a part of the community.

   There are plenty of other sport grounds around Devonport & the north shore for other sports & recreational activities. That really see

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Cutting down the size of courses is ridiculous & will kill the clubs. It will just cause more congestion on the roads & force people to drive further to play a proper round of golf (full 18 holes).

   Golf is a low impact sport that gets people outside & wa

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I don't believe "best practice" will be better than the Waitemata teams management of the course

Other feedback

9. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The changes are impractical you cant have people walking cycling playing though a golf course its a health and safety issue with high speed projectiles i.e. golf balls. Also I know of only 2 public golf course in Auckland metro area chamberlain Park and Takapuna golf course that are available to average citizens to play for green fees only . Only 3 to 5 % of high income Aucklanders can afford to be members of private courses with high fees . We need more green space not less . Do you plan to also repurpose sports fields as well such as Becroft Park Sunnynook Park etc as they unused Mon to Fri 9-5.

   FYI I am not a golfer .

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: You are currently selling off pocket green park spaces . We need more green spaces not reduce what we have now .

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Just a lot of PC marketing gobble goop . Really.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Don't support

Tell us why: Trying to fix a problem that doesn't exist or trying to justify your job managing things that already work fine. Put your energy into creating more green space for a multitude of various users.

Key shift

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5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: That is just being economical with the truth .It worked a lot better before the super city was created .The local councils were in touch and accountable to their regions.

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Very Socialist thinking .Trying to fix a problem that doesn't exist.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Again more spin for a non existent problem.

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Whoever wrote this I want some of what they are on. This might fool a few young idealists but those of us with life experience see straight though it.

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Please leave the golf courses as they are . Spend your time planning for more green spaces in Auckland.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Support

   Tell us why:

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Support

   Tell us why:

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Tell us why:

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Tell us why:

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why:

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This plan purports to focus on improving equity and biodiversity outcomes, which I support wholeheartedly and which my club (Waitemata) does well with already.

   However, I believe that Auckland Council decision-making is being driven by their challenging financial situation and a desire to ease this by selling off some of the $2.9bn of land for housing development. I do not agree with this approach and urge Auckland Council to consider alternatives. If financial reasons are the driver, then the Plan needs to include much greater detail on that to justify the loss of golfing amenity and local green space.

   Housing development on Waitemata Golf Course would not be suitable as it is below sea level and suffers flooding when the pump station fails. Also, Lake Road traffic problems would get even worse with any large-scale development.

   My club has a high proportion of Asian members. I have more Asian friends through golf than anywhere else. The club also has a high proportion of female members.

   My club encourages new participants amongst female and junior groups.

   Members of the public, particularly dog-walkers, access the course in the mornings and evenings when it is safer to do so. There are many suitable areas close by which they can access at other times.

   If Auckland Council wishes to build other recreation facilities in Devonport, then it can do so at the adjacent Woodall Park, without taking away any of the golf course.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Partially support

Tell us why: I am open to the public getting increased access to the golf course without fear of being struck by golf balls. This could be achieved by having set times available to do this.

Note, however, that there are many other areas close by suitable for walking access - Woodall Park, Narrow Neck Beach Play Park, Fort Takapuna, Ngataringa boardwalk and skate park.

There are not capacity issues at these spaces, so why take away golf space to achieve this outcome?

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Support

   Tell us why: Golf clubs recognise that they need to attract new members to survive in the long-term. Waitemata has learning and development aimed at juniors and women in particular.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: It makes sense for the environment.

Key shift

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5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I don't support selling off golf course land for housing development at Waitemata.

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: It is public land so should benefit the wider public not just golfers. However, there are plenty of recreation areas close by which are under-utilised. I do not believe that Auckland Council is considering building new sports facilities but if it wanted t

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Support

   Tell us why: I believe that more people should participate in golf. It enhances physical and mental health and brings social connection. It is also one of the rare sports where you can play with/against someone regardless of their ability because of the handicap syste

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   The 1500 or so members at Waitemata Golf Club are a diverse, egalitarian mix. Golf benefits their physical and mental wellbeing and provides an opportunity for social connection. Golf can be played until late in life and is beneficial for the ageing population. It is already a good example of equity participation at work in terms of ethnic, gender and age mix although it should always strive to do more.

   Golf courses should not be sold to housing developers to temporarily solve some of Auckland Council's financial problems. Once gone, they will never come back. Please consider other financial solutions.

   Waitemata Golf Course should not be sold off for housing development because the land is flood-prone already and Lake Road infrastructure would not cope.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Although I support additional investment into golf due to participation rates, the benefits across the whole community, health, fitness, and wellbeing across all age groups, I feel that the drafted plan is extremely inaccurate and is aimed at steering towards particular outcomes.

   The plan is putting across golf as an 'elitist' sport, played exclusively by older white males. This could not be further from what you see on any day across any golf course in Auckland, and across the country.

   Golf is unique as a sport that can be played by anyone from under the age of 5yo, to over 100yo, where everyone can play together. I fail to see how it can be 'non-inclusive', as is put across in the plan. I personally, have played rounds with people of all backgrounds, ethnicities, and abilities. Both females and males, all age groups.

   I see the many benefits in the community that the local golf club brings, from juniors participating in free Professional coaching to the health and wellbeing benefits it brings to more elderly residents in our community.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: In my experience, I have never seen people being excluded from golf, for any reason. I have, however, seen a number of talented youngsters from low socio economic backgrounds that have been offered full support from local clubs, after they have shown the desire to play the game. This includes some of NZ's greatest golfers that have ended up succeeding in the game professionally.

   Golf is one of the highest (if not highest) participation sports in the country. At my local golf course, it is fully open for the public to enter, and utilise the space. There are a large number of runners, walkers,

dog walkers that consistently use the course, and are always encouraged, and treated with respect by golfers, and vice versa.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There is already a broad range of golf facilities available, so not really sure where would be able to improve the offering. By its nature, people can try the sport out at a driving range, or local park, then move on to proper golf courses. There is a goo

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: Golf courses can be utilised to maximise benefits of the ecosystem. my local golf course contains, for example, birdlife that do not see anywhere else around the suburb.

   And obviously, the greenary and tree life that the course provides, is such a welcomi

Key shift

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5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This is a badly worded statement, that is aimed at tilting readers to the desired outcome.

   There is significantly more consideration to a well functioning society, than financial considerations.

   For example, if an 'investment framework' was applied to go

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There is already significant amount of options for sport and recreation available to all Aucklanders. Per my answer to previous question, this is equivalent to running the same ruler over all rugby fields in Auckland, and opening them up to all Aucklander

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I do not understand this question, and feel like this is intentional to sway the reader to the outcome.

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why: In my experience, golf clubs and golf courses already have the highest level of consideration to the natural environment, and they look to conserve and protect this at the expense of almost all other considerations. Golf courses can also provide a number

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   From what I have observed my whole life, the benefits of the local golf course/club has consistently provided significant benefits to the entire community, across all age groups.

   With the current emphasis on mental wellbeing, there is no sport beater suited to this extremely important objective.

   From a personal perspective, I have always seen golf as the best solution to when times have been difficult, either physically and mentally.

   Golf also provides an excellant alternative to children who may not fit in to team sports, or have had bad experiences in traditional team sports, for a number of reasons. Golf being an individual sport can provide an excellant alternative.

   Finally, with the sport continuing to grow, it is important that golf courses be left in current 18 hole configurations, given most are operating near capacity now.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This has been built on incorrect data, and I feel based on this it is negatively biased. I expect more of our council.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf is a growing sport in New Zealand with the amount of players up year on year. It is also growing globally, as seen by the explosion of "youtube'" golfing content creators. This will only continue to grow the sport for younger viewers. Golf is a wholesome sport, that is designed to allow players of all capabilities compete on a level playing field, breading competition. It is also fundamentally based around getting out of the home and walking in the fresh air, as well as bringing friends and family together. I can't help but think this proposal is going to have a negative impact on golf, kiwis playnig golf, therefore New Zealanders in Auckland.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I support promoting equity in golf and having more people playing the game. It is unclear how this proposal plans to do this.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Don't support

Tell us why: All the courses I have played in Auckland are promoting biodiversity especially in high density built up areas, golf courses are the only areas that are adding to the biodiversity of Auckland.

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I understand land is at a premium in Auckland and fixing the housing crisis is critical, however I see this proposal as a lazy veiled attempt at a land grab. I'm sure there are housing developers that are hungry to get their hands on this land. I don't se

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There are plenty of shared recreational areas. Stay away from Golf.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Based on the growing state of golf, I'd say the course managers are doing an amazing job.

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I agree there should be a consistent approach across the golfing network.

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   I'm disappointed that the plan has got to this stage with obvious lack of correct data. I expect more of my local council representation. I am also shocked that there was no collaboration from the governing body of Golf NZ. Do better, be better.

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#795

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Some of the info the plan is based on is incorrect/misleading. Golf is a growing sport not a declining one as evidenced by demand for new memberships. Many golf clubs already have active programs to increase involvement of stated target groups (e.g. women, youth).

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Don't support if the amount of land available for golf is reduced (e.g. downsizing courses from 18 to 9 holes) or the golf experience is degraded (i.e. overcrowding, unreasonably constrained tee times).

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: See comments above. Don't need to duplicate experiences already being provided by driving ranges.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Golf courses currently provide much needed green space and are generally well managed environmentally. Some intensification of activities at golf courses is probably feasible, but too much will be environmentally detrimental.

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Particularly DON'T support reducing the size of golf courses (e.g. from 18 to 9 holes) for the purpose of selling land for property development. There are ample other land options and Lake Road is already far too congested. Also, significant increases i

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: ALL Aucklanders is not a realistic objective. Golf courses are already doing a good job of expanding the sport and these efforts should be supported/encouraged.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   I don't know

   Tell us why: Don't really understand what this means. It appears to be repetitive of other objectives.

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Establish clear and REALISTIC targets and hold golf courses to them. I suspect most golf courses are already meeting acceptable levels of environmental management.

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Some of the information this draft plan is based on is inaccurate/misleading. Please ensure this is corrected before the process proceeds.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: The land for golf courses shouldn't be reduced or shared with other activities. I feel they are very beneficial to the community as a whole and with in fill housing etc, we need more areas, not to reduce golf courses to fit in more activities on those locations.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Fee's could be lowered to help with equity, or other ways to bring people into golf, however most courses are at capacity for membership, therefore I think it is also important to balance how many people can play a day/week to maintain the essence of a relaxed and enjoyable course, verse one where it is packed and becomes dangerous, with people getting frustrated with delays, once again taking away from the mental health aspect as well.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   I don't know

   Tell us why: We already have NZ golf, which I thought was to do this, not local courses.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   I don't know

   Tell us why:

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf will always only benefit people interested in golf, like parks with swings will only really benefit families with children. I agree with a range of investments by council, but not at the detriment of reducing golf courses as once they are gone, they

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: To maintain a course takes a lot of work. Over covid it was seen first hand when the general public also used this for recreation that the golf greens were damaged with people riding bikes and marking the greens.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   I don't know

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   With intensification and infill housing, we need places like golf courses more than ever that help a lot of peoples mental wellbeing. Making this mixed use would in my mind be a mistake. We should be developing more areas for parks/recreation, not trying to break up what we already have.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Overall I agree that the Council should be looking at how best to support golf clubs in the growth and participation in the game. The Plan seems to be using inaccurate data which shows the game is declining whereas (as has been reported both in the NZ Herald and nationally) golf was one of the few past times that actually increased through Covid. Many clubs now have waiting lists of people wanting to play (my club - Waitemata - being one of them) and the participation rates are exceptionally high based on the numbers of people on the tee booking sheets.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The participation rates for golf are at high levels and growing - why would you want to impact that? The benefits from playing, socialising, getting kids/adults away from devices are substantial. Isn't this what a council wants to achieve?

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I agree that trying to promote golf to low participation groups is a good idea. Potentially holding back specific blocks of tee-times to these groups is a good idea?

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Partially support

Tell us why: The environment is key to an enjoyable area to live. The greenspace of golf courses is key and ability to walk through golf courses should be retained.

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Its good to have a framework but the 'ad hoc' decisions are more reflective of the local community based decisions rather than having something centralised where people making the decisions don't have to live with the consequences.

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: For the reasons above - golf has massive participation. There are significant other facilities for sport and recreation in Auckland and so why make more. I haven't seen the argument for that?

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Partially support

   Tell us why: As above.

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Happy for golf courses to use best practice but to stay as golf courses.

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   I'm confused with the mixed messaging over the year on the future for golf courses. There has been plenty of discussion regarding their use for housing but this seems to be that golf courses are a waste when the land could be used for other leisure activity. This is being done at a time when golf is booming and people more than ever need to be outside for their well-being. This doesn't seem to make sense.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Selling gold land is ruining one sport so others feel better about theres.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Selling golf land in Auckland will ruin the sport of golf for Aucklanders - very popular activity that only leads to health benefits and provides open space for birds.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Encourage people to use public golf courses ...

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This is rubbish - bull sh*t! Best management? You want to replace golf course - natural, green with shops and houses. How is that ecosystem management??? It's not. Solve Auckland's housing crisis another way. Don't rip off golf!

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Again - increase benefits for all by screwing over golfers. Not fair to golfers.

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: You'll sell for apartments, houses and shops. Land is currently used for recreation and sport by Aucklanders.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Partially support

   Tell us why: More people playing golf = good. BUT selling land to do this = NOT GOOD!!

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This is rubbish - bull sh*t! Best management? You want to replace golf course - natural, green with shops and houses. How is that ecosystem management??? It's not. Solve Auckland's housing crisis another way. Don't rip off golf!

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Council has based plan on inaccurate outdated information and has acted unilaterally in not seeking input from major stakeholders ie Golf Administrators and Clubs affected

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: If public had access to golf courses for pedestrian and cycling use then provisions would need to be made for their safety (from flying golf balls) . This would involve purchase of more land or restructuring : reducing existing layout- the latter is not tenable with quality golf

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Golf is currently experiencing a surge in interest and participation at all levels with clubs actively encouraging and accomodating juniors and all genders

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Environment considerations are currently being applied by all clubs

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   I don't know

   Tell us why: I don’t understand . If the intention is to sell off council owned land for housing, changing use of courses to accomodate other sporting activities, reduce sizes of existing facilities then I certainly don’t support this.

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: All Aucklanders have the opportunity to participate in this sport with well documented health benefits for all ages. To change the use of the land to include other sporting activities will result in reduction of land available for golf. Most Auckland cour

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I consider that without consultation with stakeholders that the authors of the draft report have underestimated the existing participation , interest , importance and growth of the game of golf in Auckland. Golf Curren appeals to a huge range of people

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Again- without consultation with stakeholders and their input there can be no knowledge of current clubs application to ecosystem management but an overall template would be sensible

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Do not desecrate one of Auckland s major assets- The Golf Courses

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I believe that the current use of land by community based golf clubs is working exceptionally well and has been a real help to so many people managing their mental health and wellbeing especially over recent years. Interest and participation in golf has significantly increased and the local clubs have risen to this demand with innovative and fun ways to get as many people involved as possible. This is all coming from a female beginner golfer that has only recently taken up a chance to start learning.

   I subscribe to NZ Golf and have seen many offers from our community clubs around Auckland which encourage both juniors and women in particular to come and have a go. They offer both free and low cost options to trial/join and even remove the barriers of having your own clubs by offering loan clubs to beginners. These offers never come from the private/expensive clubs.

   As I am part of the ageing population many sports are becoming inaccessible because of the physical demands. Golf offers a low impact fitness activity to a wide range of people over almost an entire lifetime, it can also easily be adapted to people with disabilities, as demonstrated by a player at our club (who has three limbs missing) that I had the privilege to watch recently.

   If I am at the club on a Friday, it is also great to see the kids in action. The pros at these community clubs are so passionate about young people having fun and enjoying sport. They keep their fees extremely low for juniors and includes free weekly lessons ALL YEAR around - this type of value is exceptional as compared to a similar fee for a season of football, rugby or cricket you only get two terms and involvement is usually only twice a week (practice and game). With golf, particularly over holidays (where they usually run fun competitions to be part of) the use is unlimited.

   I also see so many seniors utilising this sport. It keeps them active, they gain friendships (many are widowed, retired and lonely living on their own) and they have such a strong sense of belonging and pride in their local clubs that I think it would be tragic to reduce or take any of these courses away from them. They are also generally on budgets and these lower cost clubs on these council lands are their only options. If less seniors are playing sport, will we have more health issues later on?

   I think changing something that is not broken and actually making a difference in our community is why this plan needs to be reconsidered. Surely if the land is already being used to its full potential and

keeping a wide and large group of Aucklanders fit and healthy these facilities should be protected in their current format and actually invested in even more for the future.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: In pretty much every other country in the world sports like golf and sailing are very expensive and difficult to take up. Once again the New Zealand local approach with council support has meant we have broken these barriers for many Aucklanders by having low cost community clubs and facilities. These are what already makes golf in Auckland hugely accessible to so many. There is memorabilia at Pupuke Golf Club and on their website which tells the start they gave Lydia Ko....if she didn't have this start point that her parents were first able to afford would we have her now as a role model for so many New Zealand sports women?

   When you make a booking currently, most slots are full as golf is so popular in Auckland right now, but again to ensure fair availability the community golf clubs manage this and set aside special slots for juniors and also for my group currently - women just starting to learn to play golf so no-one who wants to play misses out.

   The other way I have seen the local clubs make this recreation space as accessible as possible is they offer the free use of the club for school golf competitions and this happens on both sides of the bridge. This is something private clubs will never be able to or want to offer. If council is truely passionate about inclusivity for all, including minority sports played at school, if this plan goes ahead this will almost certainly kill these competitions for juniors that love having a way to represent their school in something they love.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Hopefully from my previous two responses you can see I am from one of the low participation groups. I have been attracted to what the local club can offer because they have the support of a pro that can help you learn the game.

   You need someone experi

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: All I can say is I think the courses are kept beautifully and I love the nature that is there. There appears to be much bird life on the course including ducks and native species which I think as golfers are slow and walk the course it gives the animals

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Again this is unique to New Zealand and Auckland. Like sailing clubs, cricket clubs, rugby clubs, football clubs....local golf clubs are already supporting a wide spectrum of the community and inclusion of low participant groups and should be persevered.

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This land is solidly used 7 days a week during every daylight hour, no other sports, reserve or school ground are used as much by Aucklanders. It is an important sport to preserve as you can play this as you get older, almost all other sports become too

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Community clubs have adapted to finding ways to appeal to a wider group and are currently being very successful at attracting new members from more diverse groups. Also they offer their facilities for non-profit fundraising for local groups where they do

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I think clubs and members would be very open to any help experts in ecosystem and conservation management the council could give/work alongside with the clubs. The council does not need to take complete control and would be so expensive for Auckland rate

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   I know Auckland is desperate for housing but this needs to be from growing the outskirts of the city. There is so much potential in helping maintain the activeness of groups that don't have as many fitness options, such as the ageing, women, and those with disabilities. The way golf is designed with handicaps, it levels the playing field and ensures equity for all.

I recently took my children up to Takaparawhau (Bastion Point) as my children were studying the history of this land and its very sad. The Auckland Council were almost prepared to take this beautiful land away for housing. Thankfully it was safeguarded and like every piece of beautiful wide open spaces in Auckland we need to do more to safeguard what is left for future generations.

Our boundaries can grow but we can never replace green spaces once they are concreted in.

Please check your sources for up to date information on the type of people who are members (the courses are currently attracting diversity in their membership) and the sheer amount of use of this space (many hundreds of thousands of games are played each year) so the sport is alive and well in our city and gives back to so many Aucklanders, please hear our voices.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: The Golf Investment Plan does well to identify the need for more equitable and ecologically beneficial outcomes for diverse communities, but the Golf Investment Plan doesn't go far enough in considering the positive outcomes that could be achieved if assets currently used for golf were directed towards other uses or sold to fund core and strategic Council activities. Golf is neither core nor strategic for the Council.

   We need to do more to enable urban intensification in central areas and in locations close to rapid transit. This should be a priority of the Golf Investment Plan. This means land that is currently used for Golf such as the Takapuna course should be developed for high density residential and retail purposes, with some land set aside for parks, reserves and recreational purposes. The focus should be on reducing carbon emissions by reducing car usage - the new developments on golf land should be car free or low car zones.

   A key issue is not addressed by the Golf Investment Plan - why is golf (a marginal recreational activity) so heavily subsidized? Even with attempts to make golf more accessible to a wider range of communities, as outlined in the Plan, golf will still be a minority interest and the investment of Council in golf (or the opportunity cost of not repurposing most golf assets) disproportionate and unjustified. The Plan outlines that there are 25 private golf courses - what is the justification for having more than $2 billion worth of council assets used for Golf when the private sector provides so many golf related facilities?

   The Golf Investment Plan should be renamed "Reprioritization of current golf investments". It should not be assumed that these assets will remain golf related. Land should be used for housing, retail, conservation and non-golf purposes. Golf should just be one possible use of this land, and the justification for maintaining even half of the current publicly owned golf assets for the exclusive use of golf is poor.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: We do need to open up golf land to all Aucklanders, but this shouldn't just be for sport and recreation. Why is the housing crisis and the need to intensify urban development near rapid transit and active transport links not mentioned? Why is the plan to address carbon emissions not mentioned? These should be key pillars of the Plan and its objectives, and they are missing. Current golf assets should be integrated into Auckland's transport strategies, and low carbon and urban development plans.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Where golf assets exist in council hands they should focus on increased equity and participation, but in general golf assets should not be publicly owned. There is limited justification to subsidize golf given the private sector provides so many courses.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I support best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned land that is currently used for golf. Most of the land now used for golf should be repurposed, and that land should indeed have best practice in ecosystem mana

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: Most golf land should not be used exclusively for golf. Centrally located courses and courses close to rapid transit and key active transport links - for example Takapuna - should be converted to high density residential and retail usage, with a focus on

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Some land should be used for sport and recreation; some should be sold and developed. In general, most publicly owned land currently used for golf should be repurposed, with a focus on reducing carbon emissions, increasing quality of life for all Auckland

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

Don't support

Tell us why: The asset base focused on golf and the subsidy for golf should be radically reduced. Absolutely, the asset base that continues to focus on golf should address a broad golf service across the network that appeals to a wider group of people. But the total a

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why: Best practice in ecosystem management is important - particularly if much of the land is repurposed for high density residential development as it should be.

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   The golf assets in public ownership provide an excellent opportunity to address the housing, quality of life, carbon and environmental concerns of many Aucklanders. The Golf Investment Plan should be a core pillar of the long term transport and urban development strategies for the city. Selling land for private development should be done to help fund the delivery of core Council services. Golf is not a core service, and the assets currently dedicated to golf are disproportionate and a barrier to better outcomes for all Aucklanders. I would like to see a high density and high quality development at Takapuna golf course prioritised in the Plan.

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Draft Golf Investment Plan

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf is the only sports i play and i can't think of any other sports that i can enjoy till old . Its quite competitive to book a round and it will be more difficult with the plan.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I don't think opening up publicly owned golf land to Aucklanders will encourage other sports.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Support

   Tell us why: I think golf is the only sports old aged group can still enjoy and we should encourage low participation groups to have golf experiences.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: As far as i know from my friends, number of golfers are larger than the number of sporty aucklanders.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Support

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   People across all ages groups can play golf together and i think new zealand is the golf country where it should keep and maintain conditions of the remaining golf courses.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This plan contains several factual errors and misleading generalisations regarding golf participation. NZ Golf statistics show that golf participation is increasing. Growing demand for land means that is more important then ever to maintain green spaces for our people and our environment. The value of the land to our people and communities is priceless.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There are numerous other parks, playgrounds and recreation spaces that the council already operates and maintains. Golf clubs lease and maintain this land with little or no financial support from the council.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I encourage more participation. To promote and market golf is already being addressed by NZ golf and the golf clubs themselves. This requires the investment of more money to make equipment and lessons available to encourage equity. It is completely illog

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: Golf courses are already addressing these issues and have been for many years.

Key shift

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5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This land was always intended to be locked in as green space available for community use. Just because land values have gone up and of course will continue to rise it is imperative to maintain it for recreational use. The investment in the land for recrea

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There are already multiple publicly owned sport and recreation areas for Aucklander's. It seems like golf is being unfairly targeted in this proposal and is in danger of being erased. NZ Golf statistics show that participation is increasing. If these cour

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Currently the cost of maintaining this land is borne solely by the golf clubs. How does council plan to have the funds to maintain this land? The focus should be on Kaitiakitanga – guardianship and conservation of our land and not the dollar value which i

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Golf courses are already working on ecosystem management and best environmental practice.

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Its seems that this report was written with very little knowledge of the facts and demographics of the people that currently participate in golf. There are significant safety issues that have not been addressed with proposed mixed useage of golf courses. Golf has a significant positive impact on golfers health and wellbeing. To encourage more participation in golf you cannot propose to take away the land to play on!!!!!!!!!

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Tell us why: Support the idea of investing in golf but the draft plan is full of errors and incorrect information.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: All Aucklanders can access golf courses now.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Most council courses already offer these experiences.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Almost all

   Auckland golf courses are already advanced in their work in this area.

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

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   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This shift is not required - all

   Aucklanders already have access.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Auckland already has a broad service offering.

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Most courses already advanced in this area.

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   This plan needs to be based on fact and accurate information. Currently it is not.

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Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Support

   Tell us why:

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

Support

Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why:

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Support

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Support

   Tell us why: The community should have access to such areas which will be wonderful additions with improved environments

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Support

   Tell us why: We need well maintained open spaces

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: It's not just for the few

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: Outstanding opportunity to vastly improve large areas. Gradually replace exotics with natives, clean waterways and eradicate invasive weeds

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Sounds good

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: Huge areas with so little use. These will become the beating heart of our communities. Please make it happen. Many of us will volunteer to help

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Partially support

   Tell us why: More the merrier

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why: As above we have to improve our environment by educating more of the community

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Outstanding proposal which has my full support. Great work thank you.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Seems disingenuous

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Sounds divisive and patronising

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I'm supportive of more people playing golf

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: Golf courses offer great opportunities biodiversity and ecosystem management

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

Don't support

Tell us why: Don’t trust Council to engage in this process honestly or genuinely - feels another PR scheme that dresses a wolf in sheep’s clothing at rate payer’s own cost

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Sounds like Council is trying to use weak and outdated stereotypes to make some quick cash

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: PR

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Council’s got an absolute horrendous track-record in setting or meeting targets

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Please leave our golf courses alone!

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: It will exclude me from playing a sport I truly love. As a member of a club on council land the membership fee is affordable as it works out at $25 per week. I am single, rent living off one income. I am not wealthy. The plan relies on outdated data and fails to understand golf and the average person who plays. It is an exclusive plan rather than inclusive. I fully endorse Golf NZ submissions and adopt those as part of this submission.

   I support environmental objectives. Waitemata GC adopts the same objectives and strives to be part of the local community.

   In Devonport, there are so many areas for recreational activities, there is no logic to take parts of the golf course for walking, cycling or running etc. Let alone it not being safe!

   If the plan goes ahead, to continue to play a 18 hole course both days on the weekend I will have to join another club, likely some distance away. The fees are already too high and privately owned courses, and likely to increase with the increase in demand. In addition I will incur increased costs to drive to these clubs that are out of my area, increasing the use of cars to travel out of the area is not in keeping with reducing emissions for the environment. And global warming concerns.

   Please obtain updated data, take the time and effort to get to know golfers and the game and abandon the current plan.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The drafters do not understand golf and the average golfer, the plan will operate to exclude a lot of current golfers

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There is 2.9B dollars worth of land - one cannot help feel that there are other motives at hand other than providing park space that ALL of Auckalnd can use! I suspect this land will be sold off and what happens to it will be of no concern to the council. We only have to look at other lands that have been sold off and become the payground to the rich and famous only. Like many Aucklanders we will be excluded. I am offended that you use the term 'women and children' in your messaging to either belittle, bully or guilt us into feeling sorry to sway opinion, I suspect all three. There will always be a disparity in sport and life and stating that building a park with some houses will close that gap is both ignorant and naive. The only disparity is what the Council says they will do and what they actually do! Buying a house is not currently reachable for a LOT of Aucklanders. ALL of Auckland will not be travelling to the shore to 'walk run, cycle and play' as you put it, if the area is not local, peole will not use it. I currently see women and children, men and dogs walking the golf courses all the time. You also state 'people are missing out'. This is a gross exageration and clearly demonstratese the use of bullying tactics to sway opinion. We are a land of plenty (at the moment), fresh air, parks, beaches, green space. You can not make people participate. You state the area will be turned into housing and business which is oxymoronic to your intent to create more green space! In your attempt to be inclusive you are infact being exclusive. The older generation are once again being ecluded. As we get older we have very litle options of recerational activites available. Golf provides physical activity in a group setting outside, all year round. It is my understanding that since the pandemiuc golf courses are at capacity. You mention we need housing. There is land on forest hill road that is not being used AT ALL! It does not have a view and I would suspect, thus, not of equal value to be sold off. However it is space for housing. Also it is my understanding that at any one time there is upwards of 30,000 houses that sit empty at any one time. Changes to empty housing laws would help alleviate some housing pressure. The challenge for most organisations is to be open and honest to all members, but organisations are rarely candid, open or timely. Lets be clear, this is not about providing equitable choices for sporting and housing particiaption for ALL of Auckland, it is about making money that will eventually fill a few people pockets!

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Using the word 'equity' is window dressing to guilt or shame people to submission.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: People will particiapte if they want, becasue you build something does not mean people will come.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I fear that in creating this new and improved green space will validate the council closing down other green spaces.

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I doubt the Councils ability to provide 'a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders'. One only has to look at the lack of infrastructure in Auckalnd that has created more congestion on our roads.

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I see women, children, and men on the golf course all the time, and not just for golf but walking wiht their dogs as well.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: More window dressing messaging, to convince poele to comply.

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Building houses and businesses is eco friendly?

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   I have serious doubt to the councils true motives for selling off public land. I do fear that it will be sold off to the highest bidder and they will do what they want. I feel confident in saying that once the land is sold off, it will not be fair and equitable to ALL Aucklanders.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: The plan seems to leave it open that current green space could be used for housing. We need to maintain our green spaces as with intensified housing, we have much less backyard space for recreation. Once a green space is lost, it is almost impossible to get it back. We need to be making long term decisions for the benefit of current and future communities.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Combined usage or better usage to make available to more people is worth exploring.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Our communities have developed around our existing spaces. It would be unfair to those that have made those decisions to invest and live based on existing use to take that away. We should be encouraging residential development around infrastructure (especially transport) and not isolated pockets. Eg Hobson Point and Kumeu residential developments are not supported by infrastructure and is not the best approach. Residential development around existing infrastructure eg intensification around transport hubs such as New Lynn is much smarter.

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Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: We need these golf courses to prevent urban sprawl and also it is a game played by a number of Aucklanders

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: If you don't play golf you don't need to be on a course

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Support

   Tell us why: More people playing the better

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: Good to look after the environment

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: Makes sense

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Plenty of places for non golfers to go

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Be interesting to see if this even benefits the game

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why: Repeating question

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Put more money into the public golf courses

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I live in the Devonport area and the Waitemata Golf Club is an important amenity for the area. I'm a member of the Club and I also organize an annual Golf Tournament to raise funds for Rosmini College in November each year at the Club and if the Club no longer existed this tournament would not be able to take place.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Yes I agree that more facilities are needed in the Auckland region for recreational purposes but getting rid of part or all of a golf club is not the solution. Yes some Golf Clubs are expensive to join for some families and the fees is something that could be looked at going forward.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Yes it would be good to make Golf available to more people if they are keen to play the game.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Council needs to develop other sites for recreational activities.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf is the largest participation sport in Auckland, it is played by a diverse section of the community. The local golf course, Waitemata, is part of a large area that caters to many activities. As well as golf there are 2 children's playgrounds, squash courts, tennis courts, basket ball courts, bowls/croquet club, cross country cycle track and an adjacent park with skate board area and a soccer stadium.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: As outlined above there are many activities open to the public adjacent.

   The golf course is open to the public.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The existing facilities are used by a diverse section of society, particularly the golf course which attracts people from a wide area of the north shore and beyond

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Partially support

Tell us why: The golf course is well maintained at the members expense and popen for the public to enjoy

Key shift

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5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The golf course and wider Ngataringa Bay facilities and open park areas were developed over time by the Devonport borough and the local community, these facilities and open spaces are open to the wider public for use. Local input on any changes to use is

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Tell us why: The council is obliged to support a wide number of activities including golf. The council spends large amounts of money supporting and maintaining facilities for other sports, swimming pools, many football grounds, basket ball courts, playgrounds, skatebo

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The Waitemata golf course caters to large and diverse cross section of the public with a high Asian membership, a close association with the Navy and a strong youth section.

   It caters for the elderly, a section of society many (and the council) overlook

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Partially support

   Tell us why: All open and pubic space need to be maintained and to evolve in a suitable ecologically sustainable way

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   The Waitemata Golf Course functions well as par of a wider group of local public facilities, it fulfills the communities needs admirably

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Although not a golfer myself, I question why the Council would be looking to get involved in another stream of work, specifically to open up increased participation and equality in what is an extremely high participation sport. From what I can see at my local golf course, is extremely well represented across age groups, ethnicity, backgrounds, and across men and women.

   I do regularly use our local golf course for exercise (running and walking), and dog walking.

   One thing that is very clear, and is very apparent when engaging with senior members of the community, is how much they value the golf course for Health, Fitness, and wellbeing. For many elderly, this is there main source of social connection, and also enables them social contact with people of all ages, and backgrounds.

   And back to my original point, I question why the Council is embarking on new streams of work when there are so many other things that are in progress, and not being completed, or are being stalled. As an impartial observer, I also question the wording of the Golf Investment Plan, as is very apparent that it is looking to steer towards certain outcomes that the Council has potentially already decided.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I don't see the connection of increased sport, and recreation being dependent on opening up of publicly owned golf land. If this were the case, shouldn't all publicly held land be assessed in the same way? That would include rugby fields, soccer fields, cricket grounds, playgrounds, beaches, parks and reserves, community centres, to name a few.

I also do not see how any Aucklanders are currently excluded from using golf courses. Presumably, the upkeep of golf courses is paid for by golfers fees. Would upkeep then be responsibility of the Council, and therefore paid by ratepayers?

As I can see, there are currently many different forms of recreation available to all Aucklanders, and the Council currently does an excellent job of providing for all interests and tastes. However, I think that it would set a dangerous precedent if start repurposing recreation facilities under the guise of increased participation.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I fail to see how the Council would be able to add value in this area. Firstly, I would be asking the question of the background of those making decisions, and their level of understanding of the various exeperiences being explored. Wouldn't this be bette

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: Speaking from personal experience of regularly exercising on my local golf course, I can clearly see that signifcant efforts are put into the ecosystem and biodiversity. There is birdlife that do not see elsewhere existing on the golf course, along with a

Key shift

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5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I think this is a badly worded statement, that is aiming towards the outcome. As to my earlier point, if this was the course of action, I would think it appropriate to complete the same investment framework to all sports and recreation facilities. Even th

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: To my earlier point, I use golf course land every day for exercise, and have never ever hit a golf ball. The land in its current state is available to non-golfers, and anyone is free to play golf, if that is their desire.

   I think we should be more looking

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

Don't support

Tell us why: Once again, it appears to be trying to steer to a certain outcome. I would question the reasoning of non-specialist decision makers having this responsibility, over those currently in the industry.

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I would imagine that golf courses currently have ecosystem management and biodiversity as a primary consideration. By their nature, and the wildlife and natural environment that exists, actions would consistently support the maintenance of these areas. I

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   As an impartial non-golfer, I do think the draft plan has been badly worded, with the objective of steering readers to certain outcomes. Having looked into a number of the statements, I believe that there are a number of biases, and stereotypes that are being put forward, that are opposite to what I have observed.

   From my experience, I see the golf course as being one of the most important facilities around for social cohesian, connection between senior citizens, children's sport, and something that is used to capacity in its current format. I see people from under 5 years old, to over 100 years old, being able to mix together whether for golf, walking, or family catch ups in a club atmosphere.

   I have also seen golf as an important alternative for children, that may not be comfortable playing a team sport, for whatever reason. Additionally, it is very apparent that many children locally play golf as an addition to team sports.

   Lastly, I would like a lot more information on the makeup of the committee, and those being tasked with writing up the next iteration of the report, or making decisions. Would also expect to know what sort of input the various golf clubs and relevant golf organisations will have.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I believe the plan takes a misleading and false view of the participation in golf and its benefit for the communities involved

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Golf land is already available for the public- in my community people use the golf course for walking and recreation as well as golf. It is treasured by the community and they love how the land is maintained vis a vis other council property nearby which is dilapidated and and overgrown. Equally participation in golf is already broadranging from young children to elderly adults. It is one of the few sports available that you can play from child to elderly. It is played by male & female players both separately and together. Ethnicity is not a barrier. Our local course provides young people the opportunity to play from $15 which is less than a movie ticket. Equally they can join and play unlimited golf for $190 per year. To play soccer or rugby for a junior costs over $200 for a season which lasts only 16 weeks.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Equally participation in golf is already broadranging from young children to elderly adults. It is one of the few sports available that you can play from child to elderly. It is played by male & female players both separately and together. Ethnicity is n

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: I am supportive of this but again feel that the council is taking a myopic view targeting golf courses when it already has multitudes of other council owned open spaces which it currently neglects and does not support for community activities. In our loca

Key shift

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5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: A cohesive investment plan for this land is important but there are far bigger issues in this city that require council focus - investment in infrastructure and transport options being of prime concern.

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I disagree with the 'from' statement as this land is already available for use to many more people than just golfers and is actively used in our community. Again I must state that there is already land available in our community beside and across from t

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I support this BUT do not believe it should come at the expense of undermining traditional mid level development golf courses. This should be an AND not an OR and done in conjunction with the facilities already in place.

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why: I support this but again believe a majority of the courses already provide good practice ecosystem management and could do even more if council supported and invested in this without wanting to destroy/remove the courses

Other feedback

9. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?

Only that I believe that the report is misleading in its assessment of golfs already significant impact on our society. Golf is not elitist, it is not exclusionary and it is widely engaged with from young children to the elderly unlike any other sport in this country. It should therefore be enhanced and supported not undermined as it appears to be by the authors.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I support the concept, but not the current plan, it is flawed on several important issues, see my further comments below

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The draft plan is flawed, data used is not accurate, assumptions made reflect pre-determined thinking, where you are now trying to create a scenario to fit your thinking with a sham request for submissions.

   For example: You state golf courses need to deliver better value, for a greater section of Aucklanders. And yet it is one of the highest participation club sports in the country and growing quickly. These are facts, yet conveniently ignored in your plan.

   In summary: I have no faith in your process or your people to deliver better anything in relation to sporting facilities. You should be ashamed of yourselves and this plan.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Anyone with half a brain can see your comment "a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants", will simply decrease the numbers of active golfers. Anyone who plays golf, will tell you that a full size, par 72, 18-hole course is th

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This is a ridiculous comment, golf courses are breathing green spaces. We already have a need for more green spaces, so the council is buying & creating open space, reserves and parks on the far edges of the city, forcing people to travel further for open

Key shift

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5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: The decision to increase benefits is great, however your execution and planning is very poor

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf is highly supported, and growing quickly, so saying reducing this facility can be beneficial is rediclous!

   If anything you should be looking for additional public areas that can accommodate a golf course PLUS additional sporting facilities.

   A good ex

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: In appealing to a wider group, you will decrease existing membership. So counterproductive

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This is rubbish, work with the existing clubs to achieve desired outcomes

Other feedback

9. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Support

   Tell us why: So they can be much better used by the community

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Support

   Tell us why: It is much fairer and better for the whole community.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Support

   Tell us why:

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: Better for the environment.

Key shift

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5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

Support

Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: Because it is a great idea and would make a real positive difference.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Support

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Support

   Tell us why: The current model of hugely restricted use of public land is not sustainable

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Support

   Tell us why: An 18 hole course could easily be reduced to 9 holes, and recreational space created for the use of non-golfing Aucklanders, of whom there are many!

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Support

   Tell us why: The courses are there, they might as well be used but this will take work to encourage groups who don't traditionally play the game.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: This is a no-brainer! Our local Waitemata course, which we observed while walking on it during lockdown, seems in a very poor state of health. I've no doubt that there is heavy use of chemicals to ensure grass growth as required. Many trees appear very un

Key shift

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5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: This opportunity to give feedback is one reason!

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: So many reasons. So much land used by so few, basically.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Support

   Tell us why: Might as well try to increase the numbers and diversity of players.

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why: Historical practices of greenkeeping etc have in some cases not changed over decades - environmental impact is significant, given the amount of land involved.

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   I'm so happy that this is being looked at - I would hate to see all the courses sold and land developed, but feel sure that the land could be made available in future to all of us. I have often thought that if the Waitemata Course was reduced to 9 holes, there would be room for barbecue and play areas for families, a fenced dog park, a community garden, native plant restoration, particularly around the waterways, etc etc!

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Consider the information is biased to fit an agenda and with anticipated increased Auckland population it is vital that Auckland these beautiful golf courses - and I'm not a golfer

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: All people have a choice

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Not necessary and would not change participation rate

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: Support current Auckland golf course managements commitment to ecosystem management

Key shift

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5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I consider council real agenda is to divide up the golf courses for economic gain ie provision of more housing and I don't support this

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Loaded and biased question. Are the cricket and rugby bowling croquet and tennis facilities next on Council plan to provide recreational facilities for all Aucklanders?

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The question is your opinion -golf currently appeals to a diverse cross section of the community and I understand is undergoing increase in participation.

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Partially support

   Tell us why: My understanding is that Auckland golf courses are well managed and are actively carrying out best practice ecosystem management

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Status quote should remain but have no confidence that any feedback which does not suit Council's agenda will be taken into consideration- hope I'm wrong.

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#926

Draft Golf Investment Plan

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf remains a vital part of the community and sport. Removing golf from our city is just another reason for people to feel more congested and move out.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: NO NEED TO CHANGE THE HISTORY OF AUCKLAND. NEXT WILL BE HOUSING ON THIS LAND.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: GROW THE GAME

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   I don't know

   Tell us why:

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: aLWAY BEEN RETAINED FOR GOLF COURSES. wE HAVE AMPLE PARK LANDS IN AUCKLAND, WHO WILL MANAGE THE GROUNDS? THEN WHO WILL PAY FOR IT. PEOPLE USE GOLF COURSES BECAUSE THEY ARE MAINTAINED TO A HIGH STANDARD.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

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Draft Golf Investment Plan

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The thought of losing these wonderful green spaces is a backward step for Auckland. Golf subscriptions have increased over the past few years & is certainly not an elitist sport. The course I play on is multi purpose & is enjoyed by the locals for walking and running plus walking dogs.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The land will no doubt be sold for housing. This would be criminal! As it is our city is being filled with multi level homes & apartments. I believe we will soon be over housed.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Some golf courses MUST be retained. These provide green spaces for all as the game of golf is changing & is very inclusive.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   I don’t have faith in the council making improvements for all people. Golf is a game that is enjoyed by people of a wide range of nationalities & for many years of life compared to other sports that are enjoyed for a short time.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I think more people should be able to participate in golf

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   I don't know

   Tell us why:

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

Partially support

Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: The council should maximise the utility and usage of existing golf courses but it should NOT be closing them or changing use.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: There are some parts of courses that are suitable for dual use but others cannot safely be used in this way. Courses should NOT be closed

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: It is good to increase participation and equity but it should not be forgotten that golf provides valuable exercise and has significant mental health benefits for its current demographic, contributing to the overall wellness of society and reducing commun

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: Best practice should be used. I am pleased that my local club has made significant progress on this.

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: A robust framework is supported. The target of ALL Aucklanders is very wide. Very few recreational ammenities will benefit ALL Aucklanders. The goal should be have a portfolio of investments that benefit all, while individual investments will benefit sig

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The target of ALL Aucklanders is very wide. Very few recreational ammenities will benefit ALL Aucklanders. The goal should be have a portfolio of investments that benefit all, while individual investments will benefit significant groups.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Support

   Tell us why: Golf is already doing this by providing a range of participation options beyond the traditional 18 holes targeted at learners, time-poor and diverse participants

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why: Best practice should be used

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   The statements in the plan are based on a historic view of golf that is already changing significantly. My local club has changed significantly in the last couple of years with significant increases in young, female and Asian membership. It is a great place for connection between diverse groups, exercise and enjoyment of the natural environment. The course is open to walkers and enjoyed while golf is played and out of playing hours. It is a significant green space for the local community which is maintained and beautified by the members as a community asset.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

Don't support

Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: The council has listed all the leased golf course including those located in areas where there is no pressure on housing (Omaha Golf Club) or recreational space (such as Waitemata Golf Club - where Devonport has numerous spaces for community use0. The Devonport area does not have the trnasport or wastewater/sewerage structures to cater for intensive housing.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There is already plenty of land available for sport and recreation as well as beaches and water - taking land from golf clubs is not going to increase participation.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Support

   Tell us why: Golf NZ and local golf clubs are already actively looking to increase participation with relationships with schools, encouraging more women to participate, simplifying rules and dress codes, providing options for playing just 6 holes.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: All golf clubs as well as council maintained sportsground and parks should be using best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: One size approach does not fit all local situations

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Why pick on the golf courses when there are 100's of rugby, cricket and football fields maintained by the council at ratepayers expense while thwe golf courses are funded by the players not the council ratepayers

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I don't beleive the council has the compete4ncies to achieve such and objective as evidenced by council failures over development and management of stadiums. Thousands of unpaid volunteer work is undertaken by golf club members to ensure the grounds are

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I don't beleive the council has the compete4ncies to achieve such and objective as evidenced by council failures over development and management of stadiums. Thousands of unpaid volunteer work is undertaken by golf club members to ensure the grounds are

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Another attempted land grab as well as unelected officials deciding social equity without regard for the contribution towards mental and physical wellbeing for those who participate in golf (many senior citizens). I beleive the council has based it's analysis on outdated or erroneous statistics considering the huge growth in participation by all ages and ethnic groups including a large number of Asians

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I personally am recovering from a serious head injury and had never played golf until this year. I had played competitive sports all my life and that was all of a sudden taken away from me. Then I was told golf was a great help in healing peoples brain and focus issues post concussion. Therefore I was straight into it from then on.

   Golf has been outstanding for improving my mental and physical wellbeing and given me the perfect outlet for my need for competition. I mention my need for competition to make it clear the need for 18 holes so you can have an accurate handicap. If some clubs are shortened in the amount of holes I believe that will make it more elitist as the demand and price of the full 18 hole courses will skyrocket. 18 holes is a test of endurance both mentally and physically. 9 holes twice isn't the same test of skill as the holes become repetitive, boring, not test your skills, and more importantly not represent the game of golf as we see it on TV. 18 holes gives both people of my mindset the option as well as the people who want to just play 9 holes.

   The course I belong to is a community and they have warmly welcomed myself and a number of my friends into the sport. So much so I wished I had started earlier. It's also a community of all walks of life and a place to make many new friends.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: As per my above comments. I also feel there are plenty of spaces to do exactly what you are trying to do to play, cycle or other activities. To add further investment in those areas at the expense of golf courses will do the opposite for many people. It will also drive the cost of golf up due to more demand at the bigger courses which will push people away from a great game played by all. The stableford scoring system allows anyone to play anyone at a fair level which welcomes all skillsets too.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I support this concept but I think this is the wrong way to achieve this.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: My understanding is my club puts a lot of emphasis on this.

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   I don't know

   Tell us why: Don't know enough about councils "ad hoc" historic decisions.

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I think there are plenty of options for many sports and recreation for all Aucklanders.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Don't have a strong stance on this as I'm so happy with my club and what it offers me both mentally and physically.

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Don't we need to shorten courses to do this.

Other feedback

9. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?

I think there needs to be more of a focus of what doing this proposal will do to the sport as it looks today. Every action has a reaction and I wouldn't want it to have a negative one for the sport of golf.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: It makes no sense in my opinion, particular in my area there are multiple public parks with in 2km radius and the golf numbers are constantly at capacity and there is a waiting list.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Terrible plan, poorly thought about. The shift won't come from golf land as there a 5+ council grounds in the area that are barely used so what is the point of taking away a place of participation and break away space for so many on a golf course that is already achieving your objective? Doesn't make sense, back to the drawing board team. Tackle some issues that are more important not an easy land grab to make some money long term.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I believe that Auckland Council has not consulted effectively with Golf NZ or the affected Golf clubs management and membership during the preparation of this draft plan and based on evidence from Golf NZ the 'facts' presented in the draft plan are erroneous and misleading.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: For the reasons above, I believe the objectives are based on erroneous and misleading information and as a result the objectives are not representative of real requirements. That said I welcome public access to council golf courses and in pracise this occurs. In Devonport many people walk the course and take their dogs for walks across the fairways.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: For the reasons above, I believe the objectives are based on erroneous and misleading information and as a result the objectives are not representative of real requirements.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: I fully support best practice in these areas and believe that Golf NZ and Golf Club management on existing courses is in tune with this objective.

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I support an informed and robust investment framework for decision making however as evidenced by the lack of consultation or accurate evidence in preparation of this draft plan I fear that Auckland Council is set to fail all Aucklanders if this plan is a

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: All public golf courses are accessible to all Aucklanders so to say they are currently for exclusive use by golfers is misleading.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: In my experience Golf NZ and golf club management across NZ is vested in developing a broad golf service offering that appeals to the widest possible audience.

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why: I support an informed and robust best practise in ecosystem management however as evidenced by the lack of consultation or accurate evidence in preparation of this draft plan I fear that Auckland Council is set to fail all Aucklanders if this plan is adop

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Yes go back to the drawing board with this plan and consult with interested parties without bias. The underlying vibe of this draft is to railroad public opinion with an underlying goal of obtaining more urban land for high density residential housing to the complete detriment of the beneficial aspects for the public of golf courses for public recreation, exercise, health and open green spaces.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I love to playing golf!!

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Support

   Tell us why:

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

Partially support

Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Support

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: The plan is generally ok but is incomplete on all the amenities Waitemata Golg Course provides.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Happy to open it up to all Aucklanders so long as they are club members of one catergory or other.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Support

   Tell us why:

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Provided ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation do not clash with the Rules of Golf as provided for by The Royal and Ancient.

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: So long as this investment framework is focused on the particular asset in question.e.g Waitemata Golf Course

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Difficult to see how other sports could co-exist on a golf course

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Partially support

   Tell us why: as above the management of a golf course lends itself to eco-mangement and bio diversity so long as this remains the "clearly defined target" then I support tis objective

Other feedback

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Of course I do agree that council owned area should be shared for all the citizens of Auckland. But there are a lot of people who play golf for their hobby and down time, including myself and others. Thus I don't agree to reduce holes or change to other purpose space, hope that Auckland Council keep the land for golfers of Auckland.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I don't agree to reduce holes and change golf course to other purpose space.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Support

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   I can see that a lot of people in Auckland play golf with their family, friends and colleague. I agree that all of Aucklanders should have benefits but I don't want to reduce the golf course or holes.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Council are not fully informed of the correct statistics about golf, it's growth and particularly the growth in the number of young people taking up the sport

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: This is already being done by the individual golf courses.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Support

   Tell us why: This is already happening. Golf NZ are working hard to encourage women in golf and those with disabilities.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: If Council looks at the statistics around the number of people playing golf they would see that adult golf membership is larger than adult rugby netball and soccer combined.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I don't support the repurposing of golf courses. Auckland is already blessed with many shared public spaces to engage in a wide variety of outdoor education pursuits such as cycling, walking, etc without needing to take the golf courses away from the golfers. My local golf course is always been regarded as a "public space" where locals are always welcome to walk/run on the golf course as well.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Similar to above, I strongly believe in my area we have many open & shared spaces for pursing other well being and recreational activites such as running, walking, cycling. Our golf course never stops the local community from accessing the golf course for walking etc (of course at their own risk with golfers playing golf). Our local golf course has been amazing at encouraging more females, children and younger adults into the sport. As a result, I myself as a stay-at-home mum was able to go and learn golf and find another way to be connected in my community. My son also learnt to play golf at the junior golf courses run by our local club much the same way as he learnt to play soccer and hockey. Golf is a wonderful outdoor activity that can be enjoyed by everyone and a place to feel part of club and community.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

Tell us why: I am not against making golf more accessible and I think many clubs are finding ways to do this. Our club is not an expensive golf club and is cheaper than most gym memberships but I do appreciate that some golf clubs are more expensive than others. Fin

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: I support sustainability goals of the land the golf courses sit on but I think golf courses are already very commited to this goal too.

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Happy to support an investment plan for all Aucklanders but I fundamentally believe that getting rid of golf courses is not the answer. Lets find a way to off more aucklanders the chance to enjoy the golf courses. There is already so many other shared s

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I don't think we should single out golfers. We wouldn't say this about the local rugby and cricket clubs

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   I don't know

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   I don't know

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?

I believe there must be more consultation with the local golf clubs and the communities that they sit in.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: The concept of using land better is fine and supported however many of the arguments used to support this are flawed.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: The golf courses are designed to operate effectively and use the land well. Public access is already available and works. However, I support increasing the level and efficiency of facilities that lie alongside the golf courses.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This is creating a problem to solve it and has no sense. Golf is already accessible with 9 hole formats, evenings and the like.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Golf course management should operate to affordable principles, not an ideologically driven approach.

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Agreed if it can occur without penalty. Looking at the history of the speedway, Mt Eden and cricket facilities, its hard to see how?

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf courses are not used exclusively by golfers. Walk around/play occurs all the time. How does this differ from a council owned pool or other facility????

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Not broken - do not fix.

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf clubs should manage as needed, not be ideologically driven. If it makes sense and is cost effective then a private entity will do it.

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   The problem with the current draft golf investment plan, is that it uses inaccurate data, and paints golf as being elitist and in decline. This is not true and the courses operate to provide breathing and recreation space for many interests, albeit centred on a golf experience (ie - during the pandemic, the use of the Waitemata golf course was extraordinary). Removing this would be a one off loss that could never be recovered from. I would, however, support more sensible infrastructure to support and extend the availability: Move the club facilities and incorporate with a pool and parking at Woodal Park, Narrow Neck, for example.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable): Waitemata Golf Club

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf is a sport that has achieved huge growth in the last 5 years, it provides an activity from the age of 5 to 95, & is sport that is played by all ethnic groups & both male & female. The golf club also provides the centre hub for the community.

   The adjacent land the Waitemata Golf Club has tennis courts, squash club, BMX track, basketball court, & croquet club.

   Between the squash club & Narrow Neck Beach is a large plot land that is not utilised, surely the land that is not being used should be the prime target for any property development not sports clubs.

   Thank you

   Andrew Carlson

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: As per my comments above

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Support

   Tell us why: I am all for diversity in sport & golf in the clubs on council land is diverse & provides fun sport no matter who you are.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Golf is improving in environmental matters & must continue to improve like all of us.

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   I don't know

   Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf needs its own land.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Golf provides outdoor activity to a wide group for people

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why: We all need to do our best for the environment while maintaining it use as a golf course

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Waitemata Golf Club is used by many covering all ages. The number of juniors is growing each year. Golf is not a sport catering only for the rich.

   In our area there are many beautiful walks and cycle tracks. We do not need more.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: We do not need anymore land in the are for houses. The roads would not cope.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There are fields unused now. Put them to good use first.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   To take away the Waitemata golf course would be terrible. It is used by people in all age groups and not only by the rich white man. Junior members just love it. Golf for juniors teaches the young many life skills, builds confidence and self esteem.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Fundamentally most of your comments are incorrect

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Because golf is very dangerous and ignorant people will be hurt due to their arrogance

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf clubs have full membership as is

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Green keepers do a very good job presently

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

Don't support

Tell us why: The statement is rubbish

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There are plenty of sports ground's throughout Auckland that are presently only partially used

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Don't understand your. Intention

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Don't support

   Tell us why: What's a clearly defined target?

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Try one golf coarse first, either chamberlain or Takapuna and integrate other activities onto the coarse and then when the results are evaluated, continue with your plan with knowledge

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I support the draft plan as it would give more opportunities for people to use the land for sports or recreation activities.

   But I don't support if it can give huge impacts on the golf course to maintain the current regular 18 holes courses.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Support

   Tell us why: I support the draft plan as it would give more opportunities for people to use the land for sports or recreation activities.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Support

   Tell us why: I support if it can attract more people in playing golf.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: I support if it can improve the environment without adverse impacts or serious changes on the current golf courses.

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   I don't know

   Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: It would create safety issues by golf balls.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I believe it doesn't ascribe sufficient value to what is currently being provided by the applicable golf clubs in Auckland. More than 100,000 Aucklanders play golf, yet all we read about is inequity!? It is a hugely popular and high-participation sport, one that people can play well into later life.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There are other ways to increase sport and recreation in Auckland than carving up golf courses. And quite frankly, I don't know what increased equity means.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Support

   Tell us why: Increased participation in golf (or any sport for that matter) is of course a worthy objective.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: Yes, absolutely we should be managing golf courses by reference to best practice.

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: I agree that the ad hoc decision making power of local boards doesn't always result in good decision making.

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This implies that these Council owned courses are exclusively for the rich - simply not true. Casual green fee access is incredibly affordable, when you consider it is 4 hours or so of entertainment.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   I don't know

   Tell us why: Don't know what this means.

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why: As above, how can you not support best practice environmental management (assuming affordable).

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't undervalue what golf is already providing for the huge number of Aucklanders who already enjoy it! In NZ, golf is incredibly accessible for all members of society, much more so than overseas. We should look at increasing participation for further sections of society, rather than reducing access to golf generally so as to meet some perceived 'equity ideal'.

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#992

Draft Golf Investment Plan

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

   1. Key shift 4 - Working towards best practice in ecosystem and biodiversity management is critical in all aspects of our our private, community, public sector and national responsibilities and golf along with other sports has an important role to play in this. I support the shift and direction proposed.

   2. Key shifts 2 & 3 - partially support. Opening up opportunities to enable greater number of people to engage with golf in different formats will offer benefits to Aucklanders more generally, where this can be done without reducing the current golfing facilities available to players.

   Overall I have significant concerns around the lack of consideration given to the future convergence of population growth, current participation growth trend for golf and fewer private golf courses in Auckland which will put considerable pressure on exisiting council owned assets. What modelling has been done on future scenarios in terms of accessibility within this future growth but reduced facility scenario? Ultimately this will increase challenges around asset management (including ecosystem and biodiversity elements), and arguably reduce the opportunity for people to participate in a healthy recreational activity.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The inference is that by reducing the current availability of playing opportunities through diversification of course use (within the context of the Council's stated strategic view that private course numbers are likely to reduce), that the benefits of "increased equity and recreation participation rates" will be achieved. That argument is flawed and certainly cannot be made without a broader strategic context that goes beyond simply how golf facilities/and is utilised!

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Support providing broader range of opportunities for people to engage with the sport of golf - on the basis that this is achieved with a balanced plan that does not reduce core golf opportunities.

   Overall I have significant concerns around the lack of con

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: 1. Key shift 4 - Working towards best practice in ecosystem and biodiversity management is critical in all aspects of our our private, community, public sector and national responsibilities and golf along with other sports has an important role to play in

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: We need to be strategic in our planning for the future - however the plan as presented reads as targeting golf as an asset (in monetary and land terms) while not recognising that it is one of if not the largest participation sport in NZ, is growing. is at

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Overall I have significant concerns around the lack of consideration given to the future convergence of population growth, current participation growth trend for golf and fewer private golf courses in Auckland which will put considerable pressure on exisi

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

Support

Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There is already plenty of recreational land, leave golf courses as they are

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

Partially support

Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: The plan is based on inaccurate information and data that presents golf in a very poor light to the reader. It appears golf is elitist and in decline which is not correct. Golf however, should continue working to improve all areas on its appeal and impact.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: The detail is essential in this question. Golf must retain an 18 hole footprint however, adding further additional activities on the periphery of courses can be achieved.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: The retention of an 18 hole footprint is critical however, new golfing experiences must be explored to continue targeting new participation groups.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: Golf already has a positive impact on the environment by providing bird and wildlife nests. This can continue to evolve and improve.

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: A robust investment framework can only be developed when an original plan is based on facts. The plan must be re-submitted to ensure the starting information is correct before developing a framework.

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Golf courses must retain the 18 hole footprint to ensure the ongoing positive impact on mental wellbeing, the environment, physical activity and the wider community. However, surrounding areas should continue to evolve to wider participation experiences.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf has worked hard over recent years to ensure it already appeals to a wide group of people and should continue that journey.

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why: Golf should continue to learn and improve its environmental positives.

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   The Plan should be recalled and updated to include factually correct information from which to establish an accurate future direction.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There is a fundamental lack of understanding of golf as a sport by the plan's authors. The plan uses dated and inaccurate statistics to present golf as an elitist and declining sport and fails to assess the existing and on-going value of golf / golf facilities to Auckland.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I am not convinced that opening up publicly owned land will lead to increased equity, sport and recreation. The golf clubs themselves are already actively encouraging this and are better placed to implementing the changes in their areas than a "broad brush stroke" approach

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I agree that it is good to encourage low participation groups to play golf. However, is their evidence that playing a 'range of golf experiences' will be a sustainable activity? 18 hole golf in its current form attracts and holds members because of the na

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The KPIs are not specific or even measurable so how will we know that the investment framework is working and benefits are accruing to all Aucklanders?

   For example: KPI 1: Increased participation in sport, recreation and golf, particularly among Asian an

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The existing golf clubs provide enormous tangible value in terms of physical and mental wellbeing for their huge and growing membership. The phrase "sport and recreation for all Aucklanders" is vague and not a realistic objective.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: "A broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people" is a vague and un-tested concept, which suggests a truly, diluted and unchallenging experience.

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   I read the draft plan with interest and with an open mind. I was encouraged by some aspects but overall, was discouraged by the lack of accurate statistics about those who play and enjoy golf. The lack of understanding of the existing role and meaning of golf in the community saddened me.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: waitemata golf club is being used by many people of all ages, walkers all ages playing golf

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: golf is not an elite past time, it is for any won

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

Don't support

Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: there seems to be underling problem with golfers,

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Don't support

   Tell us why: what does this actually mean

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   waitemata golf club, does a great job, the membership is full, and to come off the course on a friday night and see about 30/40 young childen learning the skills of not just about playing golf, but taking part in having fun it's great

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Pupuke golf course is used 100% of the time whereas fields for soccer and baseball are only used at weekends

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The course is available for dog walkers and walking and gets used by a lot of people who don’t play golf

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Pupuke is a tight course as it stands so there would be no available space for other activities

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: Pupuke is used a lot by community conservation groups

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Pupuke could not be put to a better use. It has beautiful views so would be very sort after for housing

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There is plenty of sports fields that don’t get used half as much

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   I think eventually it will be used for housing

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Who will pay for the manicuring of this land?

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: The Council will need to subsidise people into golf possibly.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Golf is cheap in NZ and this was viable at Chamberlain Park but the Council wanted to turn this into housing. Stupidity at is finest. Great little course for anyone to play.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Ventia and other contractors have destroyed Auckland and taken profits back to Australia - great effort that.

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: To have these goals someone has to pay for them - at the moment the clubs are self sufficient and this is the best model by far as the Council don't have to pay any money. The Council is involvement in terms of a company structure so good luck.

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The land was given to the Council by Aucklanders e.g. Alison Park in Devonport.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf in extremely attainable in Auckland and in fact throughout the Country.

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Golf Courses are actually ahead of the Council by planting native trees and caring about the environment - they have strategic plans and want the best for the community which is not in this survey.

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Interesting this survey was introduced as someone could not get into The Grange which is privately owned land as is Auckland Golf Club. I want to know what this survey cost in terms of Council money as I am paying for it. If you want golf courses to be changed for land and use I see a lot of rugby and cricket fields doing nothing over the year. Maybe another good look in the mirror team. Imagine if you wanted a go at that!

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The proposed Golf Investment Plan is based on inaccurate data, suggesting that golf is elitist and in decline. I play at regularly at Waitemata GC and can say from experience that it has a booming youth programme that is encouraging more kids into the game. The club is also very diverse and inclusive. I would be very disappointed if investment decisions about the future of my club were made based on the broad and largely inaccurate assumptions made in the current Plan.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: My golf course is already regularly co-used by walkers and runners. It is an absolute community asset in its current form, and while there might be opportunities to enhance the outer margins of the course, the council in no way should contemplate reducing the number of holes on the course or deviate from its core purpose (and thereby diminish its value to golfers).

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Waitemata GC is managed and operated effectively - it does not need Council intervention. The course is a hub of activity and engagement in the local Devonport community - it has a positive impact on physical and mental wellbeing of many people, it enhanc

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

Support

Tell us why: I would like to see the Council further investing in enhancing Waitemata Golf Course's native flora.

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: It's logical to move towards a more strategic approach to investment, but this Investment Plan is not fit for purpose as it fundamentally opposes golf. The plan should more correctly be called the Anti-Golf Investment Plan.

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Our public Golf courses are an asset to our local communities - do not change their core purpose as you will diminish their value to those who use them.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Let the membership of the individual course decide what is best for their local community. I fundamentally oppose the Council dictating what is best for the golfing community.

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why: I support further investment in native flora.

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   I oppose any suggestion of reducing the footprint for Golf in Auckland or allowing the Council to dictate what is best for local golfing communities. There may be opportunities to enhance the use of land around courses, but do not attempt to reduce footprint of courses as these are core to the growth and inclusivity that the sport is now attracting.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I am a 20 year old member of Waitemata Golf course and love the game. They offer very good rates to young players like myself to keep the game accessible to almost everyone. As the cities become more crowded we need to protect the areas that we get outside and exercise in. Additionally in Devonport I spend a LOT of time in traffic. We certainly do not need more housing pushed into our green areas.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Councils should be protecting all sport and recreational areas not redefining them or carving them up to make way for extra development. Additionally Aucklands infrastructure, particularly roading is inadequate for the population without growing the size of the city.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf is very popular already and prices are managed to make it accessible

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Don't support

Tell us why: Unfortunately, this plan was released by Auckland Council without consulting Golf New Zealand, Auckland Golf, North Golf, or any of the 13 golf courses located on council owned or managed land which has resulted in a document that does not provide a fair

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Previous Councils have done a good job of protecting these assets

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Council should still be providing for other sport and recreation areas in other suitable areas. Councils have a responsibility to deliver more than just housing development

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The golf course is administrated and used in a suitable manner already

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Unfortunately, this plan was released by Auckland Council without consulting Golf New Zealand, Auckland Golf, North Golf, or any of the 13 golf courses located on council owned or managed land which has resulted in a document that does not provide a fair

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   The draft golf investment plan looks like it is trying to deliver more housing development areas at the expense of the communities the councils are elected to protect

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Draft Golf Investment Plan

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I cannot support the Golf Investment Plan because it contains too many factual errors and misleading generalisations.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Whilst equity in sport is a laudable goal, how this is to be achieved is not stated explicitly in the Plan. Therefore this objective cannot be supported in its current form.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I don't support this objective because the Plan makes assumptions that are not valid. Young people do participate in golf, contrary to the statement in the plan. The issue is that there are some who do not participate because when they are young they tend

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I support conservation aims that increase the numbers of NZ native plants and birds. My concern with this objective as written it assumes this is not currently occurring. To coordinate this objective across golf clubs would first require an understanding

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The statement that hitherto there have been "ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils" is disingenuous. The implication is that what was done in the past was inadequate and needs to be changed. I feel this question displays a measure of arrogance and

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This is a ridiculous objective. Perhaps tennis courts should be made available for skateboarders, or cricket pitches used by cyclists. Golf is played on golf courses and unless someone has found a way to incorporate other sports onto the greens and tees,

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: It is not clear what is meant by "traditional mid-level (development) golf courses". Golf courses are what they are. Yes there could be scope for par 3 courses, and that could be an option, but should not be at the expense of current golfing facilities.

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why: Ecosystem management is a sound objective. To coordinate that across a range of golf courses would be a good outcome - noting that it is likely to require funding assistance.

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   The draft Plan does not seem to use up to date information. Golf participation rates have been increasing for some years and continue to do so. I would suggest that greater consultation with those directly affected by this plan would have made it a more acceptable document. Perhaps it is time for council to start afresh, this time working with affected stakeholders rather than, as seems to be the case, against them.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Councils rightly have an obligation to review the use of land however the references in the draft report do not ref elect my own experience of golf usage - especially for Women & Asian players. They are making up at least 1/2 of players at my local course. I am also (as an ex Brit - been here almost 20 years) concerned that reduction in golf facilities will put pressure (read even higher fees) on the remaining facilities.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: As a statement - opening up to all Aucklanders - is a lofty ambition - however there are significant open spaces and facilities available in older suburbs (read more expensive) and the need is higher in new development areas. Also older Aucklanders participate in and enjoy the access to golf facilities that offer both healthy outdoor exercise and mental health benefits for the social side of the game.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Tell us why: Support for low participation groups is positive - however it should not be at the expense of existing participation - sporting activities can be tremendously beneficial to all

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

Tell us why: Supporting ecologically sensitive management of public land has to be a core council objective. Again my experience of golf courses is that they are acutely aware of the need to effectively manage the land; the water and the trees and fauna on and around

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Absolutely support a focused strategy over an ad how approach - but as stated above to ensure that this is not simply a displacement of one group for another.

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The way the premise is couched - implies the land is currently golfers only - while the land is set out for golf it is widely used by other locals for dog walking; kids on bikes; runners for example when there are quieter times ego morning and evening whe

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Support

   Tell us why: Support the concept - keen to see the detail and again as mentioned above very keen not to see normal Aucklanders being priced out of golf due to the drop in the number of courses.

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why: Keen to understand better how that is not the case for most golf courses - given the dedicated greenkeeping staff

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   While I would not dispute that golf has historically been a white male middle class activity I have experienced a significant shift in the last 20 years - certainly here in NZ - and any day of the week there are all sorts of ethnicities, ages and genders present on my local course. Also we are back to having a

waiting list for new members wanting to join; and most days you will not find many tee times free (meaning close to 300 + individuals playing golf every day).

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf is an expanding sport especially for women , retirees, school kids and our Asian community. Since covid 19 you will find the public golf courses are booked out every weekend and most of the weekdays. Public Golf courses need to be located near residential suburbs so that all ages can easily travel to them. Many people make their decision on where to live by the proximity of a golf course or green space. As the population grows and our housing becomes more intensive we will need more green spaces.

   Golf is a sport that can be played by the elderly into their 90s which cannot be said for tennis , running nor gymnastics. Public golf courses can be shared by runners and walkers of which your statistics show these activities have the highest participation.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Currently our public courses such as Waitemata and Chamberlain Park are shared by runners and walkers which can be encouraged by marking safe walking tracks.

   selling the golf courses to property developers would be a very short sighted move as our population grows we need more open spaces

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Support

Tell us why: Golf NZ already encourages women to play golf with "She loves Golf" programmes and the game of 9 hole golf is increasing in popularity for both men and women - easy and fast access to a game.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   I don't know

   Tell us why: Not sure what you mean by this. Councils haven't shown much effort towards conservation of our beaches and public parks - re pollution and closed beaches

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: the golf courses exist because of the previous councils. Since the great Auckland council took over everything this has not been as cost efficient as promised and our services are worse than they have ever been.

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I don't think you will get more Aucklanders participating in a sport by taking away golf.

   they are not going to suddenly take up running or something else.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: the current offering of 9 hole golf is increasing numbers dramatically since we opened up after covid

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   I don't know

   Tell us why: like you look after the beaches? Auckland council is not good at environmental conservation - just look at our traffic fiasco.

Other feedback

9. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?

The green spaces of the public golf courses are needed in a large city and offer an outlet for fitness for all ages. Have you visited a golf course lately?

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I do not agree with the subjective assumptions about golf that have been made in the report. I am a female currently learning golf and my son is a junior member. My husband also plays and as a family we play golf together in the weekends. As a female learner I have found the club to be very welcoming and the learner lessons from the golf club have enabled me to get out on the course and enjoy playing. My son is also well supported and welcomed at the club. In addition there are many different ethnicities and ages at the club which enhances our diverse community.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The question is leading,,,, Golf is a sport that is open to any person that want to learn.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Again a leading question. Golf is a sport that any person that is interested in it can learn and play,

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Again a leading question.

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Again a leading question.

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Not sure what you are trying to achieve here? half a golf course half a park? This is stupid and not to mention dangerous.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Leading question

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   It is clear that the aim of the report is to sell off valuable land and remove a much loved recreational activity for many golf players (and my family). We are lucky to be surrounded by many other types a parks and playgrounds in Devonport - in fact the golf course is adjacent to a large park, we don't need another playground - we just want to keep our golf course which is at the heart of community for many parts of society - including retired people, females and children.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Proposed plan makes a number of unsubstantiated statements i.e. where is the evidence.

   Proposed plan is predisposed to reduce golf courses as they are currently structured without any suggestions how equity issues can be addressed in the current set up.

   Golf courses are one of the key areas of significant "green space" that remain in Tamaki Makaurau

   Council should be committed to expanding, not reducing "green space". This is not an either or: it is a and..and.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Equitable access requires much greater investment from Council so all people can have access to enjoying golf courses for the purposes they have been designed for.

   The question also begs the other question: why is this issue of equity just focussed on gold courses and not all publicly owned land.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Support

   Tell us why: Increased equity and participation is essential in all sports not just golf. This can be achieved by a and...and approach. Not an either..... or as proposed in the plan

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: This does not require a reduction in public owned golf courses. Council and golf courses need to adapt the meet these criteria.

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: This is a perjorative statement. Councils in the past (legacy) have made decisions based on their plans for recreation. This may have involved seven separate/autonomous councils making appropriate decisions. This Council needs to make robust decisions tha

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   I don't know

   Tell us why: As far as I am aware the public have access to publically owned golf courses. Green fees and/or membership fees meet costs associated with the upkeep of these spaces.

   Perhaps an alternative solution would be to look at how Council can offset these costs

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   I don't know

   Tell us why: What evidence is there that "a broad golf service" will appeal to a "wider group of people" and that the level of investment will significantly differ?

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why: This does not require a reduction in public owned golf courses. Council and golf courses need to adapt the meet these criteria.

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

The proposed plan and this questionnaire is compiled with a planned predetermined outcome. It provides no evidence how the change in the current golf course management will improve equity of access, provide a sustainable environment and encourage biodiveristy.

The proposed plan and questionnaire is written from a perspective that golf is elitist. My experience is this is not the case.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I agree the outdoors /walking etc is very good for overall health, and I would like to see this maintained.

   It would be very disappointing however to see a golf course with less than 18 holes. Far fewer locals would likely play and overall funding from subs would drop. I for one would move to another course.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Agree but only in periphery areas outside the main 18 holes.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Again as additional to the 18 hole course only

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Support

   Tell us why: Provided the main 18 hole course remains.

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   This report does not appear to be written by golfers and I feel they have missed the importance of a full 18 hole course.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The golf courses are necessary for personal use by those people choosing to live a healthy happy urban life environment in which they have chosen be participate. These are irreplaceable facilities and need to be kept for our children.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Because this is communistic thinking. It does not work where it has been used before, East Berlin and many failed countries and states.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: these activities will grow dependent on their popularity within the community not by imposed wishful thinking.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf courses are not exclusively used by golfers, many people visit for social, business. You cannot claim that ALL Aucklanders want sport and recreation facilities. That is just selective generalisation.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Yes! leave our golf courses alone. We are not a communist country so do NOT act as though we were. You will only create unsafe places for people by mixing activities.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The report is based on inaccurate and/or misleading data

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Council owns a large amount of land that is used for a variety of sports and recreational uses - no land can be opened up to all Aucklanders as this is simply not possible

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Support

   Tell us why: A number of Golf Clubs are already doing this - in particular Waitemata Golf Club

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: Again already happening

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: All Aucklanders cannot be accommodated on a single piece of land - this is just not possible

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: As above

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Support

   Tell us why: This is already happening within the Auckland golf scene. Clubs need to do this to ensure their survival

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why: As above - already happening in a large number of clubs

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   This report highlights golf as an elitist sport which could not be further from the truth. Golf is far more accessible today, and will continue to be so, than at any time in the past

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Golf courses must be retained but in an 18 hole format where existing

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Yes, all courses owned by the public should be available for use by the public but not at the expense of reducing the number of holes

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Support

   Tell us why:

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Only support if golf activities are not reduced

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   I support the use of publicly owned golf courses to be shared with the public but there is huge demand for golf activity and that must not be compromised

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Only 'partially' support because while there are some proposals which could benefit specific groups, this could be to the disadvantage of current user groups, and therefore counter productive

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Suggestions such as cycle tracks, walking tracks, ignore health and safety issues when they are integrated into a golf environment. These tracks could be developed in park land for example. Golf club members pay subscriptions to contribute to upkeep of these green areas...would walkers, cyclists be expected to contribute to the upkeep of these tracks?

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   I don't know

   Tell us why: I think the draft plan fails to recognise that these 'experiences' exist at many golf clubs already. Reasons for 'low participation' can be e.g. a preference for team sports, less time free to spend at sport, it is not a spectator sport so family less lik

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

Tell us why: This objective is misleading as it implies golf courses do not already follow best practice. This is both ill informed and incorrect. Also, if it is to be a Council objective, the same questions should be asked of other council owned sports grounds, such

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   I don't know

   Tell us why: What connection does this statement have to the supposed discussion on the future of recreation on council land? And the 4 options of response are similarly irrelevant

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Misleading statement: Golf courses on public land leased from the Council are not 'exclusively' used by golfers. For example, Pupuke, Waitemata, and Redwood Park already, all have free access to walkers as shared space. The options for answer, will resul

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Is it the business of Council members or officers to decide how any Sporting Body should develop its code or services? If so, then rugby clubs, cricket clubs, should also be ' offering across the network etc' as there are many hectares of council green

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Support

   Tell us why: I support environmental management of publicly owned golf land.. and am actively involved in that. Also, am involved in predator control on the Council reserve adjoining a golf course, so the shared dynamic and common goal exists already. Misleading to i

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   I think the Draft Investment Plan is a lengthy document that demonstrates little understanding of the structure of modern golf club management, and the diverse membership that exists. Projecting new

forms of golf, indicates that there is little awareness this happens already, and 'traditional' golf survives because it provides sport, social and mental health benefits across an age spectrum from juniors to 80plus. But it can only be played on a golf course, whereas other suggested activities can be enjoyed at parks, beaches, pump tracks and skateparks. Which exist already.

The Draft Investment Plan, reads as an attempt to reinforce a negative view held by many, but without any basis in fact. Golf clubs with courses on land leased from the Council are maintaining the land from subscription revenue, not just enjoying the public space without contributing. This aspect has not been made clear, the Draft Plan does not present a balanced view, and is a seriously flawed and misleading document.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Playing 18 holes of golf in New Zealand has been possible throughout my life time and I would not like to see the number of courses or the number of holes reduced at any courses, in particular at Waitemata which is making great efforts to involve the community and provide opportunities for an increasing number of members who want to be able to take part in the game, improve their fitness and enjoy the camaraderie.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Possibly extra recreational activities could be introduced alongside as long as they don't interfere with the 18 holes needed on a golf course.

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Support

   Tell us why: Waitemata Golf Club is currently offering activities to encourage more group participation.

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Support

   Tell us why: This is occurring at present.

Key shift

Below are the four key shifts that the plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: It is doubtful whether agreement will be given for money to be spent in the right areas

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: We want to retain the 18 hole course in its entirety and have it as a community focus.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   I don't know

   Tell us why: Not sure how this will change the existing 18 hole game.

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Difficult to achieve.

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Talk to the golf clubs more about the role they play in the community and the positive impact they have and let them continue to offer their 18 holes.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable): Waitemata Golf Club

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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5. **FROM: ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils**

TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

Don't support

Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Partially support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

9. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   In my opinion, Waitemata Golf Club should be retained as 18 holes golf course. This 18 hole golf course has positive impact towards the local Devonport community in terms of the community physical and mental wellbeing, the environment, physical activity and also the participation age group range from junior to senior people. The location is close to the area where the community lives in the peninsula which also means less commute and aligned with the zero carbon goals in 2050. I am supporting the request for withdrawal and correction by Golf New Zealand of Draft Auckland Golf Investment Plan. I believe since Covid, there has been an increase number of people participation in golf as this is the only sport which is allowed during lockdown and considered safe. There might be an opportunities to add additional activities around the course, but golf remain the core. I would appreciate the review of this Draft Auckland Golf Investment Plan.

   Thank you for the opportunity in providing feedback.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback

1. **Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Golf Investment Plan?**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf is a fast growing sport and as a golfer myself have experience first hand at how busy the courses are on the north shore. We need more courses if anything not less. With more and more people staying in New Zealand because of covid people are investing in activities they can do locally and golf is one of them. Ask any golfing shop around Auckland and they will also confirm their sales are up for golfing related equipment.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

2. **Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders**

   Tell us why:

3. **Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups**

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

4. **Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land**

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Key shift

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   TO: a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

6. **FROM: publicly owned land used exclusively golfers**

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This is basically saying you will convert golf land to other parks and recreation facilities. This is not acceptable.

7. **FROM: asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses**

   TO: a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

8. **FROM: variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land**

   TO: best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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Auckland Golf Investment Plan

Feedback must be received by **20 April 2022**

What is the project about

Auckland Council would like your views on the draft Auckland Golf Investment Plan which sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and ensures that all Aucklanders benefit from publicly owned land.

There are currently 13 golf courses operating on 535 hectares of Auckland Council-owned or managed land. The council is proposing a plan for investing in golf since:

- some Aucklanders are missing out on the benefits of golf
- the council needs to meet a wider range of community needs
- exclusive use of publicly owned land for golf is not sustainable
- market forces are driving changes across the Auckland golf sector.

The draft Auckland Golf Investment Plan helps the council determine the future use and development of council-owned or managed golf courses. In February 2022, the Parks, Arts, Community and Events Committee directed council staff to engage with the public, stakeholders and local boards on the draft Auckland Golf Investment Plan.

Draft Auckland Golf Investment Plan

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and aims to increase land use by as many Aucklanders as possible. It has three key objectives:

- increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders
- increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups
- best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land.

It has four key shifts from the status quo to:

- increased accountability and transparency
- increased equity and sport and recreation participation rates
- increased equity and golf participation rates
- increased natural and environmental benefits.

Under the draft Auckland Golf Investment Plan, as current leases expire we will consider how golf land could deliver more public value.

Tell us what you think

We want to hear from you so that we can make sure the draft plan meets the needs of the Auckland community.

The objectives and key shifts of the draft plan are set out below under the relevant feedback form questions. Tell us if you support the overall plan, objectives and key shifts, and let us know if there is anything we should include or change.

How you can have your say

- Fill out our online survey
- Download a printable feedback form.

Your feedback, along with feedback from sector stakeholders and local boards, will be used to refine the draft Auckland Golf Investment Plan. It will then be presented to the Parks, Arts, Community and Events Committee in July/August 2022 to vote on adoption.

We strongly encourage you to read the proposed approach and accompanying information before answering any of the following questions.

We encourage you to give feedback online at akhaveyoursay.nz, or you can:

Scan and Email your completed form to:
golfinvestmentplan@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Post your completed form to:
Auckland Council
Attention: Auckland Golf Investment Plan
Freepost Number 190158
Private Bag 92300
Victoria Street West
Auckland 1142

Your details

Your name and feedback will be included in public documents. All other personal details will be kept private.

First name: Last name:

Email address or postal address:

Your local board: TAKAPUNA / DEVONPORT

Is your feedback on behalf of an organisation or business? (If yes, this confirms you have authority to submit on the organisation's behalf)

☐ Yes ☑ No Name of organisation/business:

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Your feedback (all questions are optional)

1. Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Auckland Golf Investment Plan?

- ☐ Support
- ☐ Partially support
- ☑ Don't support
- ☐ I don't know

Tell us why

THE DRAFT PLAN HAS USED OUT OF DATE STATISTICS.

GOLF IS NOT A DECLINING SPORT IT IS GROWING MASSIVELY. ONE ONLY HAS TO LOOK AT NUMBERS CURRENTLY PLAYING NOW WITH YOUNGER PARTICIPANTS OF MANY ETHNICITIES.

2. Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. Please tell us whether you support each objective.

	Objective	Support	Partially support	Don't support	I don't know
1	Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders	☐	☐	☑	☐
1A – Please tell us why	NO ANALYSIS OF OTHER SPORTING AREAS GOLF COURSES ARE USED MORE OFTEN THAN OTHER PLAYING FIELDS				
2	Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups	☐	☑	☐	☐
2A – Please tell us why	GOOD IN THEORY. BUT MORE PEOPLE PLAY GOLF AS THEY GIVE UP FOOTBALL, RUGBY AND CRICKET				
3	Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land	☑	☐	☐	☐
3A – Please tell us why	MOST IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN OPEN GREEN SPACES				

3. Key shifts

Below are the four key shifts that the draft plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

	Key shift	Support	Partially support	Don't support	I don't know
1	FROM ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils TO a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders	☐	☐	☑	☐
1A – Please tell us why	YOU ARE PRESUMING WAITAKERE NORTH SHORE, AND MANUKAU MADE AD HOC DECISIONS THEY PRESERVED OPEN SPACE				
2	FROM publicly owned land used exclusively golfers TO sport and recreation for all Aucklanders	☐	☐	☑	☐
2A – Please tell us why	THERE ARE MANY OPEN SPACES AVAILABLE FOR ALL AUCKLANDERS. ONCE YOU TAKE GREEN SPACES THEY ARE GONE FOREVER. MANY PEOPLE WANT TO PLAY GOLF AND CANNOT GET ON COURSES DUE TO DEMAND				
3	FROM asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses TO a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people	☐	☐	☑	☐
3A – Please tell us why	TO TAKE OUT COURSES LIKE TAKAPUNA WILL ONLY INCREASE THE PRICE TO THE ORDINARY PLAYER OF MANY ETHNICITIES. THEY WILL HAVE TO JOIN MUCH MORE EXPENSIVE GOLF CLUBS				
4	FROM variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land TO best practice in ecosystem management	☐	☑	☐	☐

	and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets				

4A – Please tell us why

MOST GOLF CLUBS ARE LOOKING AFTER THEIR HUGELY VALUED GREEN SPACES. ANY IMPROVEMENT CAN ONLY BE WELCOMED

4. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Auckland Golf Investment Plan?

STRONGLY DISAGREE WITH INITIAL PUBLICITY THAT GOLF IS AN ELITIST SPORT. IT IS A SPORT FOR ALL AGES. GRANDCHILDREN CAN PLAY WITH THEIR GRANDPARENTS. PLAYING ON PUBLIC COURSES YOU PLAY WITH ALL AGES, RACES, AND BOTH SEXES. SINCE THE PANDEMIC THE NUMBERS OF YOUNGER PLAYERS HAS ~~[illegible]~~ INCREASED MASSIVELY. TO GET A TEE TIME YOU NEED TO BOOK EARLY AND YOU ALWAYS HAVE SOMEONE JOINING YOU IF YOU ARE NOT IN A FOUR.

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Your feedback (all questions are optional)

1. Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Auckland Golf Investment Plan?

- ☐ Support
- ☐ Partially support
- ☑ Don't support
- ☐ I don't know

Tell us why

I believe that this is nothing but an anti golf move. People say that the it is restricted to golfers. Will any body can become a golfer. Too expensive! How many other sports pay for the upkeep of their grounds in fill, like the golfers do. Sure Council supply the land but they do not maintain the course, except where there is a safety concern (slips etc.) If they are used as parks, who is going to pay for the upkeep? If the land is used for housing, the houses will not be used for 1st home buyers, as preparing the land for housing will be too expensive. There is a lot of landfill on the course I play at and I know of another which is at sea level, causing water problems.

2. Objectives

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	Objective	Support	Partially support	Don't support	I don't know
1	Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders	☐	☐	☑	☐
1A – Please tell us why	There are plenty of other open spaces around Auckland for Aucklanders to use. Then there plenty of other sports grounds which are only used by sports during the weekends and evenings. Golfers use their grounds every day.				
2	Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups	☐	☑	☐	☐
2A – Please tell us why					
3	Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land	☑	☐	☐	☐
3A – Please tell us why	Golf clubs are very aware of the ecosystem and biodiversity requirements and govern accordingly.				

3. Key shifts

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	Key shift	Support	Partially support	Don't support	I don't know
1	FROM ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils TO a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders	☐	☐	☑	☐
1A – Please tell us why					
2	FROM publicly owned land used exclusively golfers TO sport and recreation for all Aucklanders	☐	☐	☑	☐
2A – Please tell us why					
3	FROM asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses TO a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people	☐	☐	☐	☑
3A – Please tell us why					
4	FROM variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land TO best practice in ecosystem management	☐	☑	☐	☐

	and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets				

4A – Please tell us why

4. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Auckland Golf Investment Plan?

Due to the increasing numbers of people playing golf, it is becoming difficult to book a playing time of your choice. If you take a golf course away, where do golfers effected go. I'm sure that there will not be enough vacancies in other clubs to cater for those displaced. Due to health problems, I know that the exercise gained through playing golf, has saved my life. Not being a gym person, I needed an exercise avenue, which golf provides. I know a lot of people come to golf later in life after they have retired from other sports or their children have grown up and have departed.If a golf course is closed, is council or the general public going to take over the the raising of funds generated by the golf clubs or by organisations using the courses to raise funds. Golfers are part of the Auckland Public.

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Your feedback (all questions are optional)

1. Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Auckland Golf Investment Plan?

- ☐ Support
- ☒ Partially support
- ☐ Don't support
- ☐ I don't know

Tell us why

I support the idea of having a plan to make best use of green/outdoor spaces, but this draft report is very poorly researched and written, and contains mis-information, which could easily lead to poor decision making by members of the public, not to mention council members, themselves, in considering how the proceed. My serious concern is that it could lead to bad decisions resulting in significant backward steps affecting the physical and mental health and fitness of residents of Auckland.

2. Objectives

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	Objective	Support	Partially support	Don't support	I don't know
1	Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders	☐	☒	☐	☐
1A – Please tell us why Unfortunately, golf balls often do not go where intended by the golfer. So, a golf course can be a dangerous place for people who do not understand the game and the fact that golf balls are potentially lethal missiles. So access and exposure to the risks involved must be carefully managed.					
2	Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups	☒	☐	☐	☐
2A – Please tell us why This is already happening and at least partly responible for the increasing demand for golf tuition and practice facilities and also waiting lists for golf-club membership					
3	Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land	☒	☐	☐	☐
3A – Please tell us why I believe the greenkeepers employed by our golf clubs are trained to manage golf land and already take full account of these matters.					

3. Key shifts

Below are the four key shifts that the draft plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

	Key shift	Support	Partially support	Don't support	I don't know
1	FROM ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils TO a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders	☐	☐	☒	☐
1A – Please tell us why Historically, so far, councils have got this right. They have made very good decisions allowing the golf courses in Auckland to grow, and for the citizens of the region to enjoy.					
2	FROM publicly owned land used exclusively golfers TO sport and recreation for all Aucklanders	☐	☐	☒	☐
2A – Please tell us why Not everyone wants to play golf, and many never will. DItto rugby, soccer, tennis etc etc. So a golf course is by definition a place you go to play golf. Providing access to all publicly owned golf course for ALL AUCKLANDERS would be totally chaotic and dangerous and satisfactory to no one.					
3	FROM asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses TO a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people	☐	☐	☒	☐
3A – Please tell us why Not everyone wants to play golf. Golf clubs already have a "wider group of people" that they cannot accomodate. People who want to play golf within a golf club framework.					
4	FROM variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land TO best practice in ecosystem management	☐	☐	☒	☐

	and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets				

4A – Please tell us why
Golf green-keepers are trained already do this within the context of the sport of golf and it's requirements.

4. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Auckland Golf Investment Plan?

It is critical that golf continues to be a game played over 18 holes on the land footprint on which it currently resides, in accordance with full understanding of the game itself and course design. 9 holes is NOT a true game of golf.

As stated by Golf NZ in their REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL AND CORRECTION appeal, this draft plan was released by Auckland Council without consulting Golf New Zealand, Auckland Golf, North Golf, or any of the 13 golf courses located on council owned or managed land. This has resulted in a document that does not provide a fair representation of the true value of golf or golf facilities in Auckland.

Based on population growth projections, we can expect an increase in golfers across Auckland over the next 20 years. Accordingly, there is a risk that the number of golf clubs that currently operate across Auckland will not be able to keep up with demand and more golf facilities are needed.

I play 18 holes of golf myself up to 3 times/week which gives me both mental and physical exercise and satisfies my competitive urges and need for social connection.

I urge you to consult with the Golf related people and organisations named above before making decisions that will interfere with my ability to do so.

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Your feedback (all questions are optional)

1. Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Auckland Golf Investment Plan?

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Tell us why

I agree with parts of the plan, particularly the drive for equity amongst Aucklanders, and the need to use Council owned assets for the achieving of the greatest possible use of same, however, we are all increasingly conscious of better Worksafe practices. Some participation sports require different safety margins.

2. Objectives

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	Objective	Support	Partially support	Don't support	I don't know
1	Increased equity, sport and recreation by opening up publicly owned golf land to all Aucklanders	☐	☐	☑	☐
1A – Please tell us why	Participation by golfers on courses has skyrocketed over the last 3 years. 4 years ago at Waitemata, I could get a tee booking on an hours notice. Now it is very difficult on 2 days notice.				
2	Increased equity and *participation by* providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups	☐	☐	☑	☐
2A – Please tell us why	Waitemata already is engaged widely and broadly with its community. There has always been significant school and junior participation and very significant senior + veteran participation.				
3	Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land	☐	☑	☐	☐
3A – Please tell us why	I support the objective, However Waitemata manages its facility significantly better than any Council owned assets in the locality. The biggest recurring problem at Waitemata is the malfunctioning Council stormwater pump. Council will get a better outcome under this objective by actively supporting clubs, like Waitemata, that are seen to engage in best management practice.				

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3. Key shifts

Below are the four key shifts that the draft plan aims to achieve in order to benefit all Aucklanders. Please tell us whether you support each key shift.

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1	FROM ad hoc historic decisions of legacy councils TO a robust investment framework that is focused on increasing benefits to all Aucklanders	☐	☑	☐	☐
1A – Please tell us why	As with your other questions, this suffers from anodyne generality. I agree in principle, but many Council holdings will be fettered by trusts + bequests.				
2	FROM publicly owned land used exclusively golfers TO sport and recreation for all Aucklanders	☐	☐	☑	☐
2A – Please tell us why	As noted above, some sports require greater safety and protections for the public. Flying golf balls are a reality. Waitemata is a tight course, heavily patronised. It is a cheap affordable course with a broad spread from all sections of society + there is no room!				
3	FROM asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses TO a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people	☐	☐	☑	☐
3A – Please tell us why	Golf requires driving ranges (which Waitemata does NOT have – no room) and fairways to play. At the present time, juniors and school pupils and learners practise on the fairways – which is suboptimal for everybody. Any further dilution of the core activity (fairway play) would destroy the key attractions.				
4	FROM variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land TO best practice in ecosystem management	☐	☐	☑	☐
	One size will not fit all. Some golf courses are managed in an extravagant and environmentally unsuitable manner. Others, such as Waitemata are				

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	and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets →	sensitively, ~~and~~ economically again,	Council	carefully and managed,	Once would be

4A – Please tell us why better ~~e~~ used to ~~set~~ standards with golf clubs, and engage in an environmental ~~and~~ and risk management plan. ~~to~~ with some. In this way, Council would put the onus on the clubs to perform ~~at~~ the clubs cost.

4. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Auckland Golf Investment Plan?

I would be keen to receive feedback on my submission. Am happy to engage online.

regards

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THIS COUNCIL CANNOT BE TRUSTED } NO ACCOUNTABILITY OR TRANSPARENCY
THIS COUNCIL CANNOT SOLVE MORE BASIC ISSUES.
--- eg. WASTE WATER DISCHARGES TO NORTHSHORE BEACHES.
THIS WAITEMATA GOLF CLUB IS ALREADY EXCEEDING.
ALL OF ITS GOALS - CLUB AND COMMUNITY.

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1A – Please tell us why	THE PRESUMPTION IS GOLF IS ELITEST – IT IS NOT! WAITEMATA GOLF CLUB CURRENTLY SHARES ITS GROUNDS FOR THE COMMUNITY.				
2	Increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups	☐	☑	☐	☐
2A – Please tell us why	THERE IS NO NEED FOR THIS AS WAITEMATA GOLF CLUB SERVICES THE COMMUNITY FROM 10 YEARS TO 90 YEARS OF AGE.				
3	Best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land	☐	☐	☑	☐
3A – Please tell us why	THIS IS A JOKE! THE COUNCIL IS BROKE AND CANNOT SUPPORT THE BASIC COMMUNITY NEEDS .... LET ALONE LOOK AFTER GOLF COURSES..... THIS IS DONE NOW WITH COMMUNITY MONEY. LEAVE WHAT'S NOT BROKEN ALONE!				

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2	FROM publicly owned land used exclusively golfers TO sport and recreation for all Aucklanders	☐	☐	☑	☐
2A – Please tell us why THIS IS NOT A TRUE STATEMENT... ANYONE CAN WALK / RUN ON COUNCIL LAND... GOLF COURSES / INCLUDED.					
3	FROM asset-based investment in traditional mid-level (development) golf courses TO a broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people	☐	☐	☑	☐
3A – Please tell us why THE GAME OF GOLF NEEDS A COURSE.... WELL MANAGED AND SUPPORTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY, WAITEMATA GOLF ALREADY DOES THIS VERY WELL					
4	FROM variable environmental management of publicly owned golf land TO best practice in ecosystem management	☐	☐	☑	☐

	and biodiversity conservation that meets clearly defined targets				

4A – Please tell us why THE COUNCIL IS BROKE! IF THEY CANT KEEP OUR BEACHES FREE FROM POLLUTION ---- THEY CERTAINY CANNOT ACHIEVE THE ABOVE STATEMENT.

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GOLF IS A GAME PLAYED BY ALL AGE GROUPS. PHYSICAL EXERCISE IS GOOD FOR MENTAL WELLBEING. WAITEMATA GOLF CLUB HAS JUNIOR GOLF / COMMUNITY SPONSORED GOLF EVENTS / TRAINING ETC. THE CLUB INTERACTS WITH THE DEVONPORT COMMUNITY (SOCIAL MEMBERS) --- PROVIDES EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

AS A SENIOR MEMBER --- GOLF ALLOWS ME

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TO SOCIALISE WITH A WIDE RANGE OF PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE --- EXERCISE AND FILL IN THE DAY. IN A CONSTRUCTIVE, FRIENDLY AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT.

THE WAITEMATA GOLF CLUB IS A VERY WELL RUN ORGANISATION --- SUPPORTED WITH A FULL SUBSCRITION AND EMBRACED BY THE COMMUNITY.

THE COUNCIL IN MY OPINION IS BROKE! AND LOOKING TO SELL DOWN COMMUNITY ASSETS. LEAVE WELL RUN ORGANISATIONS ALONE PLEASE!