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Draft Golf Investment Plan 2022

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Would be great to see better equity around golf course access

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

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

   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: Would be great to have a membership which covered access to all the 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:

Other feedback

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

   Great idea. Would be better to see the current leases terminated and all courses immediately moved into this model. A good cross course booking system which shares out tee times appropriately will be key..

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Your feedback

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   Support

   Tell us why: Golf needs to accept that public assets must be fairly allocated and it's extremely high asset value to user numbers must lead to more sharing or a greater financial contribution.

Objectives

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

   Support

   Tell us why: See previous question

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 don't think golf needs much promotion and can be left to find its natural level of support

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

   Support

   Tell us why: There have been sone questionable leases in the past and decisions should not unreasonably bind future ratepayers

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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Your feedback

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   Support

   Tell us why: Current access is limited and expensive

Objectives

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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:

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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**

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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   Would be fantastic to consider the success of existing disc golf parks and replicate this on council golf lands. Great family activity for all ages and really great community. Overall quite cheap to achieve as well and I'm sure there would be plenty of volunteers if funding is an issue

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Your feedback

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

   I don't know

   Tell us why: Currently these are paid activities creating business and income for Auckland - not only from the courses themselves, but the supporting industry that surrounds it. At present, the land is looked after and maintained by the income generated by the courses. Turning these into parks will place further burden on taxpayers and inevitably raise rates. Has a feasibility study/estimation been made on the cost of the plan?

   It is mentioned in the plan that less people are playing golf, where does this information come from? Every golf club I've talked to have experienced unprecedented growth, its noticeable how many young people are now playing the sport, it's more popular than it has ever been, has NZ Golf been contacted/engaged for the actual numbers? Removing courses will only make the sport more exclusive and less accessible.

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: Currently these are paid activities creating business and income for Auckland - not only from the courses themselves, but the supporting industry that surrounds it. At present, the land is looked after and maintained by the income generated by the courses. Turning these into parks will place further burden on taxpayers and inevitably raise rates. Has a feasibility study/estimation been made on the cost of the 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: Removing courses will only make the sport more exclusive and less accessible.

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

   Support

   Tell us why:

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   I don't know

   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: Turning income into a Cost of maintenance become Aa burden of the taxpayer.

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: These small pockets of land will not make a difference.

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?**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: We need public golf courses the same as public parks

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: Not all Aucklanders want to play golf.

   But those that do and can't afford to play on a private course. You would be discriminating those who had limited funds.

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:

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: If you can achieve your adjectives with changing the golf course then that's ok.

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: Leave the golf courses- are you going to take away the parks - many Aucklanders don't use parks either!

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?**

   Golf has increased in popularity since covid as seeen in the news recently. I personally have taken it up and attend chamberlain which is very busy with many multi cultural attendees as witnessed. You would be removing this opportunity for many .

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Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Leave the golf courses to manage to the green spaces.

   My local golf course does an outstanding job of presenting a perfect green space that is already shared well by golfers and the local community.

   The don't want or need interference by incompetents from Auckland 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: Auckland Council has no understanding of golf availability.

   Golf is already available to every New Zealander.

   Every New Zealander can go to any Auckland golf course and pay a fee to 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**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Stop holding the hands of people.

   People will make their own decisions to participate in one sport over another.

   Leave them alone.

   Auckland Council should concentrate on their core businesses.

Social policy is not a core function of the Auckland Council.

That is not what we pay rates for

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Go back to basics

   Auckland Council need to concentrate on core functions.

   Stop wasting rate payer money on rubbish.

   Concentrate on delivery of core services.

   Once you have those right, then looking at the "fluffy" nice things.

   The eco systems have survived without interference for ever. We dont need interference

   The public have no confidence in the delivery of Auckland 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: I want to see Auckland Council concentrate on delivery of basic services to rate payers.

   Auckland Council is simply absolute incompetent and are just an embarrassment.

   Delivery is insulting.

   Cost management non existent and is a joke

   Time for a complete reset and get rid of the stupidity

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: As above we already have shared facilities in multiple courses. Stop interfering unnecessarily.

   I have read in recent years about Auckland Council want to split Chamberlain Park and re-utilize for social housing etc.

   My family are a descendants of the Motion Family who gifted the land from Motions Road to Chamberlain Park for recreational and sports use only.

   HONOUR THAT PLEDGE OF THE GIFTING OF TTHAT LAND.

   If you cant do that, gift the land back so the family can continue to fulfil that objective.

I cant believe Auckland Council is so anti golf.

The Public Golf courses are maintained at no expense to the council and already have the ability to be shared by all.

I compare golf to other facilities like a cricket.

A cricket wicket each year costs the rate payer in excess of $100000 and no public can use the ground whilst only 22 people use the whole park.

Look at equity-socially disadvantaged and race minorities that do no play cricket as it is for the white elite persons only.

Thousands of Aucklanders use golf curses each week.

Leave golf courses alone and really look closer at equity participation and cost distribution in totality for all sports on a cost/utilization basis or leave right alone

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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Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Council is trying to gain control of some strategic locations under the smokescreen of "better access to clubs" - most of which are not in intensified 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: Your own material speaks specifically to low participation/low impact groups - walking etc. It demonstrates a lack of understanding of the golfing environment. You should concentrate on amalgamating other property uses - gyms, tennis clubs, mini golf - OK, but who needs these things outside the city? One size does not fit all. The thirteen clubs you state are simply not the same, and to imply so is disingenuous to less knowledgeable readers. Great Barrier Island? Muriwai? Waiuku, Waitakere - compared to Remuera, Takapuna and Chamberlain Park??

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: Improve amenity at clubs situated in higher populated suburbs. IE - amalgamate tennis and gyms, better cafe, pilates, physiotherapy. Walking and cycling around fairways is just simply dangerous for participants and distracting for golfers. You simply lack practical understanding of the sport and have another agenda altogether. I love the way you have now turned this into a racial issue, and an ecological nightmare - well done - what a bunch of spinners you are.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: We all want to be green - get on the bandwagon council. Throw a whole lot more compliance issues at the bulk of courses you mention - who are already helping our planet breathe. What a smokescreen you create.

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: Look at your language here - "ad-hoc legacy" to "robust" - who says? You are the most untrustworthy group. Where on earth have you been able to consistently provide robust solutions for Aucklandlers - why is yoir council suddenly robust when others before you were ad-hoc???

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There you go again. The poor public missing out because of those nasty elite golfers! The simple answer is to increase amenity for other recreational uses (tennis, gym, low footprint activities that will increase patronage). Aucklanders have plenty of opportunities for sport and recreation - we are surrounded by beaches, clubs, school grounds etc etc, not to mention all those wonderful cycle-ways you have created around town. Taking away golf amenity will not fix the lazy.

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 support improvement to the golf amenity - amenity needs to include other suitable uses. Emphasis on suitable. eg. Tennis players like to play golf. Gyms are low footprint assets, swimming pools will improve public enjoyment. We need more country club facilities with affordable membership - that may not include golf. So get better returns but leave golf and the courses alone. Walkways are red herrings.

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: This is pathetic. Who pays? Is this another council service?? or are you just trying to make it harder and harder for these places to comply - Great Barrier? Waiheke? Are you guys for real?

Other feedback

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

This is one of Phi Goff's 'special little projects'. Grab Remuera (I'm not a member) Chamberlain Park etc etc. Add more money to the council coffers to cover all your ambitious over-spending, as you are already sucking the ratepayer dry.

I can at least say I have played golf at 10 of these 13 courses. How many have the decision makers played at? What is their level of understanding of the game of golf?

What real public asset (coal face) leisure facility management experience have these decision makers had?

You are missing the point here. There are a few legacy problems - one which won't be solved for many years to come.

Your draft actions and presentation here is almost despicable with some scraps thrown out promising golfers better facilities while with the other hand - screwing the scrum.

You have turned this discussion into a) a racial issue b) an ecological issue c) a poverty issue.

And finally your investment criteria puts only 10% on accountability - so that about says it all.

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Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I can't see any housing developments here and there is prime land that is near key public transport which would be ideal such as Takapuna and Chamberlain Park. These should incorporate housing. We don't need this many Golf Clubs for 100000 people to play on. Realistically something has to give and housing is an issue in Auckland. I am all for the incorporation of housing on these clubs.

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: Everyone should be able to use public facilities, not just a privileged few. We all pay rates and should all be entitled to the use of 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: Not interested in Golf. There are ao many other sports that could be encouraged on these parks.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Pesticides should not be used by anyone let alone the council. Thought we were supposed to be clean and green.

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: Time for change

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: Minority group of golfers should not be able to monopolise publicly owned 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

   Support

   Tell us why: Definitely a broader approach is needed

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: Can't believe it is taking this long. Has the council been sleeping the last 50 years?

Other feedback

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   Housing projects with access to green spaces for any sport or leisure on these grounds.

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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 policy objective "increased equity and participation by providing a broad range of golf experiences that attract and retain participants and services targeted at low participation groups" is stupid. It is too restrictive by being focused on "golf experiences".

Objectives

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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: It is too restrictive by being focused on "golf experiences".

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Land use should be changed to best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation, without regard to 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

   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: Golf service is worthless to 99% of Aucklanders.

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?**

   Too much leeway given to local councils to continue exclusively using public land for golf.

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Draft Golf Investment Plan

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I think the plan is based on outdated, pre-covid research. Since Covid the number of golfers (of all ages) has risen rapidly. I witness this every week at Takapuna where you have to book well in advance to get a slot. The view that it is only older golfers is also outdated. There are many younger players now.

   I also play at Ellerslie where I see school children playing every week. Sadly Chamberlain Park - the most egalitarian golf course in New Zealand - which used to host players of all ages and ethnicities has been sabotaged by the enforced closure of three holes. I am deeply suspicious that this lack of investment in properly fixing the issues there is all part of the Council's cunning plan to sell the land for housing and other uses following the failed attempt to do so in 2019. Chamberlain Park is the only 18 hole Auckland golf course any person of any background age or golfing ability can just turn up to and play.

   I loved playing there as I could easily join a four and mix and mingle spontaneously with new immigrants, Pasifika, Asian, Maori, young, old and in between. There is no other course like it. The irony is that by failing to invest in Chamberlain Park the alleged goals of the strategy - to include all Aucklanders - are completely undermined.

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 plenty of publicly owned spaces for recreation in this city.

   As golfers we also swim, run, cycle, walk all over the city.

   We don't need to do any of the above on a precious golf course.

   What are people going to do on golf course land that they can't do elsewhere?

What is the problem you are trying to fix?

I believe its just a plan to sell of chunks of land and fill the council coffers.

Are you sure it is not just a deep seated prejudice against golf, which actually is not an elite sport in New Zealand.

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 my first answer. For equity and participation in golf, you need to preserve and promote the likes of Chamberlain Park and the Ellerslie 9 hole course as the most egalitarian golf courses in NZ. You need people to understand they can just turn up and have a go. They don't have to be members and they don't have to book. But the courses need to be well tended and welcoming. Sadly I don't play at Chamberlain often now because of the poor state of the course, especially the greens on the shortened holes. I'm lucky I can afford to play at and travel to Takapuna, but many of the people I used to see playing at Chamberlain, would not necessarily be able to book online, would not be able to afford the dearer fees, and would not want to travel north of the bridge. I see other golfers at Takapuna who used to play Chamberlain regularly who are also sad about the loss of what was a wonderful venue for all comers.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: At the risk of repeating myself: There are plenty of publicly owned spaces for recreation in this city.

   As golfers we also swim, run, cycle, walk through parks, along beaches and the seaside all over the city.

   We don't need to do any of the above on the few precious golf courses we have.

   What are people going to do on golf course land that they can't do elsewhere?

   What is the problem you are trying to fix?

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: Some people will never be motivated to exercise. Those who are motivated will find places for recreation and sport. Anyone can walk around a golf course if they want to . Lots did during lockdowns, with and without dogs. We golfers were happy with that.

   My husband's Uncle Bill played at Ellerslie until the age of 102. He played with his grandsons and his friends of all ages. He took up golf at 60 so he had 42 years of playing golf and keeping active and healthy to a very old age. The point is that the council's draft golf strategy seems to focus heavily on targeting youth. That is frankly an ageist strategy that denies and ignores the rights and the needs to keep of the increasing number of older people to keep fit and active to stop clogging up our health systems.

   Selling off or carving up precious golf course land seems to be a council obsession. Once that land is gone, it is gone forever. Now, as housing intensifies those green belts are more important than ever. Woe betide the bureaucrat who deprives future Aucklanders of the special places left to play a sport that any one of any age can benefit from.

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?**

   Are any of the people writing the plan actually golfers?

   Does anyone spend time out on golf courses?

   Is the golf strategy taking any notice of the incredible boom in golfing participation in this country and globally since Covid?

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Support

   Tell us why: I support the use of public land being more widely accessible to the general public, while also preserving green spaces in our cities.

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: Public land should be available for all members of the public to use, not locked behind golf club membership fees for a few privileged individuals.

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 memberships are declining at any rate, broadening the services and experiences available will encourage more groups to get out and enjoy green space.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Too often golf courses impose themselves on a landscape and suck up precious community resources such as fresh water without giving back to the wider public or preserving the land they sit on. That is not right or fair. If the courses are taking up a large amount of green space they should protect and preserve that green space as well as the resources of the wider community.

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: Every region across Auckland deserves equal access to public land locked behind golf courses

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: As above. Green space is important to all members of a community and should be available to all members of a 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

   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?**

   You should consider implementing dog-friendly areas into these courses as they are opened up to the public - this would be a great asset that a lot of people would use, there is always a high demand for dog-friendly parks and areas, especially in summer when many beaches are closed off to dogs.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There are too many goals and subjective assumptions that are being made.

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 course land is already accessible for the public wishing to 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**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: If Council are going to support the golf course operators with grants or loans to widen the opportunity to all I could support this.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: If Council will support the golf course operators with giants/ loans or implement better eco management of the green spaces in and around golf courses I could support 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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This is rhetoric what is the substance of shift and how will the decision be transparently assessed?

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Will this be applied to other sports using large open space areas?.?

   Open spaces zoned for recreation were designated by Council supposedly using robust criteria.

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 make sense!

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 result at cross purposes to what sports seeking people need.

Other feedback

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

   Many I'd your statement about what is wrong with the current situation do not have facts to support them .

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I agree that there needs to be more facilities for beginning golfers. There is a huge number of them and golf is a very difficult game. you need to have stages of facilities to work through.

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 is already vast amounts of Parks and areas for other recreation like walking in Auckland. Whereas golf is already incredibly busy, it's very hard to get tee times anyway and the price is going through the roof because it's so popular. The issue is the types of courses, not the amount. As you've pointed out there is almost no courses dedicated to beginners. This is a big problem.

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 is a good idea in theory. We need more women, children and minorities being introduced to the game. Some of your stats are very strange though, golf is BY FAR the highest participation sport for Asians in Auckland. Especially Koreans, Chinese, Japanese and Malaysians, In fact I don't know a single Asian personally who DOESN'T play golf. There is a very strong Pacific participation in certain courses around Auckland, and at the driving ranges. The closure of the Aviation course was a big blow for this. It's difficult as there are now no cheap courses available to play in south Auckland any more.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Absolutely support this, it's good for the environment and improves the quality of the 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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: It makes sense to bring all the decisions together. But clearly there is an agenda here that is likely to reduce the amount of green space in Auckland and replace it with urban development that is a step backwards for the city. Once this land is lost it can never be replaced.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There is vast amounts of land available for recreation for non golfers, most of Auckland in fact. Golf is a growing sport, and the number one adult participation sport both in Auckland and in New Zealand. Most adults play ZERO sport, we are trying to encourage more participation, and now you are trying to reduce the space available for the sport that most people play? Doesn't make much sense. The other activities you have listed are just forms of exercise, not sports. Golf is both.

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 your best idea, there needs to be a wider range of courses, not all just mid level. We need some beginner courses. Chamberlain is the perfect example, run by the council but it is set up terribly for beginners. Yes the overall length is short and its not a tough course but the the tee boxes are horrendous. apart from two or three holes the women's tees and the men's tees are in the same position, which is a stupid idea for trying to introduce women to the game. No women likes to ht from the same place as the men, it's far too hard. And both sets of tees are far too far for children. There needs to be 4 sets of tees, they should not be gendered, you should be recommended to play a certain tee based on your ability.

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: Totally support, great idea.

Other feedback

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

Your idea of 9 hole courses (because of the time involved) is a good idea. But it won't work. If you try to squash the same amount of players onto a course half the size, it will be too busy to ever get a tee time. That's already the issue all week, let alone weekends. And we are wanting to get MORE participation onto these types of courses, see the problem with this? What would make more sense, is turning an 18 holes course into TWO SEPARATE 9 hole courses (where you CANNOT play 18). Perhaps of quite different difficulty levels to cater for different players, one for total beginners, one for the next level up of casual player. We also need more practice facilities like short game areas, these need a lot of space, you could turn some courses into 9 holes, then add a driving range, simulators, pitching areas, chipping areas, practice bunkers etc.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Support

   Tell us why: We need to make golf courses accessible to the general public to walk or cycle through.

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 do we need to keep golf courses and why arent we turning them into public parks?

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

   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: We need to move away from golf courses in the middle of the city. We need to turn them into public parks.

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?**

   As mentioned, We need to move away from golf courses in the middle of the city. We need to turn them into public parks.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Support

   Tell us why: I believe golf is a worst display of elitism. Transparency about usage by demographic would probably be surprised if any of the data reflects the diversity and youth of Auckland. No surprise that people loose their faith in public institutions. In the midst of a housing crisis how can we have 13 golf courses on public land?? 13 super sports centres would probably produce a better health outcome for children and youth of Tamaki Makaurau.

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: If council keeps them as golf courses I believe they must as the minimum be 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**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Open door policy alone doesn't equals pro-equity. What other city in the world has 13 public golf courses??

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

   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: Not convinced that a broad golf service is the best use of such valuable space.

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?**

   Well done to council for finally getting some traction on trying to change this display of unfairness.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I strongly support key shifts one, two and four.

   I don't support key shift three because I just don't think there's any need to have as many golf courses as we currently have. I'd rather the council land was exclusively used for other public needs (housing, transit, parks and recreation) and wasn't such an environmental drain on our land for the benefit of a single 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**

   Support

   Tell us why: Council owned property should be able to be used by all Aucklanders, that's just the nature of 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**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I support this because it should be aimed at a broader and more diverse group of people, but I think we have enough golf courses already. Losing the 13 council funded ones wouldn't be a loss - I'd support losing all of them and maybe leaving one or two that have council driven metrics to support diverse groups.

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

   Support

Tell us why: This is sorely needed. Golf courses have an unsustainable impact on our land. Climate change is something we all need to be working towards to tackle, and if we lose golf courses to planting trees and stabilising our environment, then that's a loss we need to take.

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: Absolutely necessary to focus on Aucklanders as a whole.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: Publicly owned land like this should be _at least_ dual use. If you must have a golf course, include a walking and cycling track and a kids park. There is plenty of land in and around the golf courses that could be multi purpose.

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 we are to keep golf, it should be golf for as many people as possible, not just the few.

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 must be meeting sustainability targets to try and tackle climate change and the horrific environmental impact of golf courses. If we aren't meeting those targets, the land should absolutely be repurposed in to something less damaging.

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: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Your assumptions for change are bizarre. Golf is very popular amongst the Asian community. The fact that it is not amongst Pacifica communities does not mean golf clubs should change - rugby is no longer popular amounts white young Europeans - does that mean rugby fields should be repurposed for a more inclusive community activity. The Council's role is to provide community facilities that the commercial market will not provide but the community wants. This does not means that every facility has to appeal to all 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**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: If you want increased equity (why does the Auckland Council think that it has the right to social engineer society - that is the role of Central Government) why not open up all recreational facilities to all Aucklanders.

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 not the Council's role to encourage participation in sport (of any kind). If the is low participation for economic reasons how is the Council going to address the cost of equipment as a reason for inequality.

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

Support

Tell us why: It's the environment stupid.

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: Your investment framework is nonsensical. As a Council ratepayers do not expect a financial return on a Council asset because if it made one it should be owned by the private sector not the Council. Accountability to to ratepayers should be your number one priority.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This is absurd. Rugby fields are for rugby players, race tracks are for horses, netball courts are for netball players. Get off your high horse that even 100,000 golf players have some rights and expectations of fair play from the Council

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 have no idea what this statement means - get you consultant to explain

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: It the environment stupid

Other feedback

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

   Given the outcome is predetermined by blinkered bureaucrats (who should know the meaning of public service) it is hard to know why anyone bother s to complete these surveys

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#305

Draft Golf Investment Plan

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Quite a lot of the plan is idealistic, requiring much funding (from where?) to create new and separate facilities. There are no barriers for women, children, Polynesian or Asian to participate currently. The course I belong to is actively encouraging and seeking membership in these demographics. The management and board also have an attitude of being kaitiaki of this whenua, flora and fauna where the members have voluntarily activated pest control... This club is increasing its local community participation through more avenues than golf. The multi activity use might raise health and safety issues as golf balls can cause serious damage if hit therefore there needs to be physical separation between activities.

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 are introduction to golf programmes for women, youth and children already. I don't see any barriers for these groups to play other than competition from other sports and cultural activities that make these groups time poor. I don't believe there are racial barriers to Polynesian or Asian communities and wonder if in this draft plan those communities have been consulted and expressed their desire to participate in the sport. I play golf with people who are Maori, Samoan, Fijian, Rarotonga, Malay, Chinese, Korean, Dutch, American and a variety of Pakeha New Zealanders..race is not the issue. Affordability of time and equipment is more relevant.

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 all comes at a large investment both financially and physically including more land to build and offer new facilities ie. mini golf. Is AC prepared to help golf clubs fund this development? If so great!

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Without question the whenua must be taken care of for future generations. I strongly support the move to GEO certification for courses and for that matter any public Auckland Council spaces. This includes cleaning our waterways through consideration of chemicals used, looking after flora and fauna that should be natural to each course. Go one further and be carbon neutral with energy...greater recycling opportunities where council doesn't currently have collections is a very simple fix.

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: This needs to be thought through fully as to whether risks can be mitigated around flying golf balls and general public walking, running, biking nearby.

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: How is this to be funded is main issue?

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 land owned by AC used currently for golf must be preserved at any cost as green spaces for the future growing population of Auckland. If all these golf courses are not sustainable, some should be used as multi use parks but still kept green. Any public holiday in Auckland , I see parks heavily used by the very populations AC wants to see participating in golf ie Polynesians and all asian nationalities. Auckland must grow up and stop taking valuable growing, recreational land for housing. Start acting like a super city and build concentrated infrastructure ie sewerage, storm water, water and public transport. Please leave the green space green.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf is the largest club based sport in New Zealand with an estimated 500,000 participants. Golf is a rapidly growing sport. The pandemic has demonstrated the value of an outdoor sport that is not contact is accessible to everyone, this has driven growth and higher participation over the last few years. It is time to invest in the wonderful golf legacy bequeathed to council rather than squander it.

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: Adult golf club membership is larger than rugby netball and football combined. Publicly owned golf courses already provide equity, sport and recreation. To destroy this in search of some nebulous, undefined pie in the sky greater benefit is disingenuous and deceitful.

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: Undefined cliches. New Zealand Golf strategy implemented to grow children and young people's participation in 2018 has seen a 71% increase in under 19 club membership and 99,133 rounds played in the past 12 months. Anyone who has played at Chamberlain Park will tell you that it is the most racially diverse golf club in the country, catering particularly for Aucklands large polynesian population and catering for those casual players who are on a budget. To lose this facility catering for the Polynesian community and low fee paying community would be a tragedy.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The council already has the opportunity to influence the environmental management of these golf courses and has been found wanting. To believe they would do a better job in the future by taking over total control of this land is the definition of stupidity. It is true that there is a wonderful opportunity to enhance golf land environmentally, but this should be done in partnership with the current stakeholders not through some misguided takeover by 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: Meaningless cliches. Are you going to open the rugby fields and soccer fields to all Aucklanders. Are you going to close the zoo because some people don't believe in the captivity of animals.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Meaningless gibberish. I support the retention of Aucklands publicly owned golf courses for those who choose to play golf. Similarly the football fields rugby fields netball courts etc. It is disengenuous to suggest that closing golf courses will somehow open sport and recreation to 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 council can be involved in this in partnership with New Zealand Golf and Golf Courses without a land grab of the existing golf 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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Council can be involved in the ecosystem management of publicly owned golf courses but have a shocking record of neglect. To suggest that a total takeover would somehow reverse this is ludicrous

Other feedback

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

Full of cliches and meaningless phrases. It started off well with some actual information about the Golf clubs and land being discussed, but even this was cursory and not enough. Unfortunately from then on it is just a document pushing a clear agenda.

Personally I think there is a wonderful opportunity here, but council need to scrap this document (and its one eyed writers) and engage with Golf New Zealand and the Golf clubs involved (and their membership). Particularly on the environmental side, these golf clubs provide lungs for our beautiful city but there is so much more that could be done. Go and look at Wairakei golf course, then walk around Chamberlain Park, full of tobacco weed, privet and other noxious weeds. Chamberlain Park already has probably the busiest cycleway in the country running through its land and there must be other opportunites for safe walking and cycling through or on the boundaries of these courses.

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Draft Golf Investment Plan

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable): Auckland United Football Club

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Existing golf courses are under huge pressure to provide tee times to golfers.

   Private courses are booked out weeks in advance.

   The places that learner golfers can take up the game (Chamberlain and Takapuna) are busier than ever. Huge queues exist at driving ranges.

   Taking away these facilities will make the situation even worse and make access to golf even harder for all concerned.

   The council has completely overlooked the massive upsurge that is occurring in golf participation- especially in COVID times, where an outdoor sport is attractive.

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 support because golf courses are for golf - not mixed use. There is plenty of land available for organised sport such as football or parks for less organised recreational activities such as walking, cycling etc.

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 courses you wish to “attack” are the ones popular with low participation groups. Chamberlain Park is highly utilised by Auckland’s Polynesian community. Bureaucrats took away Aviation golf club from that same group for a 2nd runway at Auckland airport that may never be built.

This was a course dominated by Polynesian people. Leave these courses alone - they are serving the population well and don't need council interfering.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Golf courses already do this. Studies the world over show golf courses providing valuable counters to green house gases and CO2 emissions. They already do this - they don't need council bureaucrats being involved. The people tasked with running these courses have far more idea on how to continue the ecosystems and biodiversity of these pieces of land and the last thing they need is council getting involved and stuffing things up.

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: Because you can't take take specific pieces of land designed for specific use and suddenly say everyone should be able to use it. Should Eden Park he made available to golfers - of course not. Should Western Springs speedway be available to cyclists? Of course not. Leave golf courses for golfers - there is a massive number of golfers in Auckland - most of them need more available slots to play not less.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Because it sound like nonsense. A broad golf service - what is that? There are 2 main golf land uses - courses and driving ranges and Auckland needs more of these - not less.

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 mentioned - this is best left to the people who run the courses. Look at the excellent example of Wairakei golf course - privately owned - and the owners have built an amazing predator free environment along with amazing biodiversity. It's hard to ima

Other feedback

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

The number of Public golf facilities have been continually eroded in Auckland. Places to take children to learn have been taken for old peoples homes (Ballarat St in Ellerslie and Pinesong in Green Bay). The places that are left such as Ellerslie race course, Chamberlain Park and Takapuna are under huge pressure. The latter 2 courses have some of the highest number of round per year of any golf golf course in the world. And these are not played by Auckland's Elite - they are played by people without access to private clubs, by children, by people in lower socioeconomic economic groups, by people having fun.

Why would you want to reduce that?

Keep your hands off these valuable public resources- do something about the massive pressure these facilities are under and and build some more or at least provide more funding to what is there.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf courses are engaging many who were once considered low participation groups - youth, beginners, casual players, differently abled and competitive

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 currently available, with people from manny walks of life playing 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:

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Auckland Council is terrible at ecosystem and biodiversity management already, please don't mess this up 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: Auckland Council has invested very poorly in the past with much money wasted on 'assets' that provide very little utilitarian value to a vast majority of Aucklanders

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 facilities that offer land for the sport and recreation of 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: Wide groups of people have access to golf clubs and access to various minority groups is encouraged by most golf 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

   Don't support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

   With an increased interest in golf, the use of land for other purposes will put extra pressure on the remaining facilities.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Repurposing parts of land of a golf course just diminishes the value of the golf course. Auckland is a world-class city because of our accessibility of top golf 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**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: What parts of the land is not currently accessible by "all Aucklanders"? Anyone can book at any of these courses. What problem is the objective trying to tackle. Where is the data that shows the golf land is inaccessible? People can walk their dogs along golf courses already (e.g. Chamerlain, Remuera).

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: What is the rationale behind driving more participation from low participation in a sport/hobby like golf? Why do we not encourage more skateboarders? Not everything needs equal representation. Asians also make up a large proportion of golf club members, so I don't know where your inaccurate data comes from.

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

   Don't support

Tell us why: Where is the data that shows this currently isn't happening so you can justify using rate payers money to implement a change.

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: Only support if the framework is holistic. How is benefit being measured. Raw numbers do not tell the whole story.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Refuse the premise that the land is only exclusively used by golfers. What is the proposed use of the land to achieve this shift? City golf courses are crammed as-is, they do not have the luxury of space.

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: Where is the data that people need more entry level courses. The fact that minigolf was included in this plan shows the policy writers are completely out of their depth and out of touch. Once you establish the basics of playing golf, the joy is found in playing various challenging courses, not learning the basics on many entry level 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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Need proper data to show this is even a shift. What poor practices are being observed and why aren't these managed at a club level.

Other feedback

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

   Poorly thought out, what is the end goal. Policy writer obviously has no respect for the sport.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf is a game that is growing not gain less public surport,. It has major health benifits to the widest section of age groups of any sport period. It is a focual point of meeting and enjoyment and while mainly for golf allows use for many different uses for walking 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**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf is a game that is growing not gain less public surport,. It has major health benifits to the widest section of age groups of any sport period. It is a focual point of meeting and enjoyment and while mainly for golf allows use for many different uses for walking etc

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: Golf is a game that is growing not gain less public surport,. It has major health benifits to the widest section of age groups of any sport period. It is a focual point of meeting and enjoyment and while mainly for golf allows use for many different uses for walking etc

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Some courses could have better use of streams etc which most well keep private course do, this enhancees the golf as well

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: You are massively manipulating the wording to make it sound like there are few people that benefit from the most land usage. Golf is the most played sport in New Zealand with over 500,000 active users last year

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: You are massively manipulating the wording to make it sound like there are few people that benefit from the most land usage. Golf is the most played sport in New Zealand with over 500,000 active users last year

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 is such a broad comment with backing - what is 'broad golf service offering across the network that appeals to a wider group of people' what do you mean?

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?**

   Pretty poor idea, we need more gold courses not less

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: A lot of your data seems based on past numbers (ie participation and usage rates) which means the basis for this drat plan is inaccurate

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 will need to be done with health and safety of non golfers as paramount. I know, as a learner golfer over the past few years, that accuracy is hard to have when you are learning.

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: Agreed 100%. So then the need for facilities will increase as participation increases.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: By definition, golf courses are green space which enhances the local areas. There is little, or no, evidential basis around the water, pesticide and fertiliser usage given around this in the report.

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: Without knowing the decisions which have gone before I cannot comment

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: As participation is growing then Council investment in new multi use (ie golf, cycling, walking) courses would be a great idea.

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: The more the merrier. It is very hard at times to play golf with the family on public courses without a lot of planning. Courses are very busy because of high participation rates so more facilities are needed.

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: There are good examples of where the current courses fit into the local ecosystem (ie Takapuna and the stormwater run off areas).

Other feedback

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

   The report seems to have been written using out of date data and hasn't taken into account the big uplift in participation in recent years. I know this, as I am now a regular golfer after playing amateur and professional high impact sport. Golf allows me to satisfy my competitive side whilst not placing the demands on my body that other sports do (ie basketball, rugby, squash).

   I am not supportive of this at all. There needs to be more consultation with affected groups and people.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable): James Kirkpatrick Group Limited

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I am concerned with the apparent underlying theme of the Plan being the potential to develop or dispose of golf courses for housing and/or business developments.

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: Provided that "opening up" relates to increasing opportunities for "active recreation" and better access to a local "sport facility" (as defined on page 7

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 a beginner, female golfer I endorse the idea of a fit-for-purpose golf network providing a range of opportunities. I support the ideas set out on page 17.

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: I agree with the need for a robust investment framework across the network, I strongly disagree with the suggestion this is due to the intensive demand for land to accommodate growth.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: Our club on Waiheke is not for exclusive-use, with trails for cycling, running and walking weaving around the course and extensive areas of wetland and riparian planting. With increased investment, it would be amazing to see more of this.

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?**

   The open spaces provided by golf courses will become even more important over time as the population grows, and these areas must be retained for active recreation and not sold for housing or business development.

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#509

Draft Golf Investment Plan

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf is experiencing the biggest boom in the sport's history. Courses are very welcoming to new players (eg Mangakiekie female member policy, Remuera driving range expansion etc. and timesheets are fully being utilized across Auckland)

   Golf is actually very accessible for all. It can be expensive if you want it to be - by buying the best gear, playing exclusive courses - but majority of courses are cheap, fun, inclusive and social. Young people have also discovered golf's benefits as a safe sport to play during the pandemic. 20-35 yr olds are obsessed with golf now.

   Aucklanders do not need more housing development space (which is what will happen if the land is sold). There is already a lack of central green space and if it wasn't for the golf courses this land would become either car parking, pavement or housing. There is no doubt about that.

   For what is left, Multi purpose recreational spaces for dog walking, rugby practice, 'running', cycling, netball, etc means that the space is never available at the time you actually want to use it, and there is already sufficient dedicated space for these activities throughout Auckland.

   Because a golf course is transformed/ cut up into multiple sporting areas also does not guarantee greater participation in sport for the demographics you have outlined in your proposal.

   Rather than look to open up golf courses for other activities, invest to make golf appealing to the demographics you feel are missing out. Golf will only experience decline if you remove access to the sport (at a time when it should be further invested in to capitalize on the boom)

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**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: As above

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Golf course management has improved dramatically over the past decade and best practice and knowledge sharing should be implemented across all Auckland golf courses. Eg many new grass types require less water, no pesticides etc The golf course locations should also explore sustainable initiatives including urban bee hives, increased native vegetation, increased biodiversity etc

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: As above

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

   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: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Allowing public onto golf courses is a H&S risk and Council dont have the money to maintain the 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: Council currently have open space areas for these activities and Council have no money to acquire or maintain current open space areas

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 specialist activity for golfer...similar to rugby and soccer. You cant have public riding and walking on these fields during a match

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Golf courses are doing there own thing as part of their current maintenance and operation

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: Council dont have any money

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: H&S issues

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: Golfers pay membership for the right to play unobstructed

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: Clubs do this with their money and Council dont have any money for this

Other feedback

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

   Council need to spend money on roads and SW/SS infrastructure there is plenty of open space already

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: It is based on incorrect and dated infomation and also there has been no time for consultation with golf clubs.

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: My club - Waitemata - already allows the general public to use the course - apart from casual golfers dog walkers and people taking exercise have access and there is a very popular cafe much used by 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**

   Support

   Tell us why: I support this because at Waitemata this already happens. Our golf pro constantly runs classes for new players. Our club also supports many corporate and charity events.

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

   Support

Tell us why: Waitemata is a course lined with trees. These trees are full of birds and is also home to monach butterflies who overwinter in some of the big pine trees - they come out of warm days in the winter. Where would they all go if you turn this into housing.

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: In my life time I have seen to many open spaces taken over by Auckland Council and then become available to noone.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Public golf courses are not used exclusively by golfers and even if that was the case why should we lose our access to them - what do you want to do with the lovely open spaces which are the lungs of Auckland - turn them into cheap housing? That wouldn't work at Waitemata as we are on a flood plane and the course floods badly at least twice every winter. It is build on what was once a swamp.

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 you will see all ages playing golf - the oldest lady I play with is 90. The schools use it also. What other game can I go out and play with an 18 year old and be on a level playing field because of the handicap system.

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: Our club already has this system in place - we don't even kill the worms any more and the bird life is amazing.

Other feedback

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

   Why was there not proper consultation? What would happen if you took away these open spaces - just more housing? What other sport has the facility for people of all ages to happily play together? Golf is a

form of exercise that any age group can enjoy. This draft reads to me like something written by people who have no knowledge of the joy that golf brings to so many people - and not only registered club members. Many people play casual golf and with the way that Auckland Transport are going we need local golf courses that we can get too. This looks to me like a department trying to build its own little kingdom at the expense of Aucklands golfers and make it impossible for the average golfer to be able to afford to play if we lose council owned land to the developers.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The Public Golf Courses in eg Chamberlain Park caters for all golfers from beginners to Seniors. It is not an elitist sport and the public courses are so well patronised with cultural groups from all walks of life. The public courses offer a much less expensive way of embracing the sport and due to work/life balances many golfers in Auckland would not join a private Golf club. Chamberlain in particular is a Jewel in the Crown of Auckland - always in use 7 days a week.

   Awhitu - stunningly beautiful and a wonderful asset for the community and visitors to the area. Muriwai - a world class course - golfers able to play all year round.

   There are other ways of providing for the wider community - suggest beautiful walkways/cycleways round the perimeter of the courses complete with NZ Sculptures. Mini Golf facilities could easily be added to existing golf 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**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: This can be done without reducing the courses as they are at present. Many courses have extra space for mini golf, driving ranges etc

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: All golfers start as beginners but as you get involved and embrace the sport the 9/18 hole challenge become paramount - I am not sure that a broad range of golf experiences would appeal to most golfers

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Can this not be achieved while the golf course is operating??

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: Look for under utilised areas - parks, race courses. Leave the well utilised golf courses alone.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: As I have mentioned before - walk/cycle ways around the golf courses with attractions. Mini Golf installations I believe are achievable at most courses.

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 sure how this would work - golfers love challenge and 18 holes is the answer for most golfers. 9 Holes still a great way to start golf and return to as a senior or if one has time restraints. Driving range and practice areas are prominent in may clubs already. To accommodate broader golf services - maybe consider opening an additional Public 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

   I don't know

   Tell us why: Can this not be achieved at the current Auckland courses facilities??

Other feedback

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

Please withdraw the Draft Auckland Golf Investment Plan. I understand from reading other submissions that the plan is based on historic figures that are out of date. This just does not make sense.....

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Draft Golf Investment Plan

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I believe that the draft plan is based on inaccurate information which does not reflect an up to date overview of present day golf participation and golf course access to a very wide range of people of all nationalities and all ages from across the wider community . I believe it is inaccurate to take the view that golf courses in Auckland are the exclusive domain of 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: I believe that this objective is already being addressed and met by the majority of golf clubs on publicly owned land. It is an integral part of future planning of these golf clubs to move with the times and to grow the game of golf and use of the facilities by encouraging people from all walks of life to become both member players or green fee players as well as encouraging the use of course facilities for all ,such as driving range, cafe golf shop and access to walking on the course at times appropriate to walkers 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**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I fully support this objective but do not support the wider Draft plan. I have been a member of Remuera Golf Club for 40 years and during that time there have been many initiatives aimed to encourage and retain low participation groups of all ages and fitness levels with the emphasis on making the game fun no matter what their skill level.

Throughout the Draft Plan there seems to be a pervading view that golf courses in Auckland are only for the use/enjoyment of a small number of elite players and I believe this view is historic and highly inaccurate.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Yes this objective is highly desirable and the majority of golf clubs are working to attain this objective . The Remuera Golf Club is a leader in environmental sustainability and has achieved GEO certification.

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: This objective is already high on club agendas but I do not believe this will be achieved by sale of part sale of public golf club land for redevelopment which will only put extra pressure on remaining golf facilities and decrease the value golf plays for the wider Auckland community.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Golf clubs on public land such as RGC already allow communities access to the grounds and facilities for recreation . It is inaccurate to say that the land is exclusively used by 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: For reasons already stated . There is already emphasis on offering a wide range of golf experiences to attract wide community participation at all levels. More people are playing golf with positive outcomes such as friendships, fitness and community cohesion.

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 believe this very important and that other Auckland courses must be supported to follow RGC in this commitment.

Other feedback

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

I do not support the broad Draft Golf Investment Plan because I believe it is the thin edge of the wedge to reduce public land for the use of golf clubs which would be detrimental to the people of Auckland. Auckland needs more golf facilities not less.

It is a fact the Golf is a fast growing game with an increasing number of participants across the board, and that golf adult membership is larger than rugby, netball and soccer combined. Access to Auckland golf courses enhances and enriches our wider Auckland community in many different ways and it would be detrimental to future generations to irrevocably reduce these valuable golf and recreational facilities.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: love the game of golf & applaud the facilities Auckland has to offer

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: love the game of golf & applaud the facilities Auckland has to offer

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: love the game of golf & applaud the facilities Auckland has to offer

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: love the game of golf & applaud the facilities Auckland has to offer

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: love the game of golf & applaud the facilities Auckland has to offer

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: love the game of golf & applaud the facilities Auckland has to offer

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: weasel words

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: weasel words

Other feedback

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

   clearly drafted by non-golfers

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf is a sport where the participation has increased massively especially through the lockdown mandates. Golf has the most participation amongst any sport in NZ.

   Golf NZ has adopted charters to be inclusive and increase new participants to the sport. I find the Plan does not take this into consideration and has not consulted with the full range of organizations such as Disability Golf NZ. We have had new players to the sport of golf in every event we have conducted in the past 5 years. This is mainly people of all ages with a disability.

   Golf is a unique sport that allows people with disability to enhance their quality of life by participating in either a get together, hitting balls, putting balls to competitions. It is a passive form of activity that suits people with disability. By removing golf courses, Auckland Council is creating another sense of loss for those who have suffered significant losses due to their disability.

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 golf courses in consideration have fields and courts close by that caters for the equity with other sports and recreation. I find there are already plenty of parks and recreation areas that are accessible anywhere these golf courses are located.

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 NZ are actively enabling low participation groups to become involved with golf. Organizations like Disability Golf NZ are creating a awareness to educate people that golf is accessible and a possibility.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Golf courses already adopt this objective with the use of products on the courses and strategies such as replanting trees etc.

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: Absolutely agree but the Council's research needs to.be up to date and relevant

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf has the greatest participation level amongst any sport and the recreation parks around in Auckland is plentiful; adding more to plentiful does not make sense

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: Change is needed at certain times but I believe the Council wants to make profits by creating housing. Adding more density housing where the roading infrastructure is so poorly attended to is just madness. Reducing golf courses to half it's size or to driving ranges will kill 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: This should apply to places where there are no management adopted for environmental conservation. Again, golf courses I am aware of have such practices in place.

Other feedback

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

Please consult to a wider network and provide up to date research

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable): Chamberlain park

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Chamberlain park was given to the people of Auckland to enjoy golf at all levels which all Aucklanders have been doing

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's plenty of space for other activities people can use

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 don't think people are missing out on golf experiences

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

   I don't know

   Tell us why: Council at times don't do maintenance correctly and make poor decisions

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: Aucklanders aren't missing out on recreation

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Alot of people attend Chamberlain park

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: Yes allow more people to participate in 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

   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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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Council have not spoken to the golf clubs when drafting this proposed plan making it uniformed and not acknowledging the community of people who have invested in these clubs as members.

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 sport, you wouldn't have a cycle path on a tennis court or people walking their dogs across a cricket pitch mid 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**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I will support this if you agree to work with the golf courses but you havent

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There's plenty of land for you to do this, you don't need this on a golf course. Again its for playing 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: You made an agreement when leasing these courses but now that it inconveniences you, you want to change that, where is the respect for our sport clubs

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: We are already struggling to access our own courses because of the influx of new members and you want to make it even more difficult. Again you would know this if you were working with the courses.

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: Cause its completely unnecessary.

Other feedback

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

   Golf helps many aucklanders with mental health and you are only proposing to make this more difficult, respect our game and its benefits to the community that are already there. Why do I feel like there's a hidden agenda hidden in this proposal, I'll say it again, respect our game

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf clubs have spent a lot of money and capital over many years maintaining wonderful green spaces for the city The golf clubs are well used and over patronised in many cases It was be dangerous and against health and safety to have mixed use areas in golf 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**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Health and safety Impossible to have mixed use

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 frisbee as practice in many country golf clubs at hours when golfers aren't there is a good idea for extra participation

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There is so much wild life and diversity of planting that is well maintained in golf course The council does not currently pay for 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: What does the council actually mean by this???

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There is lots of green space for Aucklanders All the volcanos

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: Please tell me 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: Golf courses are involved in best practice for maintaining clean green ecosystems at their cost

Other feedback

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

   Let’s see the numbers I think golfers using the courses under exciting system would far out number dog walkers etc

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Because many of the reasons given for the need for the plan are inaccurate or misleading. It also seems unfair that many of the reasons given for requiring change are not being applied to all other sports.

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 publicly owned golf land is already open to all Aucklanders. There may be some barriers but most clubs have made real effort to encourage diverse groups to get involved. All sport grounds...whether it is golf, rugby, cricket, soccer etc...should be open to all Aucklanders but the reality no sport ground can cater to everyone. Why single out 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: Who better to do this than the clubs currently based on publicly owned golf land!

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Yes, all clubs should be incentivised and supported to achieve this. I know many are already.

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: As long as the framework is based on accurate information and not based on perceptions

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Does this apply to all sports? Publicly owned tennis courts, cricket wickets etc? Will these all now be used by a wide range of other sports? Your starting point seems very short sighted. Instead of arguing that some demographics don't play golf therefore the land use should be changed, shouldn't we instead be encouraging more people to play (as is happening). Women and Asians are under-represented in rugby and cricket. Do you have plans to change the use of these public facilities? As a non-sporty, part-Maori aging female golf has been invaluable for my mental and physical health.

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: Any investment that helps people get into the game of golf...a game that they can play by all ages...is a good idea.

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: Of course!

Other feedback

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

   Can you please forward your Cricket, Rugby, Football, Tennis and any other Investment Plan you have?

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: It's lacking real detail at this stage.

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: It's very unclear what effect it will have on actual 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**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Too little detail.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: This will be good if done properly.

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: This is just talk, with no actual plan provided.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: There are many 'footy fields' etc providing recreation for Aucklanders. I am very apprehensive about what's really going to happen here.

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 virtually no detail. Just vague promises.

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: Good if done properly without drastically affecting the golf course.

Other feedback

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

   It is far too open to interpretation at this stage. Very little detail.

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Draft Golf Investment Plan

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Given the benefits - health/social/life lessons, that come from playing golf opening to as wide an audience as possible is a laudable objective.

   However the plan is short on detail as to how golf and other suggested exercise and leisure activities can co-exist. Golf balls are hard round frequently fast flying objects rarely under the full control of the golfer with the attendant health and safety risks that involves!! Allowing golf only at certain times as opposed to, essentially, all the time now is effectively a reduction in the availability of golf.

   The plan does not categorically rule out that the end of lease negotiations will not be used as a back door way to a "land grab" for housing/commercial developments.

   Based on feedback from two clubs I belong to the plan is based on erroneous facts which the council is apparently not willing to correct. Presumably for fear the basis of the proposals would be undermined.

   Only vague references made to opinions gathered that suggest access to golf is not widely available to those who want to play. No mention of proper surveys done to support the allegations that "low participation groups" cannot access golf, or would want to.

   The statement that golf courses and their facilities are exclusive to golfers is fundamentally wrong. Most clubs allow use of their restaurant facilities by the general public. Many with driving ranges, which is generally where people start to learn the game, are open to the general public.

   No mention on who pays for and supports the provision of additional recreation facilities.

   Suggestion that clubs with long leases can be made top change ahead of lease expiry. Smacks of dictatorship!

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: See above response.

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 above.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Provided the practices required are the equal of those applied to other council owned recreational facilities no issue.

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: In principle a decision making process that is fair, open and transparent so all parties know "the rules" makes sense.

   And that rules/decisions are made with a real understanding of golf. As noted earlier there are health and safety issues with allowing other sporting/leisure activities at the same time golf is played. Would council allow the public to walk through a council owned football/rugby field at the same time a game is being played?

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: See earlier comments. Plus statement above a) makes no sense, needs a "foR" before golfers, and land leased is not in most cases exclusively for golfers, many, if not all, open their restaurant/meeting etc facilities to the general public.

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: See previous comments

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: See previous comments.

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: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: i cannot see how you can safely have other activites, e.g. cyclists near where a golf ball may go (not all golfers hit straight). A golf ball can kill, or do serious harm if someoneis stupid enough to be in front on it - or Council stupid enough to allow public who do not understand the risk

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: reasons above - a golf ball can kill

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 assume Council intend to spend money and provide other facilities

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: where appropriate, that is great

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 do not see Council being any cleverer than their predecessors

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: because other users may not be aware of the danger of a golf ball

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 golf course needs to be separate from other uses, because of the dangers of a mishit golf ball

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 course management can do best practice management.

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: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf courses in the city should be protected and left alone due to the exercise and enjoyment for thousands of rate payers

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 need green areas that can be used every day of the year in daylight hours

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: leave all the golf courses in auckland regional area as they are

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: bird corridoors are extremely important in densely populated a

   cities and these are achieved thru 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

   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?**

   Why do you want to 'get rid' of public spaces that are used for golf? There is no question there is an agenda with the council and developers.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: As a golf player of 25 years I think the draft plan is completely divorced from the reality of the current situation on local courses.

   Any Aucklander can play golf on any public course, 9 or 18 holes any day of the week.

   An 18 hole round at my course is around the price of a packet of cigarettes.

   If you want to join the club it costs about $25 a week for as many rounds as you like.

   It's very inexpensive recreation.

   Anyone who plays golf knows the benefits, all those qualities that add pleasure to life. Companionship, exercise, fun, belonging, something to look forward to.

   The game can be played as 9 or 18 holes, already giving scope to players with more or less fitness and ability, there is no need to fix something that isn't broken.

   It's a game for life and one that many players have come to after finding tennis or other sports they've enjoyed have become too physically demanding.

   As people age their opportunities for sport and recreation diminish, golf is a game that provides both of these for oldies.

   The draft plan mentions the need to address market forces. How shameful that the Council puts money ahead of an existing community providing so many social and physical benefits to it's residents.

   To feel that every citizen needs access to every piece of public land is misplaced, near my club Waitemata there are a myriad of alternatives.

   Cheltenham Beach, Mt Victoria, North Head, Mt Cambria, Windsor Reserve, Melrose Reserve, Ngartaringa Park, Devonport Domain, plenty of alternatives for recreation if you don't want to play golf.

   I think the ideas for changing or adding to the golf experience are embarrassing, they smack of a beaurocrat in an office tick boxing an expensive report written by someone who never got out of their chair and wandered down to their local course on a Sunday, or any other day of the week to see what is actually going on

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: Near my course there already exist many other places for recreation, 3 large beaches and more than 7 good sized parks.

   I don’t see the need to destroy a place of recreation that is full with players every day of the week to replace it when there are so many alternatives close by.

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 everyone needs or wants to do the same thing.

   If you want to play golf at any level you already can.

   Go to a golf club and take a look, you’ll see excellent players and bad players all enjoying themselves.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: This is already happening, all replacement trees on my local course are natives.

   The course is brimming with native birds.

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 don’t think every public asset has to be used or enjoyed by every Aucklander.

   There will be hundreds of thousands of Aucklanders who don’t use every asset, they use the ones they want to use.

   Are you planning to pull down the Aotea centre because many Aucklanders don’t go to theatre or concerts?

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

Tell us why: If Aucklanders don't want to play golf there are many other activities they can enjoy, as they already do.

It's not broke, don't try and fix it.

By trying to egalitarianise something you're destroying something else that's already egalitarian.

Put your beaurocratic theocracy aside and turn to the section entitled Department Of Common Sense.

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: People already learn to play golf on our course.

   Come down on a Sunday evening and watch Brad run his Women's Basic classes.

   Or just come down any Sunday and you'll see plenty of players who are learning or just play now and then, I 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

   Support

   Tell us why: I think it's already happening, have you enquired?

Other feedback

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

   I think it's an embarrassment to see a plan so stuck to a formula and divorced from reality.

   The sort of draft report that gives government a bad name, I think it's disgraceful.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: I understand the desirability of all Aucklanders having access to sport and recreation, so on that note I do support the intent of this plan, but I don't think many of your assumptions are correct in regards to golf and who plays it, nor does it appear that you appreciate the enormous physical and mental well being that golf is currently providing to a large group of people. It is the largest adult sport played in this country. It is one of the few sports that can be played by older people and is a major contributor to physical activity and social interaction in this group. It is also one of very few sports where people of different ages, gender and abilities can play together - this is happening every day on Auckland courses. The mix of people who play on local courses does to an extent reflect who lives in the neighbourhood, and on the course I belong to (Waitemata) there is a large number of people of Asian ethnicity which your plan did not seem to acknowledge. In recent times there has been a huge influx of new golfers to our course, it is busy 7 days a week from dawn to dusk. As such, it is one of the most frequently used green spaces in the area of which there are many - 3 beaches and a handful of excellent parks. This is a fortunate area for green and coastal space and in my opinion there is no need to reduce our golf course, or change the game - it is already contributing to all the positive things mentioned in your plan, with plenty of recreation alternatives for non-golfers in the area. Some members of the public do walk through our course now, but safety is always a concern. Maybe perimeter walking tracks could be added relatively safely on some courses but walking tracks through a golf course are asking for trouble in my opinion. In regards to golf participation - anyone can actually play at a public course now, but whether they want to or not is another matter. I agree that people who want to play should have the opportunity to try. Fortunately in NZ, including Auckland, this is still possible compared to many countries where scarcity of golf courses has created an elitist situation. Please don't inadvertently create this situation here! If you play golf in NZ you will understand that it is not an elitist sport here. For roughly the cost of a gym membership you can play as many times as you want all year round. The driving ranges during Covid have had a huge influx people trying out the golf swing, especially youth. This is a good place to start for people wondering if they might like it. Our club, along with many others, run programmes to attract and help new golfers learn the game. There are clinics run for children at our course. Could more be done for newcomers to learn the game? Yes, I am sure, especially as there are rules to learn as well as techniques. Efforts should continue in this regard. People can play 18 or 9 holes, so shorter games are already catered for. It is worth remembering that the game of golf, especially competitive club golf, is played over 18 holes. To play golf safely and considerately there is no

substitute for learning the rules. This is an international format and as with other sports, one wouldn't expect outsiders to try and influence the format or design of the game. Even land owners!

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 take away land for golf courses you will create an elitist sport in Auckland. Please don't do this! More adults play golf in NZ than any other sport, and it is growing. We need golf courses to keep pace with demand. The only reason these beautiful green spaces still exist now is that they have been preserved by the game of golf and looked after by the clubs and their members. Once gone they will never return. In my opinion it would be better to attract more people to play golf on this land than to switch its use to something else. It is especially important that golf is maintained as a physical activity option for people as they age - it provides regular exercise (both upper and lower body), mental challenge, companionship and social interaction with a wide range of people. It is one of few sports that provides all these positive dimensions to life potentially from youth to old age.

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: Participation in golf is most definitely on the up which strangely was not reflected in your plan. It is also a game played by all ages, genders and abilities. Over Covid I have seen an uptake by youth and young adults playing and also attending the driving ranges. More males than females, although I would say there is an increase of young women at the range too. Having played golf for some years now, I have seen a mix of socioeconomic groups playing at courses around NZ - it is not an elitist sport in NZ. Course availability would be the biggest barrier to playing golf that I see. That's why it is important to keep all our existing courses in Auckland intact, and add some more! If there are areas where participation is low the sure fire way to increase participation would be to have a course (and range) nearby. Golf is a sport and whilst other 'types' of golf-like activities are fine, opportunity to play the sport of golf should not be compromised.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: I don't know a lot about this topic but agree that best practise management of the land is highly desirable. What I do know is that clubs (and members fees) have kept these green spaces looking beautiful which no doubt increases peoples desire to spend time in them.

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 know enough about the management situation to comment. Were past decisions considered ad hoc at the time..? A robust framework sounds like a good idea but as I don’t particularly support your plan in it’s current form, I’m unable to provide support for the robust investment framework.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Not a good idea as mentioned. You will destroy golf in Auckland - the biggest barrier to anyone playing is easy access to a course. Don’t make golf elitist, that would be a crime! Once a course is gone it will be gone forever. There has been a really big increase in people playing golf in the last few years and we actually need more courses not less! Golf is a brilliant activity for all the positive physical, mental and social benefits that you are wanting to achieve for Aucklanders, and a sense of belonging for those who join a club. I can’t think of any other recreational activity or sport that brings all those benefits together for potentially 80 years of one’s life.

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 is a sport with its own rules and regulations, casual games and competition, just like netball, rugby, cricket… Auckland Council should not be considering changing the game of golf in Auckland, which you will if you change or shorten Auckland’s courses. That is the role of governing bodies, local and international. By all means add in some other golf-like activities to increase recreation opportunities but not at the expense of the sport of golf. You will make ‘real’ golf very expensive in Auckland and out of the reach of a whole lot more Aucklanders. You will create the very thing you presumably don’t want, an elitist sport. Having played golf for a number of years now I can assure you that people from all walks of life play golf and that is the beauty of the game, everyone plays together. Adding or attaching driving ranges to courses (if land is available) would be the best way to introduce golf to more people (as is already occurring).

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: Without knowing very much about land management, the principles of best practice management would seem a no brainer. I know that the green keepers at our course work extremely hard to keep the course in good condition. It is a beautiful place thanks to t

Other feedback

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

As a keen golfer I did read your plan with a sinking feeling. To be honest it didn't look like you understood the situation of golf in Auckland and NZ very well and your plan looks rather 'formula'. Everyone wants equity in sport and recreation and in golf but to make proposals without a real understanding of who is playing or acknowledging the enormous benefits so many people are already experiencing isn't great. Of all sports played in NZ golf would have to have the biggest mix of players - old and young, mixed ethnicities and socioeconomic situations. All playing together. Golf as an easy to access activity for our older population is especially important to provide. Oldies can still play and reap all the benefits. Getting some more women to play would be a good aim especially younger women. (NZ Golf has a programme aimed at improving women's participation). It looks like many Asian people are playing golf which your plan did not recognise. And just to say not everyone wants to play golf! There are plenty of other sport and recreational activities available in Auckland that other people prefer and do play.

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Draft Golf Investment Plan

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf is played by more people both male and female across all socio economic groups in NZ than all other major NZ national sports combined and it is growing. Any plan to reduce the access of the general public to the game of golf as it is understood globally is frankly a waste of Council time and resources given the issues that it faces currently. The upkeep on Council parks road reserves and public facilities is slipping when compared to other centres in NZ and those centres are not worrying about whether golf utilises the space it occupies efficiently because they recognise that it is a sport that can be played by all ages and sex and that it provides useful exercise for those who play the game

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: Unless you are specific about what you mean by this it is difficult to comment but any activity on a golf course that reduces the playability of the game and/or endangers others trying to carry out other activities is not practical and does not recognise the popularity of the sport in NZ

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 statement makes no sense. What exactly is meant by low participation groups. If an example was given one could comment objectively

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

Don't support

Tell us why: As far as I am aware all golf clubs practice best practice in this regard to the extent of their financial ability and if funds were available would increase this to the extent of those funds.

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 a general statement I support this. Specifically related to golf this initiative being undertaken by Council is an example of ad hoc decisions because if it wasn't you would have the support of organisations like NZ Golf and the 13 golf clubs that you are focusing on without any consultation. Frankly the approach you are taking is back to front and clearly being pushed by people that don't understand the gold environment in NZ at the present time.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Without some sort of stated objective it is impossible to comment. For example how would it be practical to make the Westhaven Marina available for sport and recreation for all Aucklanders. The same applies to the Stanley Street tennis centre or to Eden Park or to the Auckland Domain or to the One Tree Hill Reserve etc 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

   I don't know

   Tell us why: Exactly what are you envisaging ? A new game of golf? Combining golf with rugby. The statement is so broad and vague it doesn't give anything to comment 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

   I don't know

   Tell us why: This is another wok objective that in reality doesn't say anything specific on which to comment

Other feedback

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

This objective comes across as an exercise prompted by the believe that golf is an elitist sport. Golf is not elitist and is played by people from all walks of life and in far greater numbers in NZ than all other major sports combined. Since covid this increase has accelerated and if you are not careful you will make the game more difficult and more expensive for those that can least afford it.

Talk to NZ Golf, ask for feed back from the golf clubs then put together a plan that we just maybe able to support

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Many, Many people are participating in golf. The numbers are increasing all the time. Leave it as it is. There are plenty of facilities already catering to other activities - walking, biking, footballl...

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, golf courses are already difficult to get onto. These facilities are used every hour of day light 7 days. Their utilisation would be greater than virtually any other available 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: Less holes and more alternative options maybe an answer on alternate land, not on current facilities

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Always good management and environmental practice should be encouraged.

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 long as the vision is not left wing hippy, socialists who hate golf and see it as elitist.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There are so mant alternate options - why decrease the 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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: As long as the alternate facilities do not detract from current 18 hole golf 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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Sounds like a stupid way out option for eco warriors.

Other feedback

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

   Invest more in the current golf facilities an d land owned by the council. If some had lights hours could be extended.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable): Waitemata Golf Glub

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: 18-hole golf is the basic backbone of golf throughout NZ, if this was to change then golf as we know it in NZ and globally would disappear, players would leave the sport and there would not be enough registered members for clubs to be viable. so the whole concept of golf clubs would also disappear.

   Waitemata Golf Club has spent a lot of thought, time and money into developing the club and surrounds into a community centre. The introduction of children's learning and training programmes has proved a great success and Friday afternoon sees dozens of children enjoying the facilities while their parents, siblings and careers can enjoy the hospitality of the club house ... this obviously enhances the physical and mental wellbeing of the local community.

   The suggestion that there is no opportunity for minority groups to join and enjoy Waitemata Golf Club is not true and recently we have had an influx of Asian members who have migrated from other North Shore Clubs, and would now currently have a much higher participation rate per capita than other ethnic groups.

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: That is fine providing that is doesn't affect the ability of the club to carry out its normal 18 hole golf programmes on the current footprint.

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: That is currently happening at Waitemata Golf Club.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Currently 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: The risk is that councils will spend money on useless socialist/green programmes that are not thought through properly and will waste our rate dollars.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Because it will destroy golf as we know it to the detriment of the 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

   I don't know

   Tell us why: This is a meaningless statement!

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: To hard to achieve and all for a politically correct statement.

Other feedback

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

   Take it back, rethink it and get some intelligent input.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The Plan makes erroneous assumptions on which to base its conclusions. For example it infers that golf is not a growing sport when the opposite is true. Golf is the largest club-based sport in NZ, and I think Auckland membership has grown 29% over the last 9 years (to32,739). Over a million rounds were played in the 2021 year.

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 provides over 4.4 million hours of active recreation for Aucklanders each year. Repurposing golf courses to other forms of recreation would likely result in less active recreation across the region. Unlike team sports such as football codes, golf courses are available for use during daylight hours 7 days a week, and are utilised during those hours, rather than just after work and at weekends.

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: Contrary to the plan's assumptions, existing golf courses in the region do cater for the needs of a diverse population. The ability to participate without being a club member has seen nearly 50,000 casual players being registered by Golf NZ There is a wide range of price points available, ensuring that golf is anything but an elitist pursuit.

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

Partially support

Tell us why: The plan fails to recognise that golf courses are natural sanctuaries for wildlife, and golf clubs are actively engaged in promoting green solutions for their activities. The courses often act as buffer zones for other reserves, protecting wildlife, providing a valuable stormwater and filtering function, and are part of our cultural heritage. In addition to Remuera Golf Ckub's outstanding work with its habitat restoration project, other Auckland clubs have adopted environmental policies which are aimed at reducing emissions, managing Golf clubs' carbon footprint, restoring the natural environment, and creating a predator-free environment and community. Those plans will positively impact 2,000 hectares of green space, creating biodiversity corridors.

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: While cohesive planning is laudable, this plan proceeds from false and misleading assumptions reflecting pre-existing bias within its promoters.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: The statement is totally false and mischievous.

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: While more outreach could be done, the fact of continued and sustained growth in Golf participation across different income, ethnic and gender groups belies the assumptions and conclusions in this faulty plan.

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: This objective is already being implemented by Golf clubs, and the overlay of a Council bureaucracy most likely will not in fact assist in achieving the objectives already under way.

Other feedback

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

Please withdraw this Plan

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: We should stop investment in golf courses. There is 25 privately owed golf courses, they don't need the council taking a cut of their profits

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: 535 Hectares for Golf, that is an over user of public 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: Privately owned golf clubs shouldn't have public money spent in increasing participation in their customer base

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: in a climate change emergency I don't think the council should be looking after 535 hectares of lawn and exotic trees

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: I don't see your numbers supporting public investment in golf courses 100000 golf rounds at 38 clubs is a small number using 535 hectares of public 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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Privately owned golf clubs shouldn't have public money spent in increasing participation in their customer base

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: lawn and exotic trees should not be included as biodiversity conservation

Other feedback

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

   When Prime minister Jacinda Ardern declared a climate change emergency, I don't think they meant “one of the greatest challenges of our time" would be keeping Golf courses green and busy with public money, like the Americas cup, lot's of public money investment with very little bang for buck

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Once you close golf courses you'll never get them back. The sport is growing and the data presented is 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**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: use vacant land to increase sport options, not 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**

   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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: as above. Golf benefits more people than any other sport

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: don't meddle with a sport that has a long history and is growing year on year

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: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: We need public golf courses - there are already opportunities for people to walk or jog or cycle in other areas such as Cornwall Park or Mission Bay, you cannot play golf in these areas. Once lost the golf courses will be gone forever and they are a valuable resource

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 Aucklanders already have access to this land as it is 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: I am female and have just started playing golf. I love it and dont want to lose the courses I play at ie Waiheke and Chamberlain Park amongst others

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There are other areas that would benefit from this, not the golf courses. Losing land such as in Mt Albert for housing is terrible, these areas should be kept for ecosystems and we should develop greenfield sites and public housing outside Auckland with good public transport instead

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?**

   Please dont take away the golf courses. t hey are unique needed and loved - and this is from a new female golfer

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Only 4% of the population play golf compared to 27% walking and cycling (see https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/people/people-and-communities/participation-sport-and-physical-recreation-australia/latest-release)

   This land should be made available for the major user groups (ie walking and cycling). Golf use should be limited, no more that 9 hole golf courses should be allowed.

   Also land needs to be made available for housing with an housing crisis ongoing

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: Only 4% of the population play golf compared to 27% walking and cycling (see https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/people/people-and-communities/participation-sport-and-physical-recreation-australia/latest-release)

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 a golf player or supporter

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: All Aucklanders should benefit from the green space

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Support

   Tell us why: All Aucklanders should benefit from the green space

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 is a minority sport and so the green space should be made available for the majority of the population (Walkers and cyclists)

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 green space should be made available to ALL Aucklanders.

   Another priority use is housing

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Most of the information is incorrect, and Golf NZ and Golf Auckland have not had an opportunity to provide input, contrary to what we are led to believe.

   In my opinion, the sole reason for this report is to give Auckland Council authority to re-purpose council land for other activities, or for the sale of land. There is no inequity for people to play golf, as the current situation stands. All socio-economic and ethnic groups are able to access 18 holes of golf in areas of Auckland in which they live. It will become very inequitable for minorities to play golf if this so-called Golf Investment Plan is adopted.

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 not a 'Golf Investment Plan', this is a Golf Divestment 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: A broad range of golf experiences are currently provided to low participation groups. Small changes or more effective marketing could be made to improve this, but a large scale move to reduce facilities (which is what this plan is proposing no matter how much spin is attached to it) is completely unecessary

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

Don't support

Tell us why: 37 golf clubs have already moved in this direction, and others are also moving to best practice in ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation anyway. So this question is redundant and designed to mislead people in to thinking nothing is currently being done 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.

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 statement is misleading and manipulative, and designed to generate responses that Auckland Council seek

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: This statement is misleading and manipulative, and designed to generate responses that Auckland Council seek

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 statement is misleading and manipulative, and designed to generate responses that Auckland Council seek

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 statement is misleading and manipulative, and designed to generate responses that Auckland Council seek

Other feedback

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

   The plan is full of PR spin and designed to give Auckland Council the authority to sell off council land or re-purpose it for other activities. This is despite a massive increase in golf participation around Auckland. The plan makes a mockery of the Council's so-called intention to "invest" in golf

participation. A lack of consultation with Golf organisations, is absolutely appalling. I fully support Golf NZ's letter of 8 April 2022 to Auckland Council requesting the withdrawal and correction of this plan. I also strongly recommend that Auckland Council engages in proper consultation with the NZ Golf and Auckland Golf, organisations that actually have expertise in the golfing environment. It is disgraceful that ratepayers have had to fund this report, which appears have no expert input.

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Support

   Tell us why: I support the overall objectives

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 currently a lack of equity in the availability of an increasingly scare public resource that should be addressed

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

   Support

   Tell us why: I support efforts to address this inequity

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 support in principle but don't know enough about the details of current investment practices

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: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Agree that currently golf courses are only serving a small proportion of the community. Also environmental issues need to be addressed urgently

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: Agree, but some of the land should be used for housing

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: Not sure about the value of golf. Would rather the land was used mostly sports

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Very important to address this. Golf courses as far as I know, have a bad record of using pesticides and other unsustainable practices

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

   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: As already mentioned, I don't believe that golf is an important 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

   Support

   Tell us why: Very strongly support

Other feedback

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

   Golf courses deprive a large section of the community from access to large tracts of land that should be available to all

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I support the concept of Auckland Council having a plan to manage its investments in golf course land.

   Having read the draft Plan, I am concerned it starts with some very prejudiced positions, and these then lead the draft Plan to propose some poorly-thought-through changes.

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 an example of a prejudiced starting point. It is hard to argue with "equity" as an objective. But the question then needs to be does "equity" require the opening up of golf course land to other users?

   Auckland Council owns all sorts of recreational facilities. Bowling clubs, tennis clubs etc. One would not argue that "opening up" a tennis club is necessary for "equity". It would be a nonsense to have other users wander in the middle of a tennis game!

   Golf happens to be a sport that requires less intrusive structures on the land that it is played on. But this does not mean it is capable of dual or multi use. For the same reason as you could not have someone walking on a tennis court, you could not have a runner running across a green. Similarly, for health & safety reasons, you cannot have other users intruding in the middle of a golf course.

   So I would suggest, the whole premise of "equity" requiring non-golfers to have co-access to golf course land is wrong.

   The reasonable question to ask is, "are the number of users of golf course land reasonable given competing demands for recreational space in Auckland"?

This is a much harder question to answer. Golf NZ in its submission has provided some insightful stats which show:

- lifetime participation rates for golf are the best of any sport

- golf course land is well used

- its use is well shared across ethnicities and sexes

- demand is growing.

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: Auckland Council undertook a Strategy for Golf in Auckland some years ago and in it concluded that the gap in the market was for learner golfers. There are several really good courses that cater for the experienced club golfer - RAGGC, Remuera, Titirangi, Muriwai, Akarana, Whitford Park, Omaha etc. And there are a few who are catering more for the beginner category - Golf Warehouse, Takapuna, Chamberlain Park. The latter is probably where there is a gap in the market. There is a lack of such facilities in south Auckland and west Auckland.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: I am on the committee of Royal Auckland & Grange. RAGGC has a strong policy of supporting sustainable management practices. It has worked with Auckland Council to clean up and beautify the Tāmaki estuary between the two sides of the golf course. It uses organic pesticides. It is investing in electric machinery. It has a planting programme funded by member donations which is putting thousands of mostly native trees and shrubs on a minimum 5 year programme. It has approval to introduce bird wildlife.

   All of these initiatives are ones that are replicable by other council-owned golf courses. I would be surprised if they are not already being implemented at least in part.

   But a key attribute of golf courses is they act as “lungs” for a city and as a “carbon sink”. Artificial tennis courts do not. Open playing fields do not do it as well. Cutting down trees and flattening golf course land to make more playing fields goes against Council objectives to reduce the carbon footprint.

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 am on the boards of directors of several long life businesses. Long life assets such as golf courses require long time frame commitments. Trees take 10+ years to grow. Assets such as greens and tees and clubhouses last 30+ years and are difficult to fund.

   So I support the thrust that a robust investment framework with policy certainty is required.

Auckland Council, as owner of the land, has the right to set the policy framework for golf courses in Auckland. The terms of leases including duration, rights of renewal and conditions of use should provide certainty to the lessees to enable them to invest in the above ground assets. But also to ensure that Council's clearly articulated objectives are met. Any changes in those objectives need to be signalled well ahead of time and should not be lightly done.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I have articulated above the false premise that this relies on. From a H&S perspective, you cant have other users wandering in the middle of a golf course! Golf courses are like other sporting facilities which necessitate relatively exclusive use. Just because good golf course design utilises the natural contours of the land and the land looks relatively open does not mean that it can then be designated for mixed use with golf and other uses! Obviously, on the perimeter there may be some opportunities for mixed use, but even then there is concern about stray golf balls hitting recreational walkers/cyclists/runners.

   Golf NZ makes a good point when it suggests that golf courses are used for longer on a daily basis than other recreational facilities - a golf game requires 4 hours of walk. It is played in most weathers and most times of the day and each day of the week. Rugby games cannot be played on grass fields all day every day because they would become mud heaps. Many fields are only used for short periods of the day, and not every day. Each sport needs to be looked at individually rather than starting from a point of view that facilities can be "shared".

   In short, it is a fallacy to promote the idea that golf courses can be used "part-time" and should, as a matter of "equity" be shared with other users. It implies there is "spare capacity" which is simply not true. Golf is a 12 hours a day 7 days a week 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: This too relies on a prejudiced starting point. It implies that the existing use of land for golf courses cannot be justified.

   As per the Golf NZ submission to you, Golf in NZ is in a growth phase, is a high-participation sport and, uniquely, operates across the age spectrum. So the starting point should be: is the existing utilisation of the golf course land owned by councils sufficient?

   I would contend that the underlying stats support the conclusion that the golf course land owned by Council is well used and used by a good spread of the Auckland population.

   Where I agree with the trust of the Council draft Plan is to ensure that Auckland Council golf course land is targeted at meeting the gap in the market - which is identified as being at the entry level. So greater investment in driving ranges (which dont require so much contiguous land and can often use poorer quality land like Takapuna driving range) is desirable.

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?

'Golf tourism is a key plank of Auckland Unlimited's tourism strategy. No mention of this is made in the draft Plan.

Similarly, little mention is made in the plan of how Council should be working with Golf NZ to maximise the delivery of golf in Auckland - yet golf is the largest sport.

The current Plan seems to start from a prejudiced position around "equity", need to share golf course land with other users, and a supposed lack of awareness of impact by golf courses on the environment.

A better approach would be to answer two key questions:

- is golf course land owned by Council being well used?

- how could this land be better integrated into a golf strategy for Auckland, including promotion of golf tourism, encouragement of Aucklanders to experience the health and camaraderie benefits of golf across their lives, and Council biodiversity and sustainability objectives?

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf courses are a real fabric of NZ society. They are egalitarian and picturesque and they also contribute to joy, social interaction and exercise. Most of golf courses targeted are in areas where there is already a significant amount of other public land for general 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**

   Don't support

   Tell us why: See above. While the goal is objectively positive, the proposed implementation is flawed.

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, an objectively positive goal, but interfering with the current assets is not the way to achieve it.

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

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Right, so you put forward a goal with "best practice" to try to guilt people into supporting it.

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: Again, trying the guilt trip by the language used in the 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: Another use of "best practice" to try to guild us into supporting this.

Other feedback

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

   Focus resources on the things that are really in desperate need for change.

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Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Golf is accessible to a lot of people, of various races, genders, and age. I admit that it is a middle-high class sport generally, but that is why cheaper courses like Chamberlain and Takapuna allow people with less money to be able to play. I believe that a lot of people (not just middle aged white men) get benefits from being outside and 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**

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Perhaps allowing a day a week for people to enjoy the space would be good. But it should be limited and never at the same time as when people 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**

   Support

   Tell us why: I think it is great to get more people of varying backgrounds in to golf.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: It is important to improve 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: Aucklanders have a wide range of activities that they can do, and have a plethora of parks, beaches, and mountains to walk around. Golf is a sport and should be compared to football, tennis, rugby instead of walking, running, cycling.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Partially support

   Tell us why: Getting more people in to golf is great. But mixed use golf spaces will not work without damaging the 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

   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

   Support

   Tell us why:

Other feedback

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

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#962

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Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: I believe golf is a sport for all ages and abilities, and totally disagree with the notion it is elite. It is also increasing in popularity after a downturn. Recently I played golf against my father in law in a competition who at 89 bet us all squarely due to the handicapping system that enables all ages and abilities to compete. It has also enabled him to remain fit and active walking around the course. It is also sociable, and allows people from all walks of life to mingle, both in the playing , as in a club you are drawn to play one another, and afterwards in the club rooms. I have met and made friends with many different ethnicities, and "social standing" which is quite the opposite of what you are stating in your proposal. I have noticed a large number of young males playing at our local course, in the weekends and after work. It can be expensive to join a club for this age group, so it is important public courses are available, as it is for those in lower economic groups. I have noticed increasingly organised school groups at driving ranges, and also parents taking very young children. Golf would be one of the very few activities you can play at any age, any ability, either sex, and be competitive. Not many - if any, other sports can include all generations. It is a sport played all year, in all weather. It is good for the mind and body.

   I have no idea where you are getting the idea it is an elite sport. I suggest you go along to the public courses, see for yourself, and have a go. That's how most of us got started and got the bug. Auckland has wonderful public courses for which I am enormously grateful for. I believe it would be very short sighted of the council to remove these facilities as once gone they could never be replaced.

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: To play golf you need 18 holes. Otherwise you are making golf an elite sport, only available to those who can afford to play at clubs with private memberships.

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 do not understand your question. What is a broad range of golf experiences? If you mean a golf range - yes, if you mean mini golf - no, but not at the expense of losing a golf hole.

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Again it's a statement that is not clear in its intention. If you mean ensuring waterways are not polluted and/or managing planting around courses , then yes.

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 do not trust our council to necessarily make the decisions that are in the best interest of ALL Aucklanders. Exactly which "ad hoc" decisions are to be upturned.

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Public golf courses are NOT used exclusively by golfers, there are always people walking themselves, or their dogs, jogging etc at different times of the day. However, if you do not have public golf courses you ARE making it impossible for people of all walks of life, of all ages, from children to those in their nineties, of different sexes to play a sport throughout their life time, and making it available only to those who can afford a private club.

   In your statement you say Asians do not play golf - I suggest you go and visit the public courses. There are many Asian couples, families, women and men playing.

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: Have absolutely no idea what you are saying here - and it is not expanded upon in your draft. What do you have in mind when you say a broad golf service that provides equity and increased participation?

Do you mean like an event like " women love golf"? so different groups can try it - of course thats a good idea.

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: Of course we do not want pollution, but also I think it is sad when assets are run into the ground. Golf courses are more expensive to re-establish than they are to maintain. Planting is important, but I would not like to see established exotic trees re

Other feedback

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

   I believe golf is a sport for all ages and abilities, and totally disagree with the notion it is elite. It is also increasing in popularity after a downturn. Recently I played golf against my father in law in a competition who at 89 bet us all squarely due to the handicapping system that enables all ages and abilities to compete. It has also enabled him to remain fit and active walking around the course. It is also sociable, and allows people from all walks of life to mingle, both in the playing , as in a club you are drawn to play one another, and afterwards in the club rooms. I have met and made friends with many different ethnicities, and "social standing" which is quite the opposite of what you are stating in your proposal. I have noticed a large number of young males playing at our local course, in the weekends and after work. It can be expensive to join a club for this age group, so it is important public courses are available, as it is for those in lower economic groups. I have noticed increasingly organised school groups at driving ranges, and also parents taking very young children. Golf would be one of the very few activities you can play at any age, any ability, either sex, and be competitive. Not many - if any, other sports can include all generations. It is a sport played all year, in all weather. It is good for the mind and body.

   I have no idea where you are getting the idea it is an elite sport. I suggest you go along to the public courses, see for yourself, and have a go. That's how most of us got started and got the bug. Auckland has wonderful public courses for which I am enormously grateful for. I believe it would be very short sighted of the council to remove these facilities as once gone they could never be replaced.

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Draft Golf Investment Plan

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Waitematā

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**

   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

   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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Your feedback

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

   Don't support

   Tell us why: There are heaps of walking and cycling spaces in Auckland. It is stupid idea to change part of current golf courses into walking and cycling facilities. Golf populations are growing. Number of golf courses are not enough presently in Auckland. Golf is very important sport for old aged health.

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 enough lands, parks and reserves that can be appropriate to other sports and recreations.

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: There are not many golf driving ranges presently. Increasing golf driving ranges are worth to attract low golf participation groups.

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

   Support

   Tell us why: Environmental ecosystem is 1st priority at all times.

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: Stopping environmental destruction by robust investment is the 1st priority. Please stop development that accelerates global climate crises!!

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

   TO: sport and recreation for all Aucklanders

   Don't support

   Tell us why: Other sport and recreation should capitalise heaps of parks, too many playgrounds and reserves that are excessively supplied and not being fully capitalised currently.

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 think a lot of golf courses are not being managed efficiently and transparently by club's committees or club's general managers.

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: Environment is 1st priority.

Other feedback

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