Consultation on the draft Local Board Plans 2026

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Have Your Say on the Draft Franklin Local Board Plan 2026

#392

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Local Board: Regional Organisation

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AK Have your Say
Draft 2026 Franklin Local Board Plan

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

Introduction

Aktive is a charitable trust with a vision of making Auckland the world's most active city. Our purpose is to unite and inspire leaders and organisations in Tāmaki Makaurau to enhance the wellbeing of Aucklanders and create more connected communities through sport and physical activity.

Aktive has chosen to focus its efforts on tamariki and rangatahi who are underactive or where historic inequities exist. This sees us working with and for tamariki and rangatahi who are:

- Māori
- living in low socio-economic areas
- disabled
- young women and girls
- from Pacific, Indian and Asian communities
- from the Rainbow community.

We are a key strategic partner of Sport New Zealand Ihi Aotearoa, Auckland Council and major grant-makers and funders. Aktive partners with, and invests in, a range of organisations and projects that get more people active in Auckland.

Response to the draft 2026 Franklin Local Board Plan

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

Community

Aktive supports the Objective '*Connect new and established communities to support a shared sense of identity, community pride, and safety'* and support the following key initiative:

- *Support the development of community-led sport, recreation and active play activities as a platform for community connection and expression, prioritising those that bring different cultures together to recreate and engage with one another or are intergenerational e.g. Waka Ama.*

We agree with the Objective '*Invest in community facilities that enable locals and visitors to connect with each other and with Council services in a safe and inclusive environment'* and support the following key initiative:

- *Investigate and progress planning for new community facilities to address significant growth in the Pohutukawa Coast area, and in the context of isolation from regional facilities.*

We strongly support the Objective *'Invest in arts and sports facilities in partnership with others so facilities are both effective and efficient'* and support the following key initiatives:

- *Invest in the development of sports and recreational facilities as set out in the refreshed Franklin Sport and Recreation Plan, prioritising those facilities that accommodate more than one sport, complement facilities and programmes in Papakura or other neighbour boards, or will free-up investment in other projects*
- *Prioritise investment into open spaces with existing concept plans, or where board investment will facilitate other investment including Karaka Sports Park Masterplan, Papahua Park, Pukekohe Concept Plan, Clevedon Showgrounds, Te Nikau Pa and Sunkist Bay Reserve*

Built Environment

While Aktive generally supports the Objective '*Ensure the board's asset portfolio is fit for the changing community needs and affordable'* we have concerns about the potential impacts of the following initiatives:

- *Assess the Franklin halls and venues network, to identify opportunities to decommission, sell/divest or re-purpose under-performing properties*

- *Investigate the opportunity to offset the significant cost of maintaining sport fields and equipment by applying fees and charges associated with exclusive/organised use, noting that the use of sport and leisure facilities and pools already incur fees.*

We recognise that Local Boards are under financial pressure and accept that divesting underperforming assets aligns with Auckland Council wider asset management practices. However, we note that Auckland has a significant regional shortfall of indoor courts and that these halls and venues play a key role in providing local community active recreation and sport opportunities. It is important to understand the community value of these assets and impact of divesting within this context.

We are concerned about the proposal to investigate the opportunity to offset the significant cost of maintaining sport fields and equipment by applying fees and charges associated with exclusive/organised use. One of Auckland Council's great contributions to our sector is free access to sportsfields. A shift towards charging for sports fields and other open space will create barriers that will impact on participation by tamariki and rangatahi.

Transport

We see value in the Objective '*Improve access to transport options that support our young and old to safely, independently and affordably access facilities, services and employment'* and the following key priorities:

- *Commence delivery of projects scheduled in the Franklin Paths Programme including; Clarks Beach-Waiau Pa Path, Ararimu Village Path, McNicol Road Path (Clevedon), Kawakawa Bay path and Maraetai School Road to Te Puru Park Path, Waiuku Trails Southern Loop and Waiuku Trails Portage Connection*
- *Seek support from council organisations and developers for the delivery of new and improved paths networks, including as set out in the Franklin Paths Programme and Franklin 'Greenways' plans.*

Aktive strongly supports improvements in the active transport network which enables multiple benefits from improved health and wellbeing outcomes, equitable access, reduced traffic congestion and environmental benefits.

Advocacy

Aktive supports the following Local Board advocacy priorities:

- *Invest or actively enable investment and support for new and improved community facilities and services in areas of growth and change including;*
  - *Sport and recreational facilities and services in Beachlands*
  - *Papahua Park concept plan delivery*
  - *Play facilities in Drury South (Ramarama)*
  - *Karaka Sports Park masterplan delivery*
  - *Drury Sports Park concept plan delivery*
  - *Ōpaheke sports Park improvements*
- *Development of a Regional Marine Facilities network plan so that facilities that support recreational fishing and leisure are planned and managed to support positive environmental outcomes and effective bio-hazard mitigation strategies*
- *Regional investment and developer investment in the development of Ōpaheke Park, Drury Sports Park, Karaka Sports Park, Clevedon Showgrounds, new community spaces in Beachlands, Te Puru Sports Complex and Bruce Pulman Park on the basis that these facilities are needed to accommodate significant unscheduled growth*

Overall comments

Overall, we see many positive outcomes from the draft Plan and welcome the strong emphasis on play, sport and recreation and active transport infrastructure. We acknowledge and support the investment into the refreshed Local Board Sport and Recreation Plan and the Play Plan and would like to see this as a focus of the Board's work programme implementation plan going forward.

However as noted above Aktive asks the Franklin Local Board to consider of the value of halls and venues for community active recreation and sport opportunities prior to any decisions regarding asset divestment. We are concerned by the initiative to charge for access to sports fields and opens space and urge the Local Board to reconsider this approach.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the 2026 Franklin Local Board Plan consultation; this opportunity is greatly valued. Aktive is happy to expand on any of the points above in greater detail as required.

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



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Auckland Local Board Plans

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E te Kaunihera, tēnā koutou katoa

Submission to:	Auckland Council Te Kaunihera o Tāmaki Makaurau
Subject:	**Draft Auckland Local Board Plans 2026**
From:	Arts Council of New Zealand Toi Aotearoa (Creative New Zealand)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Creative New Zealand's interest in the arts in Auckland

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

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

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

Final thoughts

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

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

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

[redacted]

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The Awhitu Golf Club seeks the board's support for applications to Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa for annual grants to assist us with our junior golf programme. $3000 a year would cover the cost of having a coach come to our club and run spring and autumn programmes for the local children.

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We believe that support of our endeavours with Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa would meet the objectives stated in the Board's 3 year plan and be of great benefit to the youth in our community, many of whom are quite marginalised by our remote location and relative lack of local sporting options. This is why it has been so well received by the children and their families.

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   Yes, definitely

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   Bike Pukekohe supports the approach to connect old and new locals through community activations. The upgraded RSA Hall will be a significant piece in bringing people together.

Natural environment

3. **Who do you think should fund biodiversity research?**
   (Select up to 2 options)

   I don't know

   Tell us why

Rubbish bins at beaches

4. **What is your opinion on removing rubbish bins at some beaches in Franklin?**

Yes, I support this

Tell us why

Karioitahi Beach

5. Do you think we should re-consider how Karioitahi Beach is managed?

Yes

Tell us why

Managing the cost of sports field maintenance

6. Do you think that we should investigate what we can do to seek a contribution from those who book publicly funded fields for private use e.g. sports clubs or sporting organisations?

Yes, clubs or regional sporting organisations should pay to book/use a field and fund their own equipment

Tell us why

Transport - advocacy

7. Which of the following transport projects are most important to you? (Select up to 2 options)

Pukekohe arterial roads,Feasibility study into ferry services on Manukau Harbour

Transport – local projects

8. What do you think is most important to do in the next three years? (Select up to 3 options)

Pedestrian safety improvement at intersection of Valley Rd and East Street, Pukekohe

Pukekohe Community Civic Hub priorities

9. Which of the following would you like us to prioritise next? (Select up to 2 options)

Enhancing rooms used by the RSA so they can also be used for other appropriate groups too,Māra kai (food) gardens to compliment the Kai Franklin space and celebrate Pukekohe's food production story

Water in Waiuku

10. How willing would you be to contribute to the cost of a hardwater treatment system?

Possibly willing, but I would need more information first

Tell us why

Other feedback

11. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Franklin local board plan?

Bike Pukekohe strongly supports the continued investment in the Franklin Paths Programme and we welcome its inclusion as a priority in the draft Franklin LB Plan, especially the consideration of extending the programme further.

As Franklin grows, investment in walking and cycling should be guided by a clear long-term network strategy. The focus should be on creating a cohesive, well-connected active modes network that links neighbourhoods, schools, town centres, parks, and public transport.

It's also essential that major new developments, including Drury and destinations such as Fisher&Paykel Healthcare campus, are integrated into this network from the outset. Planning these connections early is far easier and more cost effective than trying to retrofit them later. If these opportunities are missed now, it will become increasingly difficult to create the seamless connections Franklin will need in the future.

Bike Pukekohe encourages the Local Board to continue supporting the Franklin Paths Programme and to strengthen the plan's commitment to developing a connected active modes network across Franklin.

Overall, Bike Pukekohe supports the Local Board Draft Plan and hopes to continue to work together with the Local Board to foster a safe cycling community to get Franklin ready for the future.

Have Your Say on the Draft Franklin Local Board Plan 2026

#1

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Submitter details:

Organisation: City Builders Association

Local Board: Regional Organisation

Your feedback:

Overall plan

1. **Do you think this plan matches what our community needs and hopes for over the next three years?**

   Yes, a little

   Tell us why

Community-led activities and programmes

2. **Do you think we are on the right track with our proposed 'Community' priorities?**

   Mostly on the right track

   Tell us why

Natural environment

3. **Who do you think should fund biodiversity research?**
   (Select up to 2 options)

   Central government (national funding)

   Tell us why

Rubbish bins at beaches

4. **What is your opinion on removing rubbish bins at some beaches in Franklin?**

   Yes, I support this

Tell us why

Karioitahi Beach

5. Do you think we should re-consider how Karioitahi Beach is managed?

Not sure

Tell us why

Managing the cost of sports field maintenance

6. Do you think that we should investigate what we can do to seek a contribution from those who book publicly funded fields for private use e.g. sports clubs or sporting organisations?

No, use of sport fields and sport field assets should continue to be owned and managed by Auckland Council and funded by the local board

Tell us why

Sports clubs deliver a need service to the community

Transport - advocacy

7. Which of the following transport projects are most important to you? (Select up to 2 options)

Feasibility study into ferry services on Manukau Harbour

Transport – local projects

8. What do you think is most important to do in the next three years? (Select up to 3 options)

Pukekohe Community Civic Hub priorities

9. Which of the following would you like us to prioritise next? (Select up to 2 options)

Water in Waiuku

10. How willing would you be to contribute to the cost of a hardwater treatment system?

Tell us why

Other feedback

11. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Franklin local board plan?

I support the Franklin Local Board Plan 2026 priorities around protecting rural character, supporting the primary production sector, managing growth in areas like Pukekohe, improving town centres, enhancing flood resilience, and delivering community facilities and parks in this southern rural and growth fringe area.

However, with the 7.9% rates increase for 2026/27 already locked in amid ongoing council debt and cost pressures, the board must apply strong fiscal restraint and demonstrate prudent financial management under Local Government Act 2002 s.101. Rural services, flood mitigation, and growth-related infrastructure bring real demands that should not disproportionately burden existing ratepayers. Fully cost and sequence initiatives, make clear choices on what to defer or scale back, and avoid spreading resources too thinly. Demand stronger efficiency in delivery of local services and facilities.

In particular, protect and efficiently maintain high-value assets such as sports fields, parks, rural reserves, and community halls that deliver strong returns on recreation, youth development, and social cohesion in rural communities. Prioritise practical flood resilience and environmental improvements that offer multiple benefits. In the final adopted plan and Local Board Agreement, clearly outline efficiency measures, trade-offs, and how core local priorities like Pukekohe growth management, rural character protection, and primary sector support will be advanced without further rates escalation. Franklin ratepayers need value for money and focused delivery on the things that matter most in this southern fringe area.

Have Your Say on the Draft Franklin Local Board Plan 2026

#1056

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Civic Trust Auckland (CTA)

Local Board: Regional Organisation

Your feedback:

Overall plan

1. **Do you think this plan matches what our community needs and hopes for over the next three years?**

   N/A

   Tell us why

   See attached file

Community-led activities and programmes

2. **Do you think we are on the right track with our proposed 'Community' priorities?**

   Tell us why

   See attached file

Natural environment

3. **Who do you think should fund biodiversity research?**
   (Select up to 2 options)

   Tell us why

   See attached file

Rubbish bins at beaches

4. **What is your opinion on removing rubbish bins at some beaches in Franklin?**

Tell us why

See attached file

Karioitahi Beach

5. Do you think we should re-consider how Karioitahi Beach is managed?

Tell us why

See attached file

Managing the cost of sports field maintenance

6. Do you think that we should investigate what we can do to seek a contribution from those who book publicly funded fields for private use e.g. sports clubs or sporting organisations?

Tell us why

See attached file

Transport - advocacy

7. Which of the following transport projects are most important to you? (Select up to 2 options)

Transport – local projects

8. What do you think is most important to do in the next three years? (Select up to 3 options)

Pukekohe Community Civic Hub priorities

9. Which of the following would you like us to prioritise next? (Select up to 2 options)

Water in Waiuku

10. How willing would you be to contribute to the cost of a hardwater treatment system?

Tell us why

See attached file

Other feedback

11. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Franklin local board plan?

See attached file

Submission of Civic Trust Auckland
Draft Local Board Plans – all

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Introduction

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

2. The aims of the Trust include:

- Protection of natural landforms
- Preservation of heritage, in all its aspects
- Encouragement of good planning, for the city and region.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Area Plans

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

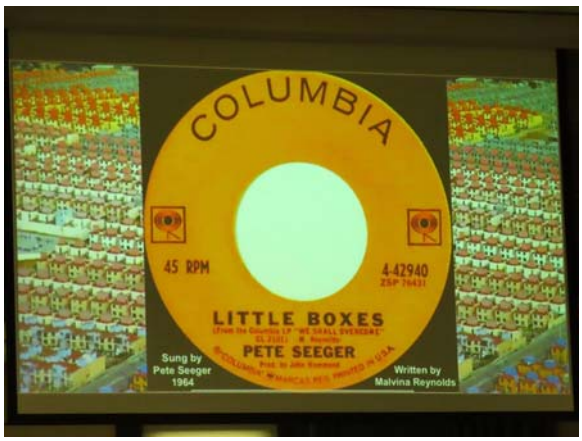
7. Graeme's request to the Policy and Planning Committee:

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

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

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





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

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

Albert-Eden

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

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

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

4. CTA also supports the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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









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

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

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

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

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

Aotea-Great-Barrier

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Devonport-Takapuna

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

Franklin

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

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

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

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

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

6. From our Annual Plan submission:

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

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

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

<u>Henderson-Massey</u>

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

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

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

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

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

Hibiscus and Bays

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

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

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

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

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

5. From our Annual Plan submission:

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

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

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

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

<u>Howick</u>

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

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

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

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

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

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

6. From our Annual Plan submission:

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

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

Kaipātiki

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. We are pleased that the following key initiative has been retained: *"Consider the effects of climate change when developing places and spaces by avoiding areas or activities that are vulnerable to climate risks like drought, extreme rainfall, coastal flooding and heat."*

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

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

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

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

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

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

13. From our Annual Plan submission:

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

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

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

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

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. From our Annual Plan submission:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Manurewa

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

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

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

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

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

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

6. From our Annual Plan submission:

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

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

<u>Maungakiekie-Tāmaki</u>

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

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

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

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

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

6. From our Annual Plan submission:

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

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

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

Ōrākei

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8. From our Annual Plan submission:

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

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

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

<u>Otara-Papatoetoe</u>

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

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

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

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

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

6. From our Annual Plan submission:

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

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

Papakura

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. From our Annual Plan submission:

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

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

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

<u>Puketāpapa</u>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. From our Annual Plan submission:

CTA supports the following project proposed by this local board:

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

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

· **Deliver new neighbourhood park at 3-7 Howell Crescent, Roskill**

· **Wairaki Stream Ecological Enhancement and daylighting projects**

· **Developing a Monte Cecilia Master Plan, providing us with a community informed vision, and enable us to strategically invest in the park in the years ahead.**

· **Focusing our environmental restoration work along the awa and coastline. In particular control of pest plants and animals, protection of native species and the restoration of walking tracks so they feel safe and accessible to the community again.**

<u>Rodney</u>

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. From our Annual Plan submission:

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

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

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

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

<u>Upper Harbour</u>

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

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

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

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

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

6. From our Annual Plan submission:

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

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

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

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

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

We do support the following:

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

Waiheke

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. From our Annual Plan submission:

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

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

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

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

Waitākere Ranges

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8. From our Annual Plan submission:

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

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

<u>Waitematā</u>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





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

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

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

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

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

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

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

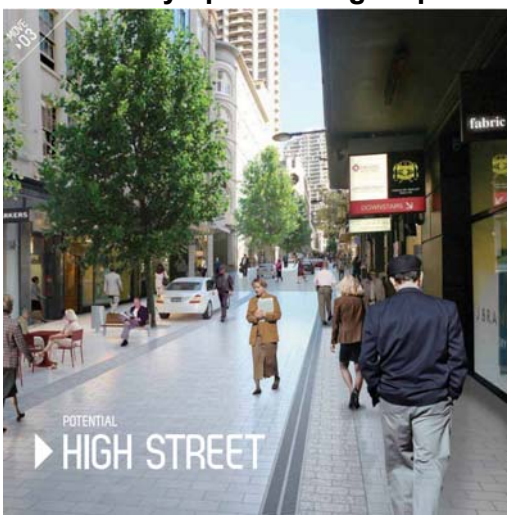
seems that no one is taking any responsibility for this, despite the increasing number of accidents and near accidents with e-scooters, the latter making walking in the city centre in particular an experience fraught with anxiety. Furthermore, adults don't seem to know or care that riding a bicycle on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

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

16. From our Annual Plan submission:

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

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





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



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

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

Whau

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





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

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

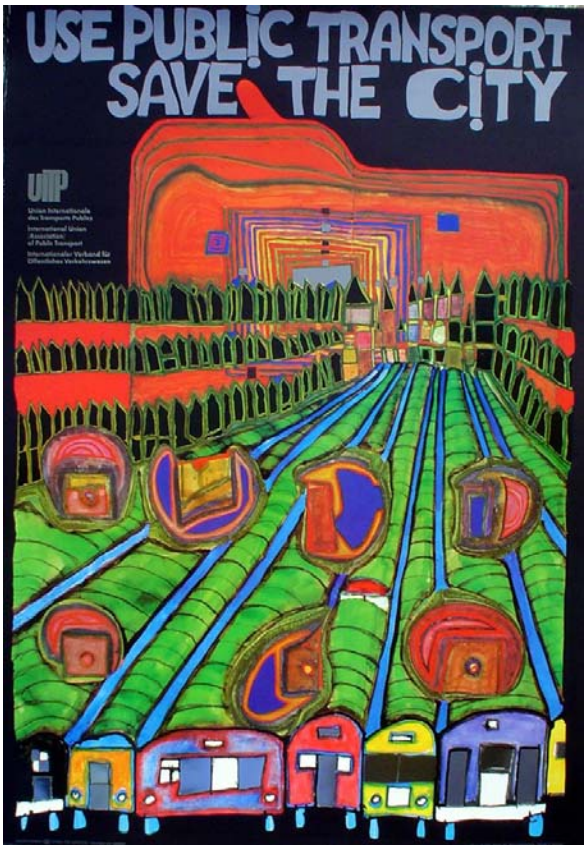
10. We support all of the Transport priorities on pages 24-25, particularly noting *"Encourage more public transport use and multi -modal travel through … provide bike infrastructure on trains and buses."* We note that 15 buses on the NX1 route now have space for bicycles, and that buses that travel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

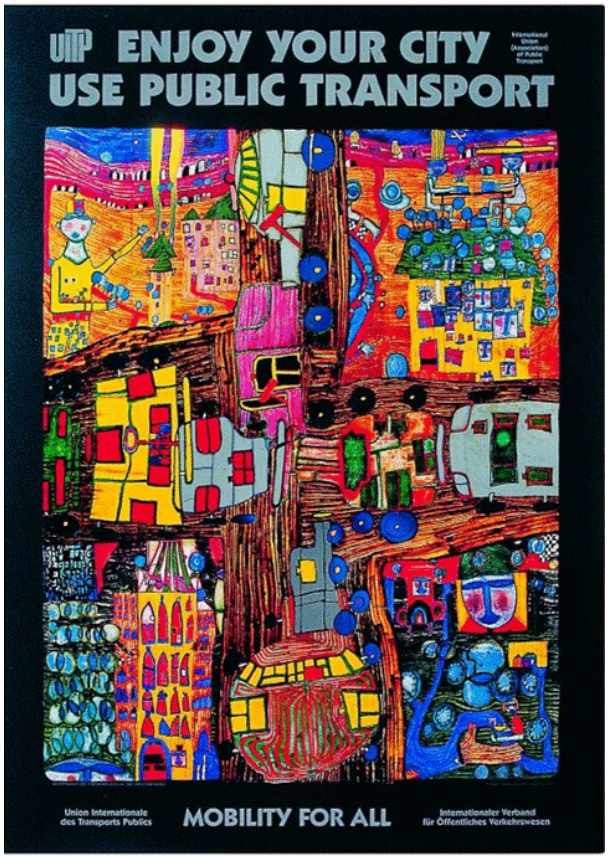
11. From our Annual Plan submission:

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

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

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





Date of submission: 23 July, 2026

Have Your Say on the Draft Franklin Local Board Plan 2026

#255

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Clarks Beach Waiau Pa Community & Business Association (CBA) Inc.

Local Board: Franklin

Your feedback:

Overall plan

1. **Do you think this plan matches what our community needs and hopes for over the next three years?**

   Yes, definitely

   Tell us why

Community-led activities and programmes

2. **Do you think we are on the right track with our proposed 'Community' priorities?**

   Yes, definitely on the right track

   Tell us why

   We really appreciate the way the FLB reaches out proactively to engage with your communities. We can see that you allocate significant staff and resources to it. We also appreciate how you seek our input - it feels more genuine than it did a few years ago. Maybe that's because the governing body allocates funds to enable you, but don't stop! You're doing a great job. Thank you. 😊

Natural environment

3. **Who do you think should fund biodiversity research?**
   (Select up to 2 options)

   The local board (local funding),Auckland Council (Auckland wide regional funding)

   Tell us why

For major region-wide research that needs big expenditure, we feel it's the Council responsibility. However, more district-specific work would be done more effectively by the local board - you're closer to the action and can tap into committed locals and volunteers.

Rubbish bins at beaches

4. What is your opinion on removing rubbish bins at some beaches in Franklin?

Yes, I support this

Tell us why

Karioitahi Beach

5. Do you think we should re-consider how Karioitahi Beach is managed?

Yes

Tell us why

Regarding rubbish bins at beaches: Apparently the rubbish bins were taken away from near the boat ramp at Wharf Rd, Waiau Beach a few months ago. Neighbours report significantly less rubbish, both dumped bags and litter on road and ramp.

Regarding Kariotahi, it can be quite intimidating to have vehicles zoom up behind when walking on the beach. Also, destroys the serenity of the environment. Ask the locals what they want - they're the most affected.

Managing the cost of sports field maintenance

6. Do you think that we should investigate what we can do to seek a contribution from those who book publicly funded fields for private use e.g. sports clubs or sporting organisations?

Yes, clubs or regional sporting organisations should pay to book/use a field and fund their own equipment

Tell us why

Transport - advocacy

7. Which of the following transport projects are most important to you? (Select up to 2 options)

More lanes on Hingaia and Linwood Roads, Karaka,Feasibility study into ferry services on Manukau Harbour

Transport – local projects

8. What do you think is most important to do in the next three years?

(Select up to 3 options)

Pukekohe Community Civic Hub priorities

9. Which of the following would you like us to prioritise next?
(Select up to 2 options)

Enhancing rooms used by the RSA so they can also be used for other appropriate groups too,Māra kai (food) gardens to compliment the Kai Franklin space and celebrate Pukekohe's food production story

Water in Waiuku

10. How willing would you be to contribute to the cost of a hardwater treatment system?

Possibly willing, but I would need more information first

Tell us why

How far does this water go - Glenbrook, Clarks Beach? How far up the Peninsula, or south of the town?

Other feedback

11. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Franklin local board plan?

We congratulate you on a very well-thoughtout draft plan. You've carefully covered all major areas. It's pragmatic and practical. On p.10/11, 'Local Insights' you succintly explain how your support of your rural and semi-rural communities enables you to manage and overcome some of the city-based urban focus of much of Auckland City. It's working! Those who notice can see we're getting value for our rates.

It was very challenging to have to choose only two areas of the transport advocacy question. For our area of the region, four areas are key to unlocking our significant transport issues: Apart from what's ticked above, our other two are getting buses to the Ngakaaroa Train Station and putting a roundabout at the south end of Blackbridge Rd. The roundabout first - it would enable buses to more easily to get to the station, plus deal with a serious safety issue on that intersection. Amazing you don't have deaths there constantly. Please put all four on your list of advocacy topics!

Here at Clarks Beach/Waiau Pa we're very grateful for the things you're doing for us - the lovely new playground (during school holidays the place swarms with happy kids); the new bus, the trail coming between the two communities; the advice from your team and staff on how to navigate Council complexities - and more. We feel listened to and really appreciate it.

The Partnership Programme is really working. We couldn't do half the things we've been able to initiate if you weren't supporting us financially.

Other specific things implied but not on the list:

1. A Moth Plant eradication programme, with a paid coordinator, for the first few months of the year - similar to other South Auckland boards. https://www.beautification.org.nz/identify-pest-plants. We're delighted to see weed eradication already started. The tobacco weeds on our roadsides are looking sick! Hurrah!

2. Upgrade the Clarks Beach Golf Club to become a multi-sport complex. How about a new building altogether?

3. We'd like help to fund a coordinator of an intergenerational programme such as that run by Takutai Trust.

4. Advocate against the extensive fast-track plans of Knights Development on the south side of Clarks Beach Rd, near Wharf Rd. https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/projects/orawaahi-project. Another approx 1000 houses, including a second retirement village (probably about 3,000 more people) are planned, as well as shops and commercial buildings. It will exceed capacity of water, waste water and roads.

Have Your Say on the Draft Franklin Local Board Plan 2026

#1046

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Submitter details:

Organisation: CLM Community Sport

Local Board: Regional Organisation

Your feedback:

Overall plan

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Community-led activities and programmes

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Pukekohe Community Civic Hub priorities

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Water in Waiuku

10. **How willing would you be to contribute to the cost of a hardwater treatment system?**

Tell us why

Other feedback

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On behalf of our CEO Craig Carter and the team at CLM Community Sport, please find enclosed our submission for the draft LB plan.

AK Have your Say

Draft 2026 Franklin Local Board Plan

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

Introduction

CLM Community Sport (CLMCS) is the Regional Sports Trust (RST) for the Counties Manukau Region. Our focus is to promote better lives and futures for individuals and communities using play, active recreation and sport as the vehicle.

CLMCS has chosen to focus its efforts on tamariki, rangatahi and communities who are underactive or where historic inequities exist in South Auckland. This sees us working with and for:

- Māori
- living in low socio-economic areas
- disabled
- young women and girls
- from Pacific, Indian and Asian communities
- from the Rainbow community.

We are a key strategic partner of Sport New Zealand Ihi Aotearoa, Aktive, Auckland Council, Auckland RST Partners Sport Auckland, Tuia Waitakere, Harbour Sport and other funders. CLMCS partners with, and invests in, a range of organisations and projects that get more people active in Counties Manukau.

Response to the draft 2026 Franklin Local Board Plan

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

Community

CLMCS supports the Objective *'Connect new and established communities to support a shared sense of identity, community pride, and safety'* and support the following key initiative*:*

- *Support the development of community-led sport, recreation and active play activities as a platform for community connection and expression, prioritising those that bring different cultures together to recreate and engage with one another or are intergenerational e.g. Waka Ama.*

We agree with the Objective *'Invest in community facilities that enable locals and visitors to connect with each other and with Council services in a safe and inclusive environment'* and support the following key initiative:

- *Investigate and progress planning for new community facilities to address significant growth in the Pohutukawa Coast area, and in the context of isolation from regional facilities.*

We strongly support the Objective *'Invest in arts and sports facilities in partnership with others so facilities are both effective and efficient'* and support the following key initiatives*:*

- *Invest in the development of sports and recreational facilities as set out in the refreshed Franklin Sport and Recreation Plan, prioritising those facilities that accommodate more than one sport, complement facilities and programmes in Papakura or other neighbour boards, or will free-up investment in other projects*
- *Prioritise investment into open spaces with existing concept plans, or where board investment will facilitate other investment including Karaka Sports Park Masterplan, Papahua Park, Pukekohe Concept Plan, Clevedon Showgrounds, Te Nikau Pa and Sunkist Bay Reserve*

Built Environment

While CLMCS generally supports the Objective '*Ensure the board's asset portfolio is fit for the changing community needs and affordable'* we have concerns about the potential impacts of the following initiatives:

- *Assess the Franklin halls and venues network, to identify opportunities to decommission, sell/divest or re-purpose under-performing properties*
- *Investigate the opportunity to offset the significant cost of maintaining sport fields and equipment by applying fees and charges associated with exclusive/organised use, noting that the use of sport and leisure facilities and pools already incur fees.*

We recognise that Local Boards are under financial pressure and accept that divesting underperforming assets aligns with Auckland Council wider asset management practices. However, we note that Auckland has a significant regional shortfall of indoor courts and that

these halls and venues play a key role in providing local community active recreation and sport opportunities. It is important to understand the community value of these assets and impact of divesting within this context.

We are concerned about the proposal to investigate the opportunity to offset the significant cost of maintaining sport fields and equipment by applying fees and charges associated with exclusive/organised use. One of Auckland Council's great contributions to our sector is free access to sports fields. A shift towards charging for sports fields and other open space will create barriers that will impact on participation by tamariki and rangatahi.

Transport

We see value in the Objective '*Improve access to transport options that support our young and old to safely, independently and affordably access facilities, services and employment'* and the following key priorities:

- *Commence delivery of projects scheduled in the Franklin Paths Programme including; Clarks Beach-Waiau Pa Path, Ararimu Village Path, McNicol Road Path (Clevedon), Kawakawa Bay path and Maraetai School Road to Te Puru Park Path, Waiuku Trails Southern Loop and Waiuku Trails Portage Connection*
- *Seek support from council organisations and developers for the delivery of new and improved paths networks, including as set out in the Franklin Paths Programme and Franklin 'Greenways' plans.*

Aktive strongly supports improvements in the active transport network which enables multiple benefits from improved health and wellbeing outcomes, equitable access, reduced traffic congestion and environmental benefits.

Advocacy

CLMCS supports the following Local Board advocacy priorities:

- *Invest or actively enable investment and support for new and improved community facilities and services in areas of growth and change including;*
  - *Sport and recreational facilities and services in Beachlands*
  - *Papahua Park concept plan delivery*
  - *Play facilities in Drury South (Ramarama)*
  - *Karaka Sports Park masterplan delivery*
  - *Drury Sports Park concept plan delivery*
  - *Ōpaheke sports Park improvements*

- *Development of a Regional Marine Facilities network plan so that facilities that support recreational fishing and leisure are planned and managed to support positive environmental outcomes and effective bio-hazard mitigation strategies*
- *Regional investment and developer investment in the development of Ōpaheke Park, Drury Sports Park, Karaka Sports Park, Clevedon Showgrounds, new community spaces in Beachlands, Te Puru Sports Complex and Bruce Pulman Park on the basis that these facilities are needed to accommodate significant unscheduled growth*

Overall comments

Overall, we see many positive outcomes from the draft Plan and welcome the strong emphasis on play, sport and recreation and active transport infrastructure. We acknowledge and support the investment into the refreshed Local Board Sport and Recreation Plan and the Play Plan and would like to see this as a focus of the Board's work programme implementation plan going forward.

However as noted above CLMCS asks the Franklin Local Board to consider of the value of halls and venues for community active recreation and sport opportunities prior to any decisions regarding asset divestment. We are concerned by the initiative to charge for access to sports fields and opens space and urge the Local Board to reconsider this approach.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the 2026 Franklin Local Board Plan consultation; this opportunity is greatly valued. CLMCS is happy to expand on any of the points above in greater detail as required.

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

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#1044

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Communities Against Alcohol Harm

Local Board: Regional Organisation

Your feedback:

Overall plan

1. **Do you think this plan matches what our community needs and hopes for over the next three years?**

   N/A

   Tell us why

Community-led activities and programmes

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Natural environment

3. **Who do you think should fund biodiversity research?**
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Pukekohe Community Civic Hub priorities

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Water in Waiuku

10. How willing would you be to contribute to the cost of a hardwater treatment system?

Tell us why

Other feedback

11. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Franklin local board plan?

Please find our submission attached.

23 July 2026

Local Board Plan
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Franklin Local Board Plan 2026

Introduction

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft Franklin Local Board Plan 2026 (the draft plan).

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

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

We are active in the community supporting work to reduce alcohol-related harm. We offer pro bono support to objectors. We also support local board members in your alcohol licensing role.

Feedback

Overall we support the vision and priorities set out in the draft plan.

In particular we support the Community focus area: *In three years, and as an outcome of our work, resources and programming will be in place so that new and established communities are helped to come together to celebrate diversity of place, perspective and culture and in doing so create a shared sense of safety, belonging and prosperity.*

As the plan acknowledges *Franklin is experiencing significant development and change. Our established communities are feeling challenged, and our new communities do not yet feel the sense of inclusion. This undermines the sense of safety and belonging that is critical to community well-being*

As part of this change most areas of Franklin, with the exception of central Pukekohe, are not covered by the protection of a priority overlay in the Local Alcohol Policy. We know that residents experience alcohol- related harm such as noise, nuisance, litter and anti-social behaviour where there is proliferation of off-licences as is occurring in established areas such as Waiuku and Pukekohe, and while new developments in Karaka, Drury, and other areas are at risk of future proliferation. This can significantly impact community well-being and safety.

We therefore recommend the local board include an advocacy position of: *Advocate for legislative and policy change to help reduce social harm from alcohol, tobacco and vaping.*

We support the the goal: *Connect new and established communities to support a shared sense of identity, community pride, and safety*.

We recommend a key initiative to achieve this goal of: *Work with New Zealand Police, community groups, and business associations on community safety projects and* ***alcohol-harm reduction****, focussing on local spaces.*

CAAH welcomes the opportunity to partner with the Franklin Local Board to assist people navigate complex alcohol licensing processes, work to reduce alcohol-related harm and improve community safety.

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

Ngā mihi,

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#1055

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Community Groups Feeding the Homeless Inc.

Local Board: Regional Organisation

Your feedback:

Overall plan

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   N/A

   Tell us why

   See attached file

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Submission of Community Groups Feeding the Homeless

Draft Local Board Plans - all

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Albert- Eden

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

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

Aotea- Great Barrier

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

Devonport-Takapuna

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

Howick

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

Kaipātiki

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

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

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu

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

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

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

Manurewa

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

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

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

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

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

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

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

Otara-Papatoetoe

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

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

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

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

Papakura

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

Upper Harbour

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

Waiheke

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

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

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

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

Waitākere Ranges

Investigate opportunities to promote kai sovereignty.

Waitematā

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Whau

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

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

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

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#779

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Drury and Districts Rugby Football and Recreation Club Incorporated

Local Board: Franklin

Your feedback:

Overall plan

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   N/A

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Transport – local projects

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Pukekohe Community Civic Hub priorities

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Water in Waiuku

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Tell us why

Other feedback

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See attached file

Feedback submission to the Franklin Local Board re Local Board Draft Plan.

Future Expansion of Drury and Districts Rugby Football and Recreation Club Inc. to be included in Objectives and Advocacy in the Franklin Local Board Plan.

Submitted by:

Drury and Districts Rugby Football and Recreation Club Inc. (DDRFRC)

Purpose

Drury and Districts Rugby Football and Recreation Club Inc. respectfully requests that the Papakura Local Board recognise the strategic importance of Drury Domain and support the future expansion of the Club within the forthcoming Papakura Sport and Active Recreation Facilities Plan.

The Club also requests that the Franklin Local Board recognise the sub-regional significance of the project and consider supporting its future development, acknowledging that a significant proportion of future membership growth will be generated by the rapidly expanding southern Auckland growth corridor.

Background

For more than a century, Drury and Districts Rugby Football and Recreation Club has played an important role in the social, sporting and cultural fabric of the Drury community. The Club provides opportunities for children, youth, adults and families to participate in organised sport while creating a strong sense of belonging and community identity.

Drury is now entering one of the most significant periods of urban development in New Zealand. The Southern Growth Corridor, extending from Papakura through Drury, Paerata and Pukekohe, is expected to accommodate many tens of thousands of new residents over the coming decades. New residential neighbourhoods, schools, commercial centres, employment precincts and retail developments are transforming Drury into a major metropolitan centre.

This unprecedented growth will place considerable pressure on existing community sport and recreation facilities. Demand for rugby, junior sport, informal recreation and community gathering spaces is expected to increase significantly as new families establish themselves within the area.

The Need for Expansion

While Drury Domain has served the Club and community well for many years, the existing facilities are unlikely to be sufficient to meet future demand generated by the Southern Growth Corridor.

The Club believes there is a clear strategic case for planning now to ensure Drury Domain can continue to operate as the historic home of Drury Rugby while providing facilities that meet the needs of future generations.

The Club therefore seeks support for:

- development of a minimum of one additional sports field, subject to detailed master planning and land availability;
- future upgrading and expansion of the existing clubrooms;
- improved changing facilities, storage, lighting, parking and supporting infrastructure;
- enhanced training capacity and field quality;
- investigation of opportunities to expand the reserve where practical and economically feasible.

A Multi-Use Community Facility

Future investment should not simply create additional rugby facilities.

The Club envisages a modern, flexible community facility designed to support multiple sports, recreation providers and community organisations.

A redeveloped facility could accommodate:

- rugby across all age grades;
- touch rugby and ripper rugby;
- other seasonal field sports;
- school sport programmes;
- recreation programmes;
- health and wellbeing initiatives;
- community meetings and events;
- youth development programmes;
- senior citizen activities;
- emergency community response functions when required.

This multi-use approach aligns with Auckland Council's strategic direction of delivering flexible community infrastructure that maximises public benefit and increases utilisation throughout the week.

Inclusion within the Papakura Sport and Active Recreation Facilities Plan

The Club respectfully requests that the Papakura Local Board include the future expansion of Drury Domain within the Papakura Sport and Active Recreation Facilities Plan as a priority project.

Specifically, the Plan should recognise the need to:

- protect Drury Domain as the long-term home of Drury and Districts Rugby Football and Recreation Club;
- investigate opportunities for reserve expansion where feasible;
- provide for at least one additional sports field;
- support the redevelopment of clubrooms into a contemporary multi-purpose community facility;
- recognise the role of Drury Domain within the wider Southern Growth Corridor sports network.

Recognition within the Facilities Plan will enable future feasibility investigations, business case development and funding applications to proceed through Auckland Council's established Sport and Active Recreation Facilities investment process.

Support from Franklin Local Board

Although Drury Domain is located within the Papakura Local Board area, the benefits of future investment extend well beyond local board boundaries.

Large-scale residential development occurring throughout the wider Southern Growth Corridor—including Drury West, Drury East, Paerata, Pukekohe, Runciman and surrounding communities—will generate significant demand for organised sport and recreation.

Many future residents will naturally seek to participate in established clubs such as DDRFRC, regardless of local board boundaries.

The Club therefore requests that the Franklin Local Board acknowledge the project's sub-regional significance and support its inclusion within future investment planning and advocacy initiatives.

A collaborative approach between the Papakura and Franklin Local Boards will better reflect the integrated nature of growth occurring across southern Auckland.

Conclusion

Drury and Districts Rugby Football and Recreation Club believes the time to plan for future growth is now.

As Drury evolves into one of Auckland's largest metropolitan centres, investment in community sport and recreation infrastructure must keep pace with population growth. Planning for expansion today will ensure the Club continues to provide opportunities for participation, connection and wellbeing for generations to come.

The Club respectfully requests that the Papakura Local Board:

1. Recognise the strategic importance of Drury Domain within the Southern Growth Corridor.
2. Include the future expansion of Drury Domain within the Papakura Sport and Active Recreation Facilities Plan.
3. Support investigation of a minimum additional sports field and future clubroom redevelopment.
4. Advocate for the project through Auckland Council's long-term planning and capital investment processes.
5. Work collaboratively with the Franklin Local Board to recognise the sub-regional benefits of the project and support future investment opportunities.

DDRFRC looks forward to working in partnership with Auckland Council, neighbouring local boards, sporting organisations and the wider community to deliver a multi-purpose sport, recreation and community facility that will serve the rapidly growing southern Auckland region for many decades to come.

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Drury Community Committee

Local Board: Franklin

Your feedback:

Overall plan

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   I don't know

   Tell us why

Community-led activities and programmes

2. **Do you think we are on the right track with our proposed 'Community' priorities?**

   I don't know

   Tell us why

   not enough focus in the plan on the area we represent

Natural environment

3. **Who do you think should fund biodiversity research?**
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Transport - advocacy

7. Which of the following transport projects are most important to you? (Select up to 2 options)

Feasibility study into ferry services on Manukau Harbour

Transport – local projects

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Pukekohe Community Civic Hub priorities

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FRANKLIN LOCAL BOARD DRAFT PLAN

Feedback comments from the Drury Community Committee July 2026.

Thank you for the opportunity to give feedback on this Local Board Plan, as a group we appreciate the work that the Local Board does for our area and the communication provided at our monthly meetings. The Drury Community Committee (DCC) looks to protect and enhance the Drury area for current and future residents and has reviewed the draft plan and has a range of comments and suggestions we would respectfully like to put forward.

It is noticeable that "Drury" specifically does not feature very regularly in the Objectives of the draft plan. Whilst Drury is a significant part of the wider Franklin area the DCC feels that Drury suffers due to the area being split between the Papakura and Franklin Local Boards. We suggest that with the significant amount of growth occurring in the Drury area that the local government boundaries are reviewed so that Drury can better receive the Local Board attention it needs (and will need in the future). Franklin Local Board (FLB) should advocate for this.

Population predictions for the wider Drury area show significant growth, we note that construction has commenced on the first of the approximately 3000 houses to be built in East Drury (construction underway at Oyster site off Waihoehoe Rd). Kiwi Property is well underway with the first stages of its retail area, indicating businesses like Costco could be operational as early as 2029 and the new Drury Town Centre to follow. Auranga housing area is growing, Park Green and Karaka (in Papakura) are rapidly expanding housing areas. Whilst some of these sit in the Papakura Local Board (PLB) area they will impact the FLB areas of Drury, adding to the impact of the developments actually in the FLB area of Drury. The impact and demands these developments will have on Drury as a whole (including PLB Drury area) are going to be significant and will require new and enhanced community facilities and infrastructure to cope with the growth. The Draft FLB Draft Plan does not include enough allocation of resources or focus to the Drury area to match this current and future growth.

The DCC believes there should be more focus on the current and future needs of Drury residents in particular:

Provision of recreational areas and community facilities (in the FLB Plan Community Objectives page 14-15 and Built Environment page 21-22).

- It is important that space for enough of these areas/facilities is acquired before the Drury area as a whole is developed – as the available land will soon no longer be available for these uses. The FLB Plan has no specific Objective or Advocacy inclusions for the community facilities that will be needed in Drury (it does include the Drury Sports Park – assumed as the existing Drury Sports Complex in Victoria St – the DCC commends development of this but would like to see the proposed plans as they have not been shared with the resident community as yet). The DCC recommends that Drury Community Facilities are specifically

included in the Objectives of the plan – that these are actively planned for to meet the current and expected population growth.

- The DCC commends the Community Objectives (page 14-15) regarding active play and development of sports and recreation in parks and open spaces and strengthening the community. In particular the needs for libraries and community hubs. The DCC recommends that this is specifically noted and included in the FLB Plan specifically highlighting Drury as the population growth currently underway will require strong place making and community development, as Drury changes from a low population rural community to a city with far more needs than the current community facilities can provide. This should also include open spaces and active recreation areas for Drury (as it is specified for a number of other centres in the FLB area in the FLB Plan).

- The DCC has particular interest in the Drury Domain area including the Library, Hall, Cenotaph and Rugby Recreation Club and fields (in PLB area). The DCC believes the PLB and FLB should allocate funds to commission a specific strategic plan (or alike) to manage the use/future planned use of this area and include in Local Boards Plan Objectives. Whilst these community facilities are in the PLB area the population from FLB area will also be users of these facilities – and become the dominant users as FLB Drury population rapidly grows. The DCC believes the FLB should work with the PLB on the provision of community facilities such as Hall, Library, Community Hub and sports facilities (sports at the Drury Domain in this case) and that these should be specifically in the FLB Objectives for Drury (as it is for Pukekohe, Clevedon, Waiuku, Beachlands, Clark's Beach etc in the FLB Plan, page 14).

- Should the sports field area at the Drury Domain be expanded with the purchase of adjacent vacant land so providing more outdoor recreation space (sports fields) to meet the future population demands for active recreation in east Drury for the growing populations of both FLB and PLB areas. The DCC believes the FLB should specifically include work on this in the FLB Plan Objectives and fund a strategic plan to manage the purchase of required land before it is unavailable.

We believe there should be consultation with the users and the community on the future of this vital and historic area of Drury.

- There are a number of other public spaces in Drury like Ngakaroa Reserve and the area around Slippery Creek Reserve (western side of Manukau Harbour inlet in Drury/Auranga) – the DCC believes there should be work done on management and optimisation of these areas for better community use, particularly as resident population pressure increases in Drury. The DCC proposes that Drury needs be specifically identified in the FLB Plan Objectives regarding delivery on these reserve area protection and enhancement plans in the next three years as timing is becoming critical.

Natural environment – (FLB Plan, page 17)

- No actions included in the FLB Plan for Drury's natural environment in particular the Hingaia Stream, Maketu Stream, Ngakaroa Stream and Slippery Creek. These are significant waterways in Drury and are worthy of focus for protection and enhancement work as they flow into the Manukau Harbour at Drury. Similar to actions planned for the Wairoa River restoration project (FLB Plan page 18), planning into future actions to enhance these Drury areas should occur, especially as infrastructure and development threatens these areas and water quality. We suggest that these areas are specifically recognised in the FLB Plan (page 18-19).

- Items re catchment-based environmental restoration / pollution restoration impacts (Objectives page 17-18). Look to having a Drury Manukau Harbour Shoreline Adaptation Plan (as there is for Pahurehure Inlet in PLB area) to ensure council assets are resilient and fit for future use. FLB to work with PLB on this shared harbour area. Are there opportunities for a coastal walkway around the Manukau Harbour in Drury as this would provide enhanced amenity for the people of Drury and the wider Franklin area? These types of walkways have been created in other parts of the FLB area in recent years – the DCC requests that these be planned for in Drury.

- Drury has had a growing (ha) issue with invasive weed plants on public land and commends the Natural Environment Objective (page 18) and wishes to see more of this work take place in the Drury area.

Community Heritage – FLB Plan (page 14) re support programmes that enable both new and established residents to learn and understand local history and culture. Drury as an area has a long history, both Maori and other settlers. The DCC sees that with the coming changes to Drury in population growth and built form that there should be work performed by the FLB on protecting and showcasing this local history. In particular this should be reflected in a balanced way in our growing community, paying tribute to the pioneers who established Drury. Of note the;

- Drury Mill Stones currently at Coles Cresent in Papakura – that came from the Drury mill
- the historic wood railway line in Drury
- the Drury Coal mines
- the chimney pot and brick manufacturing
- the stone cutting and quarries in Drury Hills
- the war memorial cenotaph and soldiers
- the Drury redoubt and 19th century Great South Road establishment in and through Drury
- the naming of Drury and Captain Byron Drury
- Thomas Runciman and Slippery Creek, historic oak trees and plantings

- the various forms of industry and variety of farming practices that have been in Drury – many driven by different ethnicities from around the world that settled in Drury
- Plus celebrating the many nationalities that have helped to create Drury and much more usable history that can be obtained with research.

The DCC recommends that the FLB allocate funds for the recognition of these historic threads of our community so that they can be incorporated into the new developments in items such as road names, cultural (Maori and all other nationalities) pathways and public displays, etc. There should be a plan made to protect and show this history and the many nationalities who shaped it in Drury – this should be specifically noted in the FLB Plan Objectives.

Economic development – (FLB Plan page 24-25)
It is noted that there are no Objectives that focus on economic development in Drury in the FLB Plan. It is understood that major construction work will be occurring in the FLB Drury area over the next three years and beyond, this includes house and commercial construction and civil infrastructure works.

- The DCC recommends that the FLB consider inclusion specifically in the plan Objectives for Drury regarding planning on how to optimise the employment and related economic benefits that this construction work will supply to the area.
- The provision of education and training facilities and how to facilitate these in Drury is also an economic opportunity, there could be regionally significant post high school training facilities (university or tech or apprentice based) that would add substantial benefit to the wider FLB area. These benefits could include less travel time and better opportunities for Franklin youth, less traffic movements for those who currently travel for training and education out of Franklin regularly, economic benefits from the expenditure these students would bring to Drury/Franklin.
- The DCC recommends that the FLB advocates for the wider economic growth benefits of development in Drury and includes this in the FLB Plan specifically.

Transport
The FLB Plan does not specifically include Drury in this section for any actions.

- Notable is no inclusion for the Franklin Paths Programme, the DCC recommends that the FLB Plan include plans specially for development of Drury paths as the population grows on both the east and west of Drury to connect new housing developments. Also for existing Drury residents so they can connect to the new public transport network – walking safely to bus stops on bridal paths rather than the now much busier roads.

- The new Drury train station is in the FLB area but is not included in the FLB Plan. The DCC supports the advocacy for more frequent and safe public transport services and request that a review is undertaken of the proposed new bus to train connections through Drury. This new service to connect people to the new Drury train station should also benefit existing Drury residents with bus stop locations that provide for all parts of Drury (areas that were truly rural/lifestyle

previously but are now in reality urban/future urban). For example there are large distances in areas without footpaths or bridal paths in the east of Drury (say Drury Hills Rd) that do not have any practical bus stop connections to the new train station (so meaning driving cars to the train station and parking). The DCC believes that existing residents should be able to benefit from the new transport hub and as such more bus stops (even if temporary) should be formed. Also that the on demand or mini bus services as provided in other parts of Auckland be made available to Drury where needed (including the more lifestyle block parts like Drury Hills Rd, Fitzgerald Rd, there are many roads like this in wider Drury, etc) so that the existing residents can actually benefit from the inconvenience and noise created by the transport developments that they endure as residents in Drury now. The DCC recommends that specific Objectives for Drury are included in the FLB Plan to optimise the public transport connections and pathways for the existing (including lifestyle/rural) road areas in Drury.

- Frequent comments from local Drury people state that the reason they are reluctant to use public transport like train or bus services is their safety concerns. Based on their past experiences on the services and waiting at the stations/stops where they have felt threatened or witnessed bad behaviour, intimidation or criminal activity. With the new Drury train and bus station and services the DCC requests that the FLB Plan includes specific actions to ensure these new services are adequately monitored and fit for purpose security services are provided to prevent poor behaviour. Recent years have seen an increase in homeless people based in public spaces in Drury and an increase in graffiti and wilful damage, these have proven difficult to remove or prevent. The DCC recommends that the FLB Plan includes special provision for increased security and remedial services for the developing Drury area while it is in a vulnerable state of construction and growing population numbers.

- Provision and monitoring of public transport cameras in Drury (relatively easy as there are limited road accesses) would assist in understanding the traffic movements/issues and provide evidence and deterrents to theft, burglary and damage in the Drury area. The DCC recommends that the FLB advocates for this and includes specifically for Drury in the FLB Plan.

- The new Drury train and bus station was originally proposed to the Drury community with it having more facilities, but these were removed in the final design. The DCC believes the FLB Plan should include reference to a review of the provided facilities and that items like covered and secure cycle/scooter parking, increased e charging, further pedestrian (waiting) shelters, possible convenience shop services, etc be planned for in the near future.

- The Drury train/bus station provides a number of new car parks, but there is no provision for overflow parking. In Pukekohe, Papakura and Takanini commuters can park vehicles on suburban streets (outside the park and ride areas when full). But in Drury there are no suburban streets for any overflow cars to park, within reasonable distances from the station. The surrounding roads do not or

will not in the future allow on street vehicle parking. The DCC has concerns that this will cause safety and congestion issues in the area as many people who do not live in Drury will be driving to Drury to catch public transport and parking their vehicles in Drury. The FLB Plan should include specific actions for Drury to review and plan for these coming issues.

The Drury Community Committee is available to further discuss these concerns and suggestions with the FLB and would welcome the opportunity to work on these together for the benefit of the residents (now and in the future) of Drury. Thank you.

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Organisation: Filipino Gravepine

Local Board: Franklin

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   N/A

   Tell us why

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I am pleased to submit this proposal on behalf of the Filipino Grapevine Charitable Trust, outlining several community-focused initiatives that support the aspirations of the Franklin Local Board Plan 2026.

As one of the growing migrant communities in Franklin, Filipino Grapevine is committed to fostering inclusion, wellbeing, cultural identity, leadership, and community participation. Through our work with families, youth, volunteers, churches, schools, and local partners, we have identified key areas where targeted support can deliver meaningful, lasting outcomes for both Filipino residents and the wider Franklin community.

Our proposed initiatives focus on:

1. Settlement, social inclusion, and belonging for new migrant families through welcome programs, English language support, driving lessons, and community connections.

2. Filipino culture, identity, and community celebration through year-round cultural events that strengthen belonging, promote diversity, and encourage intergenerational engagement.

3. Youth and adult empowerment through tutoring programs, sports, leadership development, mentoring, and wellbeing-focused activities.

4. Community support through partnership and collaboration to address social isolation, food insecurity, cost-of-living pressures, and family wellbeing.

5. Leadership Training and Capacity Building to strengthen governance, volunteering, accountability, and the long-term sustainability of community initiatives.

These initiatives align closely with the Franklin Local Board's priorities of building strong communities, supporting youth and families, promoting cultural diversity, improving community wellbeing, and creating opportunities for meaningful community participation.

We believe that investing in these programs will not only benefit Filipino families but also contribute to a more inclusive, connected, and resilient Franklin. Our trust is eager to work collaboratively with the local board, community organisations, local schools, churches, and other stakeholders to deliver positive outcomes for residents.

Thank you for your continued commitment to supporting diverse communities across Franklin.

We look forward to contributing to a thriving and inclusive future for Franklin.

FILIPINO GRAPEVINE
EST. 2025

23 July 2026

Franklin Local Board
[redacted]

Subject: Feedback submission of Filipino Grapevine for the local board engagement plan.

Dear Franklin Local Board Members,
Kia Ora! Mabuhay!

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft of the Franklin Local Board plan. As a community, we are sending through the initiatives below, which are aligned with the community's local priorities.

Key Initiatives

1. Settlement, Social Inclusion, and Belonging
Promote social inclusion and a stronger sense of belonging to support the successful settlement and integration of new immigrant families. This initiative will provide practical support through English lessons, driving support, community welcome information packs, and school partnerships that help families connect with local services and community networks.
Alignment with Franklin Local Board 2026 priorities: This initiative supports the local board's focus on strong communities, accessible services, shared spaces, and support for isolated communities by helping new migrant families connect with local services, schools, churches, and community networks.

Proposed program:

- Welcome Pack for New Migrants in Franklin, developed in partnership with schools and churches. (Orientation and training support for the team before the program launch.) And to offer free English and driving classes for community members, including those on work visas, residents, and citizens. This will help them as they integrate into our community.

2. Filipino Culture, Identity, and Community Celebration
Deliver a year-round program that celebrates Filipino culture through events such as Language Week, World of Culture, and Christmas celebrations. Regular cultural events strengthen identity, deepen belonging, and support intergenerational connections to our heritage. They also keep young people engaged, active, and empowered while creating opportunities to build skills and strengthen community values.
Alignment with Franklin Local Board 2026 priorities: This initiative supports the local board's focus on cultural identity, strong communities, community-led events, and inclusive shared spaces by creating opportunities for Filipino families and the wider Franklin community to celebrate culture, language, heritage, and belonging.

Proposed programs

- World of Culture — March
- Language Week — August

- Christmas Celebration — December

3. Youth and Adult Empowerment

Establish a holistic youth and adult empowerment program that combines bullying prevention, mental health awareness, sports participation, academic tutoring, and leadership development. The program will build confidence, well-being, leadership, and a sense of belonging among Filipino and multicultural youth in Franklin.

We will continue supporting volunteers who are passionate about dance and collaborate with other community groups to create opportunities for young people to share their talents. We will also partner with local churches to help nurture values, strengthen character, and support the development of future community leaders.

Education is also a key focus. A free weekly tutoring program will help young people succeed academically, build confidence, close learning gaps, and feel supported in their education. Access to a free or discounted small community space would greatly support this initiative by providing a regular place for families and young people to gather.

Alignment with Franklin Local Board 2026 priorities*:* This initiative aligns with the local board's focus on youth programs, sports and recreation, accessible community spaces, learning opportunities, and support for rangatahi by providing tutoring, sports, dance, leadership development, and wellbeing activities.

Proposed programs

- Youth tutoring once a week for Mathematics and Science.
- Annual sports activities, such as a Filipino basketball or volleyball league.
- Ongoing support and mentoring for the Filipino youth dance group.

4. Community Support Through Partnership and Collaboration

We want to strengthen community support by working alongside organizations that already help families in our area. Many families are facing real pressure, including the rising cost of living, food insecurity, isolation, and worries that can affect their mental and physical well-being. Through this initiative, we hope to bring people together and offer practical help where it is needed most.

Alignment with Franklin Local Board 2026 priorities: This initiative supports Franklin Local Board's focus on strong communities, community-led action, accessible services, and practical family support. It does this by bringing local partners together to respond to food insecurity, cost-of-living pressures, social isolation, and the wellbeing needs of families in our community.

Proposed Programs:

- Practical family support

We will support community meals, food parcels, and vouchers for families in need. We will work with local partners to ensure that support reaches the families and individuals who may benefit most.

- BUDDY Program — Building Unity, Development, Dialogue, and You

The BUDDY Program is about looking after one another and creating simple, welcoming ways for people to connect.

Activities may include Zumba classes, art workshops, mental health and wellbeing conversations, and peer-support sessions that help build belonging, confidence, and community care.

FILIPINO GRAPEVINE
EST. 2025

5. Continuous leadership training and development on governance, volunteering and capacity building.
This is vital to ensure transparency, integrity, accountability, and compliance in developing, implementing, and delivering the programs.

We are looking forward to the development of the Franklin Local Board plan.

Blessings,

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Have Your Say on the Draft Franklin Local Board Plan 2026

#1047

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Organisation: Forest & Bird

Local Board: Regional Organisation

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Please find our submission on the Local Board plan attached.

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Forest & Bird
GIVING NATURE A VOICE
Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Inc.

Submission on Franklin Local Board Plan

23 July 2026

[redacted]

1. **Submitter details**
   Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Inc. (Forest & Bird)
   South Auckland Branch
   [redacted]

2. **Trade competition declaration**
   Forest & Bird would not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

3. **Hearing options**
   We may wish to be heard in support of this submission.

Introduction

Forest & Bird is Aotearoa's largest and longest-serving independent conservation organisation, with over 100,000 members and supporters. Its mission is to be a voice for nature, on land, in fresh water, and at sea, on behalf of its members and supporters. Volunteers in 44 branches around Aotearoa carry out community conservation projects and advocate for nature. Forest & Bird has seven branches and two nationally coordinated projects in the Auckland region alone.

In support of the society's objectives, Forest & Bird has been involved in resource management processes at the national, regional and district level. It routinely submits on regional and district plan provisions and some resource consents, and advocates in the Environment Court in relation to biodiversity, landscape and natural character. It is particularly committed to ensuring that the environmental bottom lines established in national policy statements, which give substance to the "protective" element of Part 2 of the RMA, are given effect to in regional and district plans and achieved through decisions on resource consents.

The South Auckland branch carries out a range of activities, including weed control, pest animal control, native planting, removing illegal dumping, education events, content creation and environmental advocacy. The branch covers the area from the Waikato Region border, west to Karioitahi, east to the Hauraki Gulf and north to Mount Wellington, including significant areas such as the Hunua Ranges. Everyone involved in the branch is a volunteer, including the committee, trappers and supporters.
Forest & Bird South Auckland branch owns and manages two Forest & Bird reserves within the Franklin Local Board area: Olive Davis Reserve and Ngaheretuku Reserve, both vestiges of the broadleaf podocarp forest that once covered Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland. With pest species controlled in these areas, and planting efforts in nearby sites such as Mangemangeroa Reserve, our members work toward a vision of supporting habitat connectivity stretching from the Hunua Ranges to the Waitākere Ranges with thriving biodiversity from coast to coast.

Our Approach

This submission responds to the Franklin Draft Local Board Plan 2026. Forest & Bird's South Auckland Branch is also submitting separately on the draft plans of other local boards within our operating area - namely Papakura, Ōtara-Papatoetoe, Howick, Māngere-Ōtāhuhu and Manurewa and comparison across boards has been valuable to our process.
We are structuring our submission to include Objectives, Key Initiatives, and Advocacy items, just as they appear in the draft Local Board Plan, along with commentary on some items and localised specifics. We have underlined new wording for objectives and initiatives and used strike-through to signal removal of some wording in our proposed modifications.

Te Hapori / Community - In three years, and as an outcome of our work, resources and programming will be in place so that new and established communities are helped to come together to celebrate diversity of place, perspective and culture and in doing so create a shared sense of safety, belonging and prosperity.

This section currently has little reference to the environment or climate which, in our view, are not distinct from community outcomes. We would like to offer the below objectives and key initiatives to integrate into the plan:

Objectives	**Key Initiatives**
Our communities, open spaces and facilities are resilient to climate impacts	Support initiatives that build community networks and connections which help communities respond to emergencies and the impact of climate change and biodiversity loss Support community-led kai security initiatives, including community gardens and produce sharing and education on food growing, preparation and reducing food waste. Provide funding to local groups for projects or actions which will have a positive impact on community resilience (such as those maintaining or creating carbon sinks, or nature-based solutions such as restoring wetlands, creating room for streams to flow naturally, protecting sand dunes and mangroves). Invest in natural solutions that improve parks and public spaces, including native plantings, large shade trees, rain gardens, swales and daylighted streams, in local parks and open spaces, including wetlands or floodable areas in larger sites.
Council decision-making accounts for environmental and climate impact.	Consider and evaluate the environmental and climate impact of all local board projects and include climate impact statements in council reports covering net emissions, biodiversity loss, effects on impermeable surfaces and stormwater, and resource use and recovery.

Advocacy:

We support all the current advocacy points under Community and would like to suggest the following additional advocacy points:

- Ongoing, multi-year, dedicated grant funding for community environmental and restoration groups, so they can plan and deliver programmes across multiple seasons rather than one funding cycle at a time - to Governing Body.
- Advocate for long-term (50 to 100 year) climate risk-scenario planning - to Governing Body.
- Advocate for the use of non-potable water for irrigation of sports and recreation facilities - to Watercare.
- Ensure an adequate level of renewals funding to keep existing community assets well maintained and adapted to be resilient to climate change - to Governing Body.
- Advocate for greater public understanding of infrastructure maintenance and fault-reporting policies - to Governing Body, Auckland Transport and Watercare.

Commentary

Our recommendations build on the Board's commitment to strong community partnerships by recognising that climate resilience is also a community outcome. Preparing for future challenges depends not only on physical infrastructure, but on connected communities, capable local organisations and empowered mana whenua. Embedding climate resilience, local food initiatives and nature-based solutions within the Community outcome helps ensure these considerations are reflected in the everyday work of community development, rather than being left solely to environmental works programmes.

We welcome the inclusion of an integrated management approach for Karioitahi. Bringing together mana whenua, council, the community and other agencies provides an opportunity to better protect the beach's ecological, cultural and recreational values. As implementation progresses, we encourage a continued focus on reducing the impacts of vehicle use on fragile coastal ecosystems.

Te taiao māori/ Natural environment - We participate in and enable the protection and restoration of the Hauraki Gulf, Manukau Harbour, local rivers and streams, and taonga species so that we have a healthy local eco-system that supports community and cultural well-being

We agree with all draft objectives and key initiatives under Natural Environment and offer the below objectives and key initiatives to integrate into the plan:

Objectives	**Key Initiatives**
Support projects that restore the mauri of whenua (land), awa (river) and taonga species, that empower and involve local community and support mana whenua to exercise kaitiakitanga.	Prioritise the restoration of wetlands and dune lakes where they exist or can be re-established. Identify and prioritise restoration planting opportunities, for community and council projects, that create ecological connections by retiring hard-to-maintain areas within existing parks and reserves. Fund initiatives that help reduce illegal rubbish dumping across all communities in Franklin, such as prevention, recycling and organic waste reduction initiatives.

Support projects that improve water quality, habitat, function and that support the management of flooding.	Prioritise ecological maintenance projects that protect and enhance identified potential inanga spawning sites through bank stabilisation, pest plant control, sediment control and pest animal control. Support implementation of all Shoreline Adaptation Plans and delivery of Making Space for Water projects throughout the board area Work with Healthy Waters to provide education and support that ensures commercial and industrial sites upgrade their on-site stormwater management to prevent contamination at the source.
Access to indigenous and culturally valued biodiversity is managed to promote enjoyment while protecting vulnerable ecosystems	Review and promote the provision of paths and tracks to give people access to forests in local reserves that promote ecological hygiene and conservation of vulnerable habitats. Identifying high value ecological areas close to urban populations, manage access and monitor encroachment to prevent damage. Ensure monitoring and compliance of dog access rules keep high-value conservation areas free of dogs while providing space for responsible pet ownership elsewhere. Support responsible cat ownership through desexing and containment encouragement, working with neighbouring Local Boards on control of feral and stray cats in areas of high biodiversity value.

Advocacy:

We support all the current advocacy points under Natural Environment and would like to suggest the following additional advocacy points:

- Funding tools that support the acquisition and retention of open space in growth areas such as Drury, so ecological connectivity is maintained as development proceeds - to Governing Body.
- Stronger monitoring of activities that cause sediment runoff, and stronger penalties for those who knowingly cause harmful sedimentation - to Governing Body
- Increased air quality, freshwater and coastal water quality monitoring - to Governing Body.
- Ongoing, dedicated grant funding for community environmental groups - to Governing Body.
- Advocate for the Local Board and local volunteer groups to be more directly involved in setting and monitoring council-contracted ecological services - to Governing Body.

- Advocate for the reinstatement of general tree protection legislation - to Central Government.
- Raise awareness of and advocate for dark sky areas and reduced light pollution around the Manukau Harbour coastline - to Governing Body.
- Advocate for Conservation to be the primary purpose of all Public Conservation Land in the board area – to Central Government
- Increased protection and funding for monitoring of intertidal ecosystems – to Fisheries New Zealand
- Continued Natural Environment Targeted Rate funding to maintain and grow current investment in pest control, kauri dieback management and biodiversity restoration across Tāmaki Makaurau - to Governing Body

Commentary

Franklin is home to some of Auckland's most significant ecological strongholds, from Te Ngāherehere o Kohukohunui / Hūnua Ranges to the Manukau Harbour and Hauraki Gulf coastlines. The recovery of kōkako demonstrates what is possible when nature is protected and restored. With continued investment across the wider landscape, Franklin can strengthen its role as one of the Auckland region's most important areas for indigenous biodiversity.

Responsible pet management, hygiene measures to protect kauri and preventing illegal dumping will help reduce avoidable pressures on indigenous biodiversity and safeguard the ecological strongholds that make Franklin unique.

We welcome the Board's strong commitment to improving water quality and restoring freshwater ecosystems. Restoring wetlands, improving habitat for freshwater species such as īnanga, and reducing pollution and sediment at its source will strengthen ecological health throughout Franklin's catchments and benefit rivers, estuaries and coastal environments alike.

We also commend the Board's recognition that restoring Franklin's natural environment requires an integrated, catchment-based approach through initiatives such as Te Korowai Papatūānuku. Reconnecting forests, wetlands, waterways and the coast will help realise this landscape-scale vision, enabling native species to move more freely through the landscape, strengthening ecosystem resilience and creating a future where nature can thrive alongside our communities.

Te taiao kua hangaia / Built environment - in the next 3 years, we will focus on ensuring that our built environment is planned and delivered to be effective and efficient, so that our assets meet the needs of current and future Franklin communities, reflect local character and are affordable.

We agree with all draft objectives and key initiatives under Built environment.

Advocacy:

We support all the current advocacy points under Built Environment and would like to suggest the following additional advocacy point:

- Funding for construction and demolition waste compliance and education, and for the development of resource recovery and community recycling facilities - to Governing Body.

- Advocate that Auckland's planning rules require urban green space, particularly indigenous canopy trees and nature-based stormwater management such as swales and rain gardens, to be designed into all higher-density development - to Governing Body
- Increased funding to actively monitor and enforce compliance with green infrastructure and canopy requirements attached to resource consents, so that planting and green space required at the time of consent is not lost - to Governing Body
- Advocate that infrastructure capacity be confirmed before new housing and town centre development proceeds, and that intensification not be enabled within Significant Ecological Areas - to Governing Body & Central Government

Commentary

We support the Board's focus on ensuring Franklin's built environment reflects local character while meeting the needs of growing communities. As Franklin continues to experience significant growth, new development provides an opportunity to create healthier, more resilient places by integrating indigenous canopy, nature-based stormwater management and green infrastructure from the outset. Ensuring infrastructure keeps pace with development, protecting Significant Ecological Areas, and monitoring compliance with consented environmental outcomes will help growth enhance rather than diminish Franklin's natural environment

Te whanaketanga ā-ōhanga / Economic development - We will focus on ensuring Franklin communities and businesses are actively supported to participate in and gain benefit from economic development opportunities made possible by growth and in enabling local business opportunity from Auckland Council operational activities.

We agree with all draft objectives and key initiatives under Economic Development and would like to offer the below objectives and key initiatives to integrate into the plan:

Objectives	**Key Initiatives**
Local businesses adopt circular economy practices.	Support projects that engage, advise, educate and assist local businesses and residents on how to minimise waste and build a circular economy.

Advocacy:

We support all the current advocacy points under Economic Development as drafted, and offer the below to consider:

- Funding for the expansion of community recycling and resource recovery facilities – to Governing Body

Commentary

We support the Board's commitment to strengthening Franklin's local economy and encourage continued leadership in developing a circular economy. Keeping materials in use for longer through waste minimisation, repair, reuse and resource recovery reduces pressure on natural resources while creating local employment opportunities and improving community resilience. Investment in community recycling and resource recovery facilities will help local businesses and residents participate in this transition while reducing waste sent to landfill

Tūnuku / Transport: Franklin's town centres and villages offer safe travel by foot, bike and scooter, and can access public transport. Our roading network is planned, designed and delivered to keep up with development and to support effective freight transportation.

We agree with all draft objectives and key initiatives under Transport and would like to offer the below objectives and priorities to integrate into the plan:

Objectives	**Priorities**
Improve access to transport options that support our young and old to safely, independently and affordably access facilities, services and employment	Seek support from council organisations and developers for the delivery of new and improved paths networks, including as set out in the Franklin Paths Programme and Franklin 'Greenways' plans, prioritising native tree canopy along the routes and permeable surfacing on new or renewed parking areas.

Advocacy:

We support all the current advocacy points within the Transport section and would like to suggest the following additional advocacy points:

- Advocate for the Local Board Transport Capital Fund to remain available across the Board's whole area, to support the delivery of local walkway and cycleway connections with native planting components - to Governing Body
- Improved weed management on motorways and road reserves - to Waka Kotahi (NZTA) and Governing Body
- Long-term planning to provide low-emission infrastructure for e-scooters, e-bikes and electric cars, such as electric vehicle charging stations, in larger development areas - to Governing Body

Commentary

We welcome the Board's commitment to improving transport connections across Franklin, particularly given the area's dispersed settlements and continued growth. Transport corridors can also contribute to healthier natural environments through native tree planting, permeable surfaces and improved management of roadside vegetation. Retaining the Local Board Transport Capital Fund

across Franklin will give the Board the flexibility to deliver local walking and cycling connections that improve both community access and environmental outcomes.

Franklin's extensive state highway and major road corridors make roadside weed management a practical issue to raise directly with Waka Kotahi, particularly where pest plants threaten surrounding reserves, waterways and restoration areas.

As Franklin continues to grow, planning for low-emission transport infrastructure such as EV charging will help support the transition to cleaner transport while ensuring new communities are designed with future needs in mind.

Conclusion

Thank you for considering Forest & Bird's submission. We appreciate the opportunity to contribute to the development of the Franklin Local Board Plan and hope these recommendations help strengthen positive outcomes for nature and the community.

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#901

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Franklin Active Trails

Local Board: Franklin

Your feedback:

Overall plan

1. **Do you think this plan matches what our community needs and hopes for over the next three years?**

   N/A

   Tell us why

Community-led activities and programmes

2. **Do you think we are on the right track with our proposed 'Community' priorities?**

   Tell us why

Natural environment

3. **Who do you think should fund biodiversity research?**
   (Select up to 2 options)

   Tell us why

Rubbish bins at beaches

4. **What is your opinion on removing rubbish bins at some beaches in Franklin?**

   Tell us why

Karioitahi Beach

5. Do you think we should re-consider how Karioitahi Beach is managed?

Tell us why

Managing the cost of sports field maintenance

6. Do you think that we should investigate what we can do to seek a contribution from those who book publicly funded fields for private use e.g. sports clubs or sporting organisations?

Tell us why

Transport - advocacy

7. Which of the following transport projects are most important to you? (Select up to 2 options)

Transport – local projects

8. What do you think is most important to do in the next three years? (Select up to 3 options)

Pukekohe Community Civic Hub priorities

9. Which of the following would you like us to prioritise next? (Select up to 2 options)

Water in Waiuku

10. How willing would you be to contribute to the cost of a hardwater treatment system?

Tell us why

Other feedback

11. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Franklin local board plan?

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the FLB draft LTP. Please find enclosed our submission. Please note that we also fully support the submission from Bike Pukekohe.

Franklin Local Board Submission

Whakaupoko Landcare Incorporated

Date: July 23 2026
Submitted to: Franklin Local Board
Submitted by: Whakaupoko Landcare Incorporated



Executive Summary

For the most part we support the Franklin Local Board Plan and would like to build on this with our feedback.

Key Recommendations

- **Natural Environment** We support the Natural Environment section of the FLB Draft Plan. We would like to specifically clarify the section written as 'Fund the Te Ara Hikoi organisation to support local community groups with funding advice, delivery support and how to access expertise relating to pest management and environmental restoration'. We would like to ensure that the delivery support includes assisting landowners with providing pest control tools and materials. In relation to Predator Free 2050 the pest control model where landowners are engaged in doing much of the pest control work on their own property, the total costs / ha are significantly reduced. This is compared with contractor based models which often cost 5 - 10 x more/ha. Sustainability is enhanced with ongoing community engagement. New reporting Technology such as Trap NZ continues to get better to provide effective landscape scale reporting. Also pest control technology and automation continues to improve.

- **Community Section - Empowering Communities** We fully support this and especially 'Enable and empower local organisations and iwi to lead delivery of community services. Deliver a Community Delivery Partnerships programme, that empowers local organisations to access Council resources and board funding in return for the design and delivery of activities that address challenges, opportunities and priorities outlined in the Franklin Local Board Plan 2026'. With the new technology tools we are well placed to deliver and provide increasing accountability.

- **Good Neighbour** With regard to weeds we have begun a local initiative primarily targeting woolly nightshade and moth plant. We would like to think that the Franklin Local Board Plan includes advocacy for a Good Neighbour approach to weed control. While it will not have any 'teeth' it provides a moral compass for land care in the community for private landowners and Council/Govt/Kiwi Rail owned land.

- **Natural Environment Research** The Have Your Say was a little confusing on this topic. We would like to see some support for research in our area but would not expect FLB to be the sole funding agency. With pekapeka for instance, the research to date combined with the landscape scale community pest control is delivering amazing results. This is in a heavily compromised environment where less than 2% of the land remains in original Native cover. The bat research has provided a positive outcome focus for the community that is helping with achieving sustainable pest control over time as we learn more about our natural environment.

- **Maui Dolphin** They deserve more mention in the FLB Plan. There are just 54 adults remaining in the whole world and they are a critically endangered species. They primarily live just off the Franklin West Coast

- **Franklin Active Trails Submission** We fully support all aspects of this submission and the ask of FLB.

- **Native Plantings** We support the focus of more native revegetation. We believe that there is too much focus on ground cover and succession species with little thought to establishing climax forests similar to what was once present. Often this is with an extremely high cost/ha. We would like to discuss this further as we see that there are more cost effective options that will deliver enhanced long term results. We ask FLB to advocate for cost effective options that deliver climax forests that can out compete over time our problem weed species. At the same time deliver better native biodiversity outcomes and provide shelter and shade for the wider community. At Whitecliffs Rd in Waiaua Pa for instance there is a 35 year old native Scion planting trial. More should be made of the learnings from this in our view.

- **Council Reserves - More planting less mowing** 70% of park spaces. This is a poor Climate Change and biodiversity outcome and we submit that FLB should have a 3 year goal of reducing this to 65%. We have proposed over the last 2 years the likes of planting out in natives the southwestern 1ha of the Puni Reserve. This should be actioned for instance. We have a proposed planting plan and have met on site with [redacted]

Thank you for considering this submission.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss any aspects further.

Prepared with the support of Whakaupoko Landcare

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#410

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Franklin Arts Festival Society

Local Board: Franklin

Your feedback:

Overall plan

1. **Do you think this plan matches what our community needs and hopes for over the next three years?**

   Yes, a little

   Tell us why

Community-led activities and programmes

2. **Do you think we are on the right track with our proposed 'Community' priorities?**

   Mostly on the right track

   Tell us why

Natural environment

3. **Who do you think should fund biodiversity research?**
   (Select up to 2 options)

   Auckland Council (Auckland wide regional funding),Central government (national funding)

   Tell us why

Rubbish bins at beaches

4. **What is your opinion on removing rubbish bins at some beaches in Franklin?**

   Not sure

Tell us why

Karioitahi Beach

5. Do you think we should re-consider how Karioitahi Beach is managed?

Yes

Tell us why

Managing the cost of sports field maintenance

6. Do you think that we should investigate what we can do to seek a contribution from those who book publicly funded fields for private use e.g. sports clubs or sporting organisations?

No, use of sport fields and sport field assets should continue to be owned and managed by Auckland Council and funded by the local board

Tell us why

The pressure on clubs and organisations who are often run and/or supported by harder-to-come-by community volunteers may cease to exist if more financial pressures are added. If they are able to have free use of community spaces but perhaps contribute to or provide sport specific equipment, such as nets.

Transport - advocacy

7. Which of the following transport projects are most important to you? (Select up to 2 options)

Pukekohe arterial roads,Improvements to intersection of State Highway 22 and Blackbridge Road, Karaka

Transport – local projects

8. What do you think is most important to do in the next three years? (Select up to 3 options)

Footpath on Kitchener Road, Pukekohe, between Green Lane and Willis Avenue,Footpath from bus stop on Kitchener Rd, Pukekohe, to Pukekohe Hospital,Pedestrian safety improvement at intersection of Valley Rd and East Street, Pukekohe

Pukekohe Community Civic Hub priorities

9. Which of the following would you like us to prioritise next? (Select up to 2 options)

Enhancing environmental outcomes and improving safety and accessibility in the carpark,Creating a new bookable meeting space above the café in the foyer of Franklin: The Centre

Water in Waiuku

10. How willing would you be to contribute to the cost of a hardwater treatment system?

Possibly willing, but I would need more information first

Tell us why

Other feedback

11. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Franklin local board plan?

Franklin Arts Festival Society (FAFS) supports proposals in the draft Franklin Local Board Plan to improving access to arts experiences across Franklin and strengthening the Pukekohe arts and civic precinct.

However, we believe there is an opportunity to further strengthen arts and culture aspirations in the draft plan by developing the creative sector in Franklin i.e. strategies that create the conditions for arts and creativity to flourish across Franklin.

In particular, we would like to see funded arts programmes, strategic partnerships with arts organisations, arts grants and capacity-building initiatives, creative sector development strategies, artist residencies, and defined opportunities for dedicated arts and creative spaces beyond Franklin: The Centre and the Town Hall if possible.

This would help strengthen connections across the very dispersed creative communities of Franklin, support local artists and arts organisations, encourage participation in arts and culture, and contribute to community wellbeing, local identity and economic development.

As Franklin continues to grow, there is an opportunity to build a more visible and connected arts ecosystem that reflects the area’s unique character and creative potential.

Franklin Arts Festival Society

Franklin Arts Festival Society (FAFS) further comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Draft Franklin Local Board Plan 2026.

Franklin Arts Festival Society (FAFS) supports the aspirations in the plan for strong communities, local identity, community-led development, youth participation, and improved access to arts experiences across Franklin.

Through recent engagement with artists, arts organisations and community members from across Franklin, FAFS identified strong support for greater connection, collaboration and visibility within the local arts sector. Respondents consistently highlighted the need for stronger networks, better communication, increased opportunities for collaboration, support for emerging artists and young creatives, and a stronger collective voice for arts and culture across the wider Franklin area.

While the draft plan recognises the value of arts participation and proposes improvements to arts access and the Pukekohe arts and civic precinct, FAFS believes there is an opportunity to strengthen the plan's focus on arts and creative sector development.

In particular, the plan doesn't explicitly include:

- Funding of arts programmes or arts grants
- Strategic partnerships with arts organisations
- Creative sector development initiatives
- Arts community-led coordination and capacity-building for the arts sector
- Artist residencies or artist development opportunities
- Dedicated arts and creative facilities beyond the Franklin: The Centre and Town Hall aspirations
- Support for stronger connections across the geographically dispersed creative communities of Franklin

FAFS encourages the Local Board to recognise arts and creativity not only as community activities, but as contributors to community wellbeing, local identity, placemaking, participation, visitor attraction and economic development.

As Franklin continues to grow, there is a significant opportunity to foster a more connected and visible arts destination in Franklin that supports artists, arts organisations and creative communities.

FAFS looks forward to continuing to work with the Franklin Local Board to help realise these opportunities and support a vibrant, arts-rich Franklin.

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Franklin Historical Society Inc

Local Board: Franklin

Your feedback:

Overall plan

1. **Do you think this plan matches what our community needs and hopes for over the next three years?**

   N/A

   Tell us why

Community-led activities and programmes

2. **Do you think we are on the right track with our proposed 'Community' priorities?**

   Tell us why

Natural environment

3. **Who do you think should fund biodiversity research?**
   (Select up to 2 options)

   Tell us why

Rubbish bins at beaches

4. **What is your opinion on removing rubbish bins at some beaches in Franklin?**

   Tell us why

Karioitahi Beach

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Tell us why

Managing the cost of sports field maintenance

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Tell us why

Transport - advocacy

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Transport – local projects

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Pukekohe Community Civic Hub priorities

9. Which of the following would you like us to prioritise next? (Select up to 2 options)

Water in Waiuku

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Tell us why

Other feedback

11. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Franklin local board plan?

Franklin Historical Society does not hold corporate opinions on many things, so most answers to questions here have been left blank. But we do have very clear views on the way that Franklin Local Board has handled the issues related to the Old Borough Council Building at 22 Edinburgh St, Pukekohe. We feel that the Local Board has allowed this Heritage-listed taonga to deteriorate by its inactions over the past 12 months, and want to see it returned to full use by the Franklin community as quickly as possible. Our views are elaborated in the attached file.



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23 July 2026

Franklin Local Board

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COMMENTARY ON THE FRANKLIN DRAFT LOCAL BOARD PLAN 2026

Our Society thanks you for the opportunity to comment on this plan. This response had been compiled by our Committee.

We applaud your comments on page 13 '*Franklin has a range of volunteer-led organisations who have been active in the promotion, preservation and celebration of local heritage, arts and sport, bringing people together and foster a sense of belonging*.' and on page 14 *'Support programmes that enable both new and established residents to learn and understand local history and culture'* and '*Support Franklin's volunteer groups with long-term and succession planning and to attract new members so that these plans are deliverable as there is membership turnover, and so that the Board is clear on and can help with long-term aspirations.*' We look forward to seeing this backed up with continuing actions.

We acknowledge that Franklin Local Board, and Franklin District Council and Pukekohe Borough Council before it, have been very good partners with our Society in the creation and continued support of the Pioneer Cottage in Roulston War Memorial Park, and in the provision of sign boards scattered through the business area in Pukekohe which set out some vignettes of the history of the area. FDC, and then FLB, were in the past generous in providing a base for us in the Heritage-listed Old Pukekohe Borough Council building at 22 Edinburgh St. We note, however, our perception that the relationship seems to have dimmed a little in recent years.

The principal issue that our Society wants Franklin Local Board to address is the fate of this building, which we had turned into our archive centre, and used for our public meetings due to its convenient central location.

We note that on page 15 you say the Board will advocate to the Governing Body and others regarding investing or actively enabling investment and support '*for new and improved community facilities and services in areas of growth and change including … Pukekohe Community Hub concept plan delivery',* and on page 22 you set down some proposed key initiatives, one of which relates to the Town Hall complex. It is the view of our Society that the retention and provision for public use of 22 Edinburgh St is much more important than the initiatives you propose in respect of the already recently refurbished Town Hall complex. (It is also confusing that in one part of the document (page 15) this will require advocacy to the Governing Body, and in another part (page 22) it appears the Local Board has the discretion over the matter. We would prefer it was the latter – that the Local Board was responsible/accountable for the decisions, and delivering the wishes of the Franklin community and not simply those of Auckland Councillors and Council staff based in the central city.)

In particular our Society has been very disappointed at the very slow response over the last year to the issues related to this Heritage-listed building, access to which Council staff have told us is no longer available. It is the view of our Society that this is a community taonga that the Local Board has by its inaction allowed to deteriorate, so that needed repairs will now be more expensive than if they had been attended to a year ago.

As far as we can tell, at today's date, the last time the Board formally reviewed information on this 22 Edinburgh St was on 2 September 2025. Council staff warned the Board that decisions to do nothing, to demolish or to sell the building potentially would incur '*reputation and political risk if poorly received by community*'. The workshop resulted (according to an email to our President in his private capacity from Mr Cole on 3 March) in '*a report will come back to the board to decide what will be done with it including what is of heritage status of the building or parts of the building…. it is part of the unlock program which is to sell it. I will forward the workshop notes to staff for an update where that report is at*.'

We remind the Board of the statement made by itself on its Haveyoursaypage in seeking comments on priorities for continued work on the Franklin – The Centre complex, namely

- *Maintaining and servicing buildings is expensive and time-consuming.*
- *Improving and making better use of existing public buildings reduces costs, especially when they are under-used.*
- *The existing buildings are … in a good location.*
- *The location connects with other urban regeneration projects and improvements in the area such as the town square.*
- *By making use of the existing buildings and the spaces between, we can create a community civic hub that supports more activities and a wider range of people.*

which are all applicable to 22 Edinburgh St.

In summary, what we would like Franklin Board to commit to doing is:

- Quickly bringing 22 Edinburgh St back into the use of the Franklin public.
- Maintaining the previous positive support and relationship with our Society regarding the Pioneer Cottage in Roulston War Memorial Park.
- Maintaining the good relationship with and support from the Archives staff at Pukekohe Library.

In return, we will commit to working with the Board and its staff to answer questions which we can using our archives (such as this week a request for illustrations to be used at the War Memorial Town Hall reopening), and will continue to maintain our long-term and succession planning, to engage new and young residents in our activities where there are opportunities to do so, and to otherwise attract new members, as you set out as aspirations for your relationships with groups such as ours on page 14 of the plan.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment.

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Franklin United Football Club

Local Board: Franklin

Your feedback:

Overall plan

1. **Do you think this plan matches what our community needs and hopes for over the next three years?**

   Yes, a little

   Tell us why

Community-led activities and programmes

2. **Do you think we are on the right track with our proposed 'Community' priorities?**

   Mostly on the right track

   Tell us why

Natural environment

3. **Who do you think should fund biodiversity research?**
   (Select up to 2 options)

   I don't know

   Tell us why

Rubbish bins at beaches

4. **What is your opinion on removing rubbish bins at some beaches in Franklin?**

   Yes, I support this

Tell us why

Karioitahi Beach

5. Do you think we should re-consider how Karioitahi Beach is managed?

Yes

Tell us why

Managing the cost of sports field maintenance

6. Do you think that we should investigate what we can do to seek a contribution from those who book publicly funded fields for private use e.g. sports clubs or sporting organisations?

No, use of sport fields and sport field assets should continue to be owned and managed by Auckland Council and funded by the local board

Tell us why

Public sports fields and associated assets should continue to be owned and funded by Auckland Council and supported through the Local Board. Ratepayers already contribute towards these community facilities, and they provide significant social, health and wellbeing benefits.

Charging sports clubs to book and use public fields would inevitably increase costs for clubs, which would then be passed on to players and their families through higher subscriptions and fees. Many community sports clubs are run almost entirely by volunteers and are already facing increasing costs, while sponsorship and grant funding has become more difficult to secure.

Introducing additional charges risks making community sport less affordable and less accessible, particularly for children and young people. At a time when we should be encouraging participation in physical activity and strengthening community connections, this proposal could have the opposite effect.

Community sport delivers significant benefits to Auckland through improved health, wellbeing, social inclusion and youth development. Continuing to fund public sports facilities through Council ensures they remain accessible to everyone, rather than creating additional financial barriers to participation.

Transport - advocacy

7. Which of the following transport projects are most important to you? (Select up to 2 options)

More lanes on Hingaia and Linwood Roads, Karaka,Pukekohe arterial roads

Transport – local projects

8. What do you think is most important to do in the next three years? (Select up to 3 options)

Pukekohe Community Civic Hub priorities

9. Which of the following would you like us to prioritise next? (Select up to 2 options)

Creating a new bookable meeting space above the café in the foyer of Franklin: The Centre

Water in Waiuku

10. How willing would you be to contribute to the cost of a hardwater treatment system?

Not willing to contribute

Tell us why

Other feedback

11. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Franklin local board plan?

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#629

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Friends of Te Wairoa

Local Board: Franklin

Your feedback:

Overall plan

1. **Do you think this plan matches what our community needs and hopes for over the next three years?**

   N/A

   Tell us why

Community-led activities and programmes

2. **Do you think we are on the right track with our proposed 'Community' priorities?**

   Tell us why

Natural environment

3. **Who do you think should fund biodiversity research?**
   (Select up to 2 options)

   Tell us why

Rubbish bins at beaches

4. **What is your opinion on removing rubbish bins at some beaches in Franklin?**

   Tell us why

Karioitahi Beach

5. Do you think we should re-consider how Karioitahi Beach is managed?

Tell us why

Managing the cost of sports field maintenance

6. Do you think that we should investigate what we can do to seek a contribution from those who book publicly funded fields for private use e.g. sports clubs or sporting organisations?

Tell us why

Transport - advocacy

7. Which of the following transport projects are most important to you? (Select up to 2 options)

Transport – local projects

8. What do you think is most important to do in the next three years? (Select up to 3 options)

Pukekohe Community Civic Hub priorities

9. Which of the following would you like us to prioritise next? (Select up to 2 options)

Water in Waiuku

10. How willing would you be to contribute to the cost of a hardwater treatment system?

Tell us why

Other feedback

11. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Franklin local board plan?

See attached file

Friends of Te Wairoa welcomes the strong emphasis the draft Franklin Local Board Plan places on protecting rivers, streams, native biodiversity and the natural environment. We support the Board's recognition that **healthy waterways are fundamental to the wellbeing of our communities, tangata whenua/mana whenua and future generations**. However, we believe the plan could provide greater commitment and clearer actions for the Wairoa River catchment.

The Wairoa River is **Franklin's largest freshwater system**, supporting important indigenous biodiversity, recreation, farming, cultural values and community wellbeing. It also contributes to Auckland's drinking water supply. The catchment faces many ongoing pressures including invasive pest flora and fauna, sedimentation, habitat fragmentation, increasing development and a community disconnected from the awa/river. Addressing these challenges requires sustained long-term investment rather than short-term projects, alongside a strategic, catchment-wide approach that prioritises actions with the greatest long-term impact.

Friends of Te Wairoa has developed **Whakaoraora Te Wairoa: The Wairoa River Regeneration Strategy**, which provides a collaborative, community-led framework for regenerating the catchment's ecological and cultural health. **We encourage the Local Board to recognise and support this initiative** particularly within the Te Taiao Māori / Natural Environment section of the Plan, particularly under the actions to:

- "support projects that improve water quality, ecosystem function and flood resilience"; and
- "support projects that restore the mauri of whenua, awa and taonga species while empowering local communities and supporting mana whenua leadership".

We encourage the Local Board to:

- **Identify the Wairoa River catchment as a priority area for ecological regeneration and freshwater improvement.**
- Increase support for community-led environmental groups through long-term funding, technical advice and volunteer coordination.
- Expand programmes for pest plant and pest animal control, particularly targeting invasive species such as rats, possums, crack willow, woolly nightshade, moth plant and privet that threaten river catchment health.
- Invest in large-scale native riparian planting to improve water quality, reduce erosion and enhance biodiversity.
- Support the creation and expansion of plant nurseries in the Wairoa River catchment.
- Strengthen partnerships with mana whenua, landowners, schools and community organisations to achieve shared restoration/regeneration outcomes.
- Support environmental education and citizen science initiatives that encourage local people to participate in monitoring and caring for the river.

- Ensure that future growth and infrastructure projects protect freshwater ecosystems and avoid further degradation of the catchment.
- Invest in quality fish passage connectivity for new and existing infrastructure.

Community organisations such as Friends of Te Wairoa deliver significant environmental benefits through thousands of volunteer hours each year. Every dollar invested in community-led restoration is multiplied through volunteer labour, fundraising and local knowledge. **Continued support represents excellent value for ratepayers while helping Auckland Council achieve its environmental objectives.**

We also encourage the Local Board to strengthen the connection between environmental restoration, climate resilience and community wellbeing. Healthy rivers reduce flood risk, improve resilience to climate change, provide habitat for native species, strengthen cultural connections, and create opportunities for recreation, education and engagement with nature. Continued investment in both Te Ara Hikoi and Friends of Te Wairoa will help achieve these outcomes while contributing to a healthier, more resilient Wairoa River catchment for future generations.

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#741

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Gardens4Health

Local Board: Regional Organisation

Your feedback:

Overall plan

1. **Do you think this plan matches what our community needs and hopes for over the next three years?**

   Yes, a little

   Tell us why

Community-led activities and programmes

2. **Do you think we are on the right track with our proposed 'Community' priorities?**

   Not quite on the right track

   Tell us why

   This doesn't really explain how council will support or be involved in uplifting these projects.

Natural environment

3. **Who do you think should fund biodiversity research?**
   (Select up to 2 options)

   The local board (local funding)

   Tell us why

   This is the most accessible funding pool, where researchers are most likely to be able to work with local funders to deliver research that is beneficial to the council and can be distributed locally. Researchers shouldn't have to compete for increasingly dwindling national grants and funds to delivery locally specific and beneficial research.

Rubbish bins at beaches

4. What is your opinion on removing rubbish bins at some beaches in Franklin?

Yes, I support this

Tell us why

Karioitahi Beach

5. Do you think we should re-consider how Karioitahi Beach is managed?

Yes

Tell us why

This beach should not be considered a road.

Managing the cost of sports field maintenance

6. Do you think that we should investigate what we can do to seek a contribution from those who book publicly funded fields for private use e.g. sports clubs or sporting organisations?

No, use of sport fields and sport field assets should continue to be owned and managed by Auckland Council and funded by the local board

Tell us why

Sports clubs are already struggling to maintain their base income and overhead costs. Any additional revenue they make from participation should be invested back into the programmes themselves to continue improving the experience and opportunity for the community, not to the council.

Transport - advocacy

7. Which of the following transport projects are most important to you? (Select up to 2 options)

South-east link bus services (Papakura train station/Clevedon/Pine Harbour Ferry/Botany),Bus services from Clarks Beach/Waiau Pa, Kingseat and Karaka to link to the new Ngaakaroa train station in Drury (instead of Papakura via Hingaia Road)

Transport – local projects

8. What do you think is most important to do in the next three years? (Select up to 3 options)

Pedestrian refuge in vicinity of Sandspit Rd on King Street, Waiuku,Bus shelter opposite Tamaoho School on Taikaranga Street, Pukekohe

Pukekohe Community Civic Hub priorities

9. Which of the following would you like us to prioritise next?

(Select up to 2 options)

A “Kai Franklin space” re-purposing the small hall as a bookable commercial kitchen and food innovation space,Māra kai (food) gardens to compliment the Kai Franklin space and celebrate Pukekohe’s food production story

Water in Waiuku

10. How willing would you be to contribute to the cost of a hardwater treatment system?

Possibly willing, but I would need more information first

Tell us why

Other feedback

11. Do you have any other feedback on the draft Franklin local board plan?

Submission on 3 year local board plan for Franklin.

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 Franklin, 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 Franklin 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 Franklin.

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 Franklin 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 Franklin.

Thank you for your consideration and for your ongoing commitment to the wellbeing of the Franklin community.

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#561

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Healthy Auckland Together

Local Board: Regional Organisation

Your feedback:

Overall plan

1. **Do you think this plan matches what our community needs and hopes for over the next three years?**

   N/A

   Tell us why

Community-led activities and programmes

2. **Do you think we are on the right track with our proposed 'Community' priorities?**

   Tell us why

Natural environment

3. **Who do you think should fund biodiversity research?**
   (Select up to 2 options)

   Tell us why

Rubbish bins at beaches

4. **What is your opinion on removing rubbish bins at some beaches in Franklin?**

   Tell us why

Karioitahi Beach

5. **Do you think we should re-consider how Karioitahi Beach is managed?**

Tell us why

Managing the cost of sports field maintenance

6. **Do you think that we should investigate what we can do to seek a contribution from those who book publicly funded fields for private use e.g. sports clubs or sporting organisations?**

Tell us why

Transport - advocacy

7. **Which of the following transport projects are most important to you? (Select up to 2 options)**

Transport – local projects

8. **What do you think is most important to do in the next three years? (Select up to 3 options)**

Pukekohe Community Civic Hub priorities

9. **Which of the following would you like us to prioritise next? (Select up to 2 options)**

Water in Waiuku

10. **How willing would you be to contribute to the cost of a hardwater treatment system?**

Tell us why

Other feedback

11. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Franklin local board plan?**

See attached file

Healthy Auckland Together submission on the Franklin Draft Local Board Plan 2026

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

Ngā mihi,



About Healthy Auckland Together

Healthy Auckland Together is committed to improving Tāmaki Makaurau so that it is an environment where all people can live full and healthy lives. By working collaboratively, we want to make it easier for everyone to be active, eat better and live longer lives. Healthy Auckland Together is a coalition of more than 30 partners representing local government, mana whenua, health agencies, non-government organisations, academia and consumer interest groups.

Creating a healthy city

Aucklanders deserve to live in communities that support all ages and all abilities to have freedom and build connections within their neighbourhoods. How our cities and neighbourhoods are designed, built and managed has a significant impact on the health and wellbeing of the people who live, work and learn in these areas.

However, increasing cost pressures on households, petrol and diesel vehicles dominating our streets, inequitable access to quality green space, and urban intensification without community-friendly design have led to a city with high demand for food support, decreased rates of active travel amongst children and diminishing outdoor play. These changes demonstrate the need for stronger local coordination and continued investment to improve the wellbeing of our communities.

Franklin has a key role in the community and street spaces that enable good lives for all people. Enabling access to nourishing food, providing more opportunities to play and creating safe and healthy street environments will contribute to outcomes identified in the Auckland Plan 2050.

Mana Whenua

Engagement with Mana whenua is critical for improving outcomes for Māori. When iwi and Māori are involved in decision making around the built and natural environments, tamariki and whānau are supported to connect with local whenua, waterways, histories, mātauranga and cultural practices. Involvement in transport design and decisions, required under the Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009, supports Māori identity being reflected in the transport network.

Local Food Systems

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

Outdoor Play

Engaging in outdoor play is a fundamental right of children in Aotearoa New Zealand and is an important contributor to physical, mental, social, emotional, and cultural wellbeing across the life course. When children engage in outdoor play, they experience better physical health through increased strength, bone health, cardiovascular and metabolic health; better mental health through stress reduction, emotional resilience and improved confidence, creativity, curiosity, and problem-solving; and greater social wellbeing through connections with others, belonging and intergenerational relationships.

Healthy Transport

The transport system has a significant impact on the health and wellbeing of everyone, wherever they live. How we get about has positive impacts, adults and children who travel actively, whether

they scoot, cycle or walk are protected against cardiovascular diseases, breast cancer, colorectal cancer and diabetes; improve learning and social connectedness in children and supports overall mental wellbeing. In contrast, reliance on petrol and diesel vehicles has led to increasing air pollution from vehicle emissions, causing damage to our cardiovascular and immune systems, leading to asthma, hospitalisations and deaths in communities; and ever-increasing vehicle sizes pose greater safety risks to our most vulnerable road users.

Recommendations

Through cleaner air, safer streets, more opportunities for play and access to nourishing local food, Franklin can be a place where communities live longer, healthier lives. To support these outcomes for your communities, Healthy Auckland Together suggests the following recommendations.

Community

The Franklin plan is to be commended for including actions on strengthening the opportunities for communities to celebrate inclusion, cultural heritage, events, sports and recreation in parks and town centres.

We **support** the objectives and priorities which speak to active play, intergenerational activities and community connection across cultures. As a largely rural area, there are many occasions for play in natural settings and risky play for the children and youth of Franklin which could be made the most of.

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

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

- An objective is added to “Adopt a healthy local food strategy plan with implementation embedded in workplans.” More information about developing a local food strategy can be found in Appendix 2.
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- Strengthen the objective “Invest in art and sports facilities in partnership with others...” to include play and wording on creating outdoor play opportunities for children and rangatahi, giving effect to the 2025 Play Plan.

Natural Environment

The Franklin plan does well for including extensive actions to care for, protect and restore the natural environment in Franklin. The natural environment is interconnected with the health and wellbeing of communities. A strong natural environment supports mental wellbeing and mitigates the impact of air pollution and high temperatures on our most vulnerable.

We **support** your objective to “Support projects that improve water quality, function and that support the management of flooding” as it includes priorities to actively reforest areas along the roadways.

Built Environment

Franklin's built environment are key places for people to learn, work and play, and good access to supportive and welcoming public spaces contributes to the health and wellbeing of communities. Safe and well-designed town centres facilitate play and improve access for pedestrians. Opportunities for active play can be unintentionally designed out or displaced by the way urban environments are planned.

We **support** the priority to upgrade community facilities in town centres and community halls and would encourage town planners to consider what moments for play (young and old) could be incorporated (such as painting a hop-scotch).

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

- Strengthen the objective "Upgrade community facilities in Town Centres so that they can accommodate growth, function and social needs such as play spaces, more effectively."

We **support** the priority to invest in assets that provide opportunities for active play, sports and casual recreation for all ages and abilities. Opportunities for active play can be unintentionally designed out or displaced by the way urban environments are planned, so an explicit focus on active play within the built environment is welcomed.

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

- Strengthen priority for developers to include design which enables social connection and play spaces - "Encourage developers to prioritise sustainable design and design which meets social and play needs for families in the developments."

Transport

The overall implementation of the Franklin Local Board's new responsibilities in transport is a positive approach to enabling good health through increased safety and active travel.

Improving equity in transport is crucial for a healthier community and requires addressing wider systematic issues, including unsafe driving behaviour, congestion, personal safety issues and prioritising environments that support children's independent mobility. Understanding the social stigma experienced by youth while cycling and using public transport is also relevant to improving uptake of healthy behaviours. The involvement of Māori, Pacific and disabled communities when developing actions is integral to good equity outcomes.

We **support** your objective to "Improve access to transport options that support our young and old to safely, independently and affordably access facilities, services and employment."

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

- A priority is included to investigate safe speeds in school catchments, town centres and marae
- A priority is included to advocate for a time of use charging scheme that is equitable and raises funds that are used to improve public and active transport
- Include an objective to embed Māori identity, partnership and kaitiakitanga.

Conclusion

Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment on the Franklin Draft Local Board Plan 2026.

Appendix 1 Tabled Recommendations

Community			
Objective	**Priority**	**Stance**	**Recommendation**
-	-	Addition	Add an objective to "Adopt a healthy local food strategy plan with implementation embedded in workplans." More information about developing a local food strategy can be found in Appendix 2.
5	2	Strengthen	"Invest in art, play and sports facilities in partnership with others so facilities are both effective and efficient"
1 or 5	-	Addition	Give effect to the 2025 Play Plan by creating outdoor play opportunities for children and youth.
Built Environment			
Objective	**Priority**	**Stance**	**Recommendation**
1	-	Strengthen	Strengthen the objective "Upgrade community facilities in Town Centres so that they can accommodate growth, function and social needs such as play spaces, more effectively."
Transport			
Objective	**Priority**	**Stance**	**Recommendation**
1	-	Addition	Add a priority to "investigate safe speeds in school catchments, town centres and marae"
2	-	Addition	Add a priority to "advocate for a time of use charging scheme that is equitable and raises funds that are used to improve public and active transport"
-	-	Addition	Add an objective to "Embed Māori identity, partnership and kaitiakitanga into Franklin's transport network."

Appendix 2 Developing a healthy local food strategy

1. Understand the local food system

Commit to a local food system wānanga involving Local Board members, mana whenua, community organisations and other key stakeholders.

Map existing food-related services, programmes, community assets, growing spaces, food providers and local champions across the Local Board area. Identify existing strengths, gaps and opportunities, and explore how current resources and investment could be better aligned to maximise impact, collaboration and equity.

Developing a shared understanding of the local food system will help inform future investment and strengthen collaboration across the community.

2. Strengthen community partnerships

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Promote existing initiatives through Local Board communication channels to increase community awareness, participation and support.

3. Invest in local food initiatives

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5. Celebrate and grow local food leadership

Champion the stories, people and initiatives that are already strengthening the local food system.

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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.