



Porirua Development

Share Your Voice – hot topics

Thanks to everyone who came along to the “Share Your Voice” sessions about development in eastern Porirua. At these sessions people talked about what was important to them and what they valued – and shared their ideas and concerns, and hopes, dreams and aspirations for the future.

We’ve put together what people said under topic headings: getting around, parks and open spaces, environment (plants and wildlife), town centres, housing, community facilities, hot topics, bright ideas and accessibility.

This document outlines what people said about what are hot topics for them – some of this may also overlap with other topics or belong in more than one place. All of the feedback will be used to inform planning and design and will be added to as more sessions are held.



Cannons Creek

- Please consider the location of accessible homes to medical centres. Please look at increasing floor strength to accommodate electric wheelchairs

- Slowed traffic. Lots more trees and green spaces. Cycle ways and walkways through areas – more direct routes – cos the streets are long and curvy – too long to get from A-B. Shortcuts!
- All ages and stages, different kinds of houses in the community. Dairies/shops dotted so everyone can walk to a shop. Schools as community hubs, with Drs Nurses IRD etc on site. Govt services.
- Many of the elders of the Cook Islands community currently living in state housing are walking distance from their homes to our hall at Cannons Creek – te akapuanga kuki airani. My concern is with their relocation outside of Cannons Creek when housing is being developed. How far from the creek will they be moved to? My concerns are around the social and relationship impact this will cause them? Please look after our elderly – they walk/bus to shops, to social gatherings at the Creek to move them to far away wouldn't be cool
- A post office for Cannons Creek. More postboxes in eastern Porirua
- Nesechamos casa porque estamos viviendo en casa de otra persona. y la casa donde vivimos es muy pequena. y nesechamos vivir independientes. y nesechamos su ayuda. Gracias. Porque llebamos mucho tiempo esperando en la lista espera (*translated: We need a house because we are living in someone else's house and the house where we live is very small We need to live independently and we need your help. Thank you. Because we've been waiting on the list for a long time.*)
- Is the conversation about educational pathways and school sites separate from the housing conversation? Is Ministry of Ed running their own consultation process?
- We would like to see more street light and clean roads for safety for the community. To implement strategy and rules on cleaning HNZ properties eg lawn mowing and gardening as some neighbours do not look after their lawn and their garden and throw lots of rubbish
- Question: How long will you give us time before moving us and how soon are we returning back to our property?
- Parking – the street parking is a big problem because of the car that has been crashed or stolen when you got up in the morning. Every person in the house needs a car to go to work so not enough parking space available in Cannons Creek, Warspite
- Pedestrian safety – nearly got hit by a vehicle(s) while walking through pedestrian in Cannons Creek. Driver(s) both sides of pedestrian crossing need to stop and not drive through!
- Emos pedido cambio de casa y no a cido posible. Nosotros queremos una casa de un solo piso porque hemos tenido accidentes por el problema de las. Escaleras. y tambien la casa muy fria porque no le dentra el sol suficiente a la casa. la estufa donde cosinamos mantiene todo el tiempo danada. sufrimos mucho para cosinar. la cosina demasiado pequena y somos una familia grande. (*translated: We asked for a house change and it is not possible. We want a single-story house because we have had accidents due to the problem of the stair. and also the house very cold because the sun does not penetrate enough into the house. The stove where we cook gets damaged all the time and we suffer a lot to cook. The kitchen is too small and we are a big family.*)
- Quiero cambiar de casa la casa esta muy fria de masiado. ya estoy de masiado edad no aguanto mas por favor y demasiado pequenia necesito cambiar estufa de gas ungente como yono se hablar ingles me toca pedir alguien para que me ayude hablar poreso motivo estoy pidiendo urgente. ojala queme entienda mis palabras ahe. (*translated: I want to change house the house is very cold of mass. I'm too old, I can't take it anymore, please, and I need to change a large gas stove like I don't know how to speak English. It's up to me to ask someone to help me speak for a reason. I'm asking urgently. I hope you understand me my words there.*)



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- Need to beautify Porirua to reflect the diverse personality of the community. Need to upgrade the design and look of the houses to make them more multifunctional and to meet the changing needs of families. Needs a complete changed look, not the state houses look. More colours more modern feel
- More parking in Cannons Creek shopping centre for shoppers. Moving the TAB to empty store spaces in the back to free up parking for shoppers. More uniformed look at the state of Cannons Creek. Beautify and uniform
- I'm wondering what the possibilities are around building or closing school sites as the population shifts dramatically
- Speeding: Warspite – Champion – Mungavin. Need speed humps – islands – slow down measures
- Friendly neighbours. Good bus service. Banks in different locations not only at centre. Post office – convenient locations
- Where are the 2,000 new homes going to go?
- Human right for people with disabilities to create a hub within the Cannons Creek area for people with disabilities to come and sit, chat, support advocate for them to live a quality of life instead of getting frustrated at getting to an appointment because of time, carer support etc.
- What does affordability on houses look like? What makes house affordability happen for people living in Porirua?
- Why are we building houses with stairs? Elderly people can't climb up and down stairs. Children will fall down the stairs – health and safety issue. Make sure new houses have more living space bedrooms are bigger please. Good bus service through Castor/Driver
- We want to have a big supermarket like PaknSave and gym facilities in our Cannons Creek. We would like to have a post shop in Cannons Creek because many of us don't drive, especially elderly people and mothers. Using computer is very limited so it will help people to be able to pay bills.
- Human rights – elderly disability. Free rubbish collection for different areas – cost too much for bins. Council collection any rubbish to be dumped. Tagging around peoples fences, shops, etc. Road from Cannons Creek centre to Mungavin and Warspite pot holes. Grow eucalyptus trees, help environment.
- "Beggars" in the streets -why? what can we do to alleviate this?
- Youth club
- Dumped rubbish in gullies behind houses – why has it gone unnoticed by council for decades?
- Too much litter in the area. people not looking after street to maintain cleanliness
- Better cycle parking at shops, parks and open spaces
- Problems of parking on Waihora when park in use and Friday prayers at mosque
- Running / loose dogs. I have neem bitten by a dog twice in Astrolabe St
- Do not euthanise stray cats and dogs :(
- Tagging :(

- Motorcyclists riding through Bothamley Park
- No parking on footpath!
- More rubbish bins?
- Gangs – Champion St gang youth
- Do we have an opportunity to restore and explore green spaces?
- Community empowerment not enough
- What will the new families bring to the neighbourhood? Will they have lots of kids?
- Focus on building community and neighbourhood not just houses +1 I strongly agree
- Attendance at police station and presence in community not enough
- Make Porirua more attractive for people to visit and invest. More chances for people of Porirua
- Burglary too high in Hampshire St. Lack of police in community
- People parking on disabled parking without a permit. Please show some decent respect
- Parking on the yellow line – it's a no no
- Gangs and drugs – anything done to address this?
- Proper parking facilities for shoppers eg Cannons Creek
- Loud parties / music and they need to keep the level of noise down so people can sleep in peace
- Beggars stealing from clothing charity bins
- Unsafe alleyways (public walkways)
- Some drivers driving through the roundabout at Cannons Creek
- State housing vs emergency housing?
- Housing for released prisoners
- Waitangirua mall bring it back to what it was. Create more community engagement. Bring back that closeness and our people.
- Dumped rubbish (litter)
- Trees! Don't forget the trees!
- Safe roads (paving)
- Dead end streets especially Dido Place. Parking problems parked cars don't belong – abandoned cars
- Some youths walking around street at night – should be home
- Broken glass bottles left lying around the streets
- Should there be "poverty" in Porirua It is a community rich with strong ethnic cultures. Why?
- Vacant empty businesses and shops can be opportunity for vandalism definitely an eyesore
- No more Police chases
- Get rid of mobile shopping trucks eg home direct you are a rip-off!

Waitangirua

- More jobs for people near where they live
- Good playgrounds for kids and sports grounds for big kids and adults across all parks
- Waterholes in parks for swimming and eeling
- Natone Park is in the wrong place. Put houses on park redesign mall and put park on transmission gully access to Waitangirua
- Single point of referral / access for support, no matter what the need
- More police stations / police to help everyone when they need it.
- Porirua help app on your phone



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- 1 public transport card for all public transport. Make it a common NZ ID card which has driver's license, community services, credit card, public travel card etc.
- We should get a pool
- Kids and community participate in planning feedback and progress consistently over lifetime
- Shared ownership models for education sites eg kindies and schools
- No one forced out like the government did to state housing in Glen Innes. Please show us the plan to ensure this will not happen
- A regeneration board whose members (majority of them) are elected by the community. Minister promised that this board would be "community centric"
- Need to take into consideration, plan and act on there being an increase in housing New Zealand / state homes to enable all people & families on HNZ wait lists to have a house & home
- Review rent level for state houses. Need to take into account other bills, food, power. Too high for low income earners - working poor
- Community shelters for homeless
- Shared community values visible and in use across our whole community
- All community spaces should have more plants & parks and should have free wifi
- 150 new state houses aren't enough. Need more as there are 247 on the state housing wait list right now
- Wellbeing: WINZ winter payment (\$40 p/w) to apply to all state housing tenants not just beneficiaries eg students and working poor don't qualify for winter payment
- Playgrounds should be around all shops houses and schools
- Housing should be able to be having more electricity to every house
- Can I have a job and learn at school at the same time?
- Improve the water pressure around and in Porirua homes etc. needs improve what are you going to do about it
- Waitangirua mall re-open inside/more shops and businesses,
- More housing/rest homes for elderly residents, more activities for elderly only (community engagements catered for elderly), Samoan games like Psylo, Porirua Sing Your Lungs Out
- MSD should be here at these consultation meetings!!! So they can provide info and advice on IRRS (Income Related Rent Scheme) and entitlements
- Treasury should be here at these consultation meetings!
- It would be really good to host meetings like this, invite just pacific community to have their say in the language they are comfortable and feel safe with, when I look around not many Pacific Islanders faces and Maori faces.
- Buy houses from slumlords and turn into state houses. Housing security / fear of being evicted if complain about issues not fixed.
- Recording conversations, some people like to talk in small groups but no recording of the discussion.
- Having small groups catered to the different nationalities where people are more to speak up if in their own native tongue eg Samoan/Raro/Maori/etc. English is a second language for a lot of people. More comfortable for different groups if they can speak their own language and express their feelings that way.

- More affordable rent to own scheme
- All community spaces should have free wifi and electricity (solar/wind)

Rānui

- Only a small amount of new housing funded. The rest appears to come from private investors, building companies. How is the extra housing required going to supply the shortfall in low cost housing needed? What subsidies or supports are considered to archive this?
- There was a successful community grass-roots group called "Porirua city community guardians" is there an opportunity to bring this group back in Porirua?
- People being able to buy their own home especially young people – rent to buy schemes
- I am concerned that the number of state houses will remain the same. At present the supply does not meet the demand and this situation is getting worse in the face of escalating rent in the private sector
- What will happen to tenants in HNZ houses that will be demolished? Will they be able to return to the same area? New house/renovated house?
- House design does not cater for everyone, for example 2-storey property has one toilet upstairs – neighbours properties have two. Times are changing we need to be more accommodating to larger (PI) families
- How is the plan for 2000 houses going to roll out? is the public going to know step by step what the plan is or are tenants going to be told last minute and be rushed out of their home? Community wants to know step by step what the plan is. Porirua Housing action plan
- Why spend money on a house that you are going to demolish anyway? eg roof replacement bit letter received that house be knocked down) HAZARD GROVE (HNZ Tenant)
- Fear of community disintegration lighting!!! Disorganized dispersed central city /CBD. Accessibility of houses – suitability of houses for families.
- EMERGENCY HOUSING – have we thought about that? We still have a big population of people who are homeless. BIG PROBLEM!!!
- Cut some branches as keep growing – birds come and ruin the washing. Also principal at Russel School says don't access through school so climb on her trees to get in
- There is a desperate need for more emergency & transition housing in Porirua. This need is not going to disappear so it is essential it be figured into the plans for the growth strategy
- People in general – renters, landlords, home owners- don't tend to care, have skill and the East looks like it. People should have pride of place, but that's not something government can impose from outside. How do we stimulate pride of place from within the community?

Ascot Park

- Reducing traffic around CBD during peak hours
- alleyways / access ways – lighting, width of pathways multiple use spaces. Public safety – safe pathways to centres
- Accessible spaces for disabled, kaumatua, prams.
- More ubers, uber eats so we don't have to get around.
- 1. Overcrowding – due to lack of understanding tenancy agreements. 2. Understanding the tenancy agreement – utilising translation service. 3. Transfer existing tenancy to family members should be considered
- I think that promoting local talent & skills is always a hot topic!! Find & explore new & different ways. Have street items all across town each month, in areas all over town



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- Lots of students in Porirua East schools are transient – have had lots of changes in which school they attend: minimise disruption to learning by re-locating families in the same school neighbourhood
- State housing tenants should not be moved. Someone needs to take responsibility for private tenants who are displaced.
- Free kids events
- Higher concentration of people in one space will generate problems over time. New houses are small – squashed together – not realistic!
- Auckland city/watercare
- Choice of relocation to original dwelling of the remodeling of the renovated home
- Will locals be on the board?

Porirua City councillors

- What do we mean by a community facility? The existing library is not fit for purpose
- STRENGTHEN WHAT IS THERE
- Gentrification
- Long-term planning
- Intervention with market value and housing
- Bridge –redevelopment of station
- Risks of failure
- Invite business to the party
- Affordability is an issue – intervene with market forces
- Bridge across from CBD
- Regional sports facility
- Fix the lakes
- Govt services hub in the East, co-locate
- Fale/house – interactive
- How to mitigate gentrification
- Diverse models of home ownership, affordable rentals and alternative delivery models

New migrants

- Lower city council rates - very expensive for home owners
- More Christmas lights and decorations
- Celebration of different festivals
- More halal butchers or more halal meat available in the supermarkets
- More halal takeaways - as there are only 2 halal takeaways in the entire Porirua Area (Curry village and Masala Lounge)
- We would need more takeaways such as fish'n chips pizzas and more
- Celebrations regularly of diversity - International day and important days of each culture
- Build more factories in Porirua - For more job opportunities