

Attachment C

Ōrākei Local Board – 2017/2018 Annual Agreement

Proposed advocacy initiative

Initiative	Description	Advocating to
Connection between Gowing Drive and the Ōrākei Spine	<p>The change by Ministry of Education in 2015 to define the zoning of Selwyn College to include the suburb of Meadowbank as well as the existing zone of St Thomas's School, along with the confirmation of a funded plan to build a shared path between Glen Innes and Tāmaki Drive (Ōrākei Spine). A large number of submissions were received from Meadowbank residents in the 2016/2017 annual plan consultation requesting additional links between Meadowbank and Kohimarama.</p> <p>The local board lists three interrelated projects that need to be considered in a coordinated manner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pedestrian and cycling connections between the Gowing Drive area and the north side of the Pourewa Valley to connect the residents of Gowing Drive with Selwyn College and St Thomas's School.• Providing an essential north to south connection for pedestrians and cyclists in accordance with the Local Paths plan for an Ellerslie to Kohimarama Path.• Planning for a future Pourewa Valley train station that takes into account the potential increase of passengers that would come from Meadowbank, St Johns and Kohimarama having an easily accessible connection with the station. <p>To achieve the above aims, the board strongly advocates that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) A property in Gowing Drive be purchased.2) Design improvements to the walkway could enable this connection to be delivered cost neutrally when land not required for pathways is eventually sold and the cost of design improvements are taken out of the Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive shared path project. <p>The Ōrākei Local Board requests that the above proposals be urgently considered by the governing body and Auckland Transport and that a budget of \$4.5 million be allocated in the 2017/2018 budgets for property purchases and planning before the opportunity is lost.</p>	Governing Body