

Draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Parks Management Plan 2020

Consultation guide and summary



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Introduction

This guide has been written to give an overview of the consultation on the Draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Parks Management Plan (draft LPMP).

We are seeking submissions on the draft LPMP from **3 July until 4 September 2020**.

The purpose of this guide is to:

- explain how the draft LPMP is structured
- give a brief overview on each section of the draft LPMP
- explain how to make a submission on the draft LPMP
- explain how you can get more information.

Please note that this consultation guide provides an overview of the draft LPMP. This guide does not provide a comprehensive rundown of the draft. Please read the draft LPMP before making a submission.

Where to find the draft LPMP

The draft LPMP is available to read on the Auckland Council website akhaveyoursay.nz.

Alternatively, hard copies of the document can be read at the following locations:

- Hibiscus and Bays Service Centre, Corner of Bute and Glen Roads
Browns Bay (Monday to Friday, 9am to 12.30pm and 1.15pm to 5pm)
- Ōrewa Service Centre, 50 Centreway Road, Ōrewa (weekdays, 8am to 5pm)

You can also read the draft LPMP at the following libraries:

- East Coast Bays Library
- Ōrewa Library
- Whangaparāoa Library.

What the draft LPMP includes and how it was developed

What the draft LPMP covers

This draft LPMP has been prepared in consultation with mana whenua, key stakeholders and the public, using the process set out in section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977.

Whilst reserve management plans are a requirement under the Reserves Act, the local board has decided that the LPMP will cover all parks they have decision making authority for. It will include land held under the Reserves Act and the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA).

The draft LPMP covers 287 parks and close to 600 hectares of land in the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board area, extending from Waiwera in the north to Campbells Bay in the south. The parks include a variety of recreation, natural, landscape and cultural values that need to be managed, protected and in some cases enhanced.

The table below outlines the scope of the draft local parks management plan in more detail:

In scope	Out of scope
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ land held under this Reserves Act 1977✓ land held under the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✗ reserves included in the Mairangi Bay Reserves Management Plan 2015¹✗ Long Bay (including Piripiri Park) and Shakespear Regional Parks²✗ land for which the local board does not have allocated decision-making power, e.g. drainage reserves, roads

How was the draft LPMP developed?

The Reserves Act sets out a process for developing reserve management plans. We need to follow this process in developing the plan to ensure that the Hibiscus and Bays Local Parks Management Plan legally meets the Reserves Act 1977 requirements.

We invited all mana whenua with an interest in the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board area to be involved in the development of the draft plan. This opportunity was taken up by Ngāti Manuhiri, Te Kawerau ā Maki, Ngāti Whātua o Kaipara, and Ngaati Whanaunga.

Points of interest and input from mana whenua relate to the management of natural and coastal areas, sites and areas of cultural significance and the ability for mana whenua to provide input into future decisions on local parks.

As part of this process, two rounds of public consultation need to be carried out.

In **round one**, the public were invited to provide comments and suggestions relating to what they want to see included in the plan. It also included notification of key stakeholders and community groups using the parks. This round was completed in April 2018.

Comments received in this first round of consultation have been used to inform the development of the draft LPMP. Staff also worked with various teams across council, for example coastal,

¹ A reasonably new plan that went through extensive community consultation in 2014/2015

² covered in the Regional Parks Management Plan 2010

biodiversity, active recreation and legal, as well as a political reference group of local board members.

The draft LPMP was approved for public notification by the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board at its meeting on 19 March 2020.

Round two of public consultation was delayed due to Covid-19, but with the move to Covid-19 alert level 1 is not starting. In this round the public is invited to provide comments and objections (submissions) on the draft LPMP. Round two will be open for submissions for two months and will close on 4 September 2020.

Who approves the final LPMP?

The Hibiscus and Bays Local Board have the statutory authority to approve and adopt the LPMP. A hearings panel will be established to hear submissions. After the hearings, the panel will provide recommendations to the full local board, who will consider and make changes and approve the final LPMP.

What happens to existing reserve management plans?

As part of developing the local parks management plan all existing reserve management plans have been reviewed in accordance with the Reserves Act. Outcomes from the review have informed the new draft LPMP.

When the final Hibiscus and Bays LPMP is adopted by the local board, it will replace all existing reserve management plans except for the Mairangi Bay Reserves Management Plan as noted above.

N.B. the replaced reserve management plans will remain available, but only as reference documents.

Summary of the draft LPMP

The draft LPMP is a high-level policy document rather than a detailed operational plan. It primarily focuses on providing a framework and direction about what needs to be considered when protecting, managing, developing and enhancing our parks.

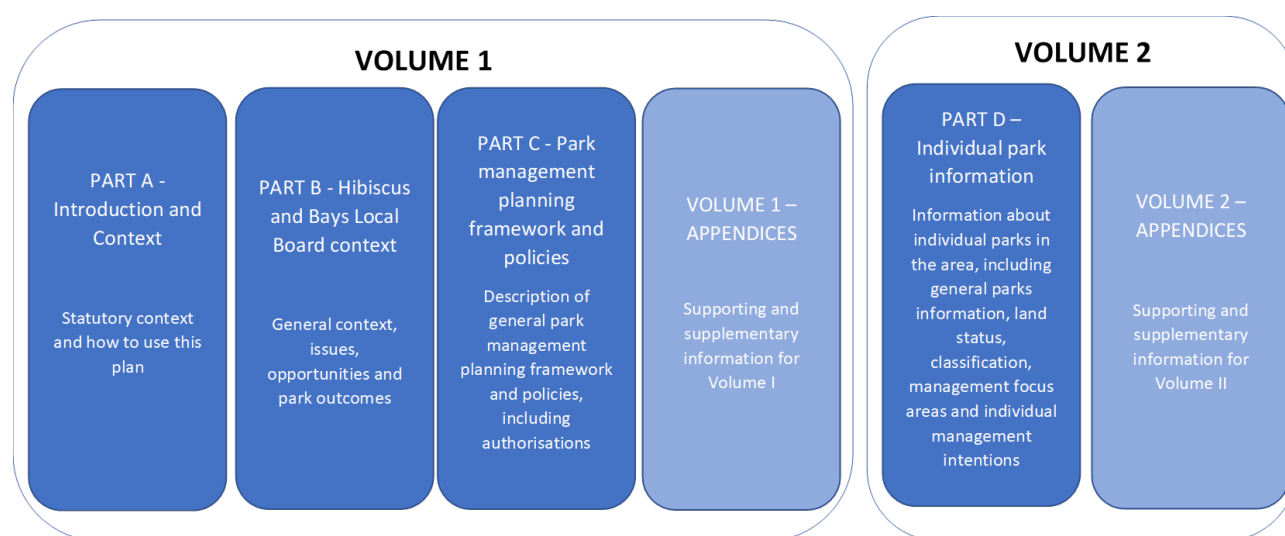
It will be a tool that guides day to day park management and assist the local board to make quality decisions about:

- how our parks are used
- how the special natural, historic and cultural areas of our parks will be protected
- what needs to be considered when developing and enhancing our parks over the next 10 years.

The draft LPMP is organised in two volumes.

Volume 1 includes general policies that apply to all parks. These relate to how the local board will manage the parks and how certain activities requiring authorisation will be considered.

Volume 2 provides key information for each individual park including its legal status and any special values and how specific parks should be managed.



Please note: Individual parks information in Volume 2, Part D needs to be read in conjunction with the general policies and principles Volume 1 of this draft LPMP. Individual management intentions outlined in Part D are to be given priority over the general policy section in part C of the draft LPMP.

The table below gives an overview of the sections of the draft LPMP and a summary of the content of each section.

Volume	Section	Content
Volume 1	Part A – Section 1 Purpose and scope of the plan	Gives an overview of the purpose and scope of the plan, including what is in and out of scope.

	Part A – Section 2 Statutory and policy context	Gives an overview of the overall statutory and policy context in which the draft LPMP has been developed and will be used.
	Part A – Section 3 How to use this plan	Gives an explanation about how to use the plan. It gives an overview of the structure of the plan, how to navigate it, including some examples.
	Part B – Section 4 Overview of the parks network	This section gives an overview of the parks network in the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board area, issues and opportunities, and desired outcomes.
	Part B – Section 5 Development of the Hibiscus and Bays LPMP	Explains how the draft LPMP has been developed, how we have worked with mana whenua and how to have your say in the management of parks beyond giving feedback on the draft LPMP.
	Part C – Section 6 Park values	Outlines reasons local parks are appreciated, and the values to be protected in parks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • natural, • social and recreational, • cultural and heritage, and • economic.
	Part C – Section 7 Te Ao Māori in parks management	Highlights how the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi / the Treaty of Waitangi. The section outlines core Māori values and concepts and introduces how Te Ao Māori can be brought to life in parks management.
	Part C – Section 8 Principles for parks management	Identifies key themes that are important to the community and guides the overall direction of local parks management. The six principles serve as foundations for the park management policies. They are: <p>Principle 1: Recognise and provide for the relationship of mana whenua with their ancestral taonga.</p> <p>Principle 2: Protect and enhance the natural environment, native biodiversity and the viability of the ecosystems.</p> <p>Principle 3: Protect and enhance unique natural and cultural landscapes and heritage features.</p> <p>Principle 4: Protect the value, integrity, amenity and accessibility of parks as places for the use and enjoyment of park users.</p>

		<p>Principle 5: Enable access and provide connections to the water, the coast, natural areas, neighbourhood and the park network.</p> <p>Principle 6: Be flexible, adaptive and responsive.</p> <p>They are based on the strategic outcomes of Treasure, Enjoy, Connect and Utilise in the Parks and Open Space Strategic Action Plan (refer to Section 2.2.2)</p>
	<p>Part C – Section 9 Classification</p>	<p>Explains the legal mechanism of classification reserves held under the Reserves Act. Classification is a statutory process, which needs to be completed for all reserves held under the Reserves Act.</p> <p>The aim of classification is to identify the primary purpose of a reserve.</p> <p>Classification also provides a high-level statutory management framework for the reserves held under the Reserves Act.</p> <p>The section also gives an overview of the most common classifications used.</p>
	<p>Part C – Section 10 Management focus areas</p>	<p>Explains the non-statutory tool of management focus areas. This tool is used in this plan to identify unique characteristics that shape how parks are used and valued and describe key outcomes to manage parks or certain areas within a local park; it is also used in this plan to group parks with similar functions, characteristics and issues.</p> <p>Management focus areas have been applied to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • parks held under the LGA to signal their primary function, and • Recreation Reserves held under the Reserves Act to supplement the statutory tool of reserve classification and further refine a reserve’s purpose/s.
	<p>Part C – Section 11 General Policies</p>	<p>11.1 Park management policies – outline objectives and policies for park management; applies to all local parks;</p> <p>This section covers the following policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access and parking (11.1.1) • Buildings (11.1.2) • Climate change and natural hazards (11.1.3) • Drones and unmanned aerial vehicles (11.1.4) • Geological and landscape features (11.1.5) • Historic and cultural heritage (11.1.6) • Park development (11.1.7) • Park naming (11.1.8)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnering and volunteering (11.1.9) • Plants and animals (11.1.10) • Recreational use and enjoyment (11.1.11) • Signs, information and interpretation (11.1.12) <p>11.2 Activities requiring authorisations - policies on activities requiring authorisations such as leases, licenses, easements and other forms of landowner approval;</p> <p>This section covers the following types of authorisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Authorisations (11.2.2) • Commercial activities (11.2.3) • Community leases and licences (11.2.4) • Events (11.2.5) • Overnight Accommodation (11.2.6) • Plaques and memorials and the scattering of ashes (11.2.7) • Public and private utilities (11.2.8)
Volume 2	<p>Part D – Section 12 Individual parks information</p>	<p>This section has information about each park and reserve included in this plan.</p> <p>It includes individual parks sheets for the 287 parks and reserves within the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board area and an explanation about how to read the individual park sheets.</p> <p>The individual parks sheet provides key information for each park including its legal status and any special values such as natural, historic and cultural values.</p> <p>For some individual parks, specific management intentions are set. These intentions describe the management approach and/or desired outcomes for specific activities, experiences or issues on individual parks, including development opportunities.</p> <p>However, the draft LPMP does not include the current or recommended layout for each park or a prioritised action list for park development.</p> <p>For ease of use, the individual parks sheets have been split up into those in the East Coast Bays and Hibiscus Coast subdivisions. Parks are listed in alphabetical order within each subdivision.</p>

Making a submission

How to submit your feedback

Your submission should be returned no later than 5pm 4 September 2020.

We encourage online submissions

We encourage you to give feedback online at akhaveyoursay.nz.

You can also email submissions to hibiscusandbays-lpmp@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.

Paper submissions

If you prefer to provide us with a submission in paper form, you can scan and email submission forms to hibiscusandbays-lpmp@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz, or drop them off at:

- East Coast Bays Service Centre
- Ōrewa Service Centre

Alternatively, place your submission in an envelope and send it to freepost address:

Auckland Council
Hibiscus and Bays Local Parks Management Plan
Free Post Number: 234512
Private Bag 92300
Victoria Street West
Auckland 1142

Call us if you have any questions

If you have any question, please either e-mail hibiscusandbays-lpmp@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz or phone the Auckland Council on 09 301 0101 and ask to speak to Nicki Malone.

Tips on how to make a submission

If you decided to write your own submission, here are a few tips.

A submission is your chance to tell us what you think of the draft LPMP. You might wish to comment on a topic of interest to you or an individual park, or particular sections of the draft LPMP, or a mix of these.

To make your submission as effective as possible, please consider:

Adding a heading or a policy reference number:

- head each of your topics with a title so we clearly know what the issue is you're submitting on, e.g. pest plants, or walking tracks
- state which section number or policy number you are commenting on, e.g. section 11.1.7, or policy 11.1.7.1.

Making your point clear:

- wherever possible, state clearly whether you agree or disagree with the section or policy you're commenting on,
- explain your reasons for agreeing or disagreeing,
- state what you think is an appropriate change, e.g. remove or add a new policy, or change a management approach.

Including your contact details:

- name,
- address or email address and
- contact phone number.

Indicating whether you want to want to speak to your submission at a hearing.

Speaking at a hearing

As part of your submission, you can ask to speak to your submission at a hearing. Speaking at a hearing gives you the chance to explain your submission to the Hearings Panel and present evidence that supports your written submission.

It gives you another opportunity to talk to the Hearings Panel about your thoughts and suggestions before they make their decisions.

Evidence is anything that backs up your statement and can be oral, written or visual (e.g. photographs or drawings). It should focus on issues directly related to your written submission.

If you wish to speak to your submission at a hearing, please either tick the box on the submission form, or make sure you state this if you do not use the form.

Key dates

The timeline below outlines the steps in the review process.

Estimated timing	Key milestones
Early Jul to early Sep 2020	Notification of the draft local parks management plan
Mid to late Sep 2020	Summary of submissions report made publicly available
Oct 2020	Hearing
Oct / Nov 2020	Deliberations and Hearing Panel's to make recommendations to the local board on amendments to the draft plan
Nov 2020	Adoption of the Hibiscus and Bays Local Parks Management Plan by the local board

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