



Consultation on the draft Local Board Plans 2026

Written Feedback

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Volume #2

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#270

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Gardens4Health

Local Board: Regional Organisation

Your feedback:

1. **Overall, how well does the draft Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan reflect the priorities of your community?**

Quite well

Tell us why

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

Building partnerships with local groups and mana whenua to find local ways to provide for our community, Groups such as children, older people, and migrant communities can participate and connect within our communities., Support local volunteer groups to continue to do their work in communities.

3. **Which of the following would most improve neighbourhood parks for young people?
(Select up to 3 options)**

Connections to public transport, Cycle and walking path connections, Safety improvements e.g. lights

4. **Local board decision making for transport is changing. Local Boards will decide on some things and advocate for others.**

**Which of the following transport issues are most important to you?
(Select up to 3 options)**

Improve the cycling network, Ensure speed limits are safe, Better public transport (buses and trains)

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



Submission on 3 year local board plan for Maungakiekie-Tāmaki.

Tēna koe,

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

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

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

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

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

How these actions support your existing commitments

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

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

Recommended Actions

1. Understand the local food system

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

2. Strengthen community partnerships

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

3. Invest in local food initiatives

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

4. Create healthier food environments

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

5. Celebrate and grow local food leadership

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

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

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

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

Thank you for your consideration and for your ongoing commitment to the wellbeing of the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki community.

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#281

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Organisation: Glen Innes Business Association Inc

Local Board: Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

Your feedback:

1. **Overall, how well does the draft Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan reflect the priorities of your community?**

Quite well

Tell us why

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

Free activities and events in local parks, libraries, and public spaces, Building partnerships with local groups and mana whenua to find local ways to provide for our community, Maintain and improve local parks, playgrounds and sports fields to better meet the needs of our growing community.

3. **Which of the following would most improve neighbourhood parks for young people?
(Select up to 3 options)**

Cycle and walking path connections, Events and activities, Safety improvements e.g. lights

4. **Local board decision making for transport is changing. Local Boards will decide on some things and advocate for others.**

**Which of the following transport issues are most important to you?
(Select up to 3 options)**

Improve walking paths and footpaths, Help town centres make the most of rail connections, Better public transport (buses and trains)

5. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan 2026?

See attached submission

SUBMISSION TO THE MAUNGAKIEKIE-TĀMAKI LOCAL BOARD

Draft Local Board Plan 2026–2029

Organisation	Glen Innes Business Association (GIBA)
Date	17 July 2026

Introduction

The Glen Innes Business Association welcomes the opportunity to submit on the Draft Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan 2026–2029. GIBA represents the commercial interests of businesses operating within the Glen Innes BID area and has done so for more than two decades. We are an active partner in the ongoing transformation of this town centre and have a direct stake in ensuring that the Local Board Plan reflects the realities, opportunities, and investment needs of Glen Innes.

We have read the draft plan carefully. There is much to support. We are particularly encouraged by the Board's stated commitment to working with business associations on safety initiatives, by the explicit advocacy intent to support integrated public transport hubs at Glen Innes, and by the recognition that BIDs play a meaningful role in making town centres safe and inviting. These commitments align directly with what we do on the ground every day.

Our submission focuses on four areas where we believe the plan can be strengthened or where we want to ensure Glen Innes is not lost in the broader framing of the local board area.

1. Economic Development – Glen Innes needs explicit recognition

The Economic Development section correctly identifies BIDs as doing "amazing work" to make town centres inviting and safe. We agree. However, the plan's economic development objectives are written at a level of generality that risks Glen Innes being treated as an afterthought behind the larger regeneration programmes at Onehunga and Panmure.

Glen Innes is the commercial and cultural anchor for the fastest-growing residential catchment in this local board area. The Tāmaki regeneration programme will deliver around 10,500 homes in our immediate vicinity. That population growth is already underway – we welcomed nine new businesses to the town centre in the past year alone. The Local Board Plan should explicitly name Glen Innes as a priority economic activation zone, with targeted investment in streetscape, placemaking, and town centre amenity that reflects the scale of residential growth being delivered around it.

We ask the Board to include a specific commitment to work with GIBA to develop a Glen Innes Town Centre Activation Plan that is resourced through the Local Planning/BID budget line and aligned to the TRC regeneration timeline.

2. Built Environment – Construction impact mitigation must be a formal commitment

The Built Environment section acknowledges that sequencing of major projects needs careful management to avoid service gaps. We endorse this. Businesses in Glen Innes absorbed 18 months of severe trading disruption from the recent infrastructure works programme, and the communications approach taken by the responsible agencies improved as that programme matured. We want to see that approach maintained and embedded for all future works affecting our town centre.

The plan commits to working with TRC, Kāinga Ora and other entities to ensure upgrades are coordinated and well-communicated to minimise disruption to residents and businesses. We ask the Board to give this commitment ongoing teeth by advocating for a standing protocol that requires Auckland Transport, TRC, and Kāinga Ora to provide advance notice of works, maintain regular progress communications through GIBA's channels, and include business impact assessment as a standard component of project planning. The framework for this now exists in practice – the ask is that it becomes standard expectation rather than something businesses need to negotiate for each time.

3. Transport – Capitalise on the City Rail Link opportunity

Glen Innes Station opens to City Rail Link services on 24 July 2026. For the first time, Glen Innes is directly connected to central Auckland with genuine frequency and speed. This is a transformational moment for our town centre and the Local Board Plan should treat it as one.

The new overbridge is well-signposted and the station precinct is functional. What the plan needs to address now is the commercial opportunity that increased foot traffic creates. Passengers arriving at Glen Innes Station represent a new and growing customer base for our businesses. The Local Board's advocacy to the Governing Body for integrated public transport hubs at Glen Innes should therefore extend beyond infrastructure to include targeted town centre activation funding that converts station arrivals into town centre visits. Investment in the connection between the station and the commercial core – in particular the route between the station and Mayfair Place – should be a named priority in the Board's work programme.

We ask the Board to explicitly recognise the City Rail Link opening as a catalyst for Glen Innes town centre economic growth and to include targeted activation funding in its advocacy to the Governing Body and Tātake Auckland Unlimited.

4. Community Safety – Maintain and build on existing investment

The plan commits to working with business associations, community groups, police and security providers on community safety projects. This is an area where GIBA has built a genuinely effective framework over many years. Our 48-camera CCTV network, our Security Ambassador programme, our bi-monthly Security Forums, and our Coffee With

A Cop sessions are not vanity projects – they are the reason our town centre is measurably safer than it was a decade ago.

We ask the Board to formally recognise this infrastructure in its work programme and to advocate for continued Police resourcing of the Glen Innes Community Policing Team. The relationship between GIBA, NZ Police, and the community is a working model that the Board's advocacy to MSD and Police should seek to protect and sustain, not take for granted.

5. Public Realm – Glen Innes town centre needs a coherent investment programme

The physical presentation of the Glen Innes town centre has not kept pace with the transformation happening around it. The residential growth being delivered by TRC and Kāinga Ora will bring thousands of new residents to this catchment over the coming years. The City Rail Link will bring new visitors. Our Matariki Light Trail already draws over 10,000 people to Maybury Reserve each July. The town centre needs to be ready to receive them.

GIBA asks the Local Board to commit to a coordinated public realm investment programme for Glen Innes that addresses three specific priorities.

First, lighting and landscaping in and around Mayfair Place. The central town centre square is the commercial heart of Glen Innes and its current presentation does not reflect the investment and energy that businesses and the wider community have put into this precinct. Upgraded lighting and landscaping would have an immediate and measurable impact on safety perceptions, dwell time, and retail activity.

Second, the pedestrian connection between Mayfair Place and Maybury Reserve, and from the reserve to the train station. This corridor is increasingly well-used and will carry significantly more foot traffic once City Rail Link patronage builds. It deserves investment commensurate with that role.

Third, Maybury Reserve itself. The reserve is home to the Matariki Light Trail – now in its 13th year and one of the most significant cultural events on the east Auckland calendar. The draft plan does not currently name Maybury Reserve in its parks improvement programme. We ask the Board to include it. We ask specifically that any redesign retains adequate open space for our annual fireworks display and includes permanent path infrastructure that improves accessibility and reduces the event management burden currently required each July.

We ask the Board to name Maybury Reserve and Mayfair Place explicitly in its public realm work programme and to allocate funding accordingly within the capital expenditure programme.

Summary of Requests

GIBA asks the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board to:

- Include an explicit commitment to a Glen Innes Town Centre Activation Plan, resourced through the Local Planning/BID budget and aligned to the TRC regeneration timeline.

- Embed the communications and business impact assessment approach developed during the recent infrastructure works programme as a standing protocol for all future major works affecting the Glen Innes town centre.
- Recognise the City Rail Link opening as a catalyst for town centre economic growth and include targeted activation funding in advocacy to the Governing Body and Tātaki Auckland Unlimited.
- Formally recognise GIBA's community safety infrastructure in the Board's work programme and advocate for continued Police resourcing of the Glen Innes Community Policing Team.
- Include Maybury Reserve and Mayfair Place in the public realm work programme, with funding for lighting, landscaping, permanent paths, and a redesign process that protects event capacity including the annual fireworks display.

We are ready to engage further with the Board and its staff on any of these matters and welcome the opportunity to present in person if that would assist.

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#447

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Mens Shed Maungakiekie-Tamaki

Local Board: Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

Your feedback:

1. **Overall, how well does the draft Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan reflect the priorities of your community?**

Tell us why

2. **Which of these do you believe our diverse community needs most?**
(Select up to 3 options)
3. **Which of the following would most improve neighbourhood parks for young people?**
(Select up to 3 options)
4. **Local board decision making for transport is changing. Local Boards will decide on some things and advocate for others.**

Which of the following transport issues are most important to you?
(Select up to 3 options)

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

Please set specific target for "we celebrate our diverse people and everyone can access and benefit from our facilities and programmes" For example - make land available for new community-led groups to develop for creating more opportunities for diverse engagement of our residents such as the Mens Shed.

Note this specific target also supports "our community is supported to lead initiatives that are important to them" "our facilities (and vacant land) meet community needs, offer good value for money and are high quality"



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Submitter details:

Organisation: MHRS TOES EWLDS

Local Board: Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

Your feedback:

- 1. Overall, how well does the draft Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan reflect the priorities of your community?**

Not very well

Tell us why

The MTLB must prepare and deliver a master plan for the wider areas of Onehunga to provide the residential retail commercial and industrial areas confidence to grow this community in a responsible manner that brings success to all parties.

At the moment we see a planning environment that is constantly changing which does not provide the platform for long term investment.

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

Building partnerships with local groups and mana whenua to find local ways to provide for our community, Other, please specify: Improve transport corridors to avoid rat running of residential streets

- 3. Which of the following would most improve neighbourhood parks for young people?
(Select up to 3 options)**

- 4. Local board decision making for transport is changing. Local Boards will decide on some things and advocate for others.**

**Which of the following transport issues are most important to you?
(Select up to 3 options)**

Improve walking paths and footpaths, Improve the cycling network, Work with partners and agencies to improve congestion issues

5. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan 2026?

The East West Link should be a true transport connection between Highbrook and Onehunga and be based on a Multimodal Corridor for pedestrians cyclists vehicles gas electricity water sewage and rail to the same standards as Taumanu Bay. The EWL should go along the shoreline of the upper Manukau Harbour. The Multimodal reclamation should be constructed from the contaminated marine sediment in the upper harbour by turning it into MudCrete.

Mudcrete is used extensively here in Auckland (POAL) as it locks up contaminants and produces a structural component ie the POAL Container Terminal.

To connect to Highbrook there needs to be a tunnel from the South down rail yards under the Tamaki River to connect to Highbrook. This would be a green field project and not a brown field project reduce the current proposed budget of \$3B and avoid disruption to the business and transport corridors. Can be delivered in a reduced time frame especially the foreshore route.



Road to Realisation

East West Link
Development
Group

26 May 2026

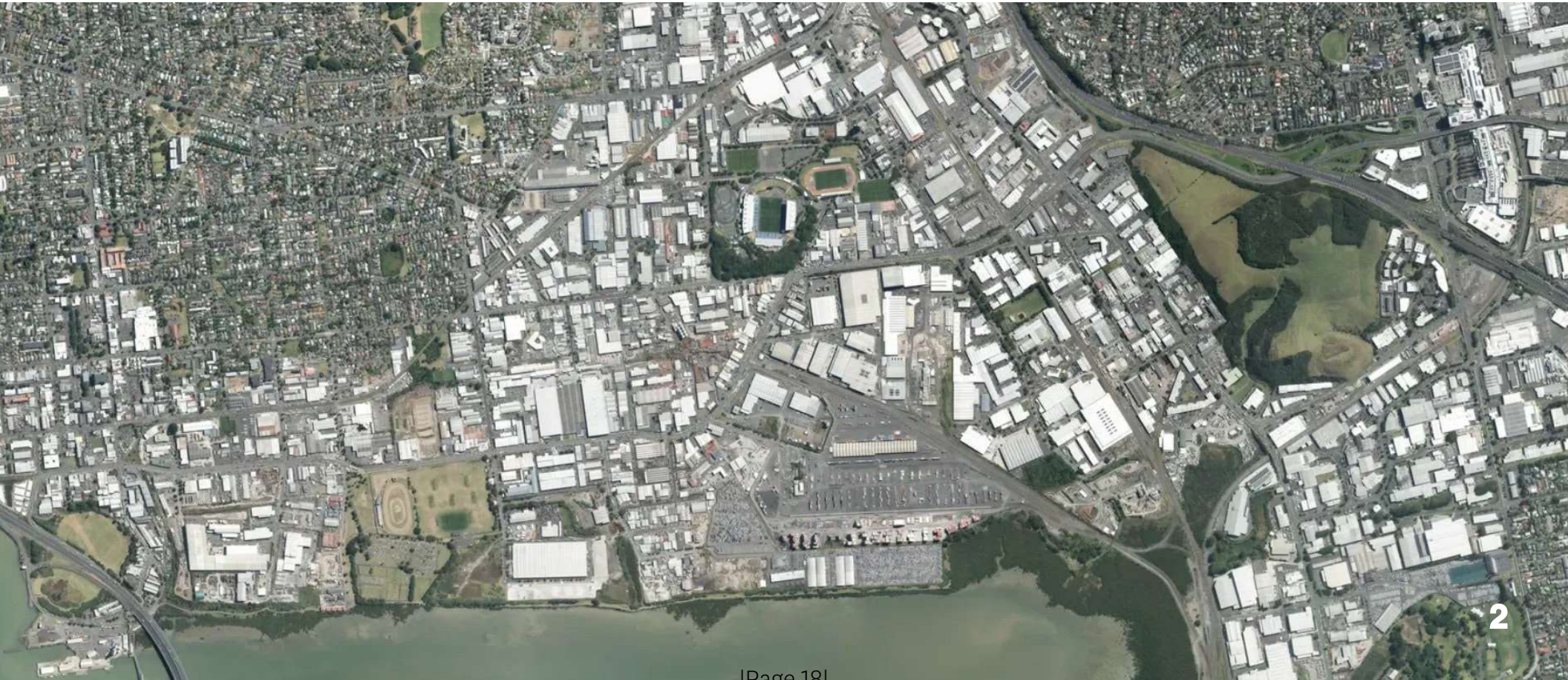
East West Link Development Group

East West Link Development Group is a group of Onehunga and Te Papapa business people. Local businesses and land owners have much to offer the East West Link project.

East West Link Development Group is led by prominent Onehunga businessman Jim Jackson. Jim was primary sponsor of the successful Taumanu Bay foreshore redevelopment in Onehunga and is chair of The Onehunga Enhancement Society.



“We are realistic about Government’s financial capacity to commit to the East West Link project but there are a range of issues that have not been considered.”





Stocktake

“Congestion on Neilson Street is getting worse.”

Many tens of millions of dollars have been spent since the EWL was conceived in 2012.

NZTA has not engaged with the community to understand the trade-offs the community would accept or the community's ideas to save money.

There are a range of issues that have not been considered.

NZTA board approved \$102 million to be spent on a new proposal in 2025.

Government is fiscally constrained and is using a failed delivery model, that based on recent history, is likely to produce a very high cost.

Opposition parties likely to deprioritise EWL again.

“Delay is likely.”

NZTA's route won't solve congestion

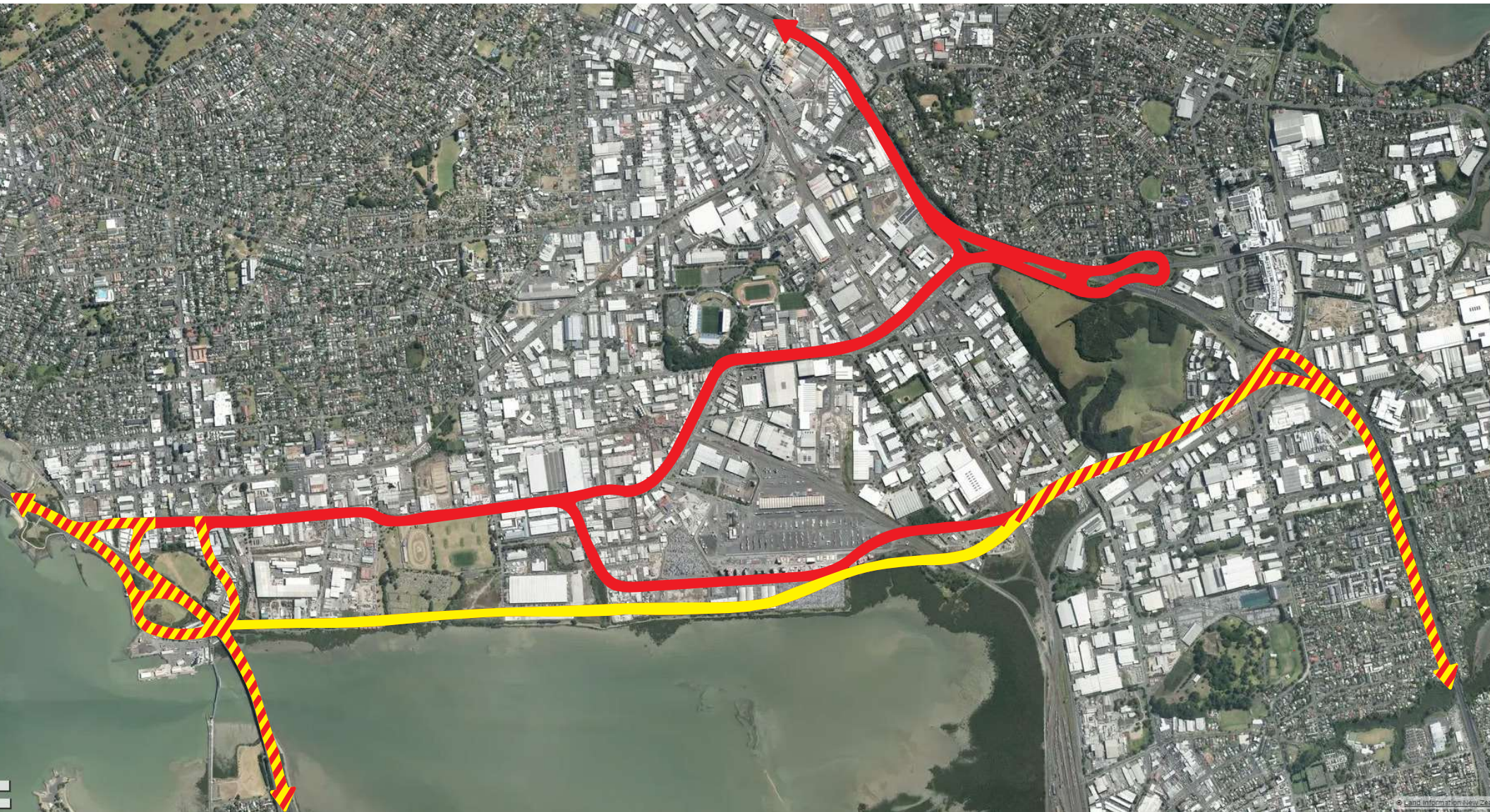
NZTA's assessment is subjective and reverses its earlier assessment.

The new route will not alleviate congestion on Neilson Street and ignores the many vehicle access points to private property on Neilson Street.

Church Street will continue to operate as a principal arterial route to and from the north facing SH1 on and off ramps.

NZTA has not accounted for possible changes in land use in the area, like Metroport leaving.





 Board of Inquiry route (2017)  NZTA proposed route (2025)  Routes converge

Disruption and destruction on Neilson Street

NZTA's benefit cost analysis does not take account of the disruption and value destruction on Neilson Street compared to a foreshore route.

NZTA's new proposal will create significant disruptions during construction and then permanently change use and access to businesses on Neilson Street and surrounding areas.

Neilson Street access to private properties is unaccounted for.

“NZTA is making the same mistake the Government and Auckland Council made with CRL by not accounting for private costs.”

Environmental issues unresolved

The Supreme Court Board of Inquiry decision misunderstood the chronic environmental failures in the Mangere Inlet and the opportunities for their remediation.

The northern shore of the Mangere Inlet (Onehunga and Te Papapa) was reclaimed over an extended period after World War 2.

The reclamation involved dumping of rubbish and hazardous industrial waste that has created poisoned sediment build up and damaged the ecology of the foreshore.

Promises made at the time to manage sediment, leachate, storm water and methane have not been kept.





The Bol proposal created an opportunity to deal with the problems affecting the health of the Manukau, in particular by making Auckland Council accountable for the state of the Mangere inlet.

Creation of a bund and innovative structural use of the sediment will reduce the environmental problem and reduce cost.



Delivery model is high cost and will undermine EWL



Government agencies appear to be unable to deliver capital works projects at low cost.

Over specification, poor design, changing requirements, poor risk management, institutionalised procurement have made the New Zealand government unable to deliver at low cost.

This is regardless of whether the project delivery is conventional or for example by way of a public private partnership

“NZTA is intent on replicating these problems on the EWL.”

NZTA launches review amid six roading contract investigations and SFO probe

The Post: 22 May 2026

Transmission Gully: NZTA spent \$600k on legal battle

RNZ: 19 February 2025

Transmission Gully could need new builder - Infrastructure Commission review

RNZ: 10 May 2024

Taxpayers in the dark over final cost of Transmission Gully

NZ Herald: 1 October 2022

Millions in new costs add to Puhoi to Warkworth motorway overrun

RNZ: 16 September 2023

NZTA to spend another \$32 million fixing Wellington's Transmission Gully

RNZ: 3 November 2025

Waka Kotahi pays \$4m extra to contractor over delayed Hutt cycleway

RNZ: 18 July 2022

Waka Kotahi refuses to release briefing on scheme used to build motorways

RNZ: 26 May 2024

Long-delayed Lower Hutt cycleway cost blows out four times original budget

RNZ: 13 September 2023

Cycleway building programme faces delays, deferrals over potential \$52m overspend

RNZ: 14 June 2022

Auckland councillor appalled at national cycleway project blowouts

RNZ: 15 June 2022

Transmission Gully builder sues Waka Kotahi

BusinessDesk: 22 March 2024

Working with our Community

NZTA appears to have lost its institutional memory and has failed to talk to the Onehunga and Te Papapa community in any useful and transparent way.

It is unclear how NZTA could reliably and efficiently spend its \$102 million planning and approval budget for EWL.

NZTA has missed the opportunity to properly understand the problems and opportunities of the EWL development.

The community will offer opportunities to address trade-offs around the route, the chronic environmental issues and reduce both the public and private costs of the project while improving its benefits.







NZTA must stop work now

New governance is required for success.

NZTA appears more intent on spending its \$102 million budget than preparing for a successful project.

A new board of governance should have responsibility for delivery, comprising local business people and NZTA board members.

“The community can deliver a better result than NZTA is proposing.”



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#267

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Local Board: Regional Organisation

Your feedback:

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Tell us why

See attached

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(Select up to 3 options)

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

See attached file

23 July 2026

Auckland Council

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Local Board Plans 2026

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

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1. Introduction and overview

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. General comments

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

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

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

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

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

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

⁶ See 6

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

Suggested objectives and initiatives include:

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

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

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

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

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

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

3. Local Board Plans: Individual Technical

Advice

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

3.1 Henderson-Massey

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

- Focus Area One: Community

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

- Focus Area Three: Built Environment

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

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

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

3.2 Māngere-Ōtāhuhu

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

NPHS-NR supports in part:

- Focus Area One: Community

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

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

⁹ See 7.

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

- Focus Area Two: Natural Environment

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

- Focus Area Five: Transport

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

3.3 Manurewa

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

- Focus Area One: Community

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

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

¹¹ See 7.

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

- Focus Area Two: Natural Environment

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

- Focus Area Five: Transport

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

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

3.4 Ōtara–Papatoetoe

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

- Focus Area Two: Natural Environment

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

- Focus Area Five: Transport

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

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

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

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

3.5 Papakura

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

- Focus Area One: Community

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

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

- Focus Area Two: Natural Environment

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

¹² See 7.

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

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

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

3.6 Waitematā

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

- Focus Area One: Community

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

- Focus Area Two: Natural Environment

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

¹³ See 7.

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

- Focus Area Three: Built Environment

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

- Focus Area Five: Transport

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

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

3.7 Whau

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

- Focus Area One: Community

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

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

- Focus Area Three: Built Environment

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

- Focus Area Five: Transport

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

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

4. Conclusion

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

Appendix 1: Overview of Suggested Amendments to Local Board Plans

Table 1: Henderson–Massey

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

Table 2: Māngere–Ōtāhuhu

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

Table 3: Manurewa

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

Table 4: Ōtara-Papatoetoe

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

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

Focus Area	Stance	Detail
One	Support in part	Include support in the plan for community-led aspirations to reduce harm from alcohol, tobacco and vaping products. Include support in the plan for community participation in decisions about how alcohol is sold and supplied locally.
Three	Support in part	Objectives one and three should include lower speed environments, raised crossings and other road safety measures to improve local street safety, particularly around schools and community facilities.

Table 6: Whau

Focus Area	Stance	Detail
One	Support in part	Include support in the plan for community-led aspirations to reduce harm from alcohol, tobacco and vaping products. Include support in the plan for community participation in decisions about how alcohol is sold and supplied locally.
Five	Support in part	Objective two should include lower speed environments, raised crossings and other road safety measures to improve local street safety, particularly around schools and community facilities.



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Submitter details:

Organisation: Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei

Local Board: Regional Organisation

Your feedback:

1. **Overall, how well does the draft Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan reflect the priorities of your community?**

Quite well

Tell us why

2. **Which of these do you believe our diverse community needs most?**
(Select up to 3 options)
3. **Which of the following would most improve neighbourhood parks for young people?**
(Select up to 3 options)
4. **Local board decision making for transport is changing. Local Boards will decide on some things and advocate for others.**
Which of the following transport issues are most important to you?
(Select up to 3 options)
5. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan 2026?**

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

The Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board (the Local Board) area sits within **Te Kahu Tōpuni o Tūperiri**, encompassing significant ancestral landscapes, waterways, wāhi tapu and places of cultural significance for Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei as tangata whenua. We appreciate the prominence given throughout the draft plan to Māori outcomes, Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the importance of mana whenua in shaping the future of the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area and community.

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

Iwi Ora – Iwi Wellbeing

Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei welcomes the Local Board's commitment to working with mana whenua and acknowledges the recognition given to Māori outcomes throughout the Draft Plan.

As tangata whenua across Te Kahu Tōpuni o Tūperiri, Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei encourage the Local Board to strengthen its relationship with us through regular Mana ki te Mana engagement, early involvement in strategic planning, and collaboration on annual work programmes and advocacy priorities.

Building a strong relationship will support better decision-making and ensure the aspirations of Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei are considered early in projects that support and shape the future of Maungakiekie-Tāmaki.

Tuakiri Ora – Cultural Identity Wellbeing

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki contains some of the most significant ancestral landscapes in Tāmaki Makaurau, including Hikurangi Pā, which remains an important part of the cultural landscape and history of Tāmaki Makaurau and of Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei.

As neighbourhoods continue to evolve through regeneration and intensification, we strongly encourage the Local Board to work alongside Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei to identify opportunities for the restoration of ancestral place names and the increased use of te reo Māori through the naming of new roads, reserves, parks and public spaces.

Integrating Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei narratives into the evolving urban landscape within Te Kahu Tōpuni o Tūperiri will ensure that growth strengthens the identity and history of place. The Local Board is well placed to champion these opportunities through its advocacy role and support for Auckland Council's Road naming and public space (eg. Parks and Open Space) programmes.

Huatau Ora – Future Wellbeing

The Draft Plan recognises that Maungakiekie–Tāmaki will continue to experience significant growth and change. Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei supports an approach that enhances both community wellbeing and the cultural identity of the area.

As investment in parks and public spaces progresses, Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei strongly encourages the Local Board to advocate for and support the proposed significant upgrade of the playground and area at the foot of Maungakiekie. This project presents an opportunity to create a destination that reflects the importance of one of the most significant cultural landscapes in Tāmaki Makaurau while providing an outstanding recreational space for local whānau and visitors.

Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei is already working closely with Auckland Council through the early planning and co-design of the proposed playground, with substantial resources invested so the project showcases and responds appropriately to the cultural significance and history of Maungakiekie and the wider area. We encourage the Local Board to champion this project as it progresses, recognising the opportunity to deliver a landmark public space that celebrates the identity of this iconic landscape while enriching the experience of the many who will visit each year.

Te Taiao Ora – Environmental Wellbeing

Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei commends the Local Board's commitment to restoring biodiversity, improving environmental resilience and enhancing open spaces.

We encourage the Local Board to continue embedding mātauranga Māori within environmental planning and restoration programmes, recognising that healthy ecosystems and healthy communities are intrinsically connected.

There are opportunities to strengthen this work through earlier engagement with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei during the planning and delivery of restoration projects, enabling cultural values and aspirations to be incorporated alongside ecological outcomes.

Whai Rawa Ora – Economic Wellbeing

The significant public investment planned across Maungakiekie–Tāmaki presents opportunities to strengthen long-term partnerships with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei.

The Local Board is strongly encouraged to advocate for procurement, design and partnership approaches that enable Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei to contribute to the planning and delivery of projects across the rohe. This includes recognising the expertise of the iwi in cultural design, environmental restoration, placemaking and strategic development, ensuring public investment delivers lasting social, cultural and environmental value alongside economic outcomes.

Hei whakakapinga – Summary

Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei welcomes the overall direction of the Draft Maungakiekie–Tāmaki Local Board Plan 2026 and acknowledges the Local Board's commitment to planning for a growing and changing community.

As the Draft Plan moves from strategy to implementation, we encourage the Local Board to continue strengthening its relationship with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei through regular Mana ki te Mana engagement, early involvement in strategic planning, and investment decisions that recognise the cultural significance of place alongside environmental, social and economic outcomes.

By embedding tangata whenua perspectives in relation to Te Kahu Tōpuni o Tuperiri throughout future planning and delivery, the Local Board has an opportunity to ensure that growth enhances the unique identity, history and cultural landscapes of Maungakiekie–Tāmaki.



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Submitter details:

Organisation: Onehunga Citizens Advice Bureau

Local Board: Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

Your feedback:

1. **Overall, how well does the draft Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan reflect the priorities of your community?**

Quite well

Tell us why

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

Building partnerships with local groups and mana whenua to find local ways to provide for our community, Groups such as children, older people, and migrant communities can participate and connect within our communities., Support local volunteer groups to continue to do their work in communities.

3. **Which of the following would most improve neighbourhood parks for young people?
(Select up to 3 options)**

4. **Local board decision making for transport is changing. Local Boards will decide on some things and advocate for others.**

**Which of the following transport issues are most important to you?
(Select up to 3 options)**

Ensure speed limits are safe, Help town centres make the most of rail connections, Better public transport (buses and trains)

5. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan 2026?

You say you are for supporting local communities, yet you are increasing the rent many community groups pay for using Auckland Council premises. The CAB is a huge supporter of local communities but you are raising the rent it pays for offices in Council buildings and have signaled that it is very unlikely that the operations grant made to the CAB will increase. Therefore you are effectively reducing your support for the CAB at a time when the community is going through very tough times and the CAB's services are required more than ever.



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Submitter details:

Organisation: Oranga Community Centre

Local Board: Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

Your feedback:

1. **Overall, how well does the draft Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan reflect the priorities of your community?**

Very well

Tell us why

i love that they are always supporting our community needs

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

Free activities and events in local parks, libraries, and public spaces, Building partnerships with local groups and mana whenua to find local ways to provide for our community, Groups such as children, older people, and migrant communities can participate and connect within our communities.

3. **Which of the following would most improve neighbourhood parks for young people?**
(Select up to 3 options)

Cycle and walking path connections

4. **Local board decision making for transport is changing. Local Boards will decide on some things and advocate for others.**

Which of the following transport issues are most important to you?
(Select up to 3 options)

Ensure speed limits are safe, Help town centres make the most of rail connections

5. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan 2026?

my feedback is our community lunch for me its a blessing to serve for our community because lunch is very important to our locals. This is a place for them to come along and enjoy food and the vibes too. Than you for all your help making available for us.



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Submitter details:

Organisation: Panama Riverside Friends Society Incorporated

Local Board: Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

Your feedback:

1. **Overall, how well does the draft Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan reflect the priorities of your community?**

Tell us why

2. **Which of these do you believe our diverse community needs most?**
(Select up to 3 options)
3. **Which of the following would most improve neighbourhood parks for young people?**
(Select up to 3 options)
4. **Local board decision making for transport is changing. Local Boards will decide on some things and advocate for others.**

Which of the following transport issues are most important to you?
(Select up to 3 options)

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

Kia ora koutou,

On behalf of Panama Riverside Friends Society Incorporated, I respectfully submit the following late feedback on the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Draft Local Board Plan 2026.

We acknowledge that formal consultation closed on 23 July 2026. However, as the Board is still reviewing feedback before adopting the final plan in October, we ask that our submission be accepted and considered. Panama Riverside Friends Society is a community-led incorporated society with charitable status, representing and supporting residents in Panama Riverside and the wider Mt Wellington area.

We support the five focus areas of the draft plan: community, natural environment, built environment, economic development and transport. We particularly support its emphasis on healthy communities, local employment, environmental restoration, connected neighbourhoods and partnerships with community organisations.

We ask that the final plan explicitly recognises Panama Riverside as a priority neighbourhood and supports the following community-led initiatives:

1. Panama Greenways Project

We seek continued Local Board advocacy and Council support for the proposed greenway connecting Ian Shaw Park, Flat Rock Reserve and Seaside Park along the Tāmaki Estuary.

This project has strong community backing, including 389 survey responses and ongoing participation in community workshops. It would improve walking and cycling connections, accessibility, community safety, environmental restoration and recreational access to the Tāmaki Estuary.

We ask that the final plan recognise the Panama Greenways Project as an important local connection and support its progression through detailed planning, partnership development and future investment.

2. Flat Rock Reserve Pump Track

Panama Riverside Friends Society has secured significant external funding toward a modular pump track at Flat Rock Reserve. The project has received support in principle and is progressing through the Council's landowner approval process.

The pump track will provide a safe and accessible recreational facility for local tamariki and rangatahi while encouraging physical activity, confidence, social connection and positive use of the reserve.

We ask the Local Board to continue supporting the project through the remaining approval, construction and asset-vesting processes.

3. Kotuku House Community Hub

Kotuku House at 320 Panama Road is an established community space shared by Panama Riverside Friends Society, The Koru 2002 Trust and the Ōtāhuhu Māori Wardens.

The facility provides a local base for youth and employment programmes, community meetings, volunteer coordination, training, senior activities, community safety initiatives and access to support services.

We ask that the final plan recognise the importance of locally based, community-led facilities such as Kotuku House and support their sustainability, accessibility and continued development.

4. Community Toolshed and local employment pathways

The Community Toolshed provides lawn care, gardening, environmental clean-ups and neighbourhood maintenance services. It combines volunteering, practical training, social enterprise and employment pathways while also assisting vulnerable residents who may be unable to maintain their properties.

Through our close partnership with The Koru 2002 Trust, the Toolshed can support rangatahi and unemployed residents to gain practical experience, recognised training and pathways into sustainable employment.

We ask the Board to support community-led employment and social enterprise initiatives that improve neighbourhoods while developing the skills and employment prospects of local people.

5. Rangatahi development and employment

More than 100 rangatahi have been supported into employment, education or training through programmes delivered by The Koru 2002 Trust and its community partnerships.

We support the draft plan's focus on good jobs and Māori and Pasifika participation in the local economy. We ask that the final plan continue to prioritise rangatahi who are not in employment, education or training and encourage partnerships between the Local Board, community providers, employers and training organisations.

6. Tāmaki Estuary restoration and water access

The Tāmaki Estuary is one of our community's greatest environmental and recreational assets. We support increased investment in water quality, environmental clean-ups, planting, safe public access, walking and cycling connections, water-safety education and appropriate community water activities.

We ask that the final plan recognise community organisations as active environmental partners and provide practical support for community-led restoration and education initiatives.

7. Community wellbeing, volunteering and safety

Our activities include community events, Manaaki Kai senior luncheons, environmental clean-ups, gardens, Māori Warden partnerships and local safety initiatives. These activities reduce isolation, encourage volunteering and help residents feel connected, valued and safe.

We ask that the final plan commit to strengthening the capability of community organisations and volunteers through accessible funding, partnership opportunities, training and meaningful involvement in Council planning and delivery.

Our community has demonstrated the commitment, partnerships and capability required to turn plans into practical outcomes. We are seeking a genuine working partnership with the Local Board and Auckland Council to deliver these priorities for Panama Riverside and the wider Maungakiekie–Tāmaki community.

We respectfully request that:

- this late submission be received and circulated to Local Board members;
- the priorities outlined above be considered before the final plan is adopted;
- Panama Riverside Friends Society be included in future discussions concerning greenways, reserves, environmental restoration, community facilities and local employment initiatives; and
- We receive an acknowledgement confirming whether this feedback can be included in the 2026 Local Board Plan process.

We welcomed the opportunity to speak recently at the Local Board and can do the same to this submission at a future Local Board meeting or workshop.

Ngā mihi nui,

Panama Riverside Friends Society Incorporated



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Submitter details:

Organisation: Panmure Business Association

Local Board: Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

Your feedback:

1. **Overall, how well does the draft Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan reflect the priorities of your community?**

Quite well

Tell us why

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

Other, please specify: Supporting our town centres to be safe destinations for our local community, while prioritising initiatives that employ locals and build local skills.

3. **Which of the following would most improve neighbourhood parks for young people?**
(Select up to 3 options)

4. **Local board decision making for transport is changing. Local Boards will decide on some things and advocate for others.**

Which of the following transport issues are most important to you?
(Select up to 3 options)

Improve walking paths and footpaths, Improve the cycling network, Help town centres make the most of rail connections

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

TO: Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board
SUBMISSION ON: Draft Local Board Plan 2026–2029
FROM: Panmure Business Association

About the Panmure Business Association

The Panmure Business Association represents approximately 350 business and building owner members within our diverse and multicultural business community. As an active participant in Auckland Council's Business Improvement District (BID) programme, our mission is to deliver clear value and enhance the economic vitality, resilience, and appeal of the Panmure business district.

Panmure sits at the heart of New Zealand's largest regeneration project, anchored by major initiatives from Auckland Council Urban Development Office (*Unlock Panmure*) and the Tāmaki Regeneration Company. Driven by our *Strategic Plan 2025-2028*, our association operates across four core pillars: Engage, Attract, Empower, and Advocate.

We offer the following feedback on specific objectives outlined in the draft plan:

1. Economic development & key activations

We strongly support the board's key initiatives to back local arts, evening activations, and projects that encourage residents to support local businesses. This directly complements our strategic objective to showcase Panmure as an exceptional place to live, work, and play. To achieve this, the Panmure Business Association is planning two key destination campaigns: our upcoming Christmas campaign and the Global Kitchen activation.

While the alignment with the board's objectives is excellent, the timeframes for standard funding rounds present a significant delivery challenge for our association. We request that the Local Board support these two specific activations via funding allocated outside the normal funding rounds to ensure they can be delivered effectively and on schedule.

2. Built environment & community safety partnerships

We welcome the board's commitment to work alongside business associations and safety networks to improve town centre security. Under our *Empower* and *Advocate* strategic pillars, we focus heavily on improving our local reporting culture and building strong community partnerships. Over the past year, proactive safety measures have resulted in a 27% reduction in crime within our area.

To maintain and build on this success, we propose a formal partnership with the Local Board to deliver dedicated foot patrols in Panmure. In alignment with the board's stated objectives to support local procurement, create pathways to employment, and build local skills, we request that this initiative be delivered via a subcontracted model. Priority should be given to employing

local residents, helping them develop valuable employment skills while directly contributing to a safer town centre.

3. Financial overview & clarification

We note the financial overview provided in the draft plan regarding BID funding. There is a consistent variance between the projected targeted rates and the listed BID operating expenditure across the next four financial years (amounting to a \$19,000 to \$29,000 difference annually).

We request clarification on this discrepancy. Specifically, we ask if the Local Board has determined a set amount of additional funding to be allocated to BIDs outside of our targeted rate to account for this operational difference.

Conclusion

We value our relationship with the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board. By leveraging our outstanding natural resources, established community amenities, and rich tapestry of diverse ethnic businesses, we look forward to partnering closely to ensure the Panmure town centre remains busy, safe, vibrant, and welcoming.

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Panmure Historical Society Inc

Local Board: Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

Your feedback:

1. **Overall, how well does the draft Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan reflect the priorities of your community?**

Not very well

Tell us why

Not listing to residents and rate payers

Cycleways not used- poor traffic flows

Lack of infrastructure to meet new housing demands

overspending on vanity projects by local board and council

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

Support local volunteer groups to continue to do their work in communities.,Maintain and improve local parks, playgrounds and sports fields to better meet the needs of our growing community.,Other, please specify:Local history funding

3. **Which of the following would most improve neighbourhood parks for young people?
(Select up to 3 options)**

Connections to public transport,Other, please specify:protecting historic buildings and places

4. **Local board decision making for transport is changing. Local Boards will decide on some things and advocate for others.**

**Which of the following transport issues are most important to you?
(Select up to 3 options)**

Improve walking paths and footpaths, Work with partners and agencies to improve congestion issues, Better public transport (buses and trains)

5. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan 2026?

Protect view shafts -parks reserves from development

Keep Kings road carpark as a carpark .

Between 300 - 400 people use this carpark alone visiting the Panmure Medical Center

St Patricks School parents drop of and pick up their children from this carpark

We strongly appose this carpark be sold for housing as the T.R.C. are already building 10,500 new houses in this area .



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Submitter details:

Organisation: Panmure Yacht and Boating Club Inc.

Local Board: Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

Your feedback:

- 1. Overall, how well does the draft Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan reflect the priorities of your community?**

Very well

Tell us why

Overall, the draft plan highlights our community's main priorities and those of the Panmure Yacht and Boating Club. It addresses key concerns including local infrastructure, public access, climate change, environmental and waste management, waterways, and recreational facilities along the Tāmaki River and Panmure Wharf Reserve. Additionally, it emphasises the importance of preserving and improving local culture and heritage.

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

Increasing the visibility of different languages and cultures in our local area.,Building partnerships with local groups and mana whenua to find local ways to provide for our community,Support local volunteer groups to continue to do their work in communities.

- 3. Which of the following would most improve neighbourhood parks for young people?
(Select up to 3 options)**

Connections to public transport,Cycle and walking path connections,Other, please specify:Events and activities – ramps for boating, pontoons for rowing and waka ama, kite and wind sailing and increased community cultural events, water sports/swimming, closer to Panmure shops, transport, toilets and upgraded changing facilities

- 4. Local board decision making for transport is changing. Local Boards will decide on some things and advocate for others.**

**Which of the following transport issues are most important to you?
(Select up to 3 options)**

Improve walking paths and footpaths, Improve the cycling network, Help town centres make the most of rail connections

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

- Effective stormwater management and coastal resilience are essential to protecting Panmure's coastal assets. The Tāmaki River and riverside walkway are already valued by the community, and continued development will further improve public enjoyment of the riverfront. Access and facilities should remain available for everyday DIY boat owners so everyone can participate in safe boating. Council should work closely with local clubs and community groups to provide safe, environmentally responsible access for the wider Panmure water sports community. Boating has a strong local heritage and preserving that tradition is important. As leaseholders with significant investment in managing a DIY boatyard, PYBC is well placed to work with the Board, Council and other groups to improve vessel compliance, support biodiversity and strengthen environmental stewardship of the river.
- Further comments are contained in the accompanying letter.



Dear Chairperson,

Submission and Support for the Draft Maungakiekie – Tamaki Local Board Plan 2026

The Panmure Yacht & Boating Club (PYBC) is pleased to share its thoughts on the Draft Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan 2026.

As the oldest community club in the Panmure Borough, with a proud history on the Tāmaki River, PYBC truly values and supports the Board's vision of strengthening community participation, improving local environments, and increasing access to public spaces and recreational activities.

With more than 360 member volunteers, PYBC is well placed to support the Board's goals. We welcome the opportunity to meet with the Board to discuss how the Club can contribute to implementing the Plan and deliver meaningful benefits for the community.

1. Community & Participation

The draft plan emphasises supporting diverse communities, public events, and accessible recreational spaces. PYBC strongly supports this direction.

PYBC looks forward to working alongside the Board, local clubs, community organisations, and residents to develop and support vibrant waterfront events that encourage community participation. These could include open days, river festivals, family fun days and a range of on-water activities that showcase the unique recreational opportunities offered by the Tāmaki River.

The Club already works collaboratively with St Georges Rowing Club, the local Waka Ama Club, Panmure Lagoon Sailing Club and Pt England Youth Sailing Programme to promote recreational and sporting opportunities on the water. We also welcome and encourage a diverse range of community activities, including music groups and fishing clubs.

PYBC is committed to fostering strong community partnerships and looks forward to celebrating and enjoying these wonderful experiences together!

2. Natural Environment & Tāmaki River Health

The draft plan highlights restoring streams, planting, and reducing environmental impacts. PYBC strongly supports this direction.



PYBC is proud to support and host environmental restoration organisations, such as the Tāmaki Estuary Protection Society, and is uniquely positioned on the Tāmaki River to contribute to future environmental initiatives through our waterfront facilities and dedicated volunteers.

There is a wonderful opportunity to strengthen collaboration between the Board, environmental organisations and community groups, particularly through Tāmaki River clean-up events, debris removal efforts, and water-quality education and awareness initiatives. As part of our ongoing commitment, PYBC also assists by providing disposal facilities for rubbish collected by the Phil Warren II during river clean-up operations.

PYBC welcomes recognition as a key community partner in river-focused environmental planning, and looks forward to working collaboratively to protect, restore and enhance the health of the Tāmaki River for future generations.

The PYBC strongly supports the Draft Plan's commitment to improving access to public spaces, supporting local growth and enhancing the Panmure waterfront.

The proposed improvements to roads, walkways, and cycleways, lighting and public areas will help create a safer, more welcoming, and better-connected waterfront for everyone.

While supporting these initiatives, it is important that the operational requirements of an active boating facility are recognised. Large vessels regularly access the Club's haul-out yard and wharf and early consultation with PYBC during the planning and design process will help ensure that public access, pedestrian safety, vessel movements and Club operations can be successfully integrated.

The Club is also well positioned to contribute to the continued promotion and activation of the Panmure waterfront. The Council's new pathways, lighting, and signage have already improved access and enjoyment. PYBC's haul-out yard is an important asset that supports recreational boating, vessel maintenance, marine trades and local marine businesses, contributing to both the local economy and the Board's vision for vibrant and well-utilised community spaces.

PYBC also plays an important role in promoting safe and environmentally responsible boating practices. The Club works closely with the Harbourmaster's Office on recreational vessel management and provides facilities that assist boat owners to meet Council's environmental requirements. These include a slipway, a designated wash-down and containment area for collecting and safely disposing of antifouling residues and other biosecurity waste, waste disposal facilities for vessel-generated rubbish and access to fresh water. Through these services, PYBC actively promotes responsible vessel ownership while helping protect the health of the Tāmaki River and surrounding marine environment.

The Club also supports initiatives that celebrate Panmure's rich maritime heritage. Public art and heritage signage would recognise the cultural, recreational and economic significance of the



Tāmaki River, strengthen the local identity, foster community pride and create a richer experience for residents and visitors alike.

In addition to the matters raised above, PYBC is passionate about the opportunities the Club provides to support local businesses, youth training and employment.

The Club's haul-out yard is an important asset that supports and contributes to the local economy - marine trades, contractors and boating services in the area while also enabling responsible DIY boat maintenance.

Conclusion

PYBC is more than a boating club. Through our volunteers and facilities, we are well positioned to assist the Board in delivering many of the objectives identified in the Draft Local Board Plan. Whether through community events, hosting river clean-up initiatives, coordinating with environmental groups, supporting planting initiatives, and operating a DIY boatyard to enhance vessel compliance, biodiversity, and river management. Promoting the proud marine and boating heritage along the Tāmaki River further connects our community and fosters river protection. These efforts collectively reinforce our community's involvement and safeguard the river we all value.

We welcome the opportunity to meet with the Board and Council to discuss and identify opportunities for collaboration in implementing the 2026 Plan.

