

I hereby give notice that an ordinary meeting of the Local Board Plan Hearings - Whau will be held on:

**Date:** Wednesday, 3 September 2014  
**Time:** 10:00am  
**Meeting Room:** Whau Local Board Office  
**Venue:** 31 Totara Avenue  
New Lynn

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## Local Board Plan Hearings - Whau Local Board OPEN AGENDA

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**1 Welcome**

**2 Apologies**

At the close of the agenda no apologies had been received.

**3 Declaration of Interest**

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.



## Summary of submissions to the Draft Whau Local Board Plan 2014

File No.: CP2014/19613

### Purpose

1. This report provides high-level analysis of key themes contained in submissions to the Draft Whau Local Board Plan 2014.

### Executive summary

2. The Local Government Act 2002 and Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009 require Council to use the special consultative procedure in adopting the Whau Local Board Plan 2014. This includes ensuring any person submitting on the Draft Whau Local Board Plan 2014 is given reasonable opportunity to be heard.
3. 314 submissions were received to the Draft Whau Local Board Plan 2014. Of these, 77 were proforma submissions. 39 of the proforma submissions were related to heritage assessments, the balance were submissions were related to Smoke Free issues. 34 submissions were received to all draft local board plans.
4. 58 submitters requested the opportunity to speak in support of their submission at a public hearing.
5. The Whau Local Board asked submitters for feedback on four questions.
6. Question one asked submitters for comments on the six draft outcomes being proposed by the board. A total of 77 responses were received, 57 of which were in support.
7. Question two asked submitters to prioritise four key initiatives, by ranking them between 1 (most important) and 4 (least important). The initiative receiving the largest number of responses and the most number one rankings was *Community, recreation and aquatic facilities to make our towns outstanding places*.
8. Question three asked whether submitters had any other comments regarding the outcomes, objectives and initiatives contained in the Draft Whau Local Board Plan 2014.
9. Question four asked submitters whether they believed there was anything missing from the plan. 84 comments were made relating to the board's outcomes, and 123 comments were made relating to issues unrelated to these outcomes. Of these 52 comments were related to Smokefree initiatives.

### Recommendations

That the Local Board Plan Hearings - Whau Local Board:

- a) Receives submissions on the Draft Whau Local Board Plan 2014.
- b) Hears the relevant submissions on the Draft Whau Local Board Plan 2014.
- c) Thanks submitters for their verbal presentations on the Draft Whau Local Board Plan 2014.
- d) Considers any potential amendments to the Draft Whau Local Board Plan 2014.

## Comments

## Discussion

### Context

10. The Local Government Act 2002 and Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009 require Council to use the special consultative procedure in adopting the Whau Local Board Plan 2014. This includes ensuring any person submitting on the Draft Whau Local Board Plan 2014 is given reasonable opportunity to be heard.
11. This report provides statistics on submissions received to the Draft Whau Local Board Plan 2014 and a brief high-level analysis of key themes and topics.
12. More detailed analysis of submissions will be provided to the local board workshop on 17 September 2014.
13. The consultation period for the Draft Whau Local Board Plan 2014 was held from 7 July 2014 to 5pm 6 August 2014.

### Submissions

14. Council received and processed 314 submissions to the Draft Whau Local Board Plan 2014 with 58 submitters requesting to be heard.
15. 77 pro forma submissions were received to the Whau Local Board Plan 2014. 39 of these were related to heritage assessments and the balance advocated for a SmokeFree policy in the Whau Local Board area.
16. Copies of submissions to the Draft Whau Local Board Plan 2014 are provided in attachment A of this report.

### Overview of feedback from submissions to the Draft Whau Local Board Plan 2014

17. The Whau Local Board asked submitters for feedback on four questions.
18. Question one asked submitters for comments on the six draft outcomes being proposed by the board. A total of 77 responses were received, 57 of which were in support. Table 1 below details the number of responses to each outcome.

**Table 1- comments by outcome**

Outcome	Support	Do not support	Other	Total
Great communities across the Whau	11	1	2	14
Outstanding development in New Lynn, Avondale and along our main roads	12	0	5	17
Stronger local businesses providing more and higher paid work	5	0	1	6
A healthy Whau river and valued environment	10	0	1	11
In Whau, its 20 minutes to everything we need	4	1	3	8
Whau's local arts, culture and heritage are cherished	15	1	4	20

19. Question two asked submitters to prioritise four key initiatives, by ranking them between 1 (most important) and 4 (least important). Overall ranking was determined by allocating 4 points to first preference, 3 points to second preference, 2 points to third preference and one point to fourth preference giving a weighted total for overall preference). See Table 2 for details.



20. The initiative receiving the most responses was *Community, recreation and aquatic facilities to make our towns outstanding places*. This initiative also received the highest overall ranking.

**Table 2 – most important initiatives**

Initiative	Most preferred		Least preferred		Total	Rank
	1	2	3	4		
Community, recreation and aquatic facilities to make our towns outstanding places	69	41	25	19	450	1
Revitalise Avondale town centre	60	32	24	38	385	2
Making new walking and cycling connections	24	43	48	34	322	3
Connecting to and cleaning up the Whau River's coastline	34	27	41	44	300	4

21. Question three asked submitters if they had any comments on the outcomes, objectives and initiatives detailed in the Draft Whau Local Board Plan 2014. Owing to the large number of outcomes, objectives and initiatives, the data is widely spread, with small numbers responding to individual items
22. Outcome – *Great communities across the Whau* together with its objectives and initiatives received 37 comments. Of these 12 were supporting *Develop a plan for more youth places and activities in the Whau*.
23. Outcome – *Outstanding development in New Lynn, Avondale and along our main roads* received 80 comments. Of these 13 were in support of *New major aquatic facilities for the Whau* and a further 18 were in support of *Develop new community fitness areas, more major playgrounds improve provision of shade, safety and lighting in play and public areas*.
24. Outcome – *Stronger local businesses providing more and higher paid work* received a total of 14 responses.
25. Outcome – *A healthy Whau River and valued environment* received 37 comments, 26 of which were in support of the outcome and its initiatives.
26. Outcome – *In the Whau, it's 20 minutes to everything we need* received 51 responses in total. Within this outcome the objective *Better paths and links* received 14 responses in support and 14 general comments were received relating to *Advocacy for more footpath improvement and tree planting*.
27. Outcome – *Whau's local arts, culture and heritage are cherished* received a total of 77 comments. Of these 42 related to *Heritage building assessments* and most were proforma submissions.
28. Question four asked submitters whether they believed there were any items missing from the Draft Whau Local Board Plan 2014. Table 3 indicates the number of missing items for each outcome.

**Table 3 – Numbers of missing items by outcome**

Outcome	Responses
Great local communities across the Whau	20
Outstanding development in New Lynn, Avondale and along our main roads	9
Stronger local businesses providing more and higher paid work	2
A healthy Whau River and valued environment	11

Outcome	Responses
In the Whau, it's 20 minutes to everything we need	9
Whau's local arts, culture and heritage are cherished	33

29. Of the 20 responses related to the outcome *Great local communities across the Whau*, 14 were requesting a development plan for Kelston.
30. Of the 33 responses related to the outcome *Whau's local arts, culture and heritage are cherished*, 27 were requesting heritage assessments.
31. Other items identified as missing from the plan that did not fit within the outcomes, objectives and initiatives, included 21 related to local transport and seven related to local governance. There were 36 comments in relation to Smoke Free issues and a further 16 comments on Smoke Free issues were included in the submissions directed to all boards.
32. Submitters also made comments unrelated to the board's outcomes, objectives and initiatives. The most notable topic areas are listed below:
  - 30 submitters made general comments about the plan, although no common themes emerged
  - 45 responses were regarded as being out of scope. Of these, 35 were related to the Avondale Community Preschool.
  - 15 submitters generally agreed with the plan.

### Next steps

33. Decisions on the final Whau Local Board Plan 2014 will be made at the decision-making meeting on 15 October 2014.

## Consideration

### Local board views and implications

34. The Whau Local Board will consider all submissions to the Draft Whau Local Board Plan 2014 at the Local Board Plan 2014 hearing meeting on Wednesday 3rd September at the Whau Local Board office, New Lynn.

### Māori impact statement

35. The Whau Local Board has given consideration to Māori outcomes throughout the development of the Whau Local Board Plan, consequently the implementation of the Plan has the potential for positive outcomes for Māori.
36. The Whau Local Board aimed to engage with Māori rate payers and residents through engagement activities that were accessible to the general public as well as targeted stakeholder events both in the early stages of the Plan's development and throughout the consultation period. The priorities and preferences expressed by Māori rate payers and residents have been considered in the development of the draft Plan.
37. At the sub-regional hui on 14 July 2014, iwi and Whau local board representatives engaged on the draft Plan.
38. The Whau Local Board in its Plan seeks to increase and develop its relationship with local iwi and Māori.
39. Previous engagement with local mana whenua identified a strong focus on environment, heritage and the needs of tamariki and rangatahi and the Board's Plan includes responses to these areas. This draft Local Board Plan describes some of the ways the board would like

to work in partnership with mana whenua, including kaitiakitanga, inclusion and recognition of Maori culture and heritage, and the guardianship of our environment and special places.

## Implementation

40. Implementation issues on the various matters raised in submissions will be considered when making decisions at decision-making meetings on the Draft Whau Local Board Plan on 17 September 2014.

## Attachments

No.	Title	Page
A	Draft Whau Local Board Plan 2014 submissions vol.1 ( <i>Under Separate Cover</i> )	
B	Draft Whau Local Board Plan 2014 submissions vol.2 (Pro forma) ( <i>Under Separate Cover</i> )	

## Signatories

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