Consultation on the draft Local Board Plans 2026

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#105

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Aktive

Local Board: Regional Organisation

Your feedback:

1. **How well do the following focus areas reflect what matters to our community over the next three years?**

Community - We are a connected, inclusive and resilient community. People feel welcome, heard and able to take part, belong and thrive.	N/A
Natural Environment - Our native plants, animals and ecosystems are healthy and protected. Waste and pollution are reduced, and our land, waterways and coastlines are resilient and able to adapt to climate change.	
Built Environment - Our town centres and neighbourhoods are safe, welcoming, resilient and well designed. They support growth and improve everyday life.	
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Tell us more (please note which focus area your comment refers to)

Community

Strongly supports the Objective 'People of all ages and abilities can access parks, facilities and recreation opportunities that support wellbeing, participation and equity' and support the following key initiatives:

- Support sports groups and community organisations to grow participation, strengthen governance and improve financial resilience, with a preference for multi-user, shared or collaborative facilities and delivery models.

- Support the development and increased use of parks, reserves and sports fields that are accessible, equitable and meet current and future community needs. This includes providing more spaces, better lighting and fair access to existing priority facilities.

- Investigate and support opportunities to increase community access and use of recreation facilities across the local board area, including through shared-use partnerships with schools, clubs and other facility owners where appropriate.

- Investigate and support new or improved indoor and outdoor recreation and community facilities (including courts, venues for hire and community amenities) through Auckland Council, community-led initiatives and partnerships that are guided by the Hibiscus and Bays Sports and Active Recreation Facilities Plan and other strategic documents.

- Support the development of wheeled play opportunities, with the aim of developing a complementary network, including bike tracks, through community-led and partnership delivery models that make use of existing land and spaces while managing long-term maintenance and safety considerations.

- Improve accessibility and inclusion across community spaces, parks and facilities by partnering with disability communities to co-design practical, sustainable solutions that enable participation and wellbeing for everyone.

Community - We also support the Objective of ‘Community assets, reserves and facilities are used creatively, inclusively and sustainably to maximise long-term community benefit and value for money as our area grows’ and the key initiatives:

- Review and optimise the use of community assets, facilities and resources to maximise shared use, multi-functionality and long-term community benefit, including assessing and refining community lease criteria to ensure assets are well-used, financially sustainable, and deliver clear, inclusive and wide-reaching community outcomes.

- Work with communities and mana whenua to explore flexible, cost effective and community-led ways to use undeveloped and established reserves to increase their recreational value. This includes providing more informal play options like space to run and climb and bike while respecting environmental and cultural values.

Natural Environment - Strongly supports the Objective “Strengthen community and environmental resilience by working with communities to mitigate, manage and adapt to the impacts of climate change” with particular reference to the following key initiative:

- Support initiatives that improve the resilience of parks, reserves and public assets to the impacts of climate change, including initiatives that enhance the role of parks and reserves in managing flooding, erosion and biodiversity loss.

Built Environment - see value in the Objective 'Future growth and intensification are supported by resilient infrastructure, well planned public spaces and smart, flexible approaches to how our places are designed and used' and the following key initiatives:

- Plan for the long-term impacts of population growth and high-density housing developments by updating existing plans, identifying future needs and developing new approaches where needed to support flexible, shared and community-led use of public spaces over time.

- Plan and deliver resilient, accessible, well-designed and cost-effective public facilities, such as libraries and leisure centres, that support population growth, high-density areas and future community needs.

- Explore alternative ways to fund and deliver projects, including partnerships with community groups, community-focused businesses and sponsors to support projects that respond to local growth and changes

Transport - see value in the Objective 'Getting around the area is safe, accessible and efficient, where people can easily travel for everyday trips. Walking, cycling and public transport are attractive and convenient choices, supported by well-connected routes, reliable services and high-quality infrastructure' and the following key priorities:

- Continue to renew and expand 'greenways' and path networks that safely connect neighbourhoods, public transport stops and key community destinations.

- Support safe, separated and well-maintained walking and cycling routes that form a well-connected network across the local board area, including connections to key transport hubs.

- Support programmes that encourage walking, cycling and low-speed vehicles like scooters as everyday transport options, including school 'learn-to-ride' initiatives, safety education and incentives to help change the way people travel.

Supports the following Local Board advocacy priorities:

- Advocate to the Governing Body for appropriate investment in North Harbour Stadium to help it become a well -used, multi -purpose that meets the needs of the growing North Auckland community.

- Advocate to the Department of Conservation for improved public access to the Ōkura Bush Track, including consideration of reopening the full track alignment, improving connections to Dacre Cottage and surrounding areas, and supporting access that retains ecological protection and heritage values.

2. Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?

Tell us more

Acknowledge the significant investment into our sector by Local Boards and specifically the investment by the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board into a Sport and Active Recreation Facilities Plan. This is highly valued.

3. Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?

Tell us more

4. Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?

See many positive outcomes from the draft Plan and greatly welcome the very strong emphasis on sport and recreation through partnerships, infrastructure upgrades, enhancements, investment and new developments to meet the long-term needs of the growing population.

Strongly support the Local Board's focus on the community assets, facilities and the concepts of maximising shared use, multi-functionality and long-term community benefits and the importance of the Hibiscus and Bays Sports and Active Recreation Facilities Plan. We acknowledge the investment into the development of this Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan and would like to see this as a focus of the Board's investment going forward.

Strongly support the Local Board's focus on use partnerships with schools. Access to school facilities has been a particular focus for Aktive in recent years and is also the subject of work by Council staff. We would welcome an opportunity to work on this initiative with the Local Board, along with our Partner Harbour Sport, to ensure an impactful and integrated approach.

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Local Board: Regional Organisation

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4. Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?

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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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Submitter details:

Organisation: Centennial Park Bush Society

Local Board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback:

1. **How well do the following focus areas reflect what matters to our community over the next three years?**

Community - We are a connected, inclusive and resilient community. People feel welcome, heard and able to take part, belong and thrive.	**Very well**
Natural Environment - Our native plants, animals and ecosystems are healthy and protected. Waste and pollution are reduced, and our land, waterways and coastlines are resilient and able to adapt to climate change.	Very well
Built Environment - Our town centres and neighbourhoods are safe, welcoming, resilient and well designed. They support growth and improve everyday life.	Very well
Economy - We have a thriving local economy. Businesses grow, employment opportunities increase and communities benefit from sustainable economic development.	Very well
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Tell us more (please note which focus area your comment refers to)

We would like the board to focus more on pest plant control, predator control, stream and marine protection. Large pest trees need to be removed from public land including all fruiting phoenix palms. Of note is the environmental spend of only 300k which is out of sync with the 12million spend on other maintenance. More of the maintenance pie needs to be spent more

wisely on environmental improvements. We see a lot of waste in the Ventia contract and insufficient care of city gardens.

2. **Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Quite well

   Tell us more

   with proviso on budget as above

3. **Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?**

   Yes

   Tell us more

   A much stronger focus on environmental, stream, marine and tree protection

4. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?**

   Centennial Park Bush Society appreciates the support of the local board but would like to sit down and discuss how the local board could be more efficient in its spend. We need to stop spending huge sums on pretty annuals and lift the maintenance of all council green areas.

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Centrestage theatre

Local Board: Hibiscus and Bays

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2. **Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Very well

Tell us more

It looks a good balance and works to move our community forward.

3. **Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?**

No

Tell us more

bringing an expanding community is not easy but the draft plan looks like it will achieve this.

4. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?**

no

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Organisation: City Builders Association

Local Board: Regional Organisation

Your feedback:

1. **How well do the following focus areas reflect what matters to our community over the next three years?**

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Natural Environment - Our native plants, animals and ecosystems are healthy and protected. Waste and pollution are reduced, and our land, waterways and coastlines are resilient and able to adapt to climate change.	Not very well
Built Environment - Our town centres and neighbourhoods are safe, welcoming, resilient and well designed. They support growth and improve everyday life.	Not very well
Economy - We have a thriving local economy. Businesses grow, employment opportunities increase and communities benefit from sustainable economic development.	Quite well
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Yes

Tell us more

4. Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?

I support the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan 2026 priorities around town centre upgrades in Browns Bay, Ōrewa, and Silverdale/Whangaparāoa, improving parks, playgrounds and sports facilities (including multi-sport sites like Freyberg Park), enhancing safer streets and shared spaces, advancing coastal and climate resilience, and supporting youth programmes and community connection across the Hibiscus Coast and East Coast Bays.

However, with the 7.9% rates increase for 2026/27 on top of previous rises and amid significant council cost pressures, the board must apply strong fiscal restraint and demonstrate prudent financial management under Local Government Act 2002 s.101. Growth, coastal protection, and town centre projects bring infrastructure 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 parks, sports facilities, coastal reserves, and beachfront areas that deliver strong returns on recreation, wellbeing, tourism, and community pride. Prioritise practical coastal and waterway improvements (including elements of the North-West Wildlink and restoration projects) 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 Browns Bay, Ōrewa, and Silverdale centre upgrades and coastal resilience will be advanced without further rates escalation. Hibiscus and Bays ratepayers need value for money and focused delivery on the things that matter most across these growing and coastal North Shore communities.

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Organisation: Civic Trust Auckland (CTA)

Local Board: Regional Organisation

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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.

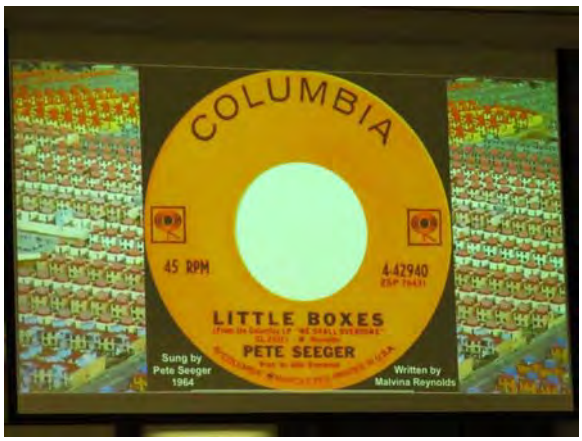
7. Graeme's request to the Policy and Planning Committee:

(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.**

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

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.

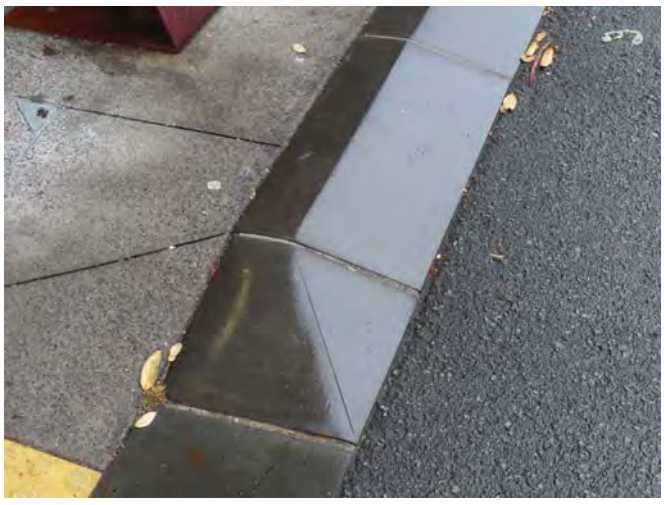
15. We also note, as mentioned in the Challenges section for Transport, "aging and uneven footpaths," with many trip hazards, but it is also to be seen with new paving (e.g., on Victoria Street East), where slippery materials were used and currently signs are up to warn pedestrians about slipping, as 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.

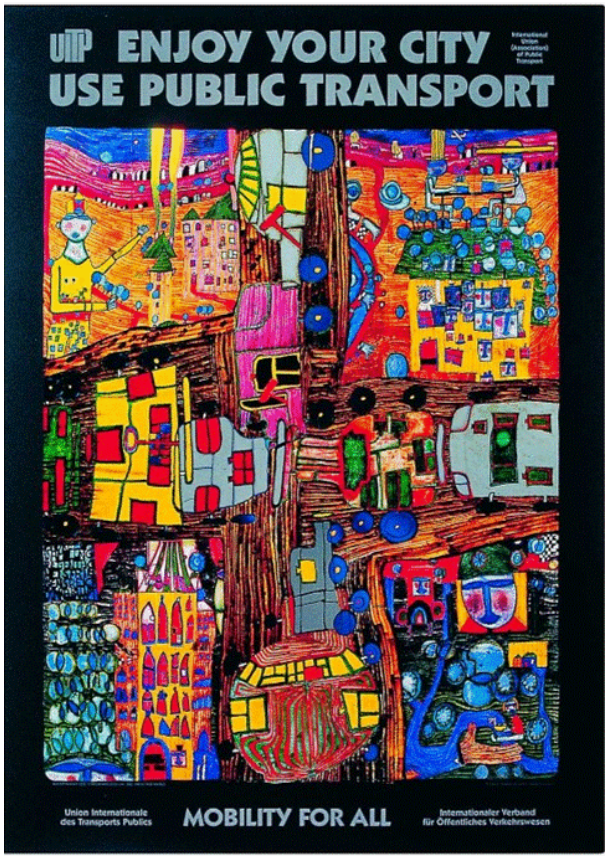
11. From our Annual Plan submission:

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:





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Submitter details:

Organisation: Communities Against Alcohol Harm

Local Board: Regional Organisation

Your feedback:

1. **How well do the following focus areas reflect what matters to our community over the next three years?**

Community - We are a connected, inclusive and resilient community. People feel welcome, heard and able to take part, belong and thrive.	N/A
Natural Environment - Our native plants, animals and ecosystems are healthy and protected. Waste and pollution are reduced, and our land, waterways and coastlines are resilient and able to adapt to climate change.	
Built Environment - Our town centres and neighbourhoods are safe, welcoming, resilient and well designed. They support growth and improve everyday life.	
Economy - We have a thriving local economy. Businesses grow, employment opportunities increase and communities benefit from sustainable economic development.	
Transport – Our transport network is safe, connected and accessible, moving people and goods efficiently and providing reliable, attractive travel choices.	

Tell us more (please note which focus area your comment refers to)

Community

- Support community focus area and vision for a connected, inclusive and resilient community where people feel welcome, their voices are heard and everyone has opportunities to take part, belong and thrive.

- Note the identified a challenge regarding “Concerns about safety, social issues and compliance challenges can affect how comfortable and included people feel in public places.”

- We know that residents experience alcohol-related harm such as noise, nuisance and anti-social behaviour. Proliferation of off-licences as has occurred in Silverdale, Ōrewa, and along the Whangaparāoa Peninsula, can significantly impact community well-being and safety. We also note with concern recent media reports of organised crime groups being associated with the operation of retail/hospitality businesses (not licenced premises) in Ōrewa.

- Support the board’s goal ”Our communities feel safe, supported and prepared, with strong local networks that contribute to wellbeing and resilience”, and key initiative “Support initiatives that improve safety and wellbeing, particularly in town centres, transport hubs and other high-use public spaces.”

2. Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?

Tell us more

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

3. Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?

Yes

Tell us more

Suggest additional advocacy “ Advocate for legislative and policy change to help reduce social harm from alcohol, tobacco and vaping.”

4. Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?

. CAAH welcomes opportunities to partner with the HBLB to continue supporting people navigating complex alcohol licensing processes, working to reduce alcohol-related harm and improving safety in Hibiscus and Bays.

. Would like to present our feedback to the local board if option is available.

23 July 2026

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Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan 2026

Introduction

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft Hibiscus and Bays 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, whether concerns involve off-licence proliferation, or poor noise management at on-licences. We also support local board members in their alcohol licensing role.

Feedback

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

In particular we support the Board's community focus area and vision for *a connected, inclusive and resilient community where people feel welcome, their voices are heard and everyone has opportunities to take part, belong and thrive.*

We note that the Local Board has identified a challenge regarding *Concerns about safety, social issues and compliance challenges can affect how comfortable and included people feel in public places.*

We know that residents experience alcohol-related harm such as noise, nuisance and anti-social behaviour. Proliferation of off-licences as has occurred in Silverdale, Ōrewa, and along the Whangaparāoa Peninsula, can significantly impact community well-being and safety. We also note with concern recent media reports of organised crime groups being associated with the operation of retail/hospitality businesses (not licenced premises) in Ōrewa.

We therefore support the board's goal *Our communities feel safe, supported and prepared, with strong local networks that contribute to wellbeing and resilience,* along with the key initiative *Support initiatives that improve safety and wellbeing, particularly in town centres, transport hubs and other high-use public spaces.*

We would also welcome the local board including an advocacy position to: *Advocate for legislative and policy change to help reduce social harm from alcohol, tobacco and vaping.*

CAAH welcomes opportunities to partner with the Local Board to continue supporting people navigating complex alcohol licensing processes, working to reduce alcohol-related harm and improving safety in Hibiscus and Bays.

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

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Community Groups Feeding the Homeless Inc.

Local Board: Regional Organisation

Your feedback:

1. **How well do the following focus areas reflect what matters to our community over the next three years?**

Community - We are a connected, inclusive and resilient community. People feel welcome, heard and able to take part, belong and thrive.	N/A
Natural Environment - Our native plants, animals and ecosystems are healthy and protected. Waste and pollution are reduced, and our land, waterways and coastlines are resilient and able to adapt to climate change.	
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Tell us more (please note which focus area your comment refers to)

See attached file

2. **Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

Tell us more

See attached file

3. Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?

Tell us more

See attached file

4. Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?

See attached file

Submission of Community Groups Feeding the Homeless

Draft Local Board Plans - all

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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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Submitter details:

Organisation: Destination Orewa Beach

Local Board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback:

1. **How well do the following focus areas reflect what matters to our community over the next three years?**

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Natural Environment - Our native plants, animals and ecosystems are healthy and protected. Waste and pollution are reduced, and our land, waterways and coastlines are resilient and able to adapt to climate change.	Quite well
Built Environment - Our town centres and neighbourhoods are safe, welcoming, resilient and well designed. They support growth and improve everyday life.	Quite well
Economy - We have a thriving local economy. Businesses grow, employment opportunities increase and communities benefit from sustainable economic development.	Quite well
Transport – Our transport network is safe, connected and accessible, moving people and goods efficiently and providing reliable, attractive travel choices.	Not very well

Tell us more (please note which focus area your comment refers to)

Submission on the 2026 Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Draft Plan

Orewa Business Association

The Orewa Business Association appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Draft Plan.

As the representative organisation for Orewa's business community, we support the Board's vision for thriving, connected and resilient communities. Our feedback focuses on ensuring that our town centre remains an attractive, safe and economically sustainable destination as our population continues to grow.

Community

Supporting Vibrant, Safe and Inclusive Town Centres

The Orewa Business Association strongly supports continued investment in community events and initiatives that bring people together and create vibrant town centres.

Events encourage residents and visitors to spend time in Orewa, strengthen community pride and belonging, increase participation across all age groups, and provide significant economic benefits to local businesses. We encourage the Local Board to maintain, and where possible increase, funding for community events delivered in partnership with local organisations and business associations.

Creating an inclusive community also means ensuring our town centre is welcoming and safe for everyone.

We encourage the Board to continue advocating for practical initiatives that improve community safety, including:

Supporting and advocating for CCTV coverage throughout the town centre.

Increased investment in community safety patrols and visible town centre compliance.

Strong partnerships with New Zealand Police and community safety organisations.

Assistance with coordination of homelessness outreach and social support services so vulnerable people receive appropriate assistance while ensuring public spaces remain welcoming, safe and accessible for residents, businesses and visitors.

A vibrant and safe town centre benefits the entire community while supporting local economic activity.

Natural Environment

Investing in Green Spaces and the Public Realm

Orewa's public spaces are one of its greatest strengths and are fundamental to its identity as a coastal destination.

Some landscaped areas, gardens, streetscapes and public spaces within the town centre have not received significant upgrades for many years and are now showing signs of age. As our population continues to grow, these spaces should evolve to reflect the expectations of residents, visitors and businesses.

The Orewa Business Association encourages the Local Board to work collaboratively with Auckland Council departments, Auckland Transport and local stakeholders to develop a long-term enhancement plan for the town centre.

We support:

Increased investment in maintaining and renewing gardens, landscaping and street furniture.

Upgraded planting, lighting, seating and public gathering spaces.

Better maintenance of existing green spaces.

Ongoing renewal of streetscapes and public amenities.

Long-term planning that reflects Orewa's growth and reinforces its reputation as one of Auckland's premier coastal town centres.

High-quality public spaces encourage people to spend more time in Orewa, support local businesses and strengthen community wellbeing.

Built Environment

Planning Growth Responsibly

Orewa continues to experience significant residential growth. While growth brings opportunities, it must be supported by infrastructure that keeps pace with increasing demand.

The Orewa Business Association encourages the Local Board to advocate for a balanced approach to development, including not supporting fast track residential developments which would create significant cumulative impacts of development on town centre infrastructure and public amenities which are already at capacity.

Infrastructure investment should occur alongside growth—not after it.

Current pressures are already evident across:

Transport networks.

Parking availability.

Wastewater and stormwater infrastructure.

Public facilities.

Parks and open spaces.

Town centre amenities.

Without coordinated planning and timely investment, continued development risks reducing the attractiveness, accessibility and functionality of Orewa's town centre.

We encourage the Local Board to advocate for stronger coordination between Auckland Council, Auckland Transport and central government to ensure infrastructure delivery keeps pace with population growth.

Economy

Supporting a Sustainable Business Environment

Orewa's small businesses continue to face increasing financial pressure from rising operating costs.

Commercial rates, insurance, wages, compliance costs and other regulatory charges continue to increase each year, making it increasingly difficult for many small businesses to remain financially sustainable.

The Orewa Business Association encourages the Local Board to advocate for:

Realistic and sustainable commercial rates

Continued support for Business Improvement District programmes and local business partnerships.

Investment that strengthens the economic resilience of town centres.

A healthy local economy depends on thriving small businesses, and balanced rating and regulatory policies are essential to maintaining employment, investment and vibrant commercial centres.

Transport

Delivering Public Transport That Matches Growth

Transport remains one of Orewa's most significant challenges.

The current public transport network does not adequately meet the needs of our rapidly growing population or the level of residential development occurring throughout the area.

Of particular concern is the lack of a direct and frequent public transport connection between Orewa and Whangaparāoa. These two communities are closely connected through employment, education, retail, recreation and community services, yet public transport options between them remain limited and inconvenient.

As further residential developments continue to be approved, pressure on an already constrained transport network will only increase.

The Orewa Business Association encourages the Local Board to advocate for:

Improved public transport services between Orewa and Whangaparāoa.

Increased service frequency and reliability throughout the Hibiscus Coast.

Public transport planning that anticipates future population growth rather than reacting after congestion has become established.

Investment in transport infrastructure that supports both residents and local businesses.

An efficient public transport network reduces congestion, improves accessibility to town centres and supports sustainable economic growth across the region.

Conclusion

The Orewa Business Association supports the Draft Plan's vision for creating connected, prosperous and resilient communities.

To achieve this vision, we encourage the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board to continue advocating for:

Strong, safe and inclusive communities supported by vibrant local events.

High-quality green spaces and attractive public places.

Responsible growth with infrastructure delivered alongside development.

Sustainable commercial rates and recognition of the cumulative impact of regulatory costs on businesses.

Public transport investment that reflects the pace of population growth and better connects Orewa with surrounding communities.

We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with the Local Board, Auckland Council and other stakeholders to ensure Orewa remains a thriving place to live, work, visit and do business for many years to come.

2. Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?

Quite well

Tell us more

3. Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?

No

Tell us more

4. Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?

Refer to commentary with Section 1

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Estuary Arts Charitable Trust

Local Board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback:

1. **How well do the following focus areas reflect what matters to our community over the next three years?**

Community - We are a connected, inclusive and resilient community. People feel welcome, heard and able to take part, belong and thrive.	**Very well**
Natural Environment - Our native plants, animals and ecosystems are healthy and protected. Waste and pollution are reduced, and our land, waterways and coastlines are resilient and able to adapt to climate change.	Very well
Built Environment - Our town centres and neighbourhoods are safe, welcoming, resilient and well designed. They support growth and improve everyday life.	Very well
Economy - We have a thriving local economy. Businesses grow, employment opportunities increase and communities benefit from sustainable economic development.	Very well
Transport – Our transport network is safe, connected and accessible, moving people and goods efficiently and providing reliable, attractive travel choices.	Very well

Tell us more (please note which focus area your comment refers to)

The Estuary Arts Charitable Trust (EACT) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board (HBLB) Plan. As a vital community hub for visual and creative arts in Orewa, EACT is committed to aligning its governance and operational priorities with the Local Board's vision for a vibrant, safe, and connected community.

2. Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?

Very well

Tell us more

EACT recognises the Local Board's role in fostering a sense of belonging through local arts and culture. Our current performance metrics demonstrate high community engagement, with over 82,000 visitors annually and record-breaking participation in our education programmes. The Trust notes with appreciation the recent increase in our annual Auckland Council grant. This support is critical as we manage the complex demands of a high-growth region while maintaining financial solvency.

3. Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?

Yes

Tell us more

We are actively updating our emergency procedures to include specific tsunami and coastal flood evacuation plans aligned with Auckland Council Civil Defence guidance. We request that the Local Board Plan explicitly support infrastructure resilience and clear signage for coastal evacuation routes within the Western Reserve to protect the thousands of students and visitors who frequent our site annually. Estuary Arts is happy to assist with facilities during an emergency event.

4. Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?

We remain a dedicated partner to the HBLB in enriching the individual and community life of the Hibiscus Coast through arts education and exhibitions.

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Friends of Okura Bush

Local Board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback:

1. **How well do the following focus areas reflect what matters to our community over the next three years?**

Community - We are a connected, inclusive and resilient community. People feel welcome, heard and able to take part, belong and thrive.	**Very well**
Natural Environment - Our native plants, animals and ecosystems are healthy and protected. Waste and pollution are reduced, and our land, waterways and coastlines are resilient and able to adapt to climate change.	Very well
Built Environment - Our town centres and neighbourhoods are safe, welcoming, resilient and well designed. They support growth and improve everyday life.	Very well
Economy - We have a thriving local economy. Businesses grow, employment opportunities increase and communities benefit from sustainable economic development.	Very well
Transport – Our transport network is safe, connected and accessible, moving people and goods efficiently and providing reliable, attractive travel choices.	Very well

Tell us more (please note which focus area your comment refers to)

Congratulations on an aspirational plan. It appears to have recognised the interconnectedness of five main priority areas to meet the wellbeing of our current and future generations. Resourcing.

The focus however of this feedback is on Te Taioa Maori: Natural Environment. Friends of Okura Bush supports all aspects of this section of the Plan. We regard this as a priority area

for without a healthy environment all other aspects of he Plan will not flourish well. Human life begins with the natural environment. It is part of us, and we are part of the environment. It is pleasing to see the emphasis on environmental protection and mitigating climate change.

We support all the three year goals and what the Board wishes to deliver.

Recommendations to include in key objectives under the Natural Environment section:

- Further maintenance of Karepiro Forest Walkway.

- Advocacy:

Sedimentation: advocate to Council there needs to be stricter regulation in regards to sediment control, particularly during periods of development and construction, and greater means of enforcing these standards. This will likely require further resourcing to engage further compliance officers to keep a tighter watch of building/construction regulations being met.

- Water harvesting: to help reduce flooding, and sediment/ pollutant run-off, advocate to Auckland Council that all new building should be required to install appropriate rain water catchment systems, and a subsidy made available for installation of rainwater tanks on built sites.

- Advocate to Auckland Transport that a larger car parking area needs to be established at the end of Haigh Access Road to provide for anticipated increased traffic use of the Okura Bush Walkway once it is opened (circa late 2027).

- Advocate to the Department of Conservation re improved pubic access to the Okura Bush Track, that best practice track development methods be adhered to - refer to DOC Site Visit Report, 29. 04. 14: Steve Benham .

2. Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?

Very well

Tell us more

Well thought through plan.

3. Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?

No

Tell us more

4. Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Gardens4Health

Local Board: Regional Organisation

Your feedback:

1. **How well do the following focus areas reflect what matters to our community over the next three years?**

Community - We are a connected, inclusive and resilient community. People feel welcome, heard and able to take part, belong and thrive.	**Quite well**
Natural Environment - Our native plants, animals and ecosystems are healthy and protected. Waste and pollution are reduced, and our land, waterways and coastlines are resilient and able to adapt to climate change.	Very well
Built Environment - Our town centres and neighbourhoods are safe, welcoming, resilient and well designed. They support growth and improve everyday life.	Quite well
Economy - We have a thriving local economy. Businesses grow, employment opportunities increase and communities benefit from sustainable economic development.	Not very well
Transport – Our transport network is safe, connected and accessible, moving people and goods efficiently and providing reliable, attractive travel choices.	Quite well

Tell us more (please note which focus area your comment refers to)

2. **Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Quite well

Tell us more

3. Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?

Yes

Tell us more

Food insecurity is an increasing issue that every local board needs to consider. I believe the local board should gain an understanding of the local food system from business to community projects to food inequity statistics and impacts.

4. Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?

Submission on 3 year local board plan for Hibiscus and Bays.

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 Hibiscus and Bays, 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 Hibiscus and Bays 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 Hibiscus and Bays.

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 Hibiscus and Bays 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 Hibiscus and Bays.

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

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Gardens4Health

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Harbour Sport Trust

Local Board: Regional Organisation

Your feedback:

1. **How well do the following focus areas reflect what matters to our community over the next three years?**

Community - We are a connected, inclusive and resilient community. People feel welcome, heard and able to take part, belong and thrive.	N/A
Natural Environment - Our native plants, animals and ecosystems are healthy and protected. Waste and pollution are reduced, and our land, waterways and coastlines are resilient and able to adapt to climate change.	
Built Environment - Our town centres and neighbourhoods are safe, welcoming, resilient and well designed. They support growth and improve everyday life.	
Economy - We have a thriving local economy. Businesses grow, employment opportunities increase and communities benefit from sustainable economic development.	
Transport – Our transport network is safe, connected and accessible, moving people and goods efficiently and providing reliable, attractive travel choices.	

Tell us more (please note which focus area your comment refers to)

Harbour Sport strongly supports the following areas of the plan:

- commitment to help sports groups and community organisations grow participation, strengthen governance and improve financial resilience. The preference for multi-user, shared and collaborative models is appropriate where it improves access, reduces duplication and provides long-term operating sustainability.

- Support for more spaces, better lighting, fair access, indoor and outdoor recreation facilities and amenities guided by the Hibiscus and Bays Sport and Active Recreation Facilities Plan.

- shared-use partnerships with schools, clubs and other facility owners. Welcome Aktive's offer to work with the Local Board and Harbour Sport on an integrated approach.

- commitment to co-design with disability communities and develop practical, sustainable access solutions is strongly supported.

- well-connected greenways, safe cycling and learn-to-ride initiatives. These should link neighbourhoods and public transport with schools, parks, beaches, town centres and recreation facilities.

2. Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?

Tell us more

Harbour Sport strongly supports the Draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan 2026. The plan has a particularly strong and practical focus on participation, governance and financial resilience, shared-use facilities, accessible sports fields, indoor and outdoor recreation, disability co-design, wheeled play, active transport and implementation of the Sport and Active Recreation Facilities Plan. Our recommendations focus on disciplined implementation, effective capacity, local school-club partnerships, healthy ageing and measurable equity.

Harbour Sport is not seeking to alter the plan's overall direction. We are asking that the final plan and subsequent annual work programmes translate its strong strategic intent into practical, measurable and sustainable local outcomes.

3. Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?

Tell us more

Areas of significance to strengthen:

- Convert the Facilities Plan into a delivery pipeline. Annual work programmes should identify priority projects, effective-capacity improvements, school partnerships, funding pathways, operational responsibilities and measures.

- Use effective capacity and fair-access evidence. Additional spaces are needed, but existing supply can also be improved through lighting, drainage, booking transparency, extended hours, support amenities and shared access.

Progress indoor courts provision and shared-use access with schools.

- Implementation should address volunteer recruitment, coach development, safeguarding, succession, administration and operational capacity in addition to governance and financial resilience which is already recognised

- Strengthen disability and wider equity outcomes

- Develop rangatahi and school-to-community pathways

- Recognise older adults and preventative health. Community Strength and Balance, Green Prescription, Active Families and Active Teens should be recognised as part of the local activity and wellbeing network, supported through affordable venues, referral pathways and accessible transport.

- Plan across both subareas and neighbouring boards - Investment should be transparent across both areas while recognising facilities serve wider catchments.

- Link environmental resilience with recreation continuity Renewals should consider safe access, shade, all-weather surfaces, relocation, emergency use and restoration.

- Measure outcomes and maintain local voice. Annual reporting should track effective capacity, participant demographics, repeat engagement, school access, volunteer capability, facility utilisation, wellbeing and progression into ongoing activity.

- Local implementation should connect opportunities across all ages and life stages rather than treating formal sport, informal activity and health-supported participation as separate systems

4. Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?

HARBOUR SPORT

Submission on the Draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan 2026

Supporting the plan's direction and strengthening local implementation for sport, play, active recreation and community wellbeing

Submitted by	Harbour Sport Trust
Date	17 July 2026
General contact	[redacted]
Organisation	He Toa Taua – Stronger Together

Overall position

Harbour Sport strongly supports the Draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan 2026. The plan has a particularly strong and practical focus on participation, governance and financial resilience, shared-use facilities, accessible sports fields, indoor and outdoor recreation, disability co-design, wheeled play, active transport and implementation of the Sport and Active Recreation Facilities Plan. Our recommendations focus on disciplined implementation, effective capacity, local school-club partnerships, healthy ageing and measurable equity.

1. Executive summary

Harbour Sport welcomes the opportunity to respond to the Draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan 2026. We strongly support its recognition that population growth, intensification and smaller private spaces are increasing reliance on accessible, inclusive and fit-for-purpose parks, sports facilities and community assets.

The Community section is closely aligned with Harbour Sport's work. It directly recognises sports groups and community organisations, governance and financial resilience, shared-use facilities, lighting and fair access, indoor and outdoor recreation, wheeled play and co-design with disability communities.

Harbour Sport supports the regional positions advanced by Aktive, including continued implementation of the Hibiscus and Bays Sport and Active Recreation Facilities Plan, school-facility partnerships, North Harbour Stadium advocacy and safe walking and cycling connections. We offer local evidence and implementation recommendations from our Hibiscus Coast place-based work.

Our principal recommendations

- Retain the plan's strong sport, active recreation, play, equity and community-capability commitments.
- Translate the Hibiscus and Bays Sport and Active Recreation Facilities Plan into a prioritised, funded and measurable implementation pipeline.
- Use effective capacity to guide investment in indoor courts, sports fields, lighting, school facilities, amenities and shared-use assets.
- Develop formal school and third-party access partnerships, building on the Whangaparāoa College facility network and wider local collaboration.
- Continue disability co-design and inclusive delivery, including adapted sport, accessible parks and practical support infrastructure.
- Strengthen rangatahi, young women and girls and school-to-community pathways through locally designed, low-cost opportunities.
- Recognise Community Strength and Balance, Green Prescription, Active Families and Active Teens as important community wellbeing services, particularly for older adults and people facing access barriers.
- Establish local measures and partnership governance to track delivery across the Hibiscus Coast and East Coast Bays.

Submission framing

Harbour Sport is not seeking to alter the plan's overall direction. We are asking that the final plan and subsequent annual work programmes translate its strong strategic intent into practical, measurable and sustainable local outcomes.

2. About Harbour Sport and our evidence base

Harbour Sport is the Regional Sports Trust serving the North Harbour region. We work across play, active recreation, sport, health and community wellbeing. Our role includes direct programme delivery, community development, sector capability, investment and fund administration, school and club support, facility advocacy, events, insights and partnership brokering.

Our work in and around Hibiscus and Bays includes:

- the Hibiscus Coast place-based/GPC programme and local partnership development;
- the Whangaparāoa College Community Sport and Facilities Evening and follow-up school-club connections;
- Hibiscus Coast Local League and lower-barrier badminton and pickleball opportunities;
- Orewa College Being Active insights and Active Bodies, Active Minds;
- Ballers Night Club and youth-development activity;

- adapted basketball, therapeutic riding and wider disability inclusion;
- Nukumea and Ahutoetoe play work, Play Trailer activations and sideline play resources;
- Tū Manawa investment and support for local clubs, schools and community providers;
- girls and women's pathways, including the emerging Hibiscus Bays Cricket collaboration;
- Green Prescription, Active Families, Active Teens and Community Strength and Balance;
- facility, governance, volunteer and coach support through Harbour Sport and the North Harbour Sports Council.

North Harbour State of Play evidence

Harbour Sport's 2026 North Harbour State of Play report drew on feedback from 48 clubs, 16 regional sports organisations and two community groups, representing 72,721 playing members. It provides a system-level view of the conditions affecting community sport and recreation across the five northern local boards.

Evidence	Implication for the Local Board Plan
Only 52.5% of surveyed organisations reported sufficient capacity to meet current demand.	Growing interest will not translate into participation unless facility, workforce and operating constraints are addressed.
More than 69% reported insufficient future facility capacity.	Long-term planning must respond to current unmet demand, future growth and changes in participation preferences.
Indoor sport remains heavily reliant on school gyms with limited community availability.	School access should be formal, reliable, affordable and counted as capacity only where it is sustainable.
Volunteer burnout, coaching shortages and succession risks are system-wide pressures.	Community-led delivery requires capability and operating support, not only capital assets.
Approximately 19.5% of organisations identified themselves as financially at risk.	Rising costs and pay-to-play responses may reduce equitable community access.
Cost, transport, language, culture and disability continue to affect participation.	Equity must be built into facilities, programmes, communications, partnerships and measurement.

Local evidence and context for Hibiscus and Bays

- Hibiscus and Bays grew by approximately 9.6% between 2018 and 2023 and is one of Auckland's fastest-growing areas. Its older median-age profile also increases demand for safe, social and low-impact physical activity.
- The Whangaparāoa College Community Sport and Facilities Evening connected 11 local clubs and organisations around school access, facility use, Tū Manawa and shared local needs. Follow-up work has strengthened relationships with approximately 10 schools and created pathways expected to reach 250-260 tamariki.
- The Hibiscus Coast Local League involved 60 students from six schools in badminton and trialled a three-week pickleball programme. Orewa College used 201 student responses to shape Active Bodies, Active Minds for students disengaged from traditional sport.
- Ballers Night Club engaged 205 rangatahi across 49 sessions. Adapted Basketball provided a local programme for 16 disabled tamariki and rangatahi across 32 sessions.
- Harbour Sport's corrected play evidence records 880 Hibiscus and Bays attendances through Play Trailer activations between September 2024 and June 2026, alongside Nukumea, Ahutoetoe and other community play activity.

3. Areas of the draft plan strongly supported by Harbour Sport

3.1 Participation, governance and financial resilience

Harbour Sport strongly supports the commitment to help sports groups and community organisations grow participation, strengthen governance and improve financial resilience. This is unusually explicit and reflects the reality that sustainable community outcomes depend on capable organisations as well as facilities.

The preference for multi-user, shared and collaborative models is appropriate where it improves access, reduces duplication and provides long-term operating sustainability.

3.2 Accessible fields, indoor and outdoor facilities

We support more spaces, better lighting, fair access, indoor and outdoor recreation facilities and amenities guided by the Hibiscus and Bays Sport and Active Recreation Facilities Plan.

This is well aligned with State of Play findings and local club and school feedback, particularly around indoor courts, school facilities, sports-field training capacity and support infrastructure.

3.3 School and facility partnerships

Harbour Sport strongly supports shared-use partnerships with schools, clubs and other facility owners. The Whangaparāoa College Community Sport and Facilities Evening demonstrates that schools can become local hubs when access, relationships, funding and delivery partners are brought together.

We welcome Aktive's offer to work with the Local Board and Harbour Sport on an integrated approach.

3.4 Inclusion, disability and informal recreation

The commitment to co-design with disability communities and develop practical, sustainable access solutions is strongly supported. Adapted basketball and therapeutic riding demonstrate local demand and the value of tailored opportunities.

We also support wheeled play, informal space to run, climb and bike and community-led use of reserves, provided accessibility, environmental and maintenance requirements are addressed.

3.5 Growth, active transport and regional assets

Harbour Sport supports well-connected greenways, safe cycling and learn-to-ride initiatives. These should link neighbourhoods and public transport with schools, parks, beaches, town centres and recreation facilities.

We also support advocacy for North Harbour Stadium as a well-used multi-purpose regional asset and for infrastructure that keeps pace with growth.

4. Areas of significance to strengthen

4.1 Convert the Facilities Plan into a delivery pipeline

The final plan already references the Hibiscus and Bays Sport and Active Recreation Facilities Plan. The next requirement is a transparent implementation pipeline.

Annual work programmes should identify priority projects, effective-capacity improvements, school partnerships, funding pathways, operational responsibilities and measures.

4.2 Use effective capacity and fair-access evidence

Additional spaces are needed, but existing supply can also be improved through lighting, drainage, booking transparency, extended hours, support amenities and shared access.

Investment should consider actual peak-time availability, affordability, quality, transport, disability access and continuity, not only facility counts.

4.3 Progress indoor courts and school access

Growth in basketball, volleyball, badminton, futsal, pickleball and other court activities is placing pressure on indoor provision.

Formal shared-use agreements with schools should cover access times, pricing, bookings, storage, supervision, maintenance, health and safety and continuity.

4.4 Sustain governance, volunteers and coaching

The plan appropriately recognises governance and financial resilience. Implementation should also address volunteer recruitment, coach development, safeguarding, succession, administration and operational capacity.

Without this support, local organisations may be unable to absorb growth even where space is available.

4.5 Strengthen disability and wider equity outcomes

Local adapted basketball, therapeutic riding and inclusive play show the benefits of practical local design.

Disability co-design should be applied to toilets, changing, parking, paths, signage, sensory considerations, equipment, communications and programme workforce, not only primary facility access.

4.6 Develop rangatahi and school-to-community pathways

Local evidence shows strong results when student voice informs delivery. The Local League, Ballers Night Club and Active Bodies, Active Minds provide models for flexible, safe and relevant activity.

Further investment should support youth leadership, social formats, girls and women's pathways, school-club transitions and hardship support.

4.7 Recognise older adults and preventative health

Hibiscus and Bays has an older age profile and the plan specifically identifies uneven access for older adults.

Community Strength and Balance, Green Prescription, Active Families and Active Teens should be recognised as part of the local activity and wellbeing network, supported through affordable venues, referral pathways and accessible transport.

Requested strengthening

Recognise Community Strength and Balance, Green Prescription, Active Families and Active Teens as part of the local network of accessible wellbeing and physical activity opportunities.

4.8 Plan across both sub-areas and neighbouring boards

The local board includes the Hibiscus Coast and East Coast Bays, with different growth, transport and facility patterns. Investment should be transparent across both areas while recognising facilities serve wider catchments.

Indoor courts, North Harbour Stadium, specialist facilities and school networks require cross-local-board planning.

4.9 Link environmental resilience with recreation continuity

Coastal erosion, flooding and climate impacts can remove or disrupt recreation assets. Renewals should consider safe access, shade, all-weather surfaces, relocation, emergency use and restoration.

Environmental and recreation outcomes should be planned together, including coastal access, Ōkura connections and blue-green networks.

4.10 Measure outcomes and maintain local voice

Annual reporting should track effective capacity, participant demographics, repeat engagement, school access, volunteer capability, facility utilisation, wellbeing and progression into ongoing activity.

The local youth, disability, school, club and cultural networks should remain involved in implementation and review.

Whole-of-life physical activity pathway

Local implementation should connect opportunities across all ages and life stages rather than treating formal sport, informal activity and health-supported participation as separate systems.

Play	Active recreation	Social and organised sport	Health-supported activity	Healthy ageing

5. Harbour Sport's recommendations

Harbour Sport recommends that the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board retain the draft plan's positive direction and strengthen its implementation through the following actions.

Priority	Recommended action	Why it matters	Suggested delivery mechanism
1	Retain the plan's strong participation and capability commitments.	The plan correctly links sustainable delivery with governance and financial resilience.	Carry the wording into funded annual work programmes.
2	Implement the Facilities Plan through a transparent pipeline.	Strong strategy requires project sequencing, funding and accountabilities.	Publish priority actions and progress annually.
3	Use effective capacity and fair-access measures.	Existing assets may be technically present but unavailable or unaffordable.	Track peak-time access, lighting, quality, cost and support amenities.
4	Formalise school and third-party access.	Schools are essential to indoor and youth provision.	Develop standard shared-use agreements and priority partnerships.
5	Progress indoor-court and sports-field capacity.	Growth and changing activity preferences are increasing demand.	Coordinate regional, school and community facility solutions.
6	Invest in governance, volunteers and coaches.	Organisations need capability to absorb growth and maintain quality.	Provide development, mentoring, funding and operational support.

Priority	Recommended action	Why it matters	Suggested delivery mechanism
7	Embed disability co-design and inclusive infrastructure.	Access barriers extend beyond entrances and paths.	Co-design amenities, communications, equipment and programme delivery.
8	Strengthen rangatahi, girls and school-community pathways.	Local evidence shows the value of insight-led, flexible opportunities.	Scale Local League, youth-led activity and targeted pathways.
9	Recognise healthy ageing and preventative health.	Older adults and families need supported community options.	Enable CSB, GRx, Active Families and Active Teens through local venues and referrals.
10	Establish cross-area implementation and measurement.	The Hibiscus Coast and East Coast Bays require coordinated but locally visible delivery.	Convene partners and report agreed indicators annually.

6. Harbour Sport's role in implementation

Harbour Sport is willing to support the Local Board and Auckland Council as a strategic and delivery partner. Our contribution can include:

- providing local and regional participation, facility and community insights;
- connecting the Local Board with schools, clubs, regional sports organisations, health providers and community organisations;
- supporting effective-capacity analysis and community access discussions;
- facilitating youth, tamariki, whānau and sector engagement;
- supporting play, active recreation and school-to-community pathways;
- supporting community providers with governance, funding, volunteers, coaching, inclusion and programme development;
- helping establish practical measures and impact reporting;
- contributing to cross-local-board and North Harbour network planning.

This reflects Harbour Sport's He Toa Taua - Stronger Together approach: local outcomes are strongest when community knowledge, public investment, sector expertise and trusted relationships are combined.

7. Conclusion

Harbour Sport strongly supports the Draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan 2026. Its direct focus on participation, governance, financial resilience, shared-use facilities, disability inclusion and the Sport and Active Recreation Facilities Plan provides a strong platform for community wellbeing.

The priority is disciplined implementation. Effective capacity, indoor courts, school access, organisational capability, rangatahi pathways, healthy ageing and measurable equity outcomes should be carried into annual work programmes and investment decisions.

Harbour Sport looks forward to continuing to work with the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board, Auckland Council, Aktive, mana whenua, schools, clubs, disability and health partners and community organisations across the Hibiscus Coast and East Coast Bays.

Final position

Support the direction. Strengthen local implementation. Invest in people as well as places. Measure whether communities are becoming more active, connected and well.

Appendix 1: Suggested wording for inclusion or annual work programme development

Area	Suggested wording
Facilities Plan	Implement the Hibiscus and Bays Sport and Active Recreation Facilities Plan through a prioritised, funded and measurable project pipeline.
Shared use	Develop formal school, club and third-party access agreements that provide affordable and reliable community use.
Community capability	Support governance, financial resilience, volunteers, coaches, safeguarding and sustainable operating capability.
Inclusive wellbeing	Enable disability co-design, Community Strength and Balance, Green Prescription, Active Families and Active Teens.
Measurement	Track effective capacity, participant equity, repeat engagement, school access, provider capability and wellbeing outcomes.

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Healthy Auckland Together

Local Board: Regional Organisation

Your feedback:

1. **How well do the following focus areas reflect what matters to our community over the next three years?**

Community - We are a connected, inclusive and resilient community. People feel welcome, heard and able to take part, belong and thrive.	N/A
Natural Environment - Our native plants, animals and ecosystems are healthy and protected. Waste and pollution are reduced, and our land, waterways and coastlines are resilient and able to adapt to climate change.	
Built Environment - Our town centres and neighbourhoods are safe, welcoming, resilient and well designed. They support growth and improve everyday life.	
Economy - We have a thriving local economy. Businesses grow, employment opportunities increase and communities benefit from sustainable economic development.	
Transport – Our transport network is safe, connected and accessible, moving people and goods efficiently and providing reliable, attractive travel choices.	

Tell us more (please note which focus area your comment refers to)

Community

- Commended including actions on strengthening the opportunities for communities to celebrate inclusion, cultural heritage, events, sports and recreation in parks and town centres.

- Support focus on using community assets, reserves and facilities creatively to maximise long-term community benefit. And the emphasis on people of all ages and abilities to access parks, facilities and recreation opportunities that support wellbeing participation and equity is to be commended.

Natural Environment

- Support including extensive actions to care for, protect and restore the natural environment in Hibiscus and Bays.

- Support objective to "Protect and restore native biodiversity and water quality through integrated partnerships and education, supporting long -term stewardship of land, waterways, estuaries and coastal ecosystems"

Built Environment

- Support objectives for vibrant town centres and neighbourhoods and well-planned public spaces.

Transport

- The overall implementation of the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board's new responsibilities in transport is positive approach to enabling good health through increased safety, active travel.

- Support objective 1 "Getting around the area is safe, accessible and efficient, where people can easily travel for everyday trips…..".

2. Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?

Tell us more

3. Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?

Yes

Tell us more

Community

- 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 to submission.

- Objective 2 - Add in wording to give effect to the 2025 Play Plan

Natural Environment

- Objective 1 – Add a priority to expand the urban ngāhere, especially along roadways.

Built Environment

- Objective 1 Key Initiative 2 Strengthen - Add play to the priority “Support safer, inclusive and well-connected town centres and neighbourhoods by working with the community to design better public spaces that are welcoming, easy to use, playful and where people feel safe”.

Transport Objective 1

- Add a priority to “implement safe speeds in school catchments, town centres and around marae.”

- Add a priority to “Embed Māori identity, partnership and kaitiakitanga into the Hibiscus and Bays transport network

- 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

4. Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?

Healthy Auckland Together submission on the Hibiscus and Bays Draft Local Board Plan 2026

Thank you for the opportunity for Healthy Auckland Together (HAT) to provide a submission on the Hibiscus and Bays draft Local Board Plan 2026.

Ngā mihi,

[redacted]

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.

Hibiscus and Bays 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 other, 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, Hibiscus and Bays 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 Hibiscus and Bays 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 local board's focus on using community assets, reserves and facilities creatively to maximise long-term community benefit. And the emphasis on people of all ages and abilities to access parks, facilities and recreation opportunities that support wellbeing participation and equity is to be commended.

We noticed there was an **absence** of food systems mentioned in the plan.

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.
- Add in wording to give effect to the 2025 Play Plan.

Natural Environment

The Hibiscus and Bays Local Board plan does well for including extensive actions to care for, protect and restore the natural environment in Hibiscus and Bays. 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 "Protect and restore native biodiversity and water quality through integrated partnerships and education, supporting long -term stewardship of land, waterways, estuaries and coastal ecosystems"

To improve outcomes for your communities, we **recommend** that:

- A priority is added to expand the urban ngāhere, especially along roadways.

Built Environment

Hibiscus and Bays' 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.

We **support** your objectives for vibrant town centres and neighbourhoods and well-planned public spaces. Sometimes, opportunities for active play can be unintentionally designed out or displaced by the way urban environments are planned. We would encourage town planners to consider what moments for play (young and old) could be incorporated in neighbourhoods and public spaces (such as painting a hop-scotch).

To improve outcomes for your communities, we **recommend** that

- To strengthen the priority "Support safer, inclusive and well-connected town centres and neighbourhoods by working with the community to design better public spaces that are welcoming, easy to use and where people feel safe" by adding in play.

Transport

The overall implementation of the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board's new responsibilities in transport is positive approach to enabling good health through increased safety, 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 "Getting around the area is safe, accessible and efficient, where people can easily travel for everyday trips. Walking, cycling and public transport are attractive and convenient choices, supported by well - connected routes, reliable services and high -quality infrastructure" because it addresses the safety, accessibility and promotion of active and public transport.

To improve outcomes for your communities, we **recommend** that:

- A priority is added to implement safe speeds in school catchments, town centres and around marae.
- A priority is included to embed Māori identity, partnership and kaitiakitanga,
- 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

Conclusion

Thank you for you providing the opportunity to comment on the Hibiscus and Bays 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.
2	-	Addition	Add in wording to give effect to the 2025 Play Plan
Natural Environment			
Objective	**Priority**	**Stance**	**Recommendation**
1	-	Addition	A priority is added to expand the urban ngāhere, especially along roadways.
Built Environment			
Objective	**Priority**	**Stance**	**Recommendation**
1	2	Strengthen	Add play to the priority "Support safer, inclusive and well-connected town centres and neighbourhoods by working with the community to design better public spaces that are welcoming, easy to use, playful and where people feel safe".
Transport			
Objective	**Priority**	**Stance**	**Recommendation**
1	-	Addition	Add a priority to "implement safe speeds in school catchments, town centres and around marae."
1	-	Addition	Add a priority to "Embed Māori identity, partnership and kaitiakitanga into the Hibiscus and Bays transport network
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

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

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.

Building the capability and sustainability of successful community initiatives 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.

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Hibiscus Coast Community House

Local Board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback:

1. **How well do the following focus areas reflect what matters to our community over the next three years?**

Community - We are a connected, inclusive and resilient community. People feel welcome, heard and able to take part, belong and thrive.	**Very well**
Natural Environment - Our native plants, animals and ecosystems are healthy and protected. Waste and pollution are reduced, and our land, waterways and coastlines are resilient and able to adapt to climate change.	Very well
Built Environment - Our town centres and neighbourhoods are safe, welcoming, resilient and well designed. They support growth and improve everyday life.	Very well
Economy - We have a thriving local economy. Businesses grow, employment opportunities increase and communities benefit from sustainable economic development.	Very well
Transport – Our transport network is safe, connected and accessible, moving people and goods efficiently and providing reliable, attractive travel choices.	Very well

Tell us more (please note which focus area your comment refers to)

2. **Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Very well

Tell us more

3. Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?

Yes

Tell us more

Growth and expansion of housing should not occur until there is sufficient infastructure to support it. The very reasons people moved to the Hibiscus Coast are in danger of being swamped under explosive growth.

4. Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?

The HBC Community House fully supports all goals that help the community to access the services they need here on the coast without having to travel out of the district. We want to see local rates being used to provide local amenities and services.

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Submitter details:

Organisation: National Public Health Service – Northern Region

Local Board: Regional Organisation

Your feedback:

1. **How well do the following focus areas reflect what matters to our community over the next three years?**

Community - We are a connected, inclusive and resilient community. People feel welcome, heard and able to take part, belong and thrive.	N/A
Natural Environment - Our native plants, animals and ecosystems are healthy and protected. Waste and pollution are reduced, and our land, waterways and coastlines are resilient and able to adapt to climate change.	
Built Environment - Our town centres and neighbourhoods are safe, welcoming, resilient and well designed. They support growth and improve everyday life.	
Economy - We have a thriving local economy. Businesses grow, employment opportunities increase and communities benefit from sustainable economic development.	
Transport – Our transport network is safe, connected and accessible, moving people and goods efficiently and providing reliable, attractive travel choices.	

Tell us more (please note which focus area your comment refers to)

See attached file

2. **Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

Tell us more

3. Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?

Yes

Tell us more

See attached file

4. Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?

23 July 2026

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Local Board Plans 2026

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

The primary contact point for this submission is:

[redacted]

Ngā mihi,

[redacted]

1. Introduction and overview

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

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

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

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

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

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

Where NPHS-NR has not made a specific comment on a focus area, objective or priority within a Local Board Plan, this should be read as general support for the direction of that content. **Appendix 1** summarises the specific amendments NPHS-NR recommends for individual Local Board Plans. Recommendations about harmful commodities in Part Two: General Comments should also be taken as suggested amendments to all Plans.

2. General comments

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

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

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

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

[2] 2024/25 NZ Health Survey. https://minhealthnz.shinyapps.io/nz-health-survey-2024-25-annual-data-explorer/_w_9a4a831f8ccc4040a80cc15c9d98d87f/#!/explore-topics
[3] 2024/25 NZ Health Survey. https://minhealthnz.shinyapps.io/nz-health-survey-2024-25-annual-data-explorer/_w_9a4a831f8ccc4040a80cc15c9d98d87f/#!/explore-topics
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[5] NZ Healthy Survey Data. https://www.health.govt.nz/publications/regional-data-release-new-zealand-health-survey
[6] See 6

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3. Local Board Plans: Individual Technical Advice

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

3.1 Henderson-Massey

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

- Focus Area One: Community

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

- Focus Area Three: Built Environment

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

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

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

3.2 Māngere-Ōtāhuhu

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

NPHS-NR supports in part:

- Focus Area One: Community

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

[8] Sergio A. Useche, Francisco J. Llamazares, Cristina Marin (2024) Good for the planet… and for you too? Comparing five travel and health-related outcomes among active, motorized, and public transport commuters. Journal of Transport & Health, Volume 38, 101893.
[9] See 7.

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

- Focus Area Two: Natural Environment

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

- Focus Area Five: Transport

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

3.3 Manurewa

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

- Focus Area One: Community

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

[10] Iungman T, Caballe SV, Segura-Barrero R, Cirach M, et al,. Co-benefits of nature-based solutions: A health impact assessment of the Barcelon Green Corridor (*Eixos Verds)* plan. (2025). Environment International. 196: 109313
[11] See 7.

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

- Focus Area Two: Natural Environment

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

- Focus Area Five: Transport

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

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

3.4 Ōtara-Papatoetoe

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

- Focus Area Two: Natural Environment

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

- Focus Area Five: Transport

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

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

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

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

3.5 Papakura

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

- Focus Area One: Community

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

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

- Focus Area Two: Natural Environment

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

[12] See 7.

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

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

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

3.6 Waitematā

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

- Focus Area One: Community

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

- Focus Area Two: Natural Environment

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

[13] See 7.

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

- Focus Area Three: Built Environment

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

- Focus Area Five: Transport

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

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

3.7 Whau

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

- Focus Area One: Community

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

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

- Focus Area Three: Built Environment

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

- Focus Area Five: Transport

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

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

4. Conclusion

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

Appendix 1: Overview of Suggested Amendments to Local Board Plans

Table 1: Henderson-Massey

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

Table 2: Māngere-Ōtāhuhu

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

Table 3: Manurewa

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

Table 4: Ōtara-Papatoetoe

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

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

Table 5: Papakura

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

Table 6: Whau

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

Have Your Say on the Draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan 2026

#207

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Quiet Sky Waitematâ

Local Board: Waitematā

Your feedback:

1. **How well do the following focus areas reflect what matters to our community over the next three years?**

Community - We are a connected, inclusive and resilient community. People feel welcome, heard and able to take part, belong and thrive.	N/A
Natural Environment - Our native plants, animals and ecosystems are healthy and protected. Waste and pollution are reduced, and our land, waterways and coastlines are resilient and able to adapt to climate change.	
Built Environment - Our town centres and neighbourhoods are safe, welcoming, resilient and well designed. They support growth and improve everyday life.	
Economy - We have a thriving local economy. Businesses grow, employment opportunities increase and communities benefit from sustainable economic development.	
Transport – Our transport network is safe, connected and accessible, moving people and goods efficiently and providing reliable, attractive travel choices.	

Tell us more (please note which focus area your comment refers to)

2. **Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

Tell us more

3. Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?

Tell us more

4. Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?

For 5 years Quiet Sky Waitematâ has advocated for a quieter sky to the Waitematâ Local Board area and opposed the Westmere helicopter consent. They feel strongly that the message needs to go citywide as there is a worrying precedent for all coastal wards. Auckland Council rules do not sufficiently anticipate the growing appetite for urban air mobility in urban and suburban residential zones. Quiet Sky Waitematā submits on two issues which we think need deeper consideration in the WLB Plan.

1. Noise

2. Urban air transport planning and regulation (helicopters now and the future which might include for example air taxis and drone deliveries)

Feedback to the Waitematā Local Board Draft Plan

Quiet Sky Waitematā, 17 July 2026

Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide feedback on your draft plan. Quiet Sky Waitematā submits on two issues which we think need deeper consideration in the WLB Plan.

1. Noise
2. Urban air transport planning and regulation (helicopters now and the future which might include for example air taxis and drone deliveries)

We have provided some suggested wording for each section of the plan for your consideration.

Noise

There is very strong international scientific and policy consensus that environmental noise is a significant public health issue in cities. The World Health Organisation (WHO) considers environmental noise to be **one of the leading environmental health risks**, second only to air pollution in Europe among environmental exposures.

The Waitematā Local Board draft plan mentions noise only in the Built Environment section and notes a challenge only in the central city and Newmarket. The initiative to "Support a noise strategy to reduce impacts of noise on city centre residents" [1] does not seem sufficient to us for such an important issue affecting public wellbeing.

The importance of noise is reflected in plans in many cities around the world. For example, the **London Plan**[2] requires planning decisions to:

- avoid significant adverse noise impacts on health and quality of life;
- mitigate and minimise existing and potential adverse impacts of noise;
- improve and enhance the acoustic environment and promote appropriate soundscapes (including Quiet Areas and spaces of relative tranquillity).

Quiet Sky Waitemata believes that peace and quiet are taonga, like sections of urban wilderness, and increasingly rare in our residential suburbs. We believe this issue affects people across the Board's area, not just in the central city. We believe that consideration should be given to preservation of peaceful spaces and minimisation of noise in multiple sections of the Board's plan, including The Natural Environment, The Built Environment and Transport. This consideration should include policy statements, action plans and advocacy where appropriate.

Urban air transport planning and regulation

A specific example of where better noise management in the city is needed is the case of urban helicopters. Auckland needs better helicopter planning rules now, and a framework for future changes as urban air mobility technology matures rapidly.

[1] It is not clear what strategy this is, who is developing it, what scope it has or how it will influence Council planning decisions.

[2] London Plan 2021, Policy D14 Noise

Auckland City's Planning and Policy Committee has declined to make private helicopters in urban residential zones a prohibited activity in recent years. The activity status of helicopters in Auckland's coastal suburbs remains a "non-complying" activity.

This "non-complying activity" status allows prospective helicopter landing and take off resource consent holders to assert the effects will be minor. In some cases, notably a recent one in Westmere, they will be granted. Such a case-by-case approach places an unacceptable and enormous burden on communities to oppose each single application.

In an intensifying city where urban densities are projected to rise, it is becoming essential to protect people from stressful noise, to protect urban amenity, privacy, public safety, and the environment.

Development of urban air mobility (UAM) has considerable momentum, yet international research identifies there is little social license for private helicopter transport between urban residential sites. There is broad public acceptance of helicopters for emergency, rescue and medical reasons. Accordingly, many cities are concentrating helicopter traffic at recognised transport nodes e.g. airports, railway stations, and hospitals, with public heliports known as "vertiports."

Proposed text changes to the Waitemata Local Board Draft Plan

We follow your draft structure and propose the following insertions ***in italics***.

The Natural Environment

Introduction

> "Waitematā values its natural environment, but it is a vulnerable taonga shaped by its coastal setting, distinctive geology, and highly urbanised landscape. The area has few remnants of native vegetation remaining, so protecting and restoring biodiversity, waterways and the local ngāhere/forest *and reducing noise pollution are* critical to the health and resilience of our communities." (p17).

Challenges

> *Noise pollution; Increasing background noise levels due to intensification and aerial traffic*

Our Plan

> *Continue to oppose activities that increase urban noise across the city, e.g. helicopters.*
>
> *Proactively reduce noise by considering noise as a criterion when investing in infrastructure e.g. electric buses, electric tools rather than petrol driven (water blasters, leaf blowers, ...)*

Advocacy

> *Advocate for the next review of Auckland Council's Unitary Plan to strengthen noise considerations as a major issue for public well-being.*

The Built environment

Our Plan

> "Support a noise strategy to reduce impacts of noise *on all Waitemata residents*". (p.23)

Advocacy

> *Advocate for the next review of Auckland Council's Unitary Plan to include strengthening and clarification of the wording in section E25 (Noise and Vibration), particularly around objectives and policies*[3].

Transport

Challenges

> *Traffic noise is the most common cause of complaints about noise in cities*[4]*. Traffic and associated noise increase with intensification. Helicopters are a significant noise problem in the city and the Gulf islands.*

Our Plan

> Objective: *Consider noise minimisation and reduction a key objective of transport policy decisions and investments.*
>
> Initiative: *Waitematā Local Board (WLB) to declare support for a Plan Change to make private helicopters in urban residential zones a prohibited activity*

Advocacy

> *Waitematā Local Board to advocate for responsible strategic planning, regulation and dedicated infrastructure for any future urban air mobility in Auckland City. Urban air mobility to be treated as a discretionary class of transport activity, not a permitted residential activity.*

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[3] Examples where wording could be strengthened include E25.3 Policies
(3) Encourage activities to locate in zones where the noise generated is compatible with other activities and, where practicable, adjacent zones. "Encourage" could be strengthened to "Require" for example
(5) Prevent significant noise-generating activities other than roads and railway lines from establishing in or immediately adjoining residential zones.
E25.6.32
This reads: "The take-off or landing of a helicopter on any site except for emergency services must not exceed Ldn 50dB or 85dB LAFmax measured within the boundary or the notional boundary of any adjacent site containing activities sensitive to noise and Ldn 60dBA within the boundary of any other site." This has been construed to mean helicopters are Ok in any zone if those noise levels are met. This should be clarified to state that it only defines a noise level, and says nothing about whether such an activity is acceptable in a particular zone.

[4] See NZTA Research Report 299

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Restore Hibiscus and Bays

Local Board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback:

1. **How well do the following focus areas reflect what matters to our community over the next three years?**

Community - We are a connected, inclusive and resilient community. People feel welcome, heard and able to take part, belong and thrive.	**Very well**
Natural Environment - Our native plants, animals and ecosystems are healthy and protected. Waste and pollution are reduced, and our land, waterways and coastlines are resilient and able to adapt to climate change.	Very well
Built Environment - Our town centres and neighbourhoods are safe, welcoming, resilient and well designed. They support growth and improve everyday life.	Very well
Economy - We have a thriving local economy. Businesses grow, employment opportunities increase and communities benefit from sustainable economic development.	Very well
Transport – Our transport network is safe, connected and accessible, moving people and goods efficiently and providing reliable, attractive travel choices.	Very well

Tell us more (please note which focus area your comment refers to)

2. **Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Very well

Tell us more

We fully support this plan. Looking after our parks from an ecological perspective creates benefits that extend well beyond the park boundaries.

Well-managed parks attract more people, creating vibrant public spaces with greater community ownership and reduced transient or anti-social behaviour. More people using and caring for these spaces also means more eyes on the environment, leading to earlier reporting of pollution events that ultimately affect our streams, coastline and marine environment.

Healthy parks are also more resilient to the impacts of increasingly frequent high rainfall events. Restored vegetation, healthy soils and functioning ecosystems help slow and absorb stormwater, reducing erosion and flood impacts for communities downstream within the catchment.

At the same time, encouraging residents to keep pollutants out of stormwater drains and streams improves water quality, supports healthier ecosystems and contributes to healthier communities. Investing in ecological management is therefore not just an environmental outcome—it delivers social, public health and climate resilience benefits that are felt across the wider community.

3. Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?

No

Tell us more

4. Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?

We appreciate the simplicity of this plan. Presenting the information in a clear and accessible way will make it easier for a broader cross-section of the community to understand, engage with and provide meaningful feedback. This should result in consultation that is more representative of the wider community and better informed by the people who use and value these spaces.

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Inc. (Forest & Bird)

Local Board: Regional Organisation

Your feedback:

1. **How well do the following focus areas reflect what matters to our community over the next three years?**

Community - We are a connected, inclusive and resilient community. People feel welcome, heard and able to take part, belong and thrive.	N/A
Natural Environment - Our native plants, animals and ecosystems are healthy and protected. Waste and pollution are reduced, and our land, waterways and coastlines are resilient and able to adapt to climate change.	
Built Environment - Our town centres and neighbourhoods are safe, welcoming, resilient and well designed. They support growth and improve everyday life.	
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Tell us more (please note which focus area your comment refers to)

2. **Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

Tell us more

3. Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?

Tell us more

4. Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?

Refer to attached submission for details

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

Feedback on Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan by the Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Inc

23 July 2026

➢ Emailed to: hibiscusandbayslocalboard@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Submitter details

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This feedback is on behalf of the organisation (Forest & Bird), including its North Shore and Hibiscus Coast branches, and the Pest Free Hibiscus Coast Project.
The preferred method of contact is email, as provided above.

Forest & Bird wishes to be heard in support of this submission.

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

Introduction

1. Forest & Bird is New Zealand'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 and 6 staffed national projects throughout New Zealand carry out community conservation projects and advocate for nature. Forest & Bird has seven branches and two nationally coordinated projects in the Auckland region alone.

2. In support of the society's objectives, it has been involved in resource management processes at the national, regional, and district level. It routinely submits on regional and district plan provisions, 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 in order to 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.

3. The two local branches carry out a range of activities, including but not limited to weed control, pest animal control, restorative planting, education events, content creation and environmental advocacy. The North Shore branch covers the area from the East Coast Bays, south to Devonport, west to Greenhithe, and north to the Weiti River including Okura Bush.
4. While the Hibiscus Coast Branch area covers from the Whangaparāoa Peninsula, west to Waitoki with the northern and southern boundaries of Puhoi and Silverdale, respectively. Everyone involved in the branches is a volunteer, including the committee, trappers, and supporters.

5. In addition, Forest & Bird has one of its National Conservation Projects located in the area, Pest Free Hibiscus Coast, which covers the Hibiscus Subdivision. This landscape scale, community-based project demonstrates how to successfully control pest animals in a way that engages thousands of residents and brings a range of benefits for people and nature. The project has a particular focus on the Whangaparāoa Peninsula, with the long-term goal of eliminating pest animals from this area and plays a key role in protecting important wildlife sites such as Shakespear Regional Park, Ōrewa Estuary and Alice Eaves Scenic Reserve. PFHC collaborates with many other local conservation groups, iwi, schools, and community organisations.

Approach

We are structuring our submission to include Objectives, Key Initiatives, and Advocacy items; just as they may appear in a Local Board Plan; along with commentary on some items and localised specifics. We would like to request the opportunity to make an oral submission on the plan, with the Local Board, where we can answer any questions you have around our views.

Te hapori / Community

Objectives	Key Initiatives
We adopt best practices for all council maintenance and projects to maximise the net benefit to community and nature.	Improve climate impact statements in reports to consider net emissions, biodiversity loss, effect on impermeable surfaces and stormwater, and scarce resource use and recovery. Advocate for native planting selections in amenity planting.
Our communities are resilient to climate change and care for their surrounding environment	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 initiatives and projects that improve wellbeing by promoting a sustainable lifestyle, including waste minimisation, emissions reductions and the implementation, maintenance and understanding of ecosystem services
Our aquatic, recreational, art, and community facilities are fit-for-service, meet the needs of our growing and changing population, and are resilient to climate change	Ensure our playing surfaces, sports fields, aquatic, recreational facilities, and community facilities meet increasing social and recreational needs, are accessible, well maintained, available to the public, sustainable, resilient to climate change, and fit for purpose.

Advocacy

We would like to see the advocacy section under *Community* expanded to include:

- Advocate for appropriate long-term planning and associated funding for infrastructure in growth areas that support Auckland climate goals. – to Governing Body
- Advocate for immediate long term risk scenario planning for the next 50 to 100 years to prepare for and respond to climate changes. – to Governing Body
- Advocate for adequate level of renewals funding to ensure existing assets are well maintained and are adapted to be resilient to climate change. – to Governing Body
- Advocate to Watercare for the use of non-potable water for irrigation of sports and recreation facilities. – to Watercare and Governing Body

- Advocate to the governing body, Auckland transport and Watercare to ensure Aucklanders have a greater understanding about the policies for maintaining and monitoring infrastructure and the importance of reporting faults. – to Governing Body

Commentary

The draft plan recognises that strong communities are built through partnerships, local leadership and shared responsibility. We support this approach and believe climate resilience and environmental sustainability should be embedded across community planning, rather than being considered solely through environmental programmes. Community development, parks, sports and recreation all have important roles to play in supporting healthier natural systems while improving resilience and wellbeing.

Many of the environmental outcomes delivered across the local board area rely on partnerships between Council and community groups, yet these contributions are often invisible to the wider public. There is an opportunity for the Board to more actively communicate and celebrate the work of the volunteers and organisations it supports through regular features in Board communications and by sharing content from community conservation groups. This would recognise volunteer effort, encourage wider participation and strengthen community understanding of the role local people play in caring for nature.

There is strong evidence that participation in environmental restoration benefits both people and nature. Alongside improved ecological outcomes, community-led conservation projects strengthen social connections, support health and wellbeing, build local knowledge and create opportunities for people of all ages to contribute to their neighbourhoods. We see particular opportunities to connect community and environmental initiatives through joint events, collaborative programmes and youth engagement

Te taiao māori / Natural Environment

We suggest adding pest animal control into the Opportunities of Natural environment as something the local community said was important to them as part of recent surveys. This has a direct connection with land stability through the creation and maintenance of healthy forests. When damaged by rats and possums, bare forest floors become subject to erosion, and thin canopies result in increased rainfall reaching the soil. Given the current status of the Pest Free Hibiscus Coast project in exploring the potential to be Auckland's first predator elimination pilot, but whilst recognising the approach of not naming projects or organisations we suggest:

"The Hibiscus & Bays Local Board has supported excellence in community based predator control for many years, we will continue to support our groups to share their learnings with others across the region. We will support national and regional partnerships to realise the potential for predator elimination Whangaparāoa Peninsula, resulting in extended protection for Shakespear Open Sanctuary and significant benefits for nature and the community."

While we support all draft objectives and key initiatives, we would like to offer the below key initiatives to integrate into the Local Board Plan under the *Objective: Protect and restore native biodiversity and water quality through integrated partnerships and education, supporting long-term stewardship of land, waterways, estuaries and coastal ecosystems*.

Key Initiatives
Support sustained control of introduced predators with a focus on defendable locations with important ecological connections, such as the Whangaparaoa Peninsula, and in areas of high ecological value across the Local Board area. Identifying high value ecological areas close to urban populations, support communities to maintain and enhance these 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. Work regionally and with neighbouring Local boards to adopt meaningful cat management policies and regulations to a support responsible domestic cat ownership eg snip and chip campaigns, support regional initiatives to remove feral and unowned cats from all areas of high biodiversity value. Continue to implement actions from the Urban Ngahere (forest) Strategy Support schools, businesses, environmental groups and community volunteers to carry out stream restoration projects including pollution reduction, stream clean-ups, habitat improvement and native riparian planting on public and private land. 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, such as the Nukumea Stream. Support or fund robust, consistently monitored biodiversity and ecological data collection across the board area and throughout environmental projects, using standardised methods and reporting.

Advocacy

We support all the current advocacy points under Natural Environment and would like to suggest the below to expand this section:

- For the Local Board and local community conservation groups are more directly involved in the setting and delivery of council-controlled ecological services - to Governing Body
- Advocate for the development of Blue Green Spatial Network plans, especially in future urban zones that support the preservation and enhancement of natural assets (such as streams and wetlands) that will create greater resilience to flooding, improve water quality and maintain/enhance ecological connectivity - to Governing Body

- Funding for shoreline adaptation plans to implement actions to ensure a sustainable approach to the management of our shorelines – to Governing Body
- Advocate for strong tree protection (in particular of mature native trees) to support the goals of Urban Ngahere action plans and strategies and maintained canopy coverage – to Central Government
- Advocate for reserve acquisition, the retention of green space and planning rules that promote the development of new local habitats that improve ecological connectivity, for example at Archers Block, adjacent to Alice Eaves Scenic Reserve and at Hatfield's Beach Future Urban Zone– to Governing Body
- Retention of the remaining strip of Archers Block between the Whangaparoa Road and the Protected restoration area from the O Mahurangi Penlink project (see appendix) – to Governing Body
- Advocate for funding for the Weiti awa walkway from Arkles Bay to Te Herenga Waka o Orewa Marae along the northern banks of the Weiti awa. - to Governing Body.
- Raise awareness and advocate for dark sky areas/decreased light pollution and the importance of this for indigenous sea and shore birds. - 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 biodiversity, freshwater and coastal water quality monitoring - to Governing Body.
- Advocate to make room for rivers and streams to flood safely, by restricting new development in flood-prone areas and supporting managed retreat where needed - to Governing Body
- Protection of valuable local environmental amenity and ecosystems (water, forests, sites with rare and indigenous flora and fauna) i.e. when providing feedback on Unitary Plan changes, Private Plan Changes and Fast-Track Legislation applications. - to Governing Body and Central Government
- Increased protection and funding for monitoring of intertidal ecosystems to ensure protection of all of the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board area foreshore – to Fisheries New Zealand and Central Government
- 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
- Outcome focused conditions required on consents rather than using standardised conditions on consents. [e.g Don't specify the size of the Silt retention pond - specify the outcome - Water samples at the discharge point must not exceed 4 NTU]. To be applied to Sediment Discharges, Noise Levels, Light pollution, Discharges to Air & Water – to Governing Body and Central Government

- Funding for education, monitoring and compliance to keep vehicles off beaches so that access is only allowed specified locations for launching and retrieving trailer boats – to Governing Body
- Greater management of pest and noxious weeds on motorways, rural roads and road reserves - to Auckland Transport, Waka Kotahi (NZTA) and Governing Body Advocacy

Commentary

The draft plan sets a positive direction for protecting and restoring the natural environment, recognising that long-term ecological health depends on sustained restoration, strong partnerships and community stewardship.

Primarily, one of the key initiatives needs to refer specifically to introduced predator control. Feedback from previous local board surveys has referred specifically to this being of importance and with the important position of the Whangaparaoa peninsula in relation to the predator free islands of the Hauraki Gulf, and to Shakespear Open Sanctuary, this is particularly relevant for this local board.

Sustained support for both predator and pest plant control is a challenge for local boards in terms of their ability to fund such initiatives. Both of these require ongoing support to maintain gains, with additional funding from the Governing Body, including through NETR and through philanthropic funding sources. We recommend that delivery organisations should be required to monitor results and outcomes over time, adopting an adaptive management approach to ensure value for money and justify continued long-term support.

The Board identifies community-led environmental action as an important opportunity. Long-term environmental outcomes depend not only on funding restoration projects, but also on recognising, supporting and communicating the contribution of community groups. Greater visibility of these partnerships through Board communications would acknowledge volunteers, encourage wider participation and build understanding of the role local people play in caring for nature. There is also strong evidence that participation in environmental restoration benefits both people and communities, strengthening social connections, wellbeing and local stewardship alongside ecological outcomes. We therefore support the Board's emphasis on community-led action and recommend explicitly recognising the importance of measurable ecological outcomes so the success of these partnerships can be demonstrated over time

Te whanaketanga ā-ōhanga / Economic development

We agree with all draft objectives and key initiatives under Economic Development and would like to suggest the following additional objectives and key initiatives:

Objectives	Key Initiatives
Our economy grows through sustainable practices by embracing the circular economy	Support projects that engage, advise, educate, and assist our community on how to minimise and build the circular economy Support the work and expansion of the network of community recycling centres for the benefit of our community

Commentary

Our communities spend more time involved in economic activity than any other single activity. Economics is not simply the domain of business owners and managers; it is also the interest of workers, customers, and nature. Nature cannot be seen as a limitless resource of materials for economic systems and the mythical "away" to which we throw the waste of economic activity. The resources that fuel our economic activity are scarce and if we waste them for short term profits then we will continue to destroy our natural heritage and rob future generations of economic opportunity.

Adopting a circular economy; where the waste of one economic activity is recovered to fuel another economic activity, is the most responsible form of economic development. Investing in waste recovery, through incentives like community recycling centres, creates employment and new sources of raw materials for local businesses. Community initiatives like repair cafes improve the wellbeing of residents by extending the useful lifespan of the goods they already own.

Tūnuku / Transport

We support all the current advocacy points under Transport and would like to suggest the below to expand this section:

Advocacy

- Advocate to the Governing Body for the retention of the Local Board transport capital fund
- Advocate for Auckland Transport to take a more proactive approach by taking the lead in working with new commercial developments that are trip generators, such as supermarkets, to include provision for safe public transport infrastructure, such as bus stops, even on streets with a higher volume of users.

Commentary

Transport is another economic activity that requires reform to become more efficient. Not only can Auckland not financially afford to continue to address congestion by investing more in roads for private vehicles; but doing so deprives the city of many other benefits from public and active transport. Public and active transport are both more efficient uses of scarce resources, reducing economic impact on nature. They are also more social means of travel that can build community and make places safer by putting more active eyes onto the streets. Local Boards play a key role in the development of active transport through street to park connections in Greenways plans, Local Board transport capital funds and advocacy to Auckland Transport. Delivering an effective active transport network should not just be about paths though, street trees and facilities play an important part in making walking and cycling more attractive and practical transport choices.

Conclusion

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan. We appreciate the Board's ongoing commitment to protecting and enhancing the area's natural environment and supporting the communities that care for it. We look forward to the opportunity to discuss our submission further at the hearing.

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Shakespear Open Sanctuary Society Inc

Local Board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback:

1. **How well do the following focus areas reflect what matters to our community over the next three years?**

Community - We are a connected, inclusive and resilient community. People feel welcome, heard and able to take part, belong and thrive.	**Quite well**
Natural Environment - Our native plants, animals and ecosystems are healthy and protected. Waste and pollution are reduced, and our land, waterways and coastlines are resilient and able to adapt to climate change.	Quite well
Built Environment - Our town centres and neighbourhoods are safe, welcoming, resilient and well designed. They support growth and improve everyday life.	Quite well
Economy - We have a thriving local economy. Businesses grow, employment opportunities increase and communities benefit from sustainable economic development.	Quite well
Transport – Our transport network is safe, connected and accessible, moving people and goods efficiently and providing reliable, attractive travel choices.	Quite well

Tell us more (please note which focus area your comment refers to)

2. **Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Quite well

Tell us more

3. **Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?**

Tell us more

4. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?**

Submission on Hibiscus and Bays Draft Local Board Plan 2026 by The Shakespear Open Sanctuary Society Inc. (SOSSI).

Natural Environment

SOSSI) is very supportive of the overall aim stated in the draft local Board Plan regarding the Natural environment: "Our native plants, animals and ecosystems thrive in a healthy environment with reduced waste and pollution, controlled pests and restored native biodiversity while our land, waterways and coastlines are resilient and adapt to climate change."

3 Year Goals (objectives)

Stated in draft Hibiscus and Bays Draft Local Board Plan 2026	Our Comments
Support transformative environmental restoration projects that deliver significant ecological improvement, climate resilience and visible community benefit, including blue green networks that restore streams, wetlands and floodplains to reduce flood risk, improve ecosystem health and create pathways for native biodiversity to flourish.	We are particularly supportive of this. Community environmental restoration projects and the networks and natural corridors created by them enhance and support our own objectives, in particular the conservation and enhancement of the natural, recreational, historic and cultural features and values of the Shakespear Open Sanctuary. We encourage the Local Board to support, and advocate for support from governance body, for such projects, including the adjacent pest free Peninsula project.

Advocacy

Stated in draft Hibiscus and Bays Draft Local Board Plan 2026	Our Comments
Advocate to the relevant agencies, including Ministry for Primary Industries, for stronger protection of coastal and foreshore environments, including addressing the removal of shoreline rock, improving education and signage, and supporting enforcement and community-led protection efforts.	This will help regenerate important taonga species such as kūtai (mussels), pāua, and kūkū, giving these shellfish and other marine life a vital chance to recover from years of depletion and environmental pressure. We are fully supportive of such advocacy but also encourage the Local Board to itself take whatever action it can, especially with regards to education and awareness and supporting community-led efforts.
Advocate to the Governing Body for increased resourcing and support for environmental compliance and monitoring to ensure environmental harm is prevented and addressed effectively. This includes construction activity, bylaw enforcement and development controls.	We would like to ensure that this increased resourcing and support for enforcement specifically includes dog management bylaws and dog access rules at local parks, regional parks and beaches where wildlife is at risk due to less than perfect compliance (including Shakespear's wetland track).

	In addition, we would like to see encouragement and advocacy for the provision of additional off-leash dog areas in the vicinity, but away from such sensitive areas, to relieve pressure. We would also encourage additional advocacy for seasonal dog control officers with specific education and awareness raising duties in areas where wildlife may be at risk through non-compliance (Shakespear, other areas with blue penguin and/or dotterel breeding). Auckland Council has deployed such officers at West Auckland beaches, and we would like to see this concept be applied more widely, including in our Local Board Area.

Transport

Stated in draft Hibiscus and Bays Draft Local Board Plan 2026	Our Comments
The local board will continue to advocate for the following priorities: Prioritise a connected, reliable and accessible public transport network that keeps up with growth. This includes frequent and reliable services, well-integrated walking, cycling and low-speed vehicle connections, appropriately located stops and supporting facilities, and infrastructure that enables safe, complete and efficient journeys.	We would like to see Local Board support and advocacy for public transport (bus) service to Shakespear Regional Park not only during weekdays, but also during Weekends and Public Holidays. The benefits of this would include emission reduction, mental health benefits from being in nature expanded to those without cars, and potential reduction in current parking issues during high visitor days.

The Shakespear Open Sanctuary Society Incorporated ("SOSSI") is an incorporated society and registered charity, registration number CC10797

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Silverdale Business Incorporated

Local Board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback:

1. **How well do the following focus areas reflect what matters to our community over the next three years?**

Community - We are a connected, inclusive and resilient community. People feel welcome, heard and able to take part, belong and thrive.	**Very well**
Natural Environment - Our native plants, animals and ecosystems are healthy and protected. Waste and pollution are reduced, and our land, waterways and coastlines are resilient and able to adapt to climate change.	Quite well
Built Environment - Our town centres and neighbourhoods are safe, welcoming, resilient and well designed. They support growth and improve everyday life.	Very well
Economy - We have a thriving local economy. Businesses grow, employment opportunities increase and communities benefit from sustainable economic development.	Very well
Transport – Our transport network is safe, connected and accessible, moving people and goods efficiently and providing reliable, attractive travel choices.	Quite well

Tell us more (please note which focus area your comment refers to)

Community: We strongly support the focus on connected, safe and resilient communities and recognise the important role that vibrant town centres play in bringing people together.

Natural Environment: We support protecting and enhancing the natural environment while ensuring sustainable growth is well planned.

Built Environment: We strongly support the focus on quality town centres, public spaces and planning for growth. We encourage continued investment to ensure infrastructure keeps pace with rapid residential and commercial development.

Economy: We welcome the recognition of local businesses and town centres as important contributors to the area's prosperity and wellbeing. Continued support for Business Improvement Districts and local economic development will be essential as the area grows.

Transport: While we support the direction of the plan, we believe greater emphasis is needed on transport infrastructure, freight access, public transport and connectivity to support the significant growth occurring across Silverdale, Wainui and Dairy Flat.

2. Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?

Quite well

Tell us more

Silverdale Business believes the draft Local Board Plan reflects many of the priorities that matter to our community, including supporting vibrant town centres, community wellbeing, environmental sustainability and local economic development.

The plan could be strengthened by placing greater emphasis on ensuring infrastructure, transport and community investment keep pace with the significant residential and commercial growth occurring across Silverdale and the wider northern growth corridor. We also encourage continued partnership with Business Improvement Districts, recognising the important role they play in delivering local economic development, advocacy, business engagement and community outcomes. Further detail is provided in our attached submission.

3. Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?

Yes

Tell us more

While the draft plan provides a strong foundation, we believe it would be strengthened by including a greater focus on planning for the pace and scale of growth occurring across Silverdale and the wider northern growth corridor.

In particular, we believe the plan should include:

• Growth readiness – ensuring transport, community infrastructure and public spaces are planned and delivered alongside residential and commercial growth, rather than in response to it.

• Recognition of Silverdale as a strategic metropolitan centre – acknowledging Silverdale as a major employment, commercial and service hub that supports not only the local community but also the rapidly growing areas of Wainui, Milldale and Dairy Flat. As one of Auckland's

fastest-growing business centres, Silverdale will continue to play an increasingly important role in supporting employment, investment and economic prosperity across the northern corridor.

• Stronger recognition of Business Improvement Districts – acknowledging the role BIDs play in business advocacy, economic development, placemaking, business engagement and supporting safe, vibrant town centres through strong partnerships with Auckland Council and the Local Board.

Including these priorities would help ensure the Hibiscus and Bays area remains well connected, economically resilient and well prepared for future growth. Further detail is provided in our attached submission.

4. Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?

Silverdale Business welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the Draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan 2026–2029.

Overall, we support the direction of the draft plan and appreciate its focus on building connected communities, vibrant town centres and sustainable growth.

Attached is our formal submission, which provides further detail and recommendations from the perspective of the Silverdale Business Improvement District. Our submission focuses on ensuring infrastructure, transport, economic development and partnership opportunities keep pace with the significant growth occurring across Silverdale and the wider northern growth corridor.

We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board to support a thriving, resilient and prosperous future for our community.

23 July 2026

Silverdale Business Submission - Draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan 2026

To: Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan 2026
From: Silverdale Business
[redacted]

Introduction
Silverdale Business welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the Draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan 2026.
Overall, we support the direction of the draft plan and recognise the important role the Local Board plays in advocating for thriving communities, a strong local economy and well-planned growth. The plan reflects many of the priorities that matter to our community and provides a positive framework for the next three years.

As the Business Improvement District for Silverdale, we represent one of the most diverse business communities within the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board area.
Our members include manufacturers, trades, industrial businesses, wholesalers, retailers, hospitality operators, professional services, health providers, education, technology, automotive businesses and community organisations.
Silverdale Business represents more than 800 businesses across Silverdale's commercial, retail, industrial and village precincts, making it one of Auckland's largest and most diverse Business Improvement Districts.
Collectively they employ thousands of people and provide essential goods and services across Silverdale, Wainui, Milldale, Dairy Flat and the wider Hibiscus Coast.

Our submission focuses on one central message.
Silverdale is growing at an unprecedented pace. To realise the opportunities this growth brings, infrastructure, transport, economic development and community investment must keep pace with the needs of both businesses and residents.

Silverdale's role in the northern growth corridor
Silverdale has evolved into an increasingly important commercial, industrial and employment centre within Auckland's northern growth corridor.

Every day, Silverdale businesses provide employment, deliver essential goods and services, attract investment and support communities well beyond the immediate town centre. The area continues to attract investment across industrial, commercial and retail sectors while also supporting the rapid residential growth occurring in Wainui, Milldale and Dairy Flat.

The Local Board Plan acknowledges growth across the northern corridor. We encourage the final plan to further recognise Silverdale's strategic role in supporting employment, investment, business activity and community wellbeing across the wider sub-region.

Recognising this role will help ensure future planning and investment reflect the importance of Silverdale to both the local economy and Auckland's northern growth corridor.

Planning for growth
Growth is creating significant opportunities for Silverdale, but it also increases demand on transport networks, public infrastructure, community facilities and commercial services. Planning for growth is not simply about accommodating more people; it is about ensuring businesses have the infrastructure, workforce access and commercial certainty needed to continue investing and creating local jobs.

The Local Board has an important role in advocating for investment that keeps pace with growth and ensures infrastructure is delivered alongside development, rather than responding after pressure has occurred.

Continued collaboration between Auckland Council, Auckland Transport, developers, government agencies and local organisations will be essential to delivering well-planned growth that supports businesses, residents and visitors alike.

Silverdale Business supports a proactive approach to planning that balances residential development with investment in employment land, commercial activity, public spaces and supporting infrastructure.

Transport and connectivity
Transport remains one of the highest priorities for our business community.
Businesses rely on efficient movement of employees, customers, freight, suppliers and service vehicles. Reliable transport networks support productivity, investment and employment while improving access to local services and businesses.
As Silverdale continues to grow, transport planning must consider the different needs of our business community. Retail and hospitality businesses rely on convenient customer access and appropriate parking. Manufacturing, trade, industrial and wholesale businesses depend on efficient freight routes and safe access for commercial vehicles.

Professional and health services require reliable access for employees and clients.
Reliable public transport will become increasingly important in connecting people with employment, education and local services while reducing pressure on the wider transport network.

We encourage continued advocacy for transport improvements that recognise Silverdale's importance as both an employment centre and a regional commercial destination.

A diverse local economy
One of Silverdale's greatest strengths is the diversity of its business community.
Unlike many town centres, Silverdale supports businesses across almost every sector of the economy. This diversity creates resilience, employment opportunities and long-term economic stability.

Future planning should recognise that different sectors have different operational requirements. Industrial and manufacturing businesses require reliable freight access and servicing infrastructure, while retail and hospitality businesses depend on attractive public spaces, accessibility and customer activity. Professional and service businesses rely on workforce accessibility, digital connectivity and a safe commercial environment.
Recognising these different operating environments will help ensure future investment supports businesses of every size and sector.

Safe, attractive and resilient business areas
Safe and well-maintained commercial areas encourage investment, improve customer confidence and support thriving businesses.

We support the draft plan's focus on safe and welcoming town centres and encourage this approach to extend across all commercial and industrial precincts.
Continued investment in maintenance, lighting, crime prevention initiatives, public spaces and environmental resilience will benefit businesses, employees and the wider community.
As Silverdale continues to develop, placemaking should reflect the unique character and function of each precinct while creating attractive public environments that encourage people to visit, work and invest.

Partnership
Strong partnerships will be essential to successfully delivering the Local Board Plan. Silverdale Business values its constructive relationship with the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board and welcomes continued collaboration as our community grows.
As the recognised voice of Silverdale's business community, the BID provides an established mechanism for engaging businesses, identifying emerging issues, supporting local initiatives and contributing practical local knowledge.
We look forward to continuing this partnership as the Local Board implements the priorities of the Draft Local Board Plan.

Summary of key priorities

Silverdale Business encourages the Local Board to continue focusing on:

- Ensuring infrastructure keeps pace with residential and commercial growth
- Recognising Silverdale's strategic role as a commercial, industrial and employment hub
- Improving transport connectivity, freight access and public transport
- Supporting a diverse business community across all sectors
- Investing in safe, attractive and resilient commercial precincts
- Maintaining strong partnerships with the business community through the Business Improvement District.

Conclusion
Silverdale Business supports the overall direction of the Draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan 2026 and appreciates the Local Board's commitment to creating connected communities, supporting local economic development and planning for future growth.

As Silverdale and the wider northern growth corridor continue to evolve, there is an opportunity to ensure planning and investment reflect the area's growing importance as a centre for employment, business and community life.

Supporting local businesses also supports the wider community.
By investing in business-friendly places, supporting local employment and planning for sustainable growth, the Local Board can help ensure Silverdale continues to thrive as a place where people choose to live, work, invest and do business.
Silverdale Business looks forward to continuing to work in partnership with the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board, Auckland Council and other stakeholders to ensure Silverdale remains a thriving place to live, work, invest and do business.

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Taikura and Kukuwai residents.

Local Board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback:

1. **How well do the following focus areas reflect what matters to our community over the next three years?**

Community - We are a connected, inclusive and resilient community. People feel welcome, heard and able to take part, belong and thrive.	**Quite well**
Natural Environment - Our native plants, animals and ecosystems are healthy and protected. Waste and pollution are reduced, and our land, waterways and coastlines are resilient and able to adapt to climate change.	Quite well
Built Environment - Our town centres and neighbourhoods are safe, welcoming, resilient and well designed. They support growth and improve everyday life.	Not very well
Economy - We have a thriving local economy. Businesses grow, employment opportunities increase and communities benefit from sustainable economic development.	Quite well
Transport – Our transport network is safe, connected and accessible, moving people and goods efficiently and providing reliable, attractive travel choices.	Not at all

Tell us more (please note which focus area your comment refers to)

Transport is not well managed. Our bus service could be a lot better and safer to use. The roading network is not used as it should be with people speeding in residential areas and high volumes of traffic using local Residential roads as rat runs and making the community feel unsafe, for no reason other than poor planning.

2. **Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Quite well

   Tell us more

   I would like to see more insensitive to keep the smaller residential roads clear of through traffic, to allow more safe environments for people to walk and ride bikes as an alternative to jumping in the car!

3. **Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?**

   Yes

   Tell us more

   We would like to see Taikura Ave and Kukuwai in the draft. Over 95% of residents in this area want to feel safe and be able to sleep at night, without the traffic. We would also like the children in the development to be able to play outside safely and make the most of the lovely reserves we have.

4. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?**

   No

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Te Kotahi a Tāmaki

Local Board: Regional Organisation

Your feedback:

1. **How well do the following focus areas reflect what matters to our community over the next three years?**

Community - We are a connected, inclusive and resilient community. People feel welcome, heard and able to take part, belong and thrive.	N/A
Natural Environment - Our native plants, animals and ecosystems are healthy and protected. Waste and pollution are reduced, and our land, waterways and coastlines are resilient and able to adapt to climate change.	
Built Environment - Our town centres and neighbourhoods are safe, welcoming, resilient and well designed. They support growth and improve everyday life.	
Economy - We have a thriving local economy. Businesses grow, employment opportunities increase and communities benefit from sustainable economic development.	
Transport – Our transport network is safe, connected and accessible, moving people and goods efficiently and providing reliable, attractive travel choices.	

Tell us more (please note which focus area your comment refers to)

2. **Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

Tell us more

3. **Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?**

   Tell us more

4. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?**

Te Kotahi a Tāmaki – Marae Collective

Submission from the TKAT - Marae Collective on the Draft Local Board Plans 2026–2029

Purpose

This submission reflects the aspirations and priorities shared by marae representatives across two regional hui facilitated by Auckland Council on 31 March 2026 and 6th July 2026 as part of the development of the Draft Local Board Plans 2026–2029 through community partnership agreement.

The first hui, held on 31 March 2026, focused on understanding the aspirations, challenges and support needs of marae across Tāmaki Makaurau. The second hui, held during the Draft Local Board Plans consultation on 6th July 2026, provided an opportunity for marae to review the draft plans, discuss local priorities and identify opportunities to strengthen partnerships between marae, local boards and Auckland Council.

Together, these discussions highlighted a shared vision for stronger partnerships, meaningful engagement, investment in marae capability, and greater recognition of marae as trusted community leaders and connectors.

Marae play a vital role in supporting whānau, preserving te ao Māori, strengthening communities and responding to local needs. They provide cultural leadership, social support, emergency response, and opportunities for whānau to connect, learn and thrive.

We welcome the opportunity to contribute to the Draft Local Board Plans and encourage all 21 Local Boards to continue strengthening their partnerships with marae over the next three years.

Our Recommendations

1. Build enduring partnerships with marae

We encourage all Local Boards to move beyond one-off consultation and establish ongoing relationships with marae throughout the work programme. Early and meaningful engagement enables better decision-making and ensures Māori voices help shape local priorities from the outset.

We also encourage more opportunities for elected members to meet directly with marae through regular hui, site visits and community-led conversations.

2. Recognise marae as trusted community partners

Whānau who may experience barriers to participation, and communities who are less likely to engage through formal consultation.

Local Boards should continue working alongside marae to reach these communities and support more inclusive engagement across Tāmaki Makaurau.

3. Invest in strong, sustainable marae

Marae require ongoing investment to continue delivering for their communities.

We encourage Local Boards to advocate for initiatives that strengthen:

- governance capability
- operational sustainability
- legal and compliance knowledge
- tikanga leadership
- community engagement capability
- emergency preparedness and resilience.

Clearer information about Council funding opportunities, criteria and application timeframes would also help marae plan more effectively.

4. Support rangatahi and whānau wellbeing

Rangatahi should remain a key priority across all Local Board Plans.

We encourage Local Boards to support initiatives that:

- strengthen cultural identity and belonging
- improve access to sport, recreation and wellbeing programmes
- provide wraparound support for tamariki and rangatahi
- create more opportunities for rangatahi leadership and participation in local decision-making.

5. Strengthen Te Tiriti partnerships

We acknowledge the distinct roles of both mana whenua and mātāwaka and encourage Local Boards to continue honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi through meaningful partnership, early engagement and opportunities to contribute to decision-making where appropriate.

Planning processes should also recognise that whakapapa and iwi relationships extend beyond Local Board boundaries, allowing marae and iwi to contribute to multiple Local Board Plans where relevant.

6. Encourage collaboration across Tāmaki Makaurau

There is significant value in creating opportunities for marae to connect with one another, local boards and Council staff.

Regional hui, expos and networking opportunities would support collaboration, knowledge sharing and stronger relationships between Māori organisations and Auckland Council.

Summay

The Marae Collective welcomes the positive relationships that continue to develop with Auckland Council and Local Boards.

We look forward to working in partnership to ensure Local Board Plans deliver meaningful outcomes for Māori communities and reflect the aspirations of whānau across Tāmaki Makaurau.

By investing in long-term relationships, recognising marae as trusted community partners and engaging early in decision-making, Local Boards can strengthen outcomes not only for Māori, but for the wider communities they serve.

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#170

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Submitter details:

Organisation: Te Taumata Toi-a-Iwi

Local Board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback:

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Tell us more (please note which focus area your comment refers to)

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Tell us more

3. Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?

Yes

Tell us more

As the regional arts trust for Tāmaki Makaurau, Te Taumata Toi-a-Iwi recognises the Hibiscus and Bays board support for arts, culture and creativity through the provision of local facilities, community grants, and annual flagship events like the Hibiscus & Bays Art Awards.

We would suggest that the achievement of a number of the goals in the Hibiscus and Bays plan could be supported by your arts, culture and heritage sector. These include helping people feel connected to their communities, creating opportunities for residents to take part and contribute to community life, supporting wellbeing and inclusion, building local networks and making the histories, cultures and stories of the board's diverse communities visible and valued to build understanding, identity and a strong sense of belonging.

We look forward to seeing continued collaboration between the board and and your local arts and culture organisations and practitioners to explore opportunities for further development.

4. Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?

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Submitter details:

Organisation: The Tree Council

Local Board: Regional Organisation

Your feedback:

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Tell us more

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Tell us more

4. Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?

See attached

The Tree Council
Tiakina Rākau • est 1986

Submission - Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan 2026

15 July 2026

From: The Tree Council
[redacted]

1. Introduction

1.1. Thank you for the opportunity to present The Tree Council's submission on the proposed **Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan 2026.** This submission is made by The Tree Council, an independent, voluntary organisation, a non-profit incorporated charitable society which has been serving the Auckland community since 1986 in the protection of trees and as advocates for the significant benefits and services that our trees and green spaces provide.

1.2. Your draft states that this plan sets direction to protect, restore and improve our natural environment so that ecosystems can thrive and adapt to a changing climate and environmental pressures. You state that the local board will support ways to achieve positive outcomes for the environment that restore ecosystems, improve water quality and support climate adaptation.

1.3. The Tree Council applauds these initiatives and intentions, and provides the following comment and recommendations.

2. Our Environment

2.1. We understand that the loss of tree canopy cover from development and changes in land use makes it harder to maintain and increase tree

canopy coverage in line with the local board goals to provide shade, support biodiversity and help manage urban stormwater. We support the goal of enhancing tree cover within the local board area. We applaud the fact that one of your plan objectives is to continue to implement actions from the Local Board Urban Ngahere (forest) Strategy to enable opportunities to enhance tree cover to be identified and activated.

2.2. We agree that there is an opportunity to "support planning approaches that consider environmental restoration, growth and land use together to make sure our natural environment is protected and improved over time." The Tree Council requests that this statement in the plan be amended to read 'support planning approaches that require environmental restoration' because to 'consider' requires no commitment and is clearly inadequate to achieve the desired outcomes.

2.3. We are delighted to see recognition of and your support for the important role mana whenua and community groups play in working to enhance biodiversity and undertake tree planting.

2.4. We urge you to oppose all consents proposing to remove trees in Significant Ecological Areas and Scheduled Notable Trees on both private and public land, as well as street and park trees, as these are so important to retain for future generations. So few urban trees currently have legal protection it is vital to retain them.

2.5. As you have kauri in some of your local reserves you should consider getting them urgently tested for kauri dieback and if found to be positive then you should consider getting them treated with phosphite to keep them alive. Kauri dieback has an almost 100% mortality rate so all infected trees will die without treatment.

2.6. We recommend you work with the Kauri Rescue Trust for the best way to approach this problem. There is an urgency as trees in which the disease has progressed too far will not survive even after treatment, so the earlier this happens the better. Kauri are carbon sinks, we need to keep these trees alive as long as possible. Kauri Rescue has already been working to treat trees in local parks and this work can be expanded with the support of local boards.

2.7. The growing of fruit in suburban gardens has gone out of fashion in recent years and with intensification the space to do so will soon be unavailable to most people living in Auckland. Therefore having the opportunity to grow fruit in public spaces (parks, reserves, streets) is something that people value highly. Public consultations on the type of trees desired for public planting often results in suggestions for fruit trees.

2.8. Having public collections of different types of fruit trees would enable educational opportunities to take place that could include for example daily care, pruning, propagation, grafting, cookery, heritage and history etc. This could involve schools as well as public workshops, adoption by community or friends groups.

2.9. The public collections on public land in local parks and streets could be localised to reflect the fact that some varieties of fruit trees are better suited to grow in specific areas of Auckland.

2.10. We urge you to advocate for the growing of fruit trees on local parks and streets in your local board area and to reach out to the public to identify fruit trees on private land that could provide the basis for the collection via propagation &/or transplanting. Support for this project can be enhanced by working with NZ Tree Crops Association, The Tree Council and local groups in your area.

3. Advocacy

3.1. You plan to advocate to the Department of Conservation for improved public access to the Ōkura Bush Track, including consideration of reopening the full track alignment, improving connections to Dacre Cottage and surrounding areas, and supporting access that retains ecological protection and heritage values.

3.2. We note that Ōkura Bush contains significant kauri and was closed via rāhui to protect these taonga. There are criteria in the National Pest Management Plan for kauri that must be adhered to regarding tracks in kauri areas. This is a legal requirement under the Biosecurity Act. Tracks in kauri areas must only be re-opened if the infrastructure meets the strict dry foot standard along its entire length and has high quality cleaning stations at all entry and exit points. Any proposed re-openings must be led by mana whenua, not imposed upon them, and they must be satisfied that the track quality meets the required standards before any re-opening can be considered.

4. In addition we would like to see specific support, including financial support, for the following initiatives to protect and enhance existing tree cover:

4.1. Practical support and (for eg legal) advice for private landowners wishing to provide permanent protection for their trees eg via covenants &/or scheduling to enable protection of existing tree cover on private land to be optimised as most of the mature trees in Auckland are on private land with no legal protection.

4.2. Grants for private landowners to maintain Scheduled Notable Trees on their property.

4.3. Provide permanent and visible physical labels for all Scheduled Notable Trees in the local board area to enable the public to see that this tree is legally protected and tell the stories of our natural heritage.

4.4. Look for opportunities to schedule additional mature trees and encourage Council to undertake Plan Changes to the Unitary Plan to regularly add new trees to Schedule 10 (Notable Trees).

4.5. Look for opportunities to raise awareness of the value of Scheduled Notable Trees by organising events to celebrate them such as guided walks, community picnics, heritage talks.

4.6. We would like to see specific support, including financial support, for mana whenua, local communities and groups undertaking the following types of initiatives within the local board area:

- 4.6.1. water quality testing
- 4.6.2. monitoring of beaches
- 4.6.3. treatment of diseased kauri trees on local parks and private land
- 4.6.4. monitoring for myrtle rust
- 4.6.5. weed control
- 4.6.6. pest control
- 4.6.7. protection of rare birds eg dotterel
- 4.6.8. restoration planting

4.7. Public education on issues affecting biodiversity such as:

- 4.7.1. kauri dieback, myrtle rust
- 4.7.2. weeds
- 4.7.3. animal and insect pests
- 4.7.4. other biosecurity threats
- 4.7.5. control of dogs in sensitive areas
- 4.7.6. conflicting uses eg vehicles on beaches
- 4.7.7. rules for marine reserves

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Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback:

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Economy - We have a thriving local economy. Businesses grow, employment opportunities increase and communities benefit from sustainable economic development.	Quite well
Transport – Our transport network is safe, connected and accessible, moving people and goods efficiently and providing reliable, attractive travel choices.	Not very well

Tell us more (please note which focus area your comment refers to)

2. **Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Not very well

Tell us more

See document attached

3. Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?

Yes

Tell us more

See attached document - our local culture and history, heritage needs emphasis and support

4. Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?

See attached

23/07/2026

Submission on the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan 2026–2029

Supporting Local History, Cultural Heritage and Community Identity

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan 2026–2029.

I support the Local Board's focus on strengthening community connection, belonging and identity. However, I believe the plan should place greater emphasis on recognising, protecting and actively promoting the rich local histories and cultural heritage that make the Hibiscus and Bays area unique.

A community's identity is not created only through current activities, events and facilities. It is built through the layers of history, knowledge, stories, places and experiences that connect past, present and future generations. The concept of **shared identity** is fundamental to a strong and connected community because it reflects the understanding that "this is our place, these are our stories, and we belong here."

The Hibiscus and Bays area has a significant and diverse history that deserves greater recognition. This includes mana whenua histories and connections to whenua and moana, archaeological sites, traditional knowledge, place names and cultural landscapes, as well as the stories of early settlement, farming, coastal industries, fishing, boating, community organisations and the generations of residents who have shaped our neighbourhoods.

Places such as Long Bay, Torbay, Browns Bay, Mairangi Bay, Waiake, Silverdale and Orewa are not simply locations on a map. They are places with deep social, cultural and historical meaning. Their stories contribute to the unique character of our communities and provide opportunities for education, connection and pride.

At present, the Local Board Plan acknowledges the importance of community identity and participation, but local history and heritage appear to be under-recognised as key contributors to achieving these outcomes. Heritage should not be viewed as something separate from community wellbeing; it is one of the foundations on which community connection and belonging are built.

Using existing community spaces to bring local histories to life

The Hibiscus and Bays Local Board already manages and supports many valuable community assets, including libraries, leisure centres, community halls, parks, reserves and public spaces. These places provide excellent opportunities to share, celebrate and preserve local knowledge and histories.

Libraries, in particular, are important community hubs for preserving and sharing stories. They can support:

- local history displays and exhibitions;
- oral history projects;
- community archives and digital collections;
- talks and presentations from local historians, mana whenua representatives and long-term residents;

- school and youth programmes that encourage young people to learn about their local area.

Leisure centres, community halls and public facilities can also become spaces where local culture and history are visible and accessible through:

- rotating heritage exhibitions;
- community storytelling events;
- cultural celebrations;
- historical displays featuring local photographs and collections;
- workshops and activities connecting different generations.

Our parks, reserves and coastal spaces also provide opportunities to interpret and celebrate the history of the area through:

- heritage trails;
- information boards and signage;
- recognition of significant places and landscapes;
- guided walks and community events.

By using existing community facilities in this way, the Local Board can ensure that local history is not confined to museums or specialist groups but becomes part of everyday community life.

Strengthening support for local heritage

I encourage the Local Board to strengthen the plan by including a clearer commitment to:

1. Supporting and preserving local histories and cultural knowledge

- Recognise local history, archaeological heritage and cultural landscapes as important community assets.
- Support the recording and preservation of oral histories, photographs, archives and local knowledge before they are lost.
- Work collaboratively with mana whenua, historical societies, museums, schools and community groups to protect and share stories of the area.

2. Creating opportunities to celebrate and promote our unique cultural identity

- Develop and support heritage trails, interpretation signage, exhibitions and public storytelling projects.
- Encourage community events and educational programmes that celebrate the diverse histories and cultures of Hibiscus and Bays.
- Bring local stories into libraries, leisure centres, community halls, parks, reserves and other public spaces.

3. Providing funding and grant opportunities for heritage initiatives

- Establish or strengthen local grant funding that supports community-led heritage projects.
- Provide opportunities for local organisations, researchers, museums and volunteers to undertake projects that preserve and promote local history.

- Recognise that small investments in heritage can create significant benefits for community connection, education and tourism.

4. Supporting intergenerational knowledge sharing
Local history provides a valuable opportunity to connect generations. Older residents hold important memories and experiences that can help younger generations understand how their communities have developed. Supporting intergenerational projects allows knowledge, traditions and stories to be passed on.

A strong community is one that understands where it has come from, values the people and places that shaped it, and provides opportunities for future generations to connect with that heritage.

The Hibiscus and Bays area has a distinctive cultural identity built from thousands of years of human connection with this landscape. Protecting and promoting these histories will strengthen community pride, encourage participation, support education and ensure that future development reflects the character and stories of the places we call home.

I respectfully request that the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board strengthen the 2026–2029 Local Board Plan by recognising local history and cultural heritage as an important priority and by supporting practical actions, funding and partnerships that bring these stories to life.

Thank you for considering this submission – if you have further questions or wish to discuss this further please get in touch.

Nga mihi nui,

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   Quite well

Tell us more

3. Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?

Yes

Tell us more

I understand it's a draft plan, but there aren't many specific actions or plans that I could point to, it was mainly a plan to support and advocate other organisations and groups, so there is a lack of clarity on specifically what actions would be supported in what specific areas e.g. which rivers/water ways will be focused on first or which parks or public facility will be receiving upgrades and maintenance. The lack of clarity means we aren't really agreeing to anything, rather just agreeing with the perceived focus. Can some clarity, some specifics be added or referenced - as I would assume any public facilities will have a well planned maintenance and upgrade schedule, not just shooting from the hip on which one to focus on next. Also, the ferry is mentioned as part of the transport plans, but it's clear that it's currently on track to be closed, how will the ferry be supported, so it remains as part of the transport network?

4. Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?

Can you please provide specifics on what the capital expenditure is being spent on?

$10-16M per year on new debt is being planned, are there alternatives to funding it with debt?

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   Quite well

Tell us more

We need a bigger library in Browns Bay. We love the library and the team does a fantastic job, but the library was built in 1980s and the space is not big enough.

3. Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?

Yes

Tell us more

As stated above, how can our local board invest more in the community libraries?

4. Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?

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Economic Development Plan

Transport Plan - WGP Peninsula. Ferry service is inconsistent but a vital part of economic wellbeing. A robust terminal building is required. Recently completed works are non-compliant. Ferry and terminal building must be put together in a joint business case,.

Across the WGP peninsula there is declining infrastructure. The Peninsula needs and Economic Development Plan and re-worked master plan.

2. **Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Not very well

   Tell us more

   No community centre?

   Mass housing converted a bach society into a family community. Funding and establishment of a community centre for the Whangaparaoa Peninsula is needed for community wellbeing.

3. **Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?**

   Yes

   Tell us more

   WGP - Intergrated Transport Plan - past Penlink completion

   WGP Peninsula Economic Development Plan

   WGP Community Centre Development Plan

   WGP Peninsula Destination Management Plan

   WGP Peninsula campsite

   WGP Peninsula Marine research Centre

   WGP Peninsula Electric cycle charger and network

   WGP Peninsula Wyfinding and information strategy

   WGP Peninsula Tourist Information Plan

4. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?**

   The draft plan does not include WGP Peninsula Environmental Protection. All Beach Access Stairs must be restored or replaced and more ramps for people with disabilities.

   Cliff erosion mitigation plans are required - WGP Pilot for 'retreat' is not acceptable - Removing facility is not acceptable.

   Based on funding guidelines

   Population 80% - doubled in WGP in 10years now @ 49,000

Deprivation 15% - growing youth crime incidence

Land 15% - cliff erosion risk

An economic development plan is required to identify a population requirement to resolve

> utility @ capacity -live sewerage arisings

> continued beach pollution - unacceptable

> limitation on development and consent until utilities are capable

> WGP Peninsula Green Plan

> Penlink Bus Station - solar power, electric cycle charger

Review camping

Move freedom camper of Hammerhead and develop leisure

Shakespeare Park - People, Place Investment - modernise campsite

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Tell us more

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No

Tell us more

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   Quite well

Tell us more

3. Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?

Yes

Tell us more

A focus on providing spaces for tweens and teens. The play parks on the coast are all too younger child focused. The Red Beach pump track is great and the number of people who have attended since it opened shows what a need there is for more and similar activities for this age. In Silverdale/Millwater there's tension in the community over kids building bike jumps but I'm pretty sure this is because they are bored and want to be outdoors but have nowhere to go. All the parks in Millwater are tiny and for preschool age or maybe up to 7/8 but older kids get bored. The best park in the area is Bonair but there's not much equipment for 10+. There's also limited indoor activities up on the Coast for kids and parents don't want to travel to the Shore all the time especially with traffic getting worse and worse almost monthly! Activities like Bounce, Clip n Climb, indoor scooter parks, painting cafes, warm kid focused swimming pool, etc. Would all be welcome to come to the Coast.

4. Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?

Thanks for all your hard work. We have the best local board team and we really appreciate everything you do for our community.

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   Quite well

Tell us more

3. Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?

Yes

Tell us more

Allowing more housing with poor infrastructure. Mild ale is a prime example. Houses are too close to each other and a number of roads are too narrow. Motorway access on and off ramp (peak), is poor.

4. Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?

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Local Board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback:

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Tell us more (please note which focus area your comment refers to)

Referring to all focus areas:

The plan is full of "fluff", aspiration, and is selectively framed. I want to see more substance on what I believe is the biggest issue facing New Zealand right now — not Treaty matters or council spending on things like new marae, expensive amenity projects such as beach stairs

or decorative crossings — but the cost-of-living crisis and wasteful government spending (both local and central).

It seems clear we are in a cost-of-living crisis, yet at the same time council claims to be under financial pressure while continuing to increase rates to unsustainable levels. This is being done with little apparent regard for, and at times seeming indifference toward, the financial reality faced by ratepayers. There is a strong focus on inclusiveness, partnerships, and broader social objectives, but little evidence of prioritising financial restraint or core services. There also appears to be a significant influence from ideological priorities at multiple levels of council decision-making.

The 2026 Plan states that we have a “thriving local economy”, but this wording feels selective and does not match what many people are experiencing. With rising rates, power costs, compliance costs, and increasing costs tied to council processes (consents, inspections, and regulation), many businesses and households are under real pressure — scaling back or closing entirely.

I have seen local board members highlight securing grants and funding for various groups and projects that appear well outside what most ratepayers would consider core council responsibilities. At a time when council itself says it is financially constrained; the expectation would be a clear reduction in non-essential spending — yet this plan does not reflect that.

My own rates are increasing by roughly an effective 30% over the 2024–2026 period. That equates to over $1,000 per year extra for me and many others. There is no clear explanation of how households are expected to absorb this level of increase.

These increased costs are also passed on through rents and the wider economy, disproportionately affecting those at the lower end — effectively contributing to inflationary pressure and increased demand for government support.

The draft is lacking in several critical areas:

- No plan to reduce expenditure

- No efficiency targets

- No review of unnecessary programmes

- No meaningful discussion of rates pressure on households

In summary:

The draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan 2026 does not meaningfully address rising rates or concerns about council overspending. While it refers broadly to “value for money” and prioritising resources, it contains no concrete actions to reduce expenditure, improve efficiency, or limit non-essential spending. Instead, the plan maintains or increases existing levels of operating and capital expenditure, including continued reliance on debt for investment. It also places significant emphasis on partnership-based initiatives, cultural

programmes, and Māori outcomes without clear cost-benefit justification or prioritisation against core services such as infrastructure and essential local services.

Overall, the plan focuses on expanding its scope and delivering broad outcomes rather than exercising financial restraint, which is a serious concern given the current cost-of-living pressures on ratepayers.

2. Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?

Not at all

Tell us more

In my view, the draft plan fails to reflect the needs and aspirations of the community, particularly in light of the significant cost-of-living pressures facing ratepayers.

There is no meaningful recognition of the material financial hardship many households and businesses are experiencing, nor any clear commitment to reducing spending, improving efficiency, or prioritising essential services. Instead, the plan continues to assume ongoing or increased expenditure and focuses on a broad range of non-core activities without demonstrating how these will be balanced against rising rates.

As a result, it does not align with what I believe is a key community priority at this time: financial restraint, responsible use of ratepayer funds, and a strong focus on core services.

3. Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?

Yes

Tell us more

As above

4. Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?

In its current form, the Draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan 2026 is fundamentally unfit and should be withdrawn and redrafted with a clearer focus on core responsibilities and fiscal discipline.

The plan fails to meaningfully address rising rates or council overspending, offering only general statements about “value for money” without any concrete commitments to reduce costs, eliminate inefficiencies, or prioritise essential services. Instead, it maintains or increases expenditure and continues to allocate resources toward non-core activities and partnership-based initiatives without clear justification or measurable outcomes.

Given the significant cost-of-living pressures facing ratepayers, the plan should be reset with a primary focus on financial restraint, transparency, and delivering essential infrastructure and services before expanding into broader social or policy objectives.

There is also a clear concern that decision-making is being driven more by layers of well-paid bureaucracy than by elected representatives and direct accountability to ratepayers. This undermines confidence that spending decisions reflect community priorities.

More broadly, there is a strong case for a much more disciplined, outcomes-focused approach to government spending at all levels. This should include a comprehensive review of both local and central government expenditure, with a focus on eliminating waste, reducing unnecessary costs, and restoring accountability to taxpayers.

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Transport – Our transport network is safe, connected and accessible, moving people and goods efficiently and providing reliable, attractive travel choices.	Not very well

Tell us more (please note which focus area your comment refers to)

Overall, I believe the Draft Local Board Plan provides a positive vision for the future of Hibiscus and Bays. The focus on connected communities, quality public spaces and planning for growth is encouraging, and I support many of the strategic directions outlined in the plan.

Community – Quite well

The Board has invested in valuable community facilities and has created attractive public spaces, particularly within newer developments such as Millwater and Milldale. However, community infrastructure has not kept pace with the rapid growth of young families across the area.

My highest priority is creating better spaces for young people. The Youth Centre behind the Estuary Arts Centre should become a vibrant, welcoming facility that is open throughout the week, providing a safe place for teenagers to meet, socialise and participate in activities. The surrounding green space presents an outstanding opportunity to create a true multi-generational community hub, with a pump track, expanded playgrounds, improved skate facilities and outdoor exercise equipment that encourages active lifestyles for all ages. Investment in preventative health infrastructure benefits both our community and our health system.

Natural Environment – Not at all well

This is the area where I believe the greatest improvement is needed.

With Tiritiri Matangi on our doorstep, Hibiscus and Bays has a unique opportunity to become a model for ecological restoration. I strongly believe council should adopt a mandatory native planting policy for all council-funded landscaping and require contractors to use native species that actively support biodiversity. Planting should be strategic, providing year-round food sources for native birds through species such as pūriri, rather than focusing on ornamental planting that delivers little ecological value.

I am concerned that non-native species continue to be used extensively throughout public landscaping. These choices often require ongoing maintenance while missing an opportunity to strengthen native ecosystems. Public spaces should form an interconnected biodiversity network that helps native species expand from offshore sanctuaries into the mainland.

I also encourage the council to think more broadly about productive landscapes. Where appropriate, park edges, school boundaries, sports fields and shared pathways could include fruit and nut trees that provide seasonal food for local communities while supporting biodiversity, education and community resilience.

By making more deliberate planting decisions today, the council can leave a lasting environmental legacy for future generations.

Built Environment – Very well

The quality of newer developments demonstrates what thoughtful urban design can achieve. My main recommendation is to extend this thinking to Orewa township by investigating a pedestrian-focused beachfront precinct. Redirecting through traffic via Centreway would allow cafés and restaurants to expand outdoor dining, improve safety and create a vibrant waterfront destination that better connects the town centre with one of Auckland's best beaches.

Transport – Quite well

Transport remains the area's greatest infrastructure challenge. Population growth has significantly outpaced transport improvements, with peak travel times now having a major impact on residents' quality of life.

I encourage the Local Board to continue advocating strongly for investment in transport infrastructure that matches the pace of development, while also supporting operational improvements that improve traffic flow and reduce congestion without relying solely on major capital projects.

Overall

My strongest recommendation is that the Local Board focus on creating a lasting legacy through strategic environmental restoration and better utilisation of existing community spaces. If we invest in native biodiversity, healthy public spaces and infrastructure that supports families across all ages, Hibiscus and Bays will continue to be one of Auckland's most desirable places to live while protecting the unique natural environment that makes our community special.

2. Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?

Quite well

Tell us more

overall, I believe the Draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflects many of the aspirations of our community. I support its focus on connected communities, quality public spaces, environmental restoration and planning for future growth. However, I believe the plan needs to be more ambitious and more deliberate in how it delivers these outcomes.

My strongest recommendation is around the natural environment. Hibiscus and Bays has one of the greatest ecological opportunities in Auckland, with Tiritiri Matangi sitting just offshore. Every council planting should contribute towards restoring native biodiversity and creating habitat for our native wildlife.

I believe the council should adopt a simple guiding principle: ALL council-funded planting should be EITHER native or productive. Native planting should be strategically selected to provide year-round food sources for native birds and support the gradual return of species from offshore islands onto the mainland. Where native planting is not appropriate, productive planting such as fruit and nut trees should be considered to strengthen community resilience and provide shared benefits.

I DO NOT believe public money should continue to be spent on planting exotic or ornamental species that provide little environmental value while often requiring ongoing maintenance. Every streetscape, reserve, roundabout, park and walkway should be viewed as an opportunity to strengthen biodiversity, improve climate resilience and leave a lasting environmental legacy.

My second priority is community infrastructure. As our population grows, we need better facilities for young people and families, with public spaces designed to support all ages through recreation, connection and healthy lifestyles.

Overall, I support the direction of the plan, but I encourage the Board to be bolder in creating a community that leaves a lasting environmental legacy and invests in public spaces that truly reflect the needs of our growing population.

3. Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?

Yes

Tell us more

yes. I believe the plan should include a clearer and stronger commitment to strategic planting across all council-managed public spaces.

In my view, all council-funded planting should be either native or productive. Native planting should be selected deliberately to support local biodiversity, provide year-round food for native birds, and strengthen ecological connections between Tiritiri Matangi and the mainland. Productive planting, such as fruit and nut trees, should also be considered in suitable locations to support community wellbeing and food resilience.

I would also like to see stronger focus on youth and family infrastructure, particularly in Orewa. The Youth Centre and surrounding green space behind the Estuary Arts Centre could become a much more active community hub, with better facilities for teenagers, a pump track, improved playground infrastructure and outdoor exercise equipment.

These additions would make the plan more practical, future-focused and better aligned with the needs of a fast-growing coastal community.

4. Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?

Overall, I encourage the Local Board to think more boldly about the long-term legacy it wants to leave for future generations.

Hibiscus and Bays is one of the fastest-growing parts of Auckland, and every investment made today should deliver multiple community benefits. Whether it is a tree, a park, a walkway or a community facility, it should contribute to environmental restoration, community wellbeing and long-term value.

In particular, I encourage the Board to adopt a simple principle that all council-managed planting should be either native or productive. Public planting should restore biodiversity, support native wildlife and strengthen resilience, rather than relying on ornamental species that provide little environmental benefit.

I also encourage greater investment in multi-generational public spaces that bring families together. Well-designed parks, youth facilities and active recreation spaces are an investment in physical health, mental wellbeing and stronger communities.

Overall, I support the direction of the plan and appreciate the work that has gone into it. My hope is that the Board continues to think beyond the next three years and makes decisions that will leave Hibiscus and Bays healthier, more connected and more environmentally resilient for generations to come.

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Tell us more (please note which focus area your comment refers to)

With the increased density in building, all trees are removed on sections where 3-4 units will be built. Rurus and other birds are driven out of my area because of this.

There are empty shops which will be turned into a nail shop, a dumpling or sushi shop There are plenty in Browns Bay town centre. These businesses do not increase job opportunities, as they are usually operated by non-English speaking owners, working towards residency.

2. **Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Not very well

   Tell us more

3. **Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?**

   I don’t know

   Tell us more

4. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?**

   No

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We need a Gurudwara sahib in Hibiscous Coast

2. **Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

Not very well

Tell us more

3. Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?

No

Tell us more

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Tell us more (please note which focus area your comment refers to)

Integrating the transport system - public, walking, cycling with the local built environment is essential if delivery of the connected, welcoming community is to occur.

Protecting and encouraging the protection of our natural environment to mitigate against climate change is and should be a priority.

2. **Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Very well

   Tell us more

3. **Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?**

   No

   Tell us more

   As the plan is worded its aspirational focus is to be commended.

4. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?**

   The Local Board will need to be strong in its focus on mitigating the region against the effects of climate change, especially as the foreshore is subject to erosion with the foreseeable need to retreat from the land areas under threat.

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all general soft speak. set some real goals and create change instead of status quo

2. **Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

Not very well

Tell us more

all general outcome statement. Produce some concrete change. get some life into the comunities by opening private initiatives. Restaurants on the beach, live regular markets , pop up shops, Stop with over regulating activities.

3. Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?

Yes

Tell us more

life in its real form is missing. less rules, restrictions, etc. Create some real activities for young people.

4. Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?

refer my above comments

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Environment - coastal issues need more attention, both preserving sea life and concerning coastal erosion.

Transport - the ferry needs investment as the only viable option for getting off the peninsula if there's a major vehicle accident, or a natural disaster. We need an electric ferry that runs 7 days a week, solar powered.

2. **Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Quite well

   Tell us more

   The objectives read well, but they appear aspirational, and often lack specific goals that are measurable.

   It speaks of having the Bus Hub ready for the completion of Penlink, to link with the ferry - but we've been told the ferry may stop or reduce once Penlink is complete. Lobbying for a permanent and improved (7 day) ferry service is not mentioned on the plan at all.

3. **Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?**

   Yes

   Tell us more

   The future status of the ferry.

4. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?**

   No

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   Very well

Tell us more

3. Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?

Tell us more

Continuing the all and walkpath along Orewa Beach

4. Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?

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Browns bay needs shops to open to the beach

Concerned that often beaches are closed due to raw sewage

Beaches need to be better groomed

2. **Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Quite well

   Tell us more

   The Board has many ideas but often are not carried through

3. **Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?**

   Yes

   Tell us more

   Concerned with Takapuna Golf course only to be 9 hole course.

   Does not encourage seniors to be out and excising

4. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?**

   No

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Tell us more (please note which focus area your comment refers to)

Transport is not at all fit for purpose. The parking in and around the CBD area is abysmal

The built environment is too slow to change and does not address sea wall needs

2. **Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Quite well

   Tell us more

3. **Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?**

   Yes

   Tell us more

   More thought on pedestrian only use of Main Street cafe areas

4. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?**

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Tell us more (please note which focus area your comment refers to)

Once again your refusal to put money aside for new ferries for Gulf Harbour and even shuttle buses from Gulf Harbour to the new Penlink will mean more cars on the roads not less. Two ferries during peak times is not enough. Happy to lose the ones during the day after 8.30 but think about those people actually making money to pay taxes and rates. You know 2500 voted to save the ferry last time are you really going to anger all of the Hibuscus Coast locals

again by not listening. Do not cancel the 6.30 7 am 7.30 or 8 am ferries as these are the ones that take people to work. Do not cancel the 4.45 5.15 5.45 645 as these bring people home and are the most important. People also continually ask me about weekend ferries. Imagine being able to go to a concert or come across to visit Shakespeare park it would be amazing for tourism but we need your help. Please future proof the ferry don't take it away. Maybe the money for the kids and ride could be spent on this instead

2. **Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Not at all

   Tell us more

   Three issues we don't agree with. Paid parking for Orewa. Kiss and Ride instead of park and ride and no money for ferries

3. **Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?**

   Yes

   Tell us more

   Money for ferries to improve reliably and replacement buses when weather cancels it.

4. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?**

   Please put money aside for new ferries or let it go out to private tender. The new ten seater electric is not an option for the locals as $99 each way. Also can you please buy back the Golf Course in Gulf Harbour build a MetLife care rest home and a community centre and provide a ferry everyone wants weekdays and weekends

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2. **Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Very well

Tell us more

3. Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?

No

Tell us more

4. Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?

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Community - I disagree with the people feel heard statements.

Build Environment - I disagree with the well designed statement, when it comes to the high density housing the parking is always a problem the fact that you still do grass berms outside high-density housing that you know will just get parked on or not mantained this has to be rethought through. The areas end up looking like slums because it's mud and weeds out front,

it could look nice if you just thought about the lifestyle and the people that will be living in these houses.

Economy - the fact that Auckland transport is going to be installing paid parking in Orewa will kill more small businesses this is just mental.

Transport - public transport in general is terrible we all know this.

2. **Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Not very well

   Tell us more

   It appears to be just fluff projects cut all the wastage and actually spend money sensibly.

3. **Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?**

   Yes

   Tell us more

   There needs to be more done around parking, be it industrial areas or residential. There are problems with new developments of high density housing not having enough street parking, get rid of the grass berms that people aren't going to maintain. Count on every house needing three parks and not being able to park in their own garage that's just the way people live now and so come up with a new building standard that works. Industrial areas,bany new buildings should have parking as it used to be. And also have parking enforcement go around and ticket the illegal parking so there's no need to over reactions such as pay parking which again will kill Orewa Businesses.

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   Very well

Tell us more

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Tell us more

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Broadly, I am in strong support of plans in all Sections except the Transport area. Here I feel that the Local Board should be taking a more clear, overt and strong line in support of the Gulf Harbour ferry service.

Transport:

Provision of a reliable, regular service through the day is vital in offering a connective coherent service for Whangaparaoa Peninsula residents that can never be effectively served by bus or road transport. The cynical cancellation and running down of the current service adds to road congestion, removes confidence in the service and reduces demand from potential ferry customers. The premise that Penlink will remedy this is simply inaccurate in practical terms, makes no sense in traffic management on Whangaparaoa Road and certainly not an environmentally valid argument. I implore the Local Board to be unequivocal in their support for an improved ferry service as a high priority both in the short and long term.

Natural Environment: I am especially delighted to see continued active Local Board support for the environmental ecological projects focussed around Forest and Bird, DoC and SOSSI. Thank you

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Quite well

Tell us more

3. Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?

Yes

Tell us more

Specific and referenced support for an immediate and longer term plan for an effective ferry service from Gulf Harbour to the City

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Well done on each of the other areas of the Plan

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   Not very well

Tell us more

We should not be divided by race. This should be for all New Zealanders

3. Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?

Yes

Tell us more

Focusing on all New Zealanders and not prioritizing one race over another.

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Referring to Environment and Economy, specifically " the People of all ages and abilities can access parks, facilities and recreation opportunities that support wellbeing, participation and equity" I suggest the board takes a pro-active role in restoring the Gulf Harbour Golf Course, formerly a world class facility with obvious benefits for the local economy and the well-being of local residents and visitors.

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   Quite well

   Tell us more

3. **Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?**

   Yes

   Tell us more

   See comment on golf course

4. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?**

   Since moving to this area 9 months ago I have been impressed with the care taken by council staff to manage rubbish, facilities, and recreational spaces. I'm not which part of a Local Board plan this relates to, but this is such a safe, welcoming, and friendly community. Whatever it is you doing to result in this, please keep it up!

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Transport is not sufficient- not enough park and ride spaces, no plan for that with penlink, traffic getting worse every month. No ferries on the weekends

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   Not very well

   Tell us more

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   Tell us more

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All those aspirations are valid and vital. Making them practical and meaningful will be challenging. as semi-retired but fit people we would welcome more communication of all the ways we can help in volunteering, including plant-outs for example.

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   Very well

   Tell us more

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   No

   Tell us more

4. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?**

   Climate change is going to affect us as a community in which coastline plays such a significant role. As insignificant players on a global scale our efforts at prevention will simply make no difference, except by offering an example to others. So perhaps we can take a stand on principal. But mitigation of the effects will become extremely important. In our lifetime, storm damage for example is highly likely to dramatically alter our coastal landscape. The Browns Bay and Mairangi Bay shopping precincts were massively impacted by the storm a year or so back. In 10 years that may be an annual event or worse. How can we plan mitigation now?

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It seems that although vast sums of money have been in local parks - again the basic infrastructure issues around these new projects is not included or adapted.

Public transport needs to be radically rethought - with an increasing aging population who will be giving up driving we need a viable practical alternative.

2. **Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Quite well

   Tell us more

   Where is the real practical thinking around public transport? Why don't you consider how other successful cities/comparable neighbourhood manage and run their public transport.

3. **Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?**

   I don’t know

   Tell us more

4. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?**

   Around public transport - instead of these double decker buses that mainly cater for school kids and commuters, you need to consider local people - especially those older people, who just want to go short distances quickly and reliably. Why don't you have a small 'hoppa' single mini bus type bus, which goes around - from Orewa to Gulf Harbour and also calling at Sivlverdale. One every 15 minutes doing a circular loop - so instead of having to take a car for a short distance- which was most local journeys are - you could rely on this bus.

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Tell us more

3. Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?

Tell us more

4. Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?

Why are we still allowing Chinese 3story chicken coops to be built, and pulling down perfectly good houses to do this? Bo

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1. Erosion on our beaches should have a permanent solution that doesn't include taking away from the area people have access to. The use of rock retaining walls to protect the land and stablise the erosion is a much better option then the planted dunes that take the land away from the beach visitor. Proper access via stairs into the beaches that stop people trampling the shore and causes slips of already unstable ground because the council wants to put these

substandard planted areas in instead or the more robust rocks. This has allowed ongoing damage to the shore line especially in Orewa which has started to ebay the trees. This slow response to an urgent problem is being used to make the preferred method of saving the beach more and more problematic. Even the playground is now in danger of becoming unusable in the near future because of this erosion. It's time for the council to stop cowtowing to small action groups and do the work necessary to protect the beach for future generations.

Also fresh water drinking stations should be made available on all HBC beaches.

2. We have the bones of a really great bus system in our area. I'd like to see easier access directly to Orewa from Whangaparaoa. The Whangaparaoa bus station is a great idea. My only issue when using the bus is that some areas are so hard to access. An example is PaknSave which elderly can only get to with unnecessarily long walks. Especially after shopping when they need to walk to old Silverdale to catch a bus carrying heavy shopping bags, which is why the elderly are less likely to use the bus for their shipping needs. I would suggest either a bus stop above the stairs from PaknSave that access the main HBC Highway with an indented bus stop so it is out of the main road traffic or the buses should go down the road leading to PaknSave and Bunnings with stops both sides to offload and upload passengers. The roundabout at the bottom of the road should be widened to allow buses to go around it safely and return to the HBC Highway.

2. Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?

Quite well

Tell us more

Faster action on urgent matters like saving the beaches

3. Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?

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Tell us more

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No

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Streams are not healthy at all in most urban areas and parks and transport isn't very effective at all. Bus stations fill up by 7am, often need more than 2 busses to get from A to B and during day big busses run empty. Rather have more 18 seaters to run to more pkaces during the day. Too many of theses little cramped town houses going up in suburban areas, clogging

the roads and general infrastructure such as sewerage which can't cope with more than it was originally built for.

2. **Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Not very well

   Tell us more

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   I don’t know

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Tell us more

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The ocean is a natural road, no road works, cones, traffic buildup. This area would be more attractive to businesses and workers if the ferries were confirmed to continue past Penlink. Upgrading the service at peak times with larger ferries to minimize disruption due to weather would be a positive.

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   Quite well

   Tell us more

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   Quite well

Tell us more

3. Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?

Yes

Tell us more

Would like to see more accessible & up to date information and drop off points for recycling - and more onus on the business community to provide recycling drop offs for waste. E.g. Chemists providing blister pack and pill recycling drop offs, supermarkets providing more drop off hubs for tetra pack recycling, plastic lid recycling etc. Council website is out of date or when you go to the hubs recommended they wont take certain items. e.g. Abilities no longer take tetra packs or the Zero Waste hub are only open on certain days for drop offs. This makes recycling and waste reduction difficult. It should not be difficult, costly or geographically difficult to drop off goods that are able to be recycled. Most people just give up. Have a comprehensive site that lists any and all items that can be recycled and where, how this can be done and also encourage local groups to participate.

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Giving priority to any group means disadvantaging others. Everyone in this country has the same opportunity if they are encouraged to take it up by their family. If this doesn't happen we should not be paying to advantage them - an even chance is all that is required, not weighting in favour of those who aren't achieving on their own.

2. **Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Quite well

   Tell us more

   Bike use in this area is minimal and primarily recreational and is going to remain that way, no matter what dreams cycling enthusiasts enjoy. Don't waste money supporting wider footpaths (active part of the word - FOOT) so two cyclist a day can use them, or bike lanes used by weekend e-bike users getting their "exercise"!

3. **Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?**

   Yes

   Tell us more

   Almost certainly but nothing comes to mind.

4. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?**

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Built Environment - Our town centres and neighbourhoods are safe, welcoming, resilient and well designed. They support growth and improve everyday life.	Quite well
Economy - We have a thriving local economy. Businesses grow, employment opportunities increase and communities benefit from sustainable economic development.	Quite well
Transport – Our transport network is safe, connected and accessible, moving people and goods efficiently and providing reliable, attractive travel choices.	Very well

Tell us more (please note which focus area your comment refers to)

2. **Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Quite well

Tell us more

3. Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?

No

Tell us more

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With transport, we need to have separated cycleways within 2 kms of every school.

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Quite well

Tell us more

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Built Environment - Our town centres and neighbourhoods are safe, welcoming, resilient and well designed. They support growth and improve everyday life.	Quite well
Economy - We have a thriving local economy. Businesses grow, employment opportunities increase and communities benefit from sustainable economic development.	I don't know
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On all the topics above more could be done. Community is just a place I am living in , everything costs money to join , cater for certain groups only and if you don't have the criteria to belong you are not part off. Natural environment is drowning, people are chopping down trees, willy nilly, we use to hear Ruru close but after hearing a tree been cut down , we only now hear in the distance. Bush areas are having rubbish dumped in them by neighbours and it

is a continuing battle to keep pest plants under control. We make a big deal of planting but not such a good deal about nurturing them.Built environments - this is where businesses should pay more and less from our rates as they are the ones that profit from this . Thriving economy when in news you hear about large numbers in our area struggling? Transport-well Auckland Transport continue to do their own thing -pushing their own agenda and do not take concerns of all sectors focussing mainly on buses and cyclist/pedestrians. Blacklisting people from communicating with them if they do not agree

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   I don’t know

   Tell us more

   its all a plan that is worked through to look like the local board as a plan but nothing about how it is going to acheive its goals and how it will be financed besides

   increasing rates other options of financing besides loans been used

3. **Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?**

   Yes

   Tell us more

   targets and guidelines. financing- how are you going to acheive

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   vandalism , smoother systems for public to report problems , departments such as watercare been more proactive looking for problems rather than relying on public to report them

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I am against the rates increase. There needs to be more accountable spending so our hard-earned money is not wasted. The tender process needs to ensure contractors put their best foot forward with regarding to price, product, and service.

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   I don't know

   Tell us more

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I will propose the maintenance and planting of street trees.

The trees currently planted on both sides of the road. They have provided us with shade and fresh air for over 100 years.

They also provide habitats for wild birds and insects.

If these trees are cut down, it will take another 100 years for the environment to recover to its current state.

We want to promote tree planting.

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   Tell us more

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I feel that all the focus areas listed are intertwined - each focus area supports the other areas in one or more ways.

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Very well

Tell us more

My concern is not so much the "what" but the "how". For example, making our community feel safe when using facilities and public transport. How will this be measured and what ideas will we come up with to curb the growing vandalism, theft, assault etc - I feel that we need to saturate the Coast with CCTV for a start....and we need harsher penalities for "kids" that are damaging property and harming others. So whilst I fully support the focus area, I'm curious as to what the actionable outcomes will be.

3. Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?

Yes

Tell us more

An easy way for the community to check on regular progress of the plan, the actions and measurement of the activities to meet the plan.

4. Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?

Wonderful focus areas that I hope will restore the Hibiscus Coast to the paradise it once was.

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Tell us more

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The Penlink and GH Hammerhead must be strategically linked to ensure the local transport network achieves an integrated network. Digital wayfinding is missing from GH Hammerhead, this is a location that is NOT compliant, has no investment plan and has a distinctive drain on the local economy. Safe access for a commuter to use a toilet is a threat to life as there is no safe passage, accelerated in risk threat if you are a person with a disability. The lack of a local

investment plan is hampering progress and there is no joined up thinking in making this the key stone to develop tourism and crack the local economic decline.

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Not at all

Tell us more

Submissions to the HB&B board-

2023 Alan Parker Hammerhead redesign - No response from the Board

Dec 2025 Business Whangaparaoa/ O'Donnell - DPM High level feasibility discussion document - no response from the board

Feb 2026 GH commodore Mike Pigneuy GH Marine Research Centre - no response form the Board

Nov 2025 - O'Donnell submission -lack of a compliant ferry terminal building and ferry service contract compliance - no response from the board

3. Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?

Yes

Tell us more

The 2018 Whangaparaoa Town Centre plan did not build the strategic economic links required across a Peninsula. The local economy must have synergy in all of the strategic areas. Without a BID representation for WGP the economy is in constant decline. An audit of the previous five years noted no investment in the Peninsula.

4. Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?

The Hibiscus Bays and Board are the community Champion for the community within their governing curtilage. There must be consideration of local needs, funding to instill equity and modernisation to prevent economic decline. This recent plan has not recognised the imperative requirement to halt service failures in Peninsula Ferry Services, to ensure the ten years of decline at the hammer head are turned round with an investment and development plan. A cycle network linked to all facilities between the Penlink and GH should have been top of the list whilst so much highway works is underway. Electric cycle chargers should be at the Harbour and he Penlink to build sustainable cycling around transport hubs and support four schools in the area. Partnership with Shakespeare park has failed, the derelict camp site, lack of bird watching stations and interface activities for young people and education is not managed from the location. The WGP Peninsula is a ship in the ocean without a rudder. Direction, investment and regeneration is urgently required and has been missing for so long that economic decline has wrecked community wellbeing. Hundreds and Hundreds of new

houses changing a Bach area into a community with families and No `Community centre' is a significant oversight. The current situation accelerated by removing local facility such as supporting beach access has created decline by design.

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I own a native forest and cannot get government bush protection on this forest and I have been trying for 20 years.

The government ignored thousands of protests against the new Strathmill subdivision on Orewa gateway from the highway and allowed Fast Track to throw together a rubbish neighborhood with NO PARKING AT ALL ON THE STREETS for hundreds more houses than

previously agreed upon by the sensible DISTRICT PLAN which was just THROWN AWAY. No wonder people feel that their money is not safe and sell their houses and move to a hopefully more sensible country like Australia.

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   Not at all

   Tell us more

   It's a bunch of BABBLE.

3. **Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?**

   Yes

   Tell us more

   Actual commitment and plans, nor airy fairy stuff.

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As a local, I feel the focus areas are all well-thought out and relevant, particularly the transport and native environment advocacy.

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   Very well

   Tell us more

3. **Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?**

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   I appreciate that protection and revitalisation of the marine and natural environment is built into the plan as this is extremely important to me and aligns to my core values.

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I understand that the gulf harbour ferry will stop operating in a couple of years. I believe it should keep operating as the population grows more public transport will be needed, not less. I used both the bus and the ferry services and find that the ferry is a better service as I do not have to wait for connecting transport. The bus connections can take up to 30-40 min wait for connecting bus at Hibiscus Bus station.

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   Tell us more

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Built Environment - Our town centres and neighbourhoods are safe, welcoming, resilient and well designed. They support growth and improve everyday life.	Very well
Economy - We have a thriving local economy. Businesses grow, employment opportunities increase and communities benefit from sustainable economic development.	Quite well
Transport – Our transport network is safe, connected and accessible, moving people and goods efficiently and providing reliable, attractive travel choices.	Very well

Tell us more (please note which focus area your comment refers to)

2. **Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Quite well

Tell us more

3. Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?

No

Tell us more

4. Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?

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Economy - We have a thriving local economy. Businesses grow, employment opportunities increase and communities benefit from sustainable economic development.	Not very well
Transport – Our transport network is safe, connected and accessible, moving people and goods efficiently and providing reliable, attractive travel choices.	Quite well

Tell us more (please note which focus area your comment refers to)

All focus areas. The Whangaparaoa Peninsula is a special place for me, it is a mix of old and new and wealthy and ordinary, nice not all flash and without soul. Businesses are suffering due to high living costs, ie rates, insurance and energy costs. The buses and ferries are great although the ferry service should run on weekends. The residents are or should be able to find

plenty of community groups. We don't need any additional esoteric cultural nonsense included in how the community operates

2. **Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Not very well

   Tell us more

   It doesn't address the basics, it goes off on costly nice to have and esoteric rubbish that adds bureaucracy not value to the rate payers.

3. **Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?**

   Yes

   Tell us more

   That is not the taxpayers job to advise, that is for those who put their hands up and get paid to make the right decisions

4. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?**

   I have a life to live, I am not an unpaid consultant

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Natural environment and transport

2. **Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

Not very well

Tell us more

When we moved to Whangaparāoa in 2017, the ferry was operating mostly on schedule, the Plaza was a vibrant shopping centre, and there were accessible walkways and beach paths.

3. Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?

Yes

Tell us more

Restoration of Pacific Parade Reserve walking path.

A 3:45 pm weekday ferry.

Weekend ferry service

Preservation of Gulf Harbour Gulf course as green space.

4. Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?

You cannot keep increasing rates and decreasing services. Services have declined in Whangaparaoa over the past 10 years, and rates are outpacing wages significantly. It’s not a politically tenable position.

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   Very well

Tell us more

3. **Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?**

Tell us more

4. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?**

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Transport - does not address how to safely handle anticipated additional traffic on Whangaparaoa Road after Penlink opens. There is already a risk for children crossing between the schools and the plaza area. This can only become worse with as the Penlink connection and increased housing to the east feeds more traffic past the school.

2. **Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Quite well

   Tell us more

3. **Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?**

   Yes

   Tell us more

   A commitment to retaining and expanding the Gulf Harbour ferry service.

   Discussion on how we council to support to proactively protect our shoreline to avoid perceived risk of sea level rise. Positive planning and preparation can avoid increased insurance premiums and potential displacement from homes.

4. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?**

   Thank you for your hard work.

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Tell us more (please note which focus area your comment refers to)

What community? As someone who has lived on the coast for almost the past decade there is zero community. If there were a community there would be activities every other day for people to do, people would know each other. Other than supermarkets, nothing is open past 6/7pm, and there's nothing to do so everyone just sits in there house and/or goes to bed. Additionally I wish the council would stop wasting money on renaming/rebranding everything

to maori names. It's such a waste of money and time, and most importantly the majority of/ the people did not vote nor ask for it, yet we have to fork out money for it??? Adding on to this, forcing maori culture into everything is so blatantly racists towards everyone else. It is not my culture so why is it always being forced down my throat. A multi cultural country should be neutral, not prioritising one Stone Age cultural above all others.

Additionally, your report delivers no substance, it reads as AI slop with no meaningful or impactful substance to quantify how you will meet these proposed goals, or what the end outcome will look like. I genuinely don't believe anything will happen or change other than probably some more "koha" spent on "gifted" names to rebrand local areas and parks and expensive new plagues/signage to follow suit.

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Not at all

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Tell us more (please note which focus area your comment refers to)

All of them. You have identified areas of concern but the whole report revolves around using “fluffy” words to make it look important. There is not one action point with how you plan to achieve anything.

2. **Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Not very well

   Tell us more

3. **Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?**

   Yes

   Tell us more

   We are sick of fluffy words being used with no actionable plan as to how you think these items can be achieved. It's politician speak - a lot of words that are well meaning but have no actual plan.

4. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?**

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Tell us more (please note which focus area your comment refers to)

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   Very well

Tell us more

3. Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?

I don’t know

Tell us more

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Public transport issue as in the lack of parking planned for the bus station and the fact that feeder buses are not presently provided off the main roads.

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   Quite well

   Tell us more

3. **Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?**

   Yes

   Tell us more

   Parking

4. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?**

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Tell us more (please note which focus area your comment refers to)

Transport.

Residents of Taikura Avenue and Kukuwai Avenue in Red Beach have recently presented a petition to Auckland transport and our local board members regarding vehicle volume, speed and noise being generated through both our streets, Both boards accepted that these conditions need to improve and a team has been set up with Auckland transport and local

residents to resolve. It would have hoped that the Local board members 3 year plan would have specified this issue as part of their objective under the transport heading ie The local board will continue to advocate for the following priorities : list this specific issue.

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   Quite well

   Tell us more

3. **Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?**

   Yes

   Tell us more

   Specifically the inclusion of our issue of high volume of vehicles passing through Kukuwai Avenue and Taikura Avenue Red Beach each day. Volume, speed and noise of vehicles.. It just needs a statement to reflect your ongoing objective to work alongside Auckland Transport to a satisfactory conclusion.

4. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?**

   I like that a plan has been produced but more specific items could have been incorporated if known.

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Parking on suburban roads needs to be configured so buses can move with ease - bus route roads should be reassessed possibly for 1 side parking.

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   Quite well

   Tell us more

   They are still constrained by council stipulations.

3. **Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?**

   Yes

   Tell us more

   Traffic management

   Extra housing equals extra traffic on already cluttered roads

   Infrastructure planning eg stormwater

4. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?**

   I'm glad that densification has been reduced. Local board is fighting for their neighbourhoods to keep their ethos

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see my feedback at the Browns Bay Local Board meetign 27 June and online.

2. **Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

Tell us more

3. **Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?**

Tell us more

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Tell us more (please note which focus area your comment refers to)

You need to prioritise keeping rates increase to less than inflation

Learn to live within your budget like every household needs to.

2. **Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Not at all

   Tell us more

   You need to prioritise keeping rates increase to less than inflation

   Learn to live within your budget like every household needs to.

3. **Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?**

   Yes

   Tell us more

   You need to prioritise keeping rates increase to less than inflation

   Learn to live within your budget like every household needs to.

4. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?**

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   Learn to live within your budget like every household needs to.

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A well functioning transport network is critical in particular providing for bus transport to and from the city and improvements to that re accessibility etc - bike lanes to access bus stations to overcome parking shortfalls would be a great addition

2. **Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Not very well

   Tell us more

   Shortfall in provision for spaces for all ages - in particular providing spaces for older children and teens. Seems to be a shortage of safe spaces for them to congregate and engage in activities they enjoy - in particular cycling facilities. A pump track or series of jumps at the new park upgrades on Bankside road seem to be an obvious solution to address some of the vandalism and undesirable jump building occurring - the new red beach pump track is so good but so popular. There is obviously still a lot of demand for more similar facilities

3. **Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?**

   Yes

   Tell us more

   As above - bike paths to access bus stations and bike facilities for kids and teens - metro park or big park on Bankside drive seem like good locations and in areas where there are a lot of kids/teens cycling in dangerous conditions

4. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?**

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The draft proposal is way to long and involved to read and digest in any detail, its full of nice to haves, and short on constructive detail.

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   Tell us more

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Environment

Need to protect beaches and foreshore against storms and sewage. Provide coastal residents and schools and service groups with native plants Parks need to have no dogs off leash and proper seats and tables - sadly missing on Orewa new seawall Schools to adopt a beach

Transport

Safety at Hubs More bus shelters Ferry to run on weekends Restore slip road onto East Coast Bays Road

Town Centre

No pay parking. More seats. Bakers lane 1 way.

Built Environment

1 wide cycle lane per road on main roads 1 wide footpath for new small roads & more parking Build homes around parks and water catchment

2. **Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Not very well

   Tell us more

   Everything is too vague - citizens need details and clarity and common sense

3. **Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?**

   Yes

   Tell us more

   Details eg ferry, seawalls, security officers,

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The draft plan emphasises community inclusivity and I would hope:

* the Local Board actively supports community initiatives such as that proposed by the Torbay Church who seek to establish a community space in Brown's Bay which would provide meals and support for ALL residents.

* the Local Board actively promotes te reo Māori signage and communication in all areas of its focus; honouring commitment to Te Tiriti O Waitangi; developing positive relationships with tangata whenua; and encouraging the acknowledgement and involvement of tangata whenua in community events.

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Quite well

Tell us more

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Yes

Tell us more

Acknowledgment and commitment to honouring the principles of Te Tiriti O Waitangi

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I traveled by bus to the city to go to an event. It was very expensive and because of the road works in the city i couldn't find the bus stop to get back. It was so frustrating.

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   I don’t know

   Tell us more

   The recreation focuses on skaters and not everyone can or wants to skate. I'd like some more calisthenics things, just simple bars or parkour areas.

3. **Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?**

   Yes

   Tell us more

   Build is a calisthenics hub on the north shore please!! And maybe something for parkour. Thanks

4. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?**

   As above.

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I am concerned that the the draft plan on Transport and improving safety and redesign refer to scooters as "low speed". I don't think that is the case. The scooters (or rather the attitude of riders of those scooters) on public footpaths ride at quite high speeds without any regard to those foot pedestrians and disabled persons so I would like to any design improvements consider the foot pedistrians and disabled persons safety as paramount. It will be difficult to adjust the attitudes of riders but hopefully there can be something done so that those less mobile on footpaths can feel safe of their surroundings. Spacial awareness is something that a lot of people don't have when using the footpath in general and coming out of shops etc.

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Specific query is, what are the plans for Orewa Beach protection seawall (in the southern part) between 281 and 258 Hibiscus Coast Highway? i.e. saving Council reserve and Norfolk Pines area.

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   Yes

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   As per above query. To be clarified in next version

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Natural Environment: More work on our reserves: signage (name of reserve, where tracks lead to etc), make tracks safe and pleasurable to walk through, especially for volunteers carrying out predator control, weeding and planting. Funding for the removal of large weed trees (eg: pine, wattle, willow) beside streams and in reserve areas. Areas that volunteers cannot

access (H&S) need to be weeded, and large private sections that are left to become infested with invasive weeds, dealt with by the owner - fined.

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   Quite well

   Tell us more

   It reflects the needs, and it needs to be done properly.

3. **Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?**

   No

   Tell us more

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Transport should also be affordable, and safety needs to relate to travel and travel hubs Inc bus stations.

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   Tell us more

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I don't know

Tell us more

I can't tell - it is not a plan, more an aspirational wish list. What exactly is going to be done with our money? The plan mostly talks about 'supporting' things, but what actual things? There's nothing concrete in this document, just vague statements of benevolence.

3. Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?

Yes

Tell us more

Actual plans. What will be done, how will it be done, how will its success be measured, who will take responsibility? This document talks about 'supporting increased use' and 'supporting development'. Frankly, any AI can string these words together, but what do they actually mean for real people? I'm not seeing answers here. HOW will this support manifest? HOW do communities access this support? HOW will this make measurable improvements (or at least stop us going backwards)?

4. Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?

The areas identified are fine, but there is no detail. We all have a wishlist, but I think we have a right to expect a fully-fleshed out and properly budgeted plan from people who are going to be spending our hard-earned cash. Fewer vague promises of 'support', more clearly actionable items.

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Built environment - stop intensive housing in the Albany Ward. Allow intensive housing in areas where it already exists (closer to the Major Cities) and allow minor development in suburbs to maintain a greener environs with separation from housing. Intensive housing is leading to more concrete surfaces that do not absorb water, greater pressure on wastewater

(how many Loo Pans are now allowed per home?) Whangaparaoa does not need nor want intensive housing.

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   Not very well

   Tell us more

   Too many traffic lights. Every new set of traffic lights means increased costs for council (ie: higher rates) - more roundabouts required (ie: Weiti Bridge/Whangaparaoa Rd intersection).

   Classic example being new lights for pedestrians at left turn onto Hibiscus hiway out of Whangaparaoa Rd. Never gets used but lights on all the time so complete waste of power. Could be activated by push button or motion sensor. Bad planning.

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   Tell us more

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My comments refer to Natural Environment

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Very well

Tell us more

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Tell us more

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There is a section on "Natural Environment" p17-p20.

It seems well intentioned , but not sure how this translates to effective action, especially as :

Page 30 "Financial Overview" shows a Budget spend of $29m, of which $0.3m is "Local Environmental Management (Natural Environment)" i.e. only 1.1%.

Probably the best that can be hope for is some leadership : vociferous advocacy (page 20) and calling out bad practices ("support the protection of our fresh water .....") page 19.

It is important that the Community hold the Local Board accountable to supporting the Natural Environment.

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Sea bed is an issue and it's taken the locals to get action to stop a certain culture to cease filling buckets with everything from rock pools and stripping away our beautiful seabed.

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Auckland council is simply not doing a good job in all aspects. Public transport is subpar, beaches are not well looked after, facilities are not well maintained, increasinga our rates year after year and taking forever to do the work that needs to be done, politicians earning well above average.

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   Not very well

   Tell us more

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   Yes

   Tell us more

   Just revamp the entire council and have people who have foresight in charge.

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   Please do not forget that tax payers are paying for all these.

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Tell us more

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No more "infill" building. We do not have the infrastructure to cope with all the extra demands And why do we need more and more people?

The Kiwi dream, life style and environment is very quickly being eroded. And for what end?

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community is being broken up by the level of building youve allowed in the area, increasing density of housing and introducing a different class of people in the process. local economy is decimated with no local jobs, horrific transport times and costs and poor interconnectivity. poor waste water control and overall poor management of the environment with never ending streams of people destroying coastal marine life by over picking , and dumping their junk

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   Not very well

   Tell us more

3. **Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?**

   Yes

   Tell us more

   rates increases are insane , how do u expect people to be able to afford these increases? you have also cut services , removed bins etc and are still as bureaucratic as ever with ridiculous costs for council fees for minor renovations and improvements and very inconsistent inspectors

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Tell us more (please note which focus area your comment refers to)

Street lighting poor when coming home from Browns Bay. Dark and dingy. No crossing to get to bus stop opposite the Beach Road end of Mispah Road with extremely poor pavements. All of the above do not help those walking, wheeled prams, pushchairs, wheelchairs or shopping carts.

2. **Overall, how well does the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan reflect the needs and aspirations of our community for the next three years?**

   Not very well

   Tell us more

   I can see the town centre has been upgraded with pedestrian crossings in more sensible places. The speed limit has also been reduced to 40kph. Now it needs policing as it is still used by some as a race track! Parking for those who shop in Browns Bay would also be helpful whilst reducing the main road and beachside parking at the same time. Buses good. Do not see any police patrolling near to drinking establishments or enforcing the driving restrictions. The “No Right Turn” sign on the junction of the town square is regularly flaunted; and have even seen a police officer on his motorbike (no sirens on), turn right at this sign. Accident hot spot created as you have to look 3 ways when crossing as not everyone indicates either! Road Code should be free in these instances as I doubt if may have seen or read it?! Enjoyed the new wooden seats installed around the shops, and loved the local artwork on the beachfront. More of this please alongside better advertising.

3. **Is anything important missing from the draft plan that should be included?**

   I don’t know

   Tell us more

4. **Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?**

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As a single person owning a home alone this is out rageous.

Single people living alone on one income should not have to pay rates this high as more than 1 person.

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   Not at all

   Tell us more

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   Quite well

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Yes

Tell us more

value for money spent should be a focus throughout. Maximum impact from our limited resources.

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Transport

We still have ongoing issues and uncertainty with our Gulf Harbour Ferry. Ongoing cancellations often with ridiculous and untrue excuses. In 2028 a new contract is due and we want council to make certain it goes to an operator who puts the passengers first and increases reliability, as well as offering weekend services.

This is even more vital if they build the bus station, as that is going to create a blockage on the main road with traffic lights and traffic in all directions, which will be a nightmare for all of us living further along the peninsula than that junction.

I would also like to see the use of much smaller buses, small shuttle buses. I' e barely ever seen anyone on a bus here. Usually one person or maybe two. Even going along the peninsula I've never been on a bus with more than seven or eight people. They are a total waste of money by running large empty buses. Keep them smaller and certainly don't increase any services.

At this end of the peninsula, all we want is a reliable and good quality ferry to the city. We want an enjoyable method of transport to the city, one that has a coffee bar, toilets, lovely views, and no traffic jams. The bus station is a total waste of money and that money should go into Ferry provision, building a proper small terminal building in Gulf Harbour and installation of electric charging for ferries here.

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I worked with another person pushing the council after the significant rainfall events in 2023, to clear the lower parts of our Gulf Harbour stormwater canal system of fallen trees, slips, and the metal grills that were trapping debris and causing buildup of water.

They did the basics by removing all the fallen trees and removing the metal grills preventing debris blockages. However they did nothing whatsoever to remove the material from the slips and the banks that has fallen in to the canal in the lower reaches along Laurie Southwick parade to the sea. They must remove the general slip debris and collapsed banks that have caused significant bottlenecks and obstructions in the very lower reaches of the canal before it enters the sea.

This is all council owned land and it took us a great deal of effort via Coen Ursem at council to get any work done. It is absolutely vital to get some equipment in to remove the gravel and soil debris that is the significant obstruction at places along the lower reaches of the stormwater system.

All these will do is back up heavy rainfall, higher upstream.

There are many comments to the public in council paperwork about them “making space for water” campaign, and “flood resilience”. Yet nobody seems to have followed through with further work on our Gulf Harbour storm water system so that it can function as it always has.

Please arrange with council as well to do some clearance of these previous slips and gravel build up for our future safety. Council should be monitoring every single storm water system and pinch point that can be easily maintained to be resilient with a relatively small amount of work.

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Economic : the town centre would be safer with CCTV . The paid parking that AT is trying to initiate is unwanted in Orewa. The cost of installing meters and surveillance would be paid for by rate payers - so no .

Environment : Native planting in areas that will protect and enhance is great , but not the planting over public reserves and parks that are well utilised .

Natural Environment: dredging the estuary on the western side of the Orewa bridge would remove the silt and sand (that's where it went !) A natural aquatic area would then be usable for numerous water sports , sailing , waka races and boat launching .

Get Watercare to fix the stormwater into the Stanmore bay stream to stop raw separate spilling onto adjoining properties. Clean , unblock and plant the sides of the stream.

Transport : A regular ferry schedule from Gulf Harbour is needed to get regular customers. A problem spot is the Silverdale bus hub, better security would promote its use .

Huge negative feedback on the lack of a parking area at the new Penlink bus hub. Perhaps purchase the vacant land on Stanmore Bay Road behind the New World shopping centre. The bridge isn't due to be ready for 2 more years , so lots of time to plan and finance a better solution for this hub.

Fix the roads in our area such as D'Oyly Drive and Brightside road . They are in dreadful condition.

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Quite well

Tell us more

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While I support the Local Board's strong commitment to economic development, I do not believe the current Draft Plan goes far enough in identifying planning barriers that prevent local employment and sustainable business growth.

The Plan recognises the need to increase local employment and reduce commuting, yet restrictive planning controls, including those applying to Precinct C in Long Bay, continue to

prevent carefully designed, low-impact business and tourism opportunities from even being considered.

I encourage the Local Board to advocate for a review of planning provisions that unnecessarily restrict small-scale economic development in appropriate locations, provided environmental, cultural, infrastructure, transport and landscape effects can be properly assessed and managed. This would better support the Plan's objective of creating local jobs, attracting visitor spending and strengthening the local economy.

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Tell us more

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Tell us more

The Draft Local Board Plan places a strong emphasis on economic development and creating local employment. However, it does not include any advocacy to review planning provisions that may unnecessarily restrict low-impact economic development in appropriate locations.

I encourage the Local Board to include an advocacy statement supporting the review of restrictive precinct controls, including those applying to Precinct C in Long Bay, where they may prevent carefully designed business, tourism and visitor accommodation proposals from even being considered.

Well-designed, low-impact developments should be assessed on their individual merits, provided environmental, cultural, infrastructure, transport and landscape effects can be appropriately avoided, remedied or mitigated. This would better support the Plan's objectives of creating local employment, attracting visitor spending and strengthening the local economy.

4. Do you have any other feedback on the draft plan?

I encourage the Local Board to recognise that environmental protection and carefully planned economic development are not mutually exclusive. In appropriate locations, it should be possible to achieve both through good planning, high-quality design and robust environmental assessment.

I have attached a more detailed submission outlining my comments and recommendations, and I would welcome the opportunity to discuss these matters further with the Local Board or Council officers.

Submission on the Draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan 2026

Request for Review of Precinct C Planning Controls to Enable Low-Impact Economic Development

Dear Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Members,

I am writing to provide feedback on the Draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan 2026 and to request that the final plan include advocacy supporting a review of the restrictive planning controls applying to Precinct C in Long Bay, where those controls currently prevent well-designed, low-impact economic development capable of delivering local employment, visitor spending, accommodation, and wider community benefits.

The Draft Local Board Plan identifies economic development as one of its five key priorities, with the aim of supporting business growth, increasing local employment, and strengthening a sustainable local economy. It also recognises that many residents currently travel outside the area for work. In this context, I believe there is a strong case for enabling carefully assessed employment-generating development in appropriate locations.

I own approximately 7.3 hectares of land at [redacted]. Around 2 hectares are occupied by my family residence, while the remaining 5.3 hectares are currently used only for grazing. Under the existing Precinct C provisions, the land is effectively prevented from accommodating almost any meaningful business activity, regardless of design quality or environmental performance.

This site has considerable potential to accommodate a range of carefully planned, small-scale business activities that are compatible with its natural setting. Its outstanding coastal outlook, convenient access to Long Bay Town Centre, and existing surrounding infrastructure make it particularly well suited to visitor-oriented, recreational and tourism-related uses. More importantly, the site's potential extends well beyond any single proposal. It could support a variety of carefully designed, low-impact businesses that generate employment, attract visitors, strengthen surrounding businesses, and contribute to the long-term prosperity of the Hibiscus and Bays community. It would be a missed opportunity if these unique attributes and the site's potential contribution to the local economy remained unrealised because of blanket planning restrictions.

I am not seeking large-scale urban development, extensive commercial activities, or uses that would undermine the character of Long Bay or compete with the Town Centre. Rather than prescribing one particular outcome, I simply seek a planning framework that allows appropriate proposals to be assessed on their individual merits. Examples could include a boutique eco-lodge or boutique hotel (similar in concept to “The Lindis” in the South Island), a recreational attraction such as a mini golf facility (similar to “PopStroke” in the United States), or other small-scale tourism and recreational businesses that complement Long Bay's natural and recreational character.





Such development could deliver significant public benefits by:

- Creating direct local employment in hospitality, operations, maintenance, landscaping, cleaning and management.
- Generating construction employment through local builders, contractors, consultants and suppliers.
- Increasing visitor spending in nearby cafés, restaurants, retail, recreation and other local businesses.
- Providing visitor accommodation in an area already recognised for its beaches, coastal walks, marine reserve, parks and outstanding natural environment.
- Strengthening the local economy by creating long-term economic value from privately owned land while supporting surrounding businesses and community facilities.

Importantly, any future proposal could be designed with a very small building footprint (for example, less than 10% of the site), substantial open space retention, native planting, ecological enhancement, landscape screening, and robust stormwater, wastewater, traffic and environmental management.

I fully recognise the importance of protecting the Long Bay - Okura Marine Reserve, waterways, native vegetation and the area's outstanding landscape values. My family has planted more than 2,000 square metres of native bush on our property, and we also participate in the Vaughans Stream Team's community restoration and weed control programme. Any future proposal should therefore be subject to comprehensive environmental assessment. However, I believe the appropriate planning response is to assess and mitigate environmental effects, rather than prevent all proposals through blanket restrictions before their merits can even be considered.

Accordingly, I respectfully request that the final Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan 2026 include advocacy along the following lines:

"Advocate to Auckland Council's Governing Body, planning decision-makers and relevant council departments to review restrictive precinct controls in appropriate locations, including Precinct C in Long Bay, where such controls may unnecessarily prevent low-impact business development, sustainable local employment, tourism-related economic development and wider community benefits, provided environmental, cultural, infrastructure, transport and landscape effects can be appropriately assessed, avoided, remedied or mitigated."

I also encourage the Local Board to support a site-specific planning review or future private plan change process that would allow carefully controlled tourism, recreation and visitor accommodation proposals to be assessed on their individual merits, rather than being excluded by blanket planning restrictions.

Thank you for considering this submission. I would welcome the opportunity to meet with the Local Board, Council officers or planning staff to discuss the site's potential and how carefully designed, low-impact development could contribute to the objectives of the Local Board Plan.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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Community- events that local libraries held are very helpful, suggest to creating more outdoor free events at browns bay region, beach, park for young generations to stay connected.

Natural environment- improve water river sea water quality at beaches.

Built environment- since more houses and population introduced to Oaktree avenue Browns bay. I strongly suggest to creating a new playground at oaktree palliser corner reserve, or renovate Sherwood Reserve.

Economy- good to see some new and good stores opening at Browns bay and long bay region. Suggest to give more support to local shops especially market, creating more free kids market opportunities for kids to learn economy.

Transport and parking are not pleasant, creating bicycle paths and teach how to ride are very good 👍 encourage young generations to take bus, by having weekend discounts for adults may help. I noticed people are complaining browns bay parking, strongly suggest to have maybe $10 max per family at bay region. Encourage whole family to go outside.

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   Quite well

   Tell us more

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   Yes

   Tell us more

   Education is a very important area, not only in schools but also outside of school, outdoor, by the sea, environmental education, etc

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