

Online feedback on the Draft Whau Local Board Plan 2026

Response Summary:

We want your feedback

You can provide your feedback until Thursday 23 July 2026, 11.59 PM.

We want to make sure the plan reflects what matters most to you and our community. Before sharing your feedback, please take a moment to review the [draft Whau Local Board Plan](#).

You need to click the 'Submit Feedback' button on the final page of the feedback form to make sure we receive your feedback.

Your name and feedback will be included in public documents. All other personal details will not be made publicly available.

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Your feedback

(all questions are optional)

Please note:

- Your feedback will be included in public documents. Please do not include any personal information in your feedback.

- To ensure a fair process we only consider one submission per person. If you submit more than once, we will consider your latest submission as your full and final feedback.
- We may use AI-assisted tools to support analysis of feedback, with staff reviewing results for accuracy before finalising findings.

About Our draft Plan – Focus Areas

Our five key areas of focus in the draft Whau Local Board Plan 2026 are:

- **Community** - Our people have a sense of belonging, and have places and opportunities to connect, thrive and grow stronger.
- **Natural environment** - A healthy and resilient natural environment that we care for and connect with.
- **Built environment** - Whau is a place where people feel at home and connected.
- **Economic development** – Unique and vibrant town centres that attract people, businesses, and creativity.
- **Transport** - Safe and easy travel to get in and around Whau.

The page numbers referred to in the questions below, direct you to the section of the [draft Whau Local Board Plan 2026](#) where you can find out further information.

Q1.

1. How well do you think our draft Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our community over the next three years?

- I don't know

Q1.

Tell us why

N/A

Q2.

2. Community safety and wellbeing (see page 13 of the [draft Whau Local Board Plan 2026](#))

What do you think of our proposed community safety and wellbeing initiatives?

- I don't know

Q2 Comment.

What else could we do to improve community safety and wellbeing?

N/A

Q3.

3. Community partnerships (see page 14 of the [draft Whau local Board Plan 2026](#))

What do you think of our proposal to increase partnerships with community organisations to improve public access to facilities?

For example: We could partner with a local school so the public can access sport and recreation facilities.

- I don't know

Q3 Comment.

Tell us why

N/A

Q4.

4. Economic development - Creative economy (see page 22 of the [draft Whau local Board Plan 2026](#))

Whau has many creatives, particularly in music, jewellery, and ceramics. There is an opportunity to grow these strengths and guide future investment to build a strong creative economy in Whau.

What do you think of our proposal to invest more to help grow Whau's creative economy?

- I don't know

Q4 Comment.

Tell us why

N/A

Q5.

5. Do you have any other feedback you would like on the draft Whau Local Board Plan 2026?

The Outdoor Access Commission Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa recently recognised Te Whau Pathway and Environment Trust for their mahi in completing a major portion of Te Whau Pathway, and we endorse the Local Board in continuing to partner with government to complete the pathway.

With a walking catchment of 100,000 people - including 35 schools with a total of around 17,000 students – Te Whau Pathway is a critical community connector to the natural environment, designed to embed active recreation and wellbeing and grow a healthy future for West Auckland.

The Commission supports the following key initiatives under the Built Environment priorities listed in the draft Whau Local Board Plan. We identify these are important enhancements for outdoor access and connectivity, and will help achieve the vision of unique and vibrant town centres that attract people, business and creativity:

- Plant trees in town centres and along road reserves to create green corridors that connect small and large open spaces**
- install physical markers to celebrate the historical Māori portage route between Waitematā and Manukau Harbours via the Whau River**

We support the following goals and initiatives listed within the Transport chapter of the plan:

It is easy and safe for people to walk and bike in our area:

- Complete section 2 of Te Whau Pathway and upgrade the connecting footpath at Wingate Street**
- Progress the construction of the Kelston to New Lynn walking and cycling improvements providing an important connection for the town centres**
- Support improved bike infrastructure and facilities including bike hubs, parking and connector cycleways**
- Deliver projects from the Whau Neighbourhood Greenways Plan to improve walking, cycling and ecological connections across the area**
- Improve wayfinding and travel information to help people navigate walking, cycling, and public transport networks**

Safe travel routes to move around in our neighbourhoods:

- Deliver safety improvements , crossings and traffic calming measures along walking and cycling routes.

Supporting Documents.

Upload any supporting documents

N/A

Sub Name.

Your details

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Are you providing:

- Feedback as the official representative of an organisation

Org Name.

Name of organisation or business

The Outdoor Access Commission Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa

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