

Ōrākei Local Board Plan feedback form

Feedback must be received by 4pm, Monday 14 August 2023.

We recommend you read about [the draft local board plan \[PDF 4.8MB\]](#) before having your say.

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Your feedback

All questions are optional.

Activity areas

The draft local board plan focuses on five key areas of activity. Please let us know if you agree or disagree with the ways we propose to meet the community's needs for the following areas of focus.

1. Our people: Our people are our most valuable asset and at the heart of what we do.

We will focus on all groups in the community to feel informed and included. We want to continue to enable and recognise the invaluable work of our committed local volunteer groups. Building safe, resilient communities is important with the ongoing intensification of our areas, cost-of-living increases, the lingering effects of a global pandemic and the effects of extreme weather. We will continue to strengthen our relationships with mana whenua.

Do you agree or disagree the initiatives will help you and your community to thrive?

1. Strongly Agree
2. Agree
3. Neither Agree or Disagree
4. Disagree
5. Strongly Disagree

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

The Local Board Plan shows broad initiatives, however there is little detail on either the components or tangible outcomes of the initiatives, together with no itemised costs that

would hint at the size or scale of the initiative, so reduced insight can be gained on the actual deliverables for our community.

Our People-

We support the OLB working with the Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei on the core initiatives highlighted in the Plan;

- developing a strong waka culture and daily presence of iwi in Ōkahu Bay
- enhancing the ecology of Pourewa Valley
- connecting early and frequently with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei on new projects and areas of emerging local interest acknowledging the Trusts role as kaitiaki to ascertain their mana whenua interests and insights
- Work closely with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei on their desire to improve linkages between Ōkahu Bay, Tāmaki Drive, the Whenua Rangatira and Pourewa Reserve
- supporting them to advance their intentions to establish a multi-use sports facility in the Ōrākei Domain.

Unlocking volunteer engagement across OLB area is a great goal, and such initiatives as the Volunteers Expo, and Auckland East Community Network encourages this.

We strongly support the initiatives that build safe and resilient communities. The continuation and strengthening of locally focused community patrols and positive changes that support our residents to be able to enjoy where they live, and businesses to have a greater sense of security and desire to continue to operate, invest and grow in our area. Focus areas for safety initiatives are our highly visited waterfront reserves and road sides and parking areas such as Mission Bay/Selwyn Reserve, and Kohimarama Beach reserve. Actively engaging Council and Police resources to support initiatives that strengthen the safety and security of our residents and businesses is very important. We would like to see more detail in the plan on what these initiatives are.

The recent flooding and power cut events has shown how important it is to be prepared as a community for an unexpected event. We support strengthening the volunteer groups and working with Auckland Emergency Management on local emergency response plans and the effective communication of these across the OLB area.

2. Our environment: Ōrākei has clean waterways, thriving habitats and committed environmental volunteers.

We will continue to strengthen partnerships that are key to the betterment of the environment. It is important our forest, bush, beaches, wetland habitats and Orakei Basin continue to be enhanced for future generations. Water is our lifeblood therefore we will continue to keep our beaches and waterways clean and improve our water quality.

Do you agree or disagree the initiative reflects your community's environmental priorities?

1. Strongly Agree
2. Agree
3. Neither Agree or Disagree
4. Disagree
5. Strongly Disagree

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

The Kohimarama/Mission Bay area is made up of amphitheatres that sit above flood plains, bordering the, climate change driven, rising ocean levels. The retention, protection and enhancement of our suburbs through strong environmental and water management policy is vital and one of the most important focuses for our community.

Improving water quality through improved management of sewage and stormwater is vital to ensuring our precious beaches are useable and protected for the future.

Protecting at all costs the remnants of our urban forest, such as Kohi Forest, Kepa Road Bush, and other areas of urban forest within our communities. We would like to see the OLB go further and advocate for real change at the Governing Body for protection of the urban tree coverage that remains in our area. Our urban forest needs to be protected and enhanced to ensure a sustainable and vibrant native wildlife, and provide vital soakage for ongoing storm water management.

The Eastern Bays Song Bird Project is an important initiative for delivery of funding. The positive impacts of their work are enjoyed by all in the community as our birdlife continues to return to our community.

Maintaining and reinstating the sand on our beaches, across Kohimarama and Mission Bay, is of utmost importance for the safety and retention of the infrastructure, transport links , the residences and the businesses, together with retaining the beaches for the millions of people that visit each year and for their recreation and sport activities. Kohimarama Beach, north/western end, is requiring remedial work to ensure the protection of the seawall, infrastructure and transport networks. We believe that OLB should ensure that there is an ongoing and committed funding stream for the maintenance of the sand levels at the two key beaches of Kohimarama/Mission Bay, together with fixing and improving aspects of the sand protection groynes before any new locations are added to the re sanding programme and budget. We would like to have clear visibility of the ongoing funding commitment for this vital community and infrastructure protection initiative that the sanding project delivers to our area.

Advocate to the Governing Body for the protection of the Kohimarama/ Mission Bay current residential and single house zoning to ensure protection of the soakage and sponge impact from the current permeable site coverage. Kohimarama/Mission Bay has a unique geological formation which does not support the significant increase in impermeable surface area,

higher density building coverage, and the inevitable reduction in tree scape that is being proposed so recklessly by AK Council.

3. Our community: We find creative ways to provide the facilities and services that our community needs and look after what we have.

It is important the network of open spaces and community facilities meets the needs of the growing population. We will continue to make sure our sports parks are maintained and upgraded and our libraries and community centres are safe, fit for purpose and well used.

Do you agree or disagree the initiative supports increased participation from your community and improved connection to the community as a whole?

1. Strongly Agree
2. Agree
3. Neither Agree or Disagree
4. Disagree
5. Strongly Disagree

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

The Landing development is a once in a generation opportunity to enhance an incredible harbour side public accessed location. We support your focus on community engagement and progression to a final plan so that the focus can be on developing the timeline and deliverables for this opportunity.

We strongly support the focus and work to deliver the integrated Pourewa Valley plan.

We strongly support the advocacy from OLB to the Governing Body to return Tagalad reserve to the OLB governance and support the refresh of this site and buildings for the use of the local and wider communities.

4. Our places: Our area is well-planned, prepared for growth and offers great transport connections.

Ōrākei is a special place. It offers so much, to locals and visitors alike. We need to ensure development is planned well, we have many transport options that are safe, accessible and well-connected and that we continue to provide well utilised, inviting and attractive spaces.

Do you agree or disagree the initiative will help make Ōrākei a great place to live and work in?

1. Strongly Agree
2. Agree
3. Neither Agree or Disagree

4. Disagree
5. Strongly Disagree

Tell us why and which focus area is most important to you

The Glen Innes to Tamaki Drive shared pathway is a fantastic asset to our community. Safety on this pathway is paramount to ensure it is utilised to its fullest potential. We would like to see the introduction of some core safety measures such as strategically located surveillance cameras and alike.

Graffiti is both unsightly but also encourages the escalation of crime in the graffiti hot spots. The shared pathway has become a graffiti magnet, and an intense and focused effort and advocacy is needed from the OLB to ensure identification and removal of graffiti.

Our economy: Our town centres are thriving and local businesses are resilient.

We will focus on fostering effective partnerships with our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and local businesses to increase activities, events and implement safety measures. We want to support local home-based businesses and raise awareness of this ever-growing sector. We will promote the recreational benefits of the Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive shared path to attract locals and visitors to the area and to patronise local businesses.

Do you agree or disagree the initiative will support and bolster our local economy?

1. Strongly Agree
2. Agree
3. Neither Agree or Disagree
4. Disagree
5. Strongly Disagree

Targeted Rate

As our local board is facing significant budget constraints, we are investigating other options for funding to enhance our area.

A targeted rate is a mechanism that ensures that funds collected are spent solely for a specific purpose (see examples below).

6. Would you support a targeted rate to improve community facilities in our area, knowing that funds would be used in our local board area rather than in other parts of Auckland?

1. Yes
2. No

3. Other
4. I don't know

Please provide any other comments

We could not support a local targeted rate without further information on how the mechanism would work. Asking for support, or not, without further detail, seems potentially misleading.

The Kohimarama/ Mission Bay area are two suburbs that receive millions of visits a year from people living in other Auckland suburbs, across NZ and international visitors. Any targeted rate for development in our local areas could create a significant burden to the small group of rate paying residents versus the usage of the resources by millions of visitors a year to the area.

Until a more detailed proposal is put in front of us, such a broad brush concept, that could be very detrimental to the rate payers of Kohimarama / Mission Bay could not be supported.

7. Your needs and aspirations

Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

1. Yes, strongly agree
2. Yes, mostly agree
3. No, mostly disagree
4. No, strongly disagree
5. I don't know

Tell us why

You have captured the key focus for our area. What is missing from the plan is the detail of what, when and how and costs which would enable more informed feedback.