

31 January 2017

Governing Body  
Auckland Council

Subject: Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board's support for council submission to the Point England Development Enabling Bill

The Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board notes that the purpose of the Point England Development Enabling Bill is to enable housing development on 11.69 hectares of land on the Point England Recreation Reserve in Tāmaki in east Auckland. The local board is in support of concerns expressed by Auckland Council Mayor Phil Goff's and his position on the 'Point England Development Enabling Bill'.

The board supports the concerns and points raised, namely that there is an overall growth in the population and projected increase in the next two decades in the city. This places significant pressure on the limited open green spaces. As elected leaders of the adjacent board, Māngere-Ōtāhuhu, we are of the view that our natural environment must be protected, enhanced and preserved.

Our board supports growth and is very cognisant on the need for affordable housing in Auckland. However we have serious concern that legislative changes of this nature sets significant precedence, gives direction and sets the tone of intent in how leaders shape the lay of the land.

As local elected leaders we have had to front-up to challenges on decisions where we have had no direct role, e.g. Oruarangi Special Housing area. Our key concern is that there is risk that decisions are made solely to meet growth needs without balancing the decisions with actions to protect open spaces. This compromises the future of quality of life and living experiences in the city for an expanded population.

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board support's Auckland Council submission to the Local Government and Environment Select Committee and urges the Government to reinvest all the proceeds of the sale of the Point England land back into public open space in the area.



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