

DRAFT

Summary of the draft Albert-Eden Local Board Plan 2017

Help Shape Albert-Eden's future

FROM THE CHAIR

We are pleased to present for your comment, the summary of our draft 2017 Local Board Plan.

In response to what you have told us previously, this document sets out seven outcome areas to guide our efforts over the next three years.

We will continue to prioritise improving our community centres, community facilities and shared outdoor spaces to enhance the lives of everyone in our community.

We will also work to ensure the environment in Albert-Eden is safe, and that our community is supported to lead in implementing and promoting sustainable practices. We will endeavour to protect the important cultural and historical features of our area. We will continue to support our local businesses to sustain a strong local economy.

Our area benefits from having a highly-engaged community so we will continue to look at innovative ways to foster regular engagement with residents and businesses, and to build strong relationships with many groups across our community. We believe that community-led initiatives, like the Sandringham Reserve upgrade, bring the best outcomes.

We look forward to hearing your views; your feedback is important for finalising this plan to ensure it reflects your priorities for Albert-Eden.

Peter Haynes

Chair

Albert-Eden Local Board

This summary is an overview of the statement of proposal for our draft 2017 Albert-Eden Local Board Plan. We encourage you to read the full draft plan, available online at shapeauckland.co.nz, at public libraries, council service centres and local board offices and tell us what you think by **Friday 30 June, 2017**. Or tell us what you think in person – see page **XX** for details of local meetings.

WHAT WE PROPOSE TO FOCUS ON

Below is an overview of the seven outcomes we are proposing to focus on. Our plan is based on the feedback over the past few years and ideas that our community has given to us.

1. Albert-Eden has a strong sense of community

We want everyone in Albert-Eden to feel a sense of belonging and to be able to participate in community life. To support this, we will:

- empower local people and groups to design and deliver activity that builds community, celebrates diversity and fosters unity
- provide opportunities for youth to get involved in their community and support them to develop an effective and powerful voice
- increase support of our amazing network of volunteers so they can continue their excellent work
- Encourage ways for our older residents to stay active and engaged
- support events that bring the community together in our unique spaces and places, such as Neighbours Day, Brazil Day, Music in Parks and Movies in Parks
- support the Albert-Eden Arts Broker programme to work with creative individuals and organisations and ensure our communities have access to and can participate in the arts.

2. Our parks are enjoyed by all

As a community we feel a shared ownership of our parks and take care of them together. We want to make the most of our parks by:

- taking a holistic approach to managing our parks and treating any development as an opportunity to improve them, from the natural environment to facilities, signs and pathways
- continuing to advocate for more parks, particularly maximising opportunities from development activity in the area, and ways to link or expand our existing park spaces
- carrying out the Albert-Eden Greenways Plan and developing new connections and cycling paths to existing parks
- implementing the Chamberlain Park Masterplan, with stage one including the development of a local park and playground, new paths and cycleways, as well as restoration of Meola Creek
- looking at options to improve Windmill, Melville and Nicholson parks in Mt Eden, with a focus on making fields usable all year round
- implementing the Oakley Creek Action Plan and completing the Motu Manawa Marine Boardwalk
- encouraging and supporting our community to be actively involved in managing our parks.

3. Our community spaces are well used by everyone

Our community facilities provide diverse and inclusive spaces that meet the changing needs of people of all ethnicities and ages. We'll continue to support this by:

- providing funding to ensure our community centres at Epsom, Mt Albert, Sandringham and Pt Chevalier, and our community halls and other buildings, provide good-quality, affordable facilities for you to hire and use
- making the most of the space we have by encouraging multi-use and sharing of facilities where possible
- ensuring spaces continue to be open and accessible to everyone, that they provide shelter and company, and offer a range of resources
- continuing to advocate for a pool in Mt Albert or another suitable Albert-Eden site
- building stronger relationships with groups that lease our facilities, so we can learn more about the good work they do in our community.

4. Albert-Eden has thriving town centres and a growing local economy

Our town centres attract locals and visitors and our local businesses are well supported. We will encourage further business innovation, growth and sustainability by:

- investigating innovative, people-centred design to improve our town centres and finding ways to support local arts and events that bring people to our centres
- supporting our business associations and other local groups through providing grants and advice that encourage innovation and local entrepreneurship
- advocating to the governing body and Auckland Transport for additional funding to upgrade Balmoral and Eden Valley village centres, as part of any future Dominion Road upgrades
- celebrating the small business successes through our Albert-Eden Business Awards
- looking at creating a local development plan for Greenlane to look at opportunities presented by the new town centre designation in the Auckland Unitary Plan.

5. Travelling around Albert-Eden is safe and easy

Ensuring our community has a range of transport options is a priority, so we will focus on providing travel options that make it easy for everyone to move around Albert-Eden.

We will:

- improve the safety and quality of our walkways and cycleways, and expand our network by linking different sections across Albert-Eden and with neighbouring suburbs
- investigate ways to slow traffic in our streets and deliver improvements that make walking and cycling more enjoyable,
- support community initiatives advocating safety around our schools
- ensure public transport is more accessible by investigating and advocating for parking near public transport stations, and clear signs and safe access ways that people of all abilities can use
- advocate to Auckland Transport for high-quality public transport infrastructure, such as light rail along Dominion, Sandringham, Mt Eden and Manukau roads
- continue to investigate options to reduce traffic speeds in residential streets such as places near Carrington Road and Pt Chevalier, and encourage community initiatives to support this.

6. Our natural and cultural heritage is valued

Our community has a strong awareness of our area's heritage. We'll work to protect and share this heritage, and continue to encourage and support our community to do the same, by:

- working with the Tūpuna Maunga Authority to ensure our three maunga are well used, protected and appreciated
- learning more about places and features in our area with cultural significance to Māori, so we can take steps to protect them
- continuing our programme of historic and character heritage assessments that identify buildings of heritage value for future protection
- protecting our rare lava forests and landscapes near Oakley Creek walkway, Withiel Thomas Reserve and Almorah Road
- creating more heritage trails and adding signs in parks and on walkways to include Māori language and heritage information
- continuing to celebrate and promote our heritage through projects such as the annual Auckland Heritage Festival and support for local heritage events.

7. We respect and protect our environment

Our community cares for our environment and we believe protecting and improving it will improve the quality of life in Albert-Eden. We aim to look after our environment by:

- encouraging a collaborative community-led approach to protecting our coastal areas and addressing water quality issues in our waterways,
- supporting restoration initiatives focused on improving biodiversity and connecting ecological corridors in our waterways, parks, rock forests and coastline
- working towards becoming a carbon-neutral area and supporting low-carbon initiatives at a neighbourhood level, as we know that reducing carbon emissions is something many of you are passionate about
- advocating to Watercare for separation of the combined stormwater storage system to happen as soon as possible, to help reduce pollution of our waterways
- working with the neighbouring Puketāpapa and Whau Local Boards to develop a joint approach to manage and protect Te Auaunga/Oakley Creek-
- working with our business community to encourage and support local sustainable business practices and initiatives.

Mt Albert Aquatic Centre

In the next 10 years Mt Albert Aquatic Centre will most likely need to be moved from its current location at Mt Albert Grammar School.

The centre was upgraded last year, but this will only extend the life of the pool until 2026.

There are a number of long-term issues with the pool, including its location at the school. Any relocation would require significant additional funding.

What are your views on Mt Albert Aquatic Centre? Would you like to see it relocated to another Albert-Eden location?

How important to you is having pool facilities in Albert-Eden?

We would like to hear your views on the Mt Albert Aquatic Centre.

DELIVERING OUR LOCAL BOARD PLAN

To deliver a successful plan, we need to focus our limited resources

on what matters most to our community and what we can influence. Find out more in our draft Local Board Plan, available online at shapeauckland.co.nz or at public libraries, council service centres or local board offices.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON ALBERT-EDEN'S DRAFT LOCAL BOARD PLAN

Feedback must be received by 4pm on Friday 30 June 2017.

Your feedback will go directly to elected members of the Albert-Eden Local Board to help inform its decisions.

We encourage you to read a full copy of the draft plan before providing your feedback. Copies of the full plan and submission forms are available:

- online at shapeauckland.co.nz
- at public libraries, council service centres and local board offices
- or phone us on 09 301 0101 and we will send a copy to you.

Or you can fill out this form and return it to us.

- email – simply scan your completed form and email to localboardplans@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz
- in person – drop it off at your local library, service centre or local board office
- by post – place your completed form in an envelope and send to this freepost address:

Local Board Plans
Auckland Council
Freepost Authority 232621
Private Bag 92 300, Auckland 1142

Social media

Comments made through the following channels will be considered written feedback.

- Write something on the Albert-Eden Local Board Facebook page and include “Local Board Plan feedback” in your message
- Send a private message using Facebook Messenger to [@alberteden](https://www.facebook.com/alberteden) and include “Local Board Plan feedback” in your message.

In person

Come and talk to us at one of the events below. This is an opportunity for you to give your feedback in person to Albert-Eden Local Board members at the below Have Your Say

events. The first four events are topic based, but the final 'General' event is for anything not covered in the plan, or anything else you would like to discuss

- Environment and sustainability: Tuesday 30 May, Western Springs Garden Community Hall, 956 Great North Road, Western Springs, 6-8pm
- Transport and town centre development: Thursday 1 June, Mt Eden War Memorial Hall, 489 Dominion Road, Mt Eden, 6-8pm
- Arts and heritage: Thursday 8 June, Mt Albert Senior Citizens Hall, Wairere Avenue and New North Road, Mt Albert, 10am-12pm
- Community involvement, sports and recreation: Tuesday 13 June, Melville Cricket Pavilion Club, Melville Park, 249-259 Gillies Avenue, Mt Eden, 6-8pm
- General (no specific topic): Tuesday 27 June, Mt Eden War Memorial Hall, 489 Dominion Road, Mt Eden, 6-8pm.

Your name and feedback will be considered public documents. All other personal details will remain private.

First name:

Last name:

Email or postal address:

Local board/s you are providing feedback on:

If you want to give us feedback on more than one draft local board plan, you can:

- complete a separate form for each draft plan. Additional forms are available by calling 09 301 0101 or online at shape.auckland.co.nz
- fill in one submission form and attach your comments, making it clear which draft local board plan they apply to.

The following information is optional.

Are you?

Female Male Gender diverse

What age group do you belong to?

<15 15-24 25-34 35-44
 45-54 55-64 65-74 75+

Which of the following describes your ethnicity? (Please select as many as apply)

- NZ European Māori
- Samoan
- Tongan
- Chinese
- Indian
- Other (please specify) _____

Is your feedback on behalf of an organisation?

- No, these are my personal views.
- Yes, I am the official spokesperson for my organisation.

If yes, what is the name of your organisation? _____

Q1. On a scale of 1 to 5, are we on the right track with our proposed local board plan?

- 5 = I strongly agree that the board is on the right track
- 4 = I agree that the board is on the right track
- 3 = I neither agree nor or disagree that the board is on the right track
- 2 = I disagree that the board is on the right track
- 1 = I strongly disagree that the board is on the right track

Comments:

Q2. What do you like the most about our proposed local board plan?

Q.3 Is there anything you think is missing in the Albert-Eden local board area that you feel is important for the future?

Q4. Please rank our outcomes in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 7 the least important.

- Albert-Eden has a strong sense of community
- Our parks are enjoyed by all
- We have community spaces that are useful for everyone
- Albert-Eden has thriving town centres and a growing local economy
- Travelling around Albert-Eden is safe and easy
- Our natural and cultural heritage is valued
- We respect and protect our environment

Q5. To help us prioritise, please tell us your top 5 projects and priorities from our draft local board plan.

1 _____

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5 _____

Need more room? You can attach extra pages, but please make sure they are A4 and include your name and contact details.

All personal information that you provide in this submission will be held and protected by Auckland Council in accordance with our privacy policy (available at aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/privacy and at our libraries and service centres) and with the Privacy Act 1993. Our privacy policy explains how we may use and share your personal information in relation to any interaction you have with the council, and how you can access and correct that information. We recommend you familiarise yourself with this policy.

- Yes, I want to be added to your mailing list to be kept informed about news and events in the Albert-Eden Local Board area.