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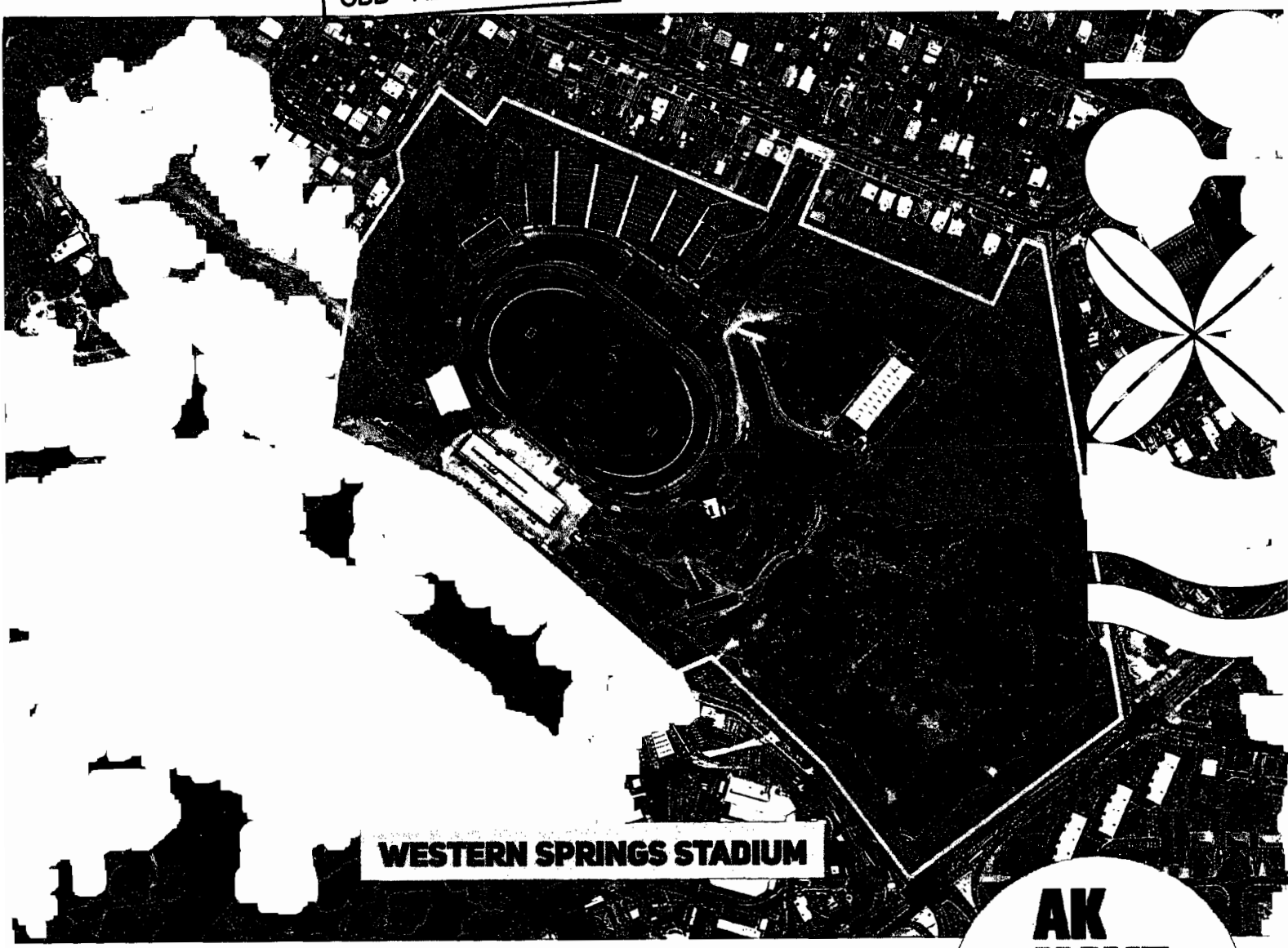
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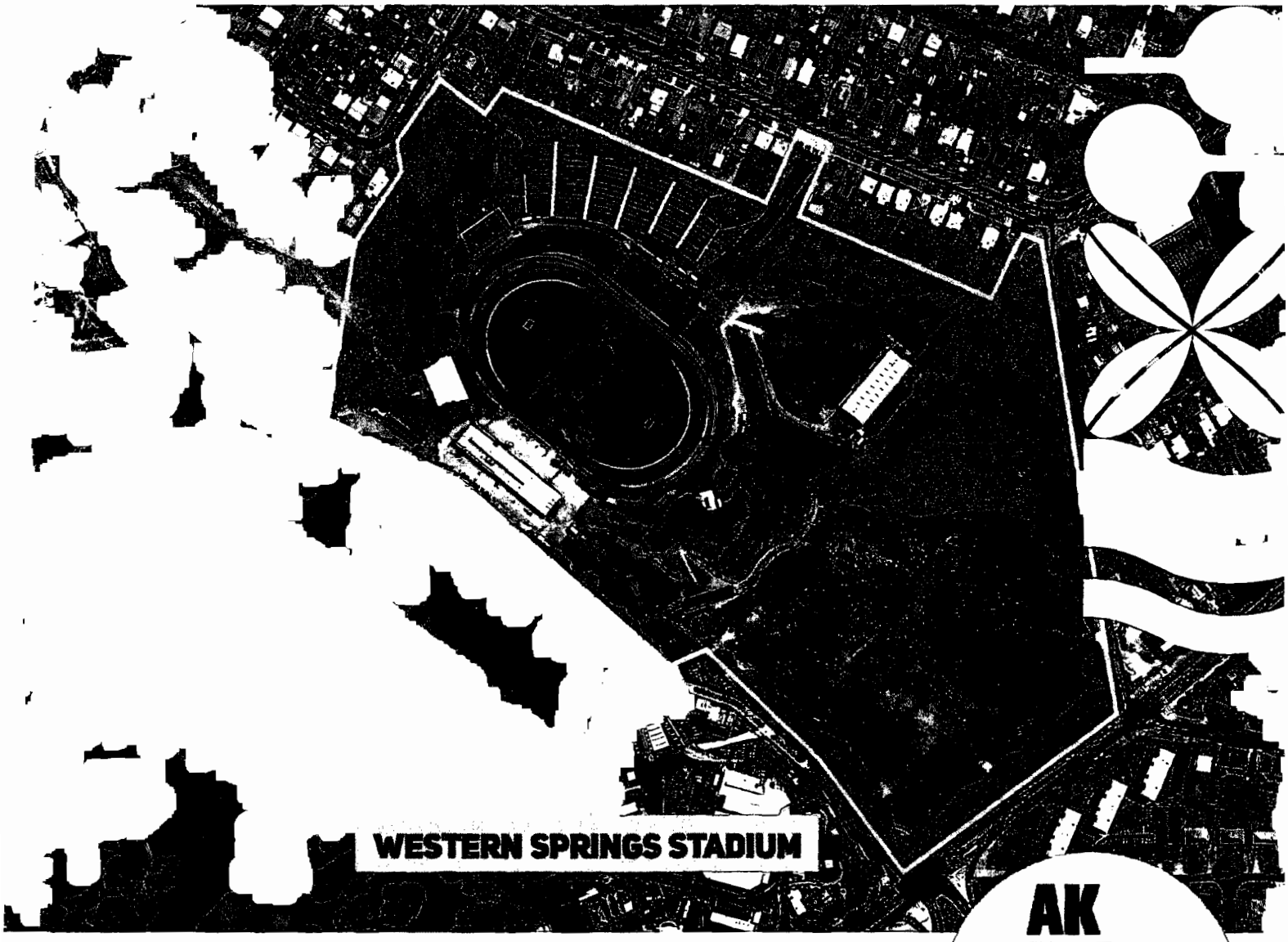
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I prefer an option that involves no privatisation. It's a wonderful public park and should remain so. The $30m upgrade is good use of my ratepayer money.
I am very pleased too that speedway no longer has a venue in this park.

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RE: FUTURE USE OF WESTERN SPRINGS STADIUM: HAVE YOUR SAY

I wish to vote for OPTION 3B

I oppose the first 2 options, as I believe the Council has never properly considered the existing scenarios; either Ponsonby Rugby or Speedway.

I am now 72 and have attending speedway since I was 12 in the early 1960s.

As a past rugby referee, I have also officiated games within the stadium centre.

As we all know, Speedway has been operating at this world renowned stadium for 95 years. It is an iconic centre and stadium. Overseas drivers who have been participating at speedway meetings for many years, all say the track is completely unique and that they love racing here.

History is being thrown out the door. It tis very similar to suggesting that the Museum be demolished and all artifacts being transferred to another out of the way location.

Waikaraka Park is not an ideal venue, even with money currently being spent to redevelop it.

I believe that Council has operated illegally by starting the redevelopment of Waikaraka, before the Court hearings have been heard and considered. This is an obvious attempt to sway any decision of the Court or possible subsequent rehearing processes, by suggesting that this development has already cost ratepayers $XXX. Work should be terminated immediately until the hearing process has been finalised.

Again, I advise that I wish to vote for option, 3B. Explore other viable options that do not throw away iconic Auckland history.

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Late #8

Future use of Western Springs Stadium – Feedback Form

We want your feedback!

Feedback opens at midday on **19 May** and must be received **by 11.59pm on 15 June 2025**.

We strongly encourage you to read the consultation document before answering any of the following questions. It is also available at **akhaveyoursay.nz/western-springs-stadium** or at the following libraries: Mt Albert, Pt Chevalier, Grey Lynn, Little Leys, Central City. Librarians can help you print any documents from the AK HaveYourSay site.

To help us understand who has an interest in the future of the venue, we encourage you to complete all parts of the form – however our priority is to understand your preferred option.

We encourage you to give feedback online, or you can:

Scan and email your completed form to:
westernspringsstadium@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Post your completed form to:
Future use of Western Springs Stadium
Auckland Council
Private Bag 92300, Victoria Street West
Auckland, 1142

Your details

Your name and feedback will be included in public documents. No other personal details will be made available to the public.

First name: _____ Last name: _____

Email or postal address:

_____

Your local board or suburb: _____

Are you providing:

☑ Your **personal** feedback

☐ Feedback as the official representative of an **organisation**

Organisation name: _____

Important privacy information

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These questions are optional, but they help us to understand who is engaging with us.

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

What is your connection to Western Springs Stadium? (tick one or all that apply)

- [x] I live in the area (Waitematā or Albert-Eden local board)
- [x] I attend events at the stadium or its sports fields
- [x] I participate in nearby activities (e.g. community sports, performances, MOTAT, Auckland Zoo, Western Springs)
- [x] I work or volunteer at Western Springs Stadium or nearby
- [x] I am part of a cultural or community group with an interest in the area
- [ ] I don't have direct connection, but I am interested in how the space is used
- [ ] Other (please specify):

There are three options to consider

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Option 2 could be acceptable.

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