

**Date:** Tuesday 10 May 2022  
**Time:** 2.00pm  
**Meeting Room:** This meeting proceeded via MS Teams and a written  
**Venue:** summary has been uploaded to the Auckland  
Council website.

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## **Albert-Eden Local Board**

### **OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS**

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Thank you for this opportunity to talk on the council Draft Golf Investment Plan on behalf of Chamberlain Park Golf Club.

CP is one of only two public courses in Auckland and one of the busiest, mostly used by casual golfers. It has a high proportion of non-European users (looking to promote it as “The Home of Pasifika Golf”) and a high usage amongst most age groupings. It is part of a green bird corridor from the Waitakeres to the Waitemata, in close proximity to both the CBD and a number of other sport and recreation areas and provides a positive financial return to council.

CPGC fully endorses the statements made about the out of date data, misleading information and the biased nature of the Plan made in Golf NZ’s Request for Withdrawal and Correction sent to council on 8 April 2022.

Our additional concerns about the Plan can be summarised as:

- i. The failure to engage with golfing bodies and to seek up to date information before making the report public. As an example, latest Golf NZ data shows increases in golf participation, not a decrease.
- ii. Going to the public and seeking responses when the report is misleading – then
- iii. Unfairly pitting golf against every other sport and recreational activity by suggesting the land it uses could serve other purposes and unfairly singling out golf by not providing information on other sports for comparison
- iv. Failing to acknowledge and address the other 93,000ha of publicly owned land in Auckland not used for golf.
- v. A belief that reducing the number of golf holes will solve a number of issues which could actually be better solved by increasing the number of golf courses.
- vi. Claiming against the evidence that council would be able to offer better services and facilities to the public than golf clubs already do, and that this would of itself lead to changes in participation rates.
- vii. Failing to note that all the golf courses are financially self-sustaining and have met, and will continue to meet, their operating and capex costs, thus reducing the obligation of council having to meet these costs as they do on all the other 93,000ha of publicly owned land.
- viii. Failing to understand that any number of holes can be played on any 18-hole golf course by players of all ability levels.
- ix. Failing to recognise the environmental enhancement plans already put in place by the golf sector, local boards and council.
- x. Failing to include financial considerations as part of the debate.

We are unable to support the plan and urge the board not to support it. Further, we will be recommending that council accepts the advocacy concerning CP included in the AELB’s 2020 Local Board Plan which shows that increased public access to a golf course can be achieved without reducing the course from 18 holes.





# Declaration by Chair

*Te Whakapuaki a te Heamana*

Ko au ko, Margi Watson

Ka whakapuaki ka mahi pono, tōtika hoki ahau, i ngā mea e mātau e taea ana e au hei painga mō te rohe o Albert-Eden i runga i te mana kua riro mai i a au hei heamana o te Poari ā-Rohe o Albert-Eden i raro anō i te Ture Kāwanatanga ā-Rohe o te tau rua mano mā rua, te Ture Pārongo, Huinga Ōkawa ā-Kāwanatanga o te tau kotahi mano iwa rau waru tekau mā whitu, i raro rānei i tētahi atu Ture.

I whakaritea i Microsoft Teams i tēnei, te rā tekau mā rua o Haratua 2022

I, Margi Watson

declare that I will faithfully and impartially, and according to the best of my skill and judgment, execute and perform, in the best interests of Albert-Eden Local Board area, the powers, authorities, and duties vested in, or imposed upon, me as a Chair of the Albert-Eden Local Board by virtue of the Local Government Act 2002, the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, or any other Act.

Dated via Microsoft Teams this Thursday, 12 May 2022

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**Chair**

Signed in the presence of:

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**General Manager Local Board Services**  
**On behalf of the Chief Executive**