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Auckland's Draft Venue Development Strategy

Regional Facilities Auckland (RFA) has been working on a strategy for the city's network of major outdoor stadiums since 2012. We appreciate the time sports bodies have taken in engaging with RFA throughout the various stages of consultation undertaken during this period.

I enclose the latest version of Auckland's Draft Venue Development Strategy that has been developed by Regional Facilities Auckland over recent and many, many months. Various sporting codes have contributed ideas and feedback as the most recent version of the Strategy has taken shape.

The Auckland Council, as shareholder of Regional Facilities Auckland, is now seeking your broad endorsement of the Strategy and invites your organisation to formally respond with your considered position. I would appreciate receiving your written feedback no later than Tuesday 30 April 2019. I would like to be able to present this feedback to the Council's Planning Committee in early May 2019.

Elements of the Strategy have wide support and therefore some elements of the Strategy will be implemented immediately. For example, the Strategy envisages North Harbour Stadium as a Community Stadium and high-performance sport facility. Work on realising this initiative is well underway, with new specialist sport turf fields installed and preliminary design completed for elite training facilities and administration offices. Eden Park will continue to be Auckland's premier stadium for the next 10 to 15 years. In March 2019, Council will consider a package of financial arrangements, to support the plans for the park over the next decade.

The Strategy maintains optionality for a new downtown stadium, or a fully refurbished Eden Park in the future – all options remain in play in the long term.

If your organisation would like a detailed briefing on the Strategy, Regional Facilities Auckland senior management are available to provide such a briefing. Please contact Chris Brooks at: chris.brooks@rfal.co.nz

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If you would like to discuss the broader aims of the strategy and funding arrangements, you can contact me at: stephen.town@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Thank you, in anticipation for taking time to participate in this round of feedback. I look forward to hearing from you in April, if not before.

Nga mihi

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