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Draft Golf Investment Plan 2022

Otara-Papatoetoe

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Ōtara-Papatoetoe

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf has undergone a massive uptake in recent years. It is incredibly hard to become an active member due to the large volume of golfers taking up the sport. It is an incredibly beneficial sport for society in general as it is great exercise for people of all fitness levels - even the elderly. I believe that there will be a massive demand for more Golf services going forward and as such any reduction in these facilities would be a mistake. Something that makes this city so great is that we are fortunate to have large amounts of Public parks and facilities like Totora Park, the Waitakere Ranges, One Tree Hill, Mount Eden etc. In the plan it has mention of development of housing and business. This is terrible. If the goals of the Council were truly to make things more equal for all and about diversity there are much larger fish to fry, like intensification in central suburbs which service only the extremely affluent. We need MORE green spaces in the city, not less. The environmental impact of clearing golf courses for development would be a truly sad side affect. If you play on many of the central Auckland golf courses like Titirangi, Akarana, Remuera etc you will come across a decent amount of native bird life including Kereru, Tui and Rainbow Parrots. Overall Auckland's golf courses go a long way to making this city a great place to live.

Objectives

The draft plan sets regional policy for council-owned or managed golf land and has three objectives. 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 would support making access to Golf courses more equitable in general, however in regards to opening up the land for use other than golf I would strongly disagree. There would be very few scenarios this would be acceptable in my view unless it was demonstrated that the facility would still be green, enjoyable and not used for Housing or Business purposes. The real equity problem is land scarcity in affluent suburbs and protections on old villas that are certainly no longer fit for purpose. We could spend time investing in ways to intensify housing whilst maintaining beautiful suburbs and great functionality.

3. **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 would be supportive of positive changes to Golf that would increase the experience for all. However I would like to understand what these changes actually are in more detail. Just granting a mandate to open up golf courses with the goals stated above without explaining exactly how we could do these things is concerning for me and makes me feel like there is just a general feeling that we should reclaim land from Golf courses.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: I support introducing strategies to improve Biodiversity where possible, as long as there is not significant impact to the services in general.

Key shift

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

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

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

   I don't know

   Tell us why: This is to generic in general and is lacking context

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There are large park facilities for other sports, I don't think removing golf courses is fair.

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

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

   I don't know

   Tell us why: I would like to see a very detailed plan as to what this entails, so far introducing mini put and driving ranges would not be beneficial for the sport of golf which is growing.

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 support this cause as long as the impact to golf courses was minimised where possible and offsetting was an option

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: Your Proposal says some Aucklanders are missing out on benefits of Golf, So why did you close Chamberlin Park Public golf, I suspect the Council is again pulling the wool

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: The Council may very well own the Land, for example the Remuera Golf Course is run & maintained by the club

   The Auckland City administrators or Council are not competent to keep the course in pristine condition as it is.

   Just look at our City the golf course would certainly deteriorate if the council was involve.

3. **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: Some of these Golf clubs have to many members and cant get times to play, As for Increased equity the Council can't afford to spread their wings even more to waste money.

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

   Don't support

Tell us why: The current council are still allowing sewage to flow into the city harbor, and you still talk about Best Practice,

ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land, which planet are you on.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Get what you have right, Fix the mistakes you have made, Clear some of your Debt, actually some of the Golf

   Club boards would make better council decisions than the current council

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Please read the previous comments above, if you can't figure the council is incompetent to complete

   this dream

7. **FROM: asset-based investment 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: So again why did you close Chamberlin Park, If you want to offer more broad golf service, Sounds like another Asset seal and more Debt to Auckland ratepayers.

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 a repeat question from above,

   The current council are still allowing sewage to flow into the city harbor, and you still talk about Best Practice,

   ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation of publicly owned golf land, "which planet are you on".

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BAD Idea, maybe in another 20 year, clear your DEBT FIRST

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The population in golf is drastically increased in the last few years and specially after COVID-19. People are playing golf more often and benefitting from the positive outcomes such as healthier community and family, connection and employment opportunities.

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: Since the number of golfers increased drastically, most of the golf clubs' memberships are full. If publicly owned golf land is gone for other use, casual golfers have nowhere to go.

3. **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 strongly support to increase the low participation groups - children, youth and women to the best sport that can be played nearly entire life.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: I support this to increase natural and environmental benefits

Key shift

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   Partially support

   Tell us why:

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   Don't support

   Tell us why: I strongly do not support to the plan to reduce holes of golf course or change for other use.

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

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

   Support

   Tell us why: I strongly support developing and providing opportunites and activities to encourage low participation group of people to play 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: I agree this to increase natural and environmental benefits

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   Golf can be played by all age brackets and fitness levels. I strongly suggest to keep the golf course as it is and let people enjoy the nature and golf

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