

A plan for all of us

The Franklin Local Board Plan sets out the board's goals for the next three years.

But it's not just the board's plan, it's a plan for all of us, based on what you've told us over a long time.

We all know how great Franklin is, so it's important we all do our bit to keep it that way, so that we hand it on to future generations in good shape.

Earlier this year we engaged with communities about the plan, and we thank everyone who provided their input to help get it to this stage. You came up with some great points and ideas, many of them now included in the plan.

Now at its draft stage, you get the chance to tell us if the priorities are right, or if there is something we have not thought of, or that needs a tweak.

Consultation runs from 13 July-13 August, so take the chance to share your views. We don't only want to hear from those who disagree, who want a balanced view.

When the feedback has been considered, a final version of the plan will come to the board for adoption, so you can see how important it is that as many people as possible take the time to provide their views.

In the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic there are going to be challenges to be faced, but as we enter the recovery phase, it's important to remember that we are all in this together.

The plan has six key goals, called outcomes. They are:

- Use our strengths to generate local opportunity and prosperity
- improved transport options
- fit for purpose places and facilities
- kaitiakitanga and protection of our environment
- cultural heritage and Māori identity is expressed in our communities
- belonging and participation.

Those outcomes reflect what we have been told is most important.

The plan sets a direction for the next three years, outlining how we can work together to shape our community. Together we can take small steps that will help us achieve big things.

Formal consultation can sound a bit daunting, but it doesn't have to be.

You can provide written remarks of course, but you can also provide feedback online, and even on Facebook, though remember if you do, you must use the hashtag #lovelocal for your feedback to be recognised.

Andy Baker

Franklin Local Board chair

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