
**Hibiscus & Bays Local Board
Plans 2017-2020
Social Media Feedback**

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Q1 We think revitalising our local town centres will attract people to shop locally and contribute to a strong local economy. Do you	Agree	REVITALISING TOWN CENTRES Sure plan for revitalisation of Hibiscus Town Centres though with the hoped for improved traffic flow business will start to flex its own muscle. Existing and new businesses will have more meaningful input rather than ratepayers.

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Q2 We want to continue our efforts to influence an earlier delivery of Penlink, improved travel times and public transport options. Do you:	Agree	The major traffic flows into and out of Hibiscus and Bays area is at crisis level. Both business people and rank and file workers have to face this despairing problem every working day. Normal weekends and holiday times suffer the same problem at times heavier than a normal working day. The most irritating part of this problem is the continuing waffle and fluffle of successive administrations. PENLINK what a joke a very bad joke is it not time we in Hibiscus got a fair cut to the financial cake? My personal view and that of many others is that the present Penlink exits half down the Peninsular. What about further along towards Gulf Harbour? HARBOUR CROSSING, the second one that is. This is a very hot potato that successive administrations both Parliamentary and Council have carefully filed into the IGNORE BASKET.As a young fellow working at the Dockyard I watched with interest the huge agony that went on as to whether we Auckland's needed a harbour bridge in the first place. We had the ferries both passenger and vehicular what was the problem? What short sightedness looks at it now 51yrs later?
	Disagree	I do not think Penlink is a good idea as all it will do is increase further development for which there is no or very little infrastructure in place or planned in the future. People have chosen to live on the peninsula for a reason. We like the lifestyle we can have up here. We wouldn't have bought up here if we saw the Whangaparaoa Road as a hassle. We are very quickly seeing that eroding away with the present Unitary Plan which allows development willy nilly all over the place without any proper future plan in place. Instead of Penlink money would be better spent doing a rail line from the airport to the city and better public transport i.e. a rail link from the city to Silverdale. That would benefit far more people city wide not just the few who live on the Whangaparaoa Peninsula.

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Q3 We want to enhance access and activities on our coastlines, park and reserves. Do you:	Agree	Hi Board members, thanks for your draft plan which I believe is mainly good but within your proposal to provide open spaces and quality recreation to help support healthy lifestyles and keep us active
		We need some actual plans to develop sports facilities in Silverdale. We are way behind other areas in Auckland that have deep-water sports pools, squash courts etc. There is land in Millwater and there are plenty of clubs that would use the facilities if developed and would even take part in projects to help develop these facilities. Why do we have to travel to Albany/Glenfield etc. for decent facilities?

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Any other comments?	Planning	There should be no more further development on the peninsula until public transport is sorted.
	Environment	More effort needs to be made in maintaining our beaches, berms and roadsides. Since the demise of the Rodney Council this has been sadly lacking. Rubbish bins aren't emptied anywhere often enough through the summer months as our beaches become more and more popular. I would like to see a total ban on alcohol at the beaches. Our beaches are family friendly and we shouldn't have to tolerate unsightly drinking and loud music at our beaches during the summer days. Our children should be able to run on the sand without fear of standing on broken glass, tear tabs or bottle tops.
	Transport	Local Board Feedback Main priority I would like to see for the Hibiscus Coast is improved/faster/more efficient public transport. The present bus system will never work until it decreases time travelled off this peninsula. People will not get out of their cars when the bus takes twice as long to go anywhere! Does everyone want to go to the park and ride?? No!! The park and ride, which is an awful scar on the landscape only benefits commuters travelling to the city centre. What about people who want to go to the Silverdale shops or to the surrounding schools? Very bad forward planning! Albany has been very poorly planned and I see exactly the same thing happening in Silverdale! A top priority.
		THE WIDER AUCKLAND TRANSPORT PLAN I and many others on the Coast are fed up with being calmly shouldered out of the way while the Mainland gets its too-fair-share of the road building cash. When we see the tunnels and expressways being built in Auckland City when we stand patiently waiting with cup in hand with no result.
	Governance and support	I just briefly reviewed the hibiscus bay's plan and have to admit to not reading the whole thing. However my concern is that so many of the actions are just "advocating" or planning or investigating. It seems that you have very little in the plan in terms of producing something tangible. I anticipate that there will be lots of meetings and plans but no actual results. Disappointing way to plan to commit the local rate payer's money.
		HIBISCUS and BAYS LOCAL BOARD. We ratepayers on the Coast have the feeling this Board is not making itself felt with more forcefulness. A good job for some, just take the crap that Parliament hands out without a strong reaction. Could the Board (and the Council) please get off butts and make more noise where it will have results. Mark is good guy doing a great job I would not wish to see him lose out in the coming election.
		Local board plan feedback I just briefly reviewed the hibiscus bay's plan and has to admit to not reading the whole thing. However my concern is that so many of the actions are just "advocating" or planning or investigating. It seems that you have very little in the plan in terms of producing something tangible. I anticipate that there will be lots of meetings and plans but no actual results. Disappointing way to plan to commit the local rate payer's money.
Other comments	I don't see mention of continuing to promote smokefree policy or signage. Surely this is a very important factor in keeping and improving the health of our community? How about the wording be strengthened to include the smokefree policy and also have more information showing your commitment to having smokefree events, leases and licenses? Also I think it would be great if our board supports a bylaw to be consistent with other Auckland boards and have stronger more effective smokefree implementation. 'This is my Local Board Feedback' - Please contact me for more comments	