

# Memorandum

21 February 2020

**To:** Planning Committee

**Cc:** All Waitematā Local Board members  
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**Subject:** Waitematā Local Board feedback to the City Centre Master Plan refresh

**From:** The Waitematā Local Board

## Purpose

1. To provide Waitematā Local Board's feedback to the City Centre Master Plan refresh.

## Context/Background

2. On 18 February 2020, the Waitematā Local Board resolved the board's draft feedback to the City Centre Master Plan refresh (Resolution number WTM/2020/19)
3. The resolution included a delegation to the Chair and Planning Portfolio holder to finalise the submission after the Planning Committee workshop held on 19 February 2020.
4. The final Waitematā Local Board feedback including the amendments from the delegation is below.

That the Waitematā Local Board:

- a) provide formal feedback on the draft CCMP refresh by 21 February 2020
- b) note the engagement process undertaken as part of this refresh
- c) support the overall direction of the City Centre Masterplan refresh
- d) note that the Waitematā Local Board Chair, Pippa Coom presented local board views to the Planning Committee on 27 November 2018. The presentation points were:
  - a) the refresh addresses outcomes in many of board's plans including:
    - Accessibility Action Plan. We therefore strongly support Outcome 02 of an Accessible City Centre
    - Commitment to creating a Child Friendly City. We therefore strongly support Outcome 03 an Inclusive, Engaging and Child Friendly City Centre.
    - Low Carbon Plan. We therefore strongly support Outcome 09 of a Sustainable City Centre
  - The board place huge importance on Access for Everyone. This will improve the city centre economy, contribute to combating climate heating, reduce air pollution, and will lead to better wellbeing outcomes.
  - The board supports trials and temporary installations that demonstrate the city we would like to become.

- Supports pilot projects and quick low-cost interventions to promote long term improvements to our streets.
  - Supports streets free of crashes that result in death or serious injury
- e) endorse the Grafton Gully boulevard concept which is a priority of the Parnell Plan
  - f) endorse the early provision of a school or schools in the City Centre but urges that the word “potential” be deleted so that the provision is more definite and early
  - g) endorse appropriate action to provide increased affordable housing options
  - h) endorse homelessness being made rare, brief and non-recurring.
  - i) endorse Tamaki Makaurau: our place in the World being the first strategic outcome
  - j) endorse prioritising the connectivity between Parnell, city centre and the domain through walking cycling connections, public transport and wayfinding
  - k) note that the Parnell Business Association supports a Grafton Gully Boulevard but raises concerns that possible interim measures that remove parking to give priority to trucks could be detrimental to local businesses
  - l) endorse the St Georges Bay Road Streetscape upgrade
  - m) endorse the provision of public amenities in the form of toilets, showers, water fountains, changing rooms and lockers
  - n) endorse the development of an extensive, continuous, safe and accessible pedestrian network
  - o) endorse streets that are designed as active public spaces
  - p) endorse the pedestrianisation of Queen Street and of High Street
  - q) propose the reallocation of road space at the southern part of Wakefield Street into park to create a larger unified Wakefield Park
  - r) notes Waitemātā Local Board’s commitment to outcomes for Māori identity as stated in the Waitemātā Local Board Plan 2017:
    - we will engage with iwi at the inception of our projects to understand the issues of significance to Māori and empower mana whenua and mataawaka to meaningfully contribute to our initiatives and plans.
    - we will work with mana whenua on naming local roads, parks and council owned facilities to reflect our rich cultural history and ensure iwi have a voice in heritage projects to tell their stories of Waitemātā. We will take every opportunity to increase the use of te reo Māori in our signage.
    - We acknowledge the five marae in Waitemātā and their importance as a focal point for Māori to maintain and sustain connections and traditions. As well as our active work with mana whenua, we also want to respond to the needs and views of mataawaka. We will encourage initiatives that support the Auckland Plan move to significantly lift Māori social and economic wellbeing and seek to ensure mana whenua and mataawaka aspirations are realised.
  - s) seek the inclusion of the development of a play space in the Albert Park extension in the area between Bowen and Kitchener streets and of other incidental play opportunities in the central city
  - t) support investigation of the provision of an urban farm in the area between Bowen and Kitchener Streets while acknowledging the historical value of Albert Park and respecting that it is an historical reserve under the Albert Park Act, or elsewhere in the City Centre.
  - u) support ensuring that central city construction work, deliveries and events are carried out at times and enforced noise limits that minimises disruption to the lives of central city residents.