

Attachment D: Comments received via social media

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With all Building Consent Applications, there is a Development Levy imposed for the council to provide infrastructure & open spaces for the growing community. This is for new infrastructure / open spaces. It is not to be used for destroying existing open spaces

Save Chamberlain Park! Please don't destroy the golf course, once it's gone its gone!

Annual Budget Feedback. Regarding the Albert-Eden Local Board I strongly oppose the proposal to include progressing the implementation of the Chamberlain Park masterplan as a priority in the Auckland Council Annual Budget. This is a green space that is for all Aucklanders to learn the game and predominantly used by those in lower socioeconomic communities. It would be an absolute crime to reduce the course to 9 holes. Golf is only growing Year on year as a participation sport, this is the most used golf course in New Zealand with hundreds of rounds every day. Once this is gone it can never be replaced. We do not need more sports fields that are utilised once or twice a week.

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Annual budget feedback - Chamberlain Park

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Annual Budget Feedback . I wish to voice my strong disapproval of the Council's plan to reduce the Chamberlain Park Golf Course. The course is part of a 'Green Corridor' which stretches all the way through the school grounds and Western Springs, Jagers Bush and Meola Reef all the way to Kauri Park across the Harbour. This allows a diversity of native and other bird life to flourish and breed successfully.

Re Albert-Eden Local Board I oppose the proposal to include progressing the implementation of the Chamberlain Park masterplan as a priority in the Auckland Council Annual Budget. This golf course is a treasure that we will never be able to get back once it has been butchered. This plan will reduce this iconic and well-used golf course from 18 to 9 holes and that the costs involved are disproportionate and will actually lead to lower utilisation of the park and a reduction in green space. Auckland's golf courses should be preserved. Intensify elsewhere.

Save Chamberlain Park for future generations. Disgraceful. greedy plan.

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I want express my absolute objection to the plan to reduce Chamberlain Golf course to a nine hole course. Leave it alone!

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I can't believe Auckland are about to spend ridiculous amounts of money cutting-up Chamberlain Golf Course into a 9 hole and "other" facilities (I heard another small park and more rugby pitches). There are only two public courses in Auckland just now but they are used regularly by the poorer golfers of the city.

I am a local and lived in the area for most of my life and used this course as a young lad with my dad and Whanau and recently in my later years. This is a green asset and golf course not only for the local community but all of Auckland.

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To strip Auckland from one of its two ONLY Public Golf Courses, in a convenient and historical location is an absolute myopic crime and you Councilors will be derided and hated until we, the remembering generation, dies off!
Chamberlain Park is just a jewel, as close to central as can be managed.....and once gone will never again be replaced as the aggregation and destruction of myriad houses will never be mandated by Ratepayers.
We are the focus of growth in the whole of NZ (both external and internal migrations) and the experience must include outdoor enjoyments rather than financial (short-term) pursuits of green bureaucrats.

I oppose the Albert-Eden Local Board's proposal to include progressing the implementation of the Chamberlain Park masterplan as a priority in the Auckland Council Annual Budget. This proposal will reduce the valuable green space in Auckland City and will slash the number of holes at a very

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Dear Auckland Council, I'm writing to oppose the proposal to include progressing the implementation of the Chamberlain Park masterplan as a priority in the Auckland Council Annual Budget. There are a number of reasons why, but the key ones are: 1) The lack of any properly costed and timetabled plan for the project 2) The weak arguments, process, and shifting rationales the Albert Eden Local Board has put forward for the change 3) and perhaps most importantly of all the irreplaceability of this asset, which once gone is lost forever. This loss will be irreversible; yet the Albert Eden Local Board does not appear to be acting in a sufficiently responsible fashion. I regret to say that as it currently stands, the Chamberlain Park masterplan project appears to have all the hallmarks of a major local body planning mistake. It needs to be halted at the very least until the errors in the AELB's original proposals are corrected and a properly costed and timetabled plan appears.

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The more opposing messages they get, the more the Council will pay attention.

Please DO NOT carve up Chamberlain Park - it is in use all the time. We have so many little parks already, lets not make more! We have cycleways, and footpaths, and Western Springs and Fowlds Park in the immediate vicinity for walking and cycling and picnics and kicking a ball around. Let's keep golf affordable and accessible, not a sport for the rich. I want Auckland to be affordable and accessible for all the people who live here. Yes we need to accommodate more people as our population expands, but I fail to see how cutting up Chamberlain Park makes Auckland a better place to live. Stop and think again please, for us and

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Annual Budget Feedback. I am writing to oppose the proposed reduction of Chamberlain Golf Course. The course allows new players who don't have the required equipment or finances to try golf and play in a casual manner which is not always found with private courses. If it wasn't for Chamberlain golf course, myself and many friends would not have played golf at all. This course could also offer youngsters a way into a new sport, something that is much needed now more than ever. Please overturn this decision.

Annual Budget Feedback. This is to register my opposition to reducing Chamberlain Park golf course from 18 holes. This is a treasure and asset that is enjoyed by literally thousands of Aucklanders of all ages, colours, nationalities, etc. The appeal & patronage of the golf course would be greatly diminished if the number of holes is drastically reduced. Steve Bridges, 54 Surrey Crescent, Grey Lynn, Auckland.

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Save Chamberlain Park and the 18 hole golf course in the process if being destroyed. The present Green space needs to be preserved for future generations.

As whittled away they will inherit nothing of what we have.

I vermently oppose the proposal.

I couldn't agree more with Gerard Ockerses's comment , further more it's a huge asset to Auckland as far as Tourism is concerned, its so close to major inner city hotels its a jewel in Auckland's crown!

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Annual Budget Feedback. Save Chamberlain Park for those golfers!

I would like you to reconsider reducing the size of chamberlain park. This is an iconic golf force in the center of town, that is available to the public and our growing tourists, both local and international to use. This surrounding area is home to many other recreational parks, including Western Spring, the Auckland Zoo, The speedway, and the fields beside the bullock track and the speedway, to name a few, there are others close by in Grey Lynn, Balmoral and Mt Albert. I have as have many others used this golf course for more than 40 years, on a regular basis, and would

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"Annual Budget Feedback" save Chamberlain Park, it MUST stay as a public golf course.

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Need more football/soccer parks? Make the existing ones all weather surfaces and make use of the local schools playing fields that aren't utilized on the weekends. The schools and students would ending benefiting from the councils and ratepayers support as well.

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