
Waitemata Local Board Plan 2017- 2020

Social Media Feedback

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Q4 If there was one key initiative from our draft local board plan that you wish to see prioritised for funding, what would it be.	Support opportunities to encourage healthy lifestyle choices: Support	Can you please do everything you can to support people to quit smoking. This includes: having better signage and monitoring of Smokefree outdoor places, supporting having a bylaw for Smokefree outdoor places, providing more communications so people know about Smokefree places, implementing Smokefree outdoor dining and town centres ASAP, and including SF requirements in clauses in Local Board leases and events/funding agreements. Smoking is the most preventable cause of death in NZ! We need the Local Board to do everything possible to support our fellow citizens in this Board area (I have a property on Waiheke). Thank you for your support.	1
		Kia ora to our wonderful Local Board Loving your draft plan :) It would be fantastic to strengthen your commitment to Smokefree by making sure it is a requirement in your leases, events and funding agreements. I want to take my mokos out and about Westmere where I live and the central city without exposing them to second smoke. Nga mihi nui	2

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Q5 Do you have any other comments to make on the draft local board plan.	Community services	I suggest you aim for libraries being run properly so we do not have to have a fb group called, Love our Libraries which is dedicated to saving them. This is a message from that site today. Please aim not to be behaving this way with our libraries in future. I believe we've located Fit for the Future's Achilles Heel. Ms Edmundson can deny and bully all she likes, but I think my prediction of rolling closures will come true next month. Or they'll call on even more Madison Recruitment temps to try to plug the gaps in desperation to keep the doors open, but they will have a hard time performing even tasks we'd think are simple like shelving. 'I can't speak for the activities of all of our members, but I did call two branches personally earlier this week to inquire whether they'd found staff to work shifts needing cover. 'Now library managers are evidently getting calls from on high instructing them and their teams not to make any comment about staff levels to members of the public. 'Some of you might interpret this as a dare...I invite you to call or drop in to your local branch, ask questions and report back the result here, even and especially if staff say they can't talk to you.	3

	Parks, sport and recreation	<p>There is a huge appetite for volleyball in central Auckland. Our club's twice-weekly indoor volleyball events are oversubscribed, and when we or our friends run pick-up/ad hoc sessions of beach volleyball at Mission Bay weekdays after work hours or on weekends, it's guaranteed that there will be groups of at least 15 people in fine weather - necessitating at least 2-3 nets to accommodate all who are interested. There are invariably passers-by who see us play and ask how they can join. When we schedule summertime tournaments we routinely organise for over 16 teams of pairs or 4s. These are people who commit their whole day or weekend to play in the sand! Mission Bay is of course a great spot for volleyball to be seen, but has limited parking and transport options, and unfortunately the sand contains numerous dangers to players - coral, shells, and lots of rubbish like bottle caps, wires, cutlery (you'd be amazed!). There is a significant desire for indoor volleyball in central Auckland, too. Our club's twice-weekly indoor volleyball events are oversubscribed, and we often have 60+ people keen to play volleyball for just two hours after work or school. If additional indoor gym space were made available for volleyball courts, our club alone (and we are one of several always looking for facilities) could easily fill it with social events and leagues for university student and school groups and adults. And any centrally located gym space is going to be highly desirable as all quality school and YMCA gyms are booked out for a whole year in advance for futsal, basketball and volleyball - this is the case for St Peter's school, Epsom Girls Grammar, and Diocesan School, which easily have the best facilities in the central city. The council's goal of increasing the range of sport and recreation options in the city's centre aligns perfectly with our club's goals. We fully support the development of additional recreational facilities, particularly for volleyball, as we know we have the membership that is desperate for more options, and this type of facility makes the city more vibrant and liveable. A centrally located beach volleyball facility would offer more possibilities for local and international events and increase the livability and appeal of Auckland city through popular sport and recreation. At the recent opening ceremonies for the World Masters Games, the 25,000 participants were told that this could have been the biggest WMG of all time and set new records -- the interest was there -- but the facilities in Auckland were lacking. There is an unmet desire and need for more facilities on the Auckland isthmus and our club, run entirely by volunteers who love the sport, fully supports the development of additional space into recreational areas suitable for sand and indoor volleyball. cc Volleyball New Zealand.</p>	4
		<p>Any spare to do up the basketball court? One of the most popular courts in Auckland, it's taken care of! A good place for the youth to hang! It's well needed and it will be money well spent as it used on the daily!</p>	5
		<p>We really need a upgrade to our basketball hoops and court. There's a great Bball community at grey Lynn and it's one of the best runs in Auckland. Could even get rid of the rubbish playground next to the pump track and build a skatepark.</p>	6

	Transport	<p>'Local Board Plan feedback I agree when she says this - They have decided to make Motions Rd one way and redirect all that traffic down Garnet Rd....o and they have plans to restrict Garnet Rd by putting in cycle ways... and to take out the pohutakawa by #EdgeCity planted by renowned artist and local resident Annette Ashby (who has spent many years trying to save the ecosystem created by the Western Springs pines). MADNESS I say. I say too - The congestion will not force people onto public transport, (which often never arrives or you can't see how to get home at the other end, signage is hopeless, or drivers are nasty), or onto cycles, unless they are capable of using those. Many of us use cars to do the five things we have to do in a day, only a car will get us to five different places that fast. Also many of us are old and unable to cycle or use buses, or trains, due to mobility problems, mental health issues, (Auckland transport makes me mentally ill), or due to cost problems, or other issues, or all of those. Those cycle ways down Garnet Road will ruin two businesses or more, (there'd be home businesses there too who need parking for clients to easily call in), and school-life-work will be harder. You want to ruin hundreds' of people's days and nights, with cycle ways we do not need. That road is enormous and not too busy; cycles have no trouble using it. Overseas they are taking away road markings. In NZ we have so many road markings I get confused seeing them, they CAMOUFLAGE cyclists in some places, you cannot see the cyclist for colours and patterns on the road. You're creating hazards. Then the absolutely appalling mismanagement of our libraries, with completely foolish staff bullying and nasty treatment of valuable people, is stunning in its foolishness. I can only think you want to privatise libraries, once they are so rundown no one can stand them anymore. Then they're a cheaper item to sell to friends and associates. Privatisation is such a failed experiment, we all know that. Stop treating libraries so badly anyway, they're a wonderful place for many people. Councils are supposed to serve people, people, people. Kindly do your job, properly. If you planned things for what people are actually like, instead of some ideal or imagined group we would be better off. Idealism is also an addiction; I suggest you get realistic as a board.</p>	7
		<p>For safe walkability PLEEEEEASE reduce cyclists/skateboarders/scooters speed on all "shared" pedestrian paving especially where there are meant to be no cyclists etc. and no sharing at all, across Auckland City Central, Eden Terrace, Kingsland, Mt Eden, Waterfront, Ponsonby, Grey Lynn, Newmarket, St Lukes. Local board plan feedback.</p>	8
		<p>Local board plan feedback: I would love to be able to bike to and from Parnell school with my kids and then carry on to New Market, the library and Pool on bike. For someone who grew up in Denmark, it is a completely sane investment for a long list of reasons. Don't get me started.</p>	9
		<p>Can we please have a relocated disabled car park in Ponsonby Rd as the road works have blocked off the one outside the Westpac.</p>	10

		Local board plan feedback, Slower traffic is safer traffic for everyone - cyclists, pedestrians, and even drivers. It's a Win-Win-Win!	11
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