

Committee Secretariat
Local Government and Environment
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Re: Point England Development Enabling Bill

The Henderson-Massey Local Board submits that the Board:

1. Supports in principle the position of the Office of the Mayor of Auckland in a letter circulated 24 January 2017. We note that although the reserve is not within Henderson-Massey, the principle of this action is of wider interest to the Auckland region.
2. Notes the community concern around the process of this action, with limited ability to receive public input.
3. Supports in principle housing intensification to alleviate the housing crisis, and notes our long-standing position on encouraging intensified housing in our local board area.
4. Supports in principle the retention of green spaces to support intensified housing, and submits that this Bill should not be used as a precedent to erode further green spaces in Auckland.
5. Supports in principle the aspirations of mana whenua in treaty settlement outcomes and unequivocally supports the treaty settlement process. While we support the settlement claim, in general we do not support reserve land being used for housing purposes.
6. Supports in the strongest terms that proceeds toward any sale of reserve land should be returned to the affected community, as we would expect if such an instance were to happen within the communities that make up Henderson-Massey. Such proceeds should then be dealt with by Auckland Council, the Maungakiekie-Tamaki Local Board and in consultation with the community to compensate for loss of green space within the affected area.

Yours sincerely

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