

Attachment D – Auckland Plan 2050 – Outcomes, Focus Areas and Directions Relating to Open Space

Auckland Plan

Outcome: Belonging and Participation

Direction 1: Foster an inclusive Auckland where everyone belongs

Focus area 1: Create safe opportunities for people to meet, connect, participate in, and enjoy community and civic life

Focus area 7: Recognise the value of arts, culture, sports and recreation to quality of life

Outcome: Homes and Places

Direction 4: Provide sufficient public places and spaces that are inclusive, accessible and contribute to urban living

The Auckland Plan contains the following statement on the need for different thinking on public places/spaces.

“As Auckland's population increases and becomes more urbanised, our public places and spaces will become even more important to our wellbeing. This is particularly the case in areas of high growth, increased density and socio-economic need.

This has implications for the number, size and location of our public places. It is also an important reason why we need to think differently about what we consider to be a public place and how we conceive its use. We also need to think differently about how we design and deliver them.

They have to:

- support multiple uses
- be able to adapt and change in the future
- reflect who we are as communities, Aucklanders and New Zealanders.

As Auckland grows and intensifies, space will be at an even higher premium.

Acquiring new public space is expensive. Auckland must therefore complement any new public places by getting more out of what we already have. Innovative and thoughtful design will be key ways of meeting this challenge”.

Outcome: Transport and Access

Direction 1: Better connect people, places, goods and services

Direction 2: Increase genuine travel choices for a healthy, vibrant and equitable Auckland

Direction 3: Maximise safety and environmental protection

Focus area 1: Make better use of existing transport networks

Focus area 4: Make walking, cycling and public transport preferred choices for many more Aucklanders

Focus area 5: Better integrate land-use and transport

Quality open space is a critical component of attractive and liveable high density urban areas. Therefore, high quality open space can facilitate the regeneration and growth of urban centres. The existing urban area of Auckland has an established, well distributed, open space network. The ability to significantly expand the urban network is constrained due to the land supply and budget constraints. Therefore, council's investment in open space in the existing urban area prioritises improving the existing network.