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Share Your Voice – housing

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 you 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 housing – 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

- Need own vege gardens + community gardens
- Important for front door to face sun = to bless the house
- Important to have garage as secure place for cars + other things (broken into damaged)

- Vegetable gardens are very important for migrant communities - need space
- Front door - wood at bottom and glass /eye view hole is small so doesn't break when kids play etc
- No cold concrete floors and single storey houses
- Toilet to be at back of house (away)
- Important for toilet to be away from kitchen + living room
- Don't think two storey housing with stairs is good for our elderly
- Migrant community want to stay together if have to move (for safety and to not have to start again)
- Can feel unsafe in house when husband away - needs locks inside bedroom - as coming into new neighbourhood and feel unsafe
- One storey houses are more suitable for pensioners
- Balcony/courtyard at front of house to host visitors + informal catch-up
- New housing should be state homes for secure tenancies. Existing public land should not be used for private development that locals cannot afford
- New houses need to be in locations safe for families
- +150 HNZ houses isn't enough
- Extended families - bigger houses, more rooms + bathrooms
- Any houses for the pension people?
- Houses need to look good - neighbourhood pride
- Enjoy open plan living and a modern new home
- Need space + light + views. Could make existing houses open plan
- Value modern kitchens for large families including being able to watch kids from kitchen
- Enjoy connection from living room to outside deck garden etc
- Kenepuru development - who are the houses for?
- Community hall/facility need to be available affordable + culturally sensitive
- Accessibility of houses and streets
- Electricity should be much less and use water system for heating
- New houses will they be affordable? Who are they for?
- In terms of heating, take look at international models such as Sweden!
- Houses for large families
- How many state houses are there available currently in these 4 suburbs? How many state rentals will be available in each suburb through and at the end of the project?
- Entrance space for taking shoes off is important
- More parks (recreational) for young people
- Fittings that are cheap + easy to maintain eg lightbulbs - not fancy ones that cost heaps
- Affordable for everyone built to last. Creates, supports diverse communities. Schools as 'hubs' of community i.e. social services, public libraries
- Warm, dry healthy homes, accessible green spaces. Stuff like parks and dairies close by. Designed for people not traffic
- Look at multi-generational housing. Have an opportunity to own your own home. Designed for Polynesian families. Warm - eco - solar, affordable
- 4-5-6 bedroom houses that are well built where we can accommodate elderly parents and maybe extended family if possible. Good facilities where elderly can access and also young family eg good bathrooms
- 2 bathrooms, separate toilet and bathroom, 5 or 4 bedroom houses



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- Spacious house (warm, safe dry) for extended family to allow intergenerational living
- We want (my family) to be able to live in our home (a unit) without the fear of landlord raising the rent when he sees the new homes being built and old units renovated around him in Champion Street. We just moved house in November 18 and the new landlord's rent was so high that we couldn't afford to pay it. So we had to ask WINZ for an accommodation supplement of \$118 to help pay the increased rent. We live in Hereford St just off Champion St
- Good time to pull down old design state houses that don't suite our lifestyles. Have outside living included not cramped while the land is available . Different types of housing for refugee community. Ask how they want to live
- Elderly housing now not adequate to cater for their needs - upgrade house renovate - parents have no money, insurance, then own their house - disability voice - railings - walkways cater for wheelchair
- Pacific families live together for generations, we may have periods of our young adult lives where we move out of home, but often others will then move home with the available space. With this in mind. we need housing that caters to this. Homes large enough to cater to the family but also homes that don't feel huge and empty for those short periods when mum/dad are living alone cause it wont be for long
- Bathrooms that are accessible for the elderly - ramps - proper insulation - fenced - garage - parks for children - system where you rent to buy
- Enough spaces for family gatherings - affordable for renting and purchasing - properly designed to fit more than 6 people and large families
- Disability accessibility - designs have to cater for the growing disability population
- I want an affordable house. I am a single mum on low income. I don't want a state house. I like the area (+ the mayor)
- Bigger houses with 4-5-6 rooms + two bathrooms to accommodate extended families. Pacific families look after their elderly parents - so they live together as two families in one home
- Well built homes, healthy well insulated, ramp access for our elderly and provide space for the extended family that care/look after their parents. Parks for the children to play in
- More state homes needed for people who cannot afford to buy. Don't allow public land to be used for private development. Public land is a valuable community resource
- One storey to prevent suicide, abuse etc. Complex that has an office for resources that is managed 24hrs for people with disabilities, language barrier, culturally competent and support to other services. Community cafe
- Far more state housing for people who cannot afford ownership and are forced into private tenancies. 150 state homes is not nearly enough. Existing public land should be used for state homes, not private development. New state homes should be high quality and designed for zero carbon emissions
- Feeling safe. Separate entrances. Individual lounge with a boundary to neighbours (privacy) + close to Columbian community in Porirua College (but not too close)

- Design for solar energy, natural light, cycle storage - action on climate warming! Use wind on high land. Solar panels on roofs
- Good ventilation for prevention of rheumatic fever. More space, better ventilation system. Bigger homes to accommodate bigger families. Bigger families are not overcrowding in the eyes of the Pacific
- Intergenerational living to accommodate changing needs of families wider corridors, bathrooms, kitchens for people with poor health and disabilities. Chronic conditions

Waitangirua

- All plans have 1st floor which is unsuitable for elderly, disabled, wheelchairs & children under 5. Need a mix of one level homes and lifts if multi-level.
- Solar power for hot water, heating reduces power bills and enables housing Corp families to have more money for food, education.
- Apartments to have lifts to enable those with disabilities to access wide range of housing.
- No more Aotea block. Stuff water tanks solar panels (think climate change) Intergenerational.
- All housing areas must be mixed. No exclusive areas. No more Aotea blocks
- Intergenerational housing finance and income testing
- Solar power.
- Every house should have a heat pump.
- If we add 2000 homes how does that impact on land, do we need more land? Where does this come from?
- Affordable housing to cater for current Porirua East population, low income population not middle class only.
- Solar panel reliability
- Equity in design so you can't tell whether you're in a poor or rich suburb. An example street light design – Aotea vs Waitangirua
- Housing keep our most vulnerable in Porirua East, not send them out because houses becomes too expensive. What are examples of previous development of similar scale that can support this proposed project?
- The housing numbers currently provided by HLC don't seem to add up, therefore it is not clear that the existing number of HNZ homes 1) will remain for families 2) that the number of additional HNZ will be enough to meet the need of families on the waiting list and into the future.
- Speed calming measures, keep kids safe, change from 50km to 30km speed limit
- Solar powered state houses.
- As New Zealanders we pride ourselves in our green land and nature, it is important for families to have a lawn, a bit of a back yard possibly to grow a garden. Don't build houses for families with more than 3 children on top of each other. If you look overseas in England and America and learn about their housing issues you will see the difference. Do not make the same mistakes
- Consider village-plan and stand alone units facing sun. Installation of solar water and heating. Avoid side by side units, stairs, and balconies. Don't put all large family units together. Parking is a priority for shift workers where there is no public transport. A good bus service, conservatories to provide natural warmth.
- Possibility of co-housing options, intergenerational needs flexible configurations, long term / short term leasing.
- Solar panels for every state house. Heat pump for every state house.
- Income tested / dependent house deposit scheme.



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- We have 3 bedrooms right now and we would like 4. A better place, better house for family's happiness and wellbeing and healthy. Look nice opportunity for us on low incomes to buy our house.
- Affordable realistic for families, better stable living for all. Close to all services, education, health, and welfare, social.
- Accessibility in design of all houses! If town house/unit block at least 1 in each shared house must be fully accessibility friendly from design, not tacked on after.
- Safer and secure homes. Dryer homes that don't accumulate a lot of mould and mildew. Preventing asthma problems and other conditions linked to ill health. Happier homes, well maintained, landlord cooperation working alongside tenants more effectively and efficiently
- Affordable Houses!!! 1) There should be an affordability plan for Porirua residents to be able to buy houses in this project. 2) Affordable rents how is this going to look like
- Houses to be better insulated and warm. Reduces heating costs. HNZ said that insulation work would happen.
- It's important to have outdoor space for family gatherings and entertaining
- Water pressure in and around Porirua is pretty awful needs to be sorted and what can be done about it.
- Boxed gardens for HNZ properties. Part of the property. Possibly part of a housing cluster.
- Bigger hallways and bathrooms.
- Larger wardrobes and linen cupboards especially for large families.
- Housing must include physical outdoor space for growing foods. Fruit trees and gardens, not all concrete
- Higher density the closer to public transport hubs
- People walk up to 800m to access resources. Houses not more than 800m to transport/shop/parks/schools etc. to decrease vehicle use.
- Shared green spaces between houses where kids can play. We can't always cross streets to walk to parks/playgrounds.
- Affordable housing for purchase makes it good for now eg 1-2 bedrooms and a designated extension which can be added later. House grows with family.
- Intergenerational living, and house designed for 3 generations including elderly, adults grandchildren
- Need to see the stars so please install skylight roof in one of the rooms Matariki skylight.
- The importance of "rent to own houses" for our families in Porirua.
- New builds to include community room space for residents and community agencies health etc. to pump in information to our families also a way of identifying at risk families
- Don't want washing machine opening to living room
- What does census and other data say about 1, 2, 3+ and bed houses needed?
- What about 1 bed like Britomat St, Berhampore Flats for singles, 65+ and homeless
- How do we connect Porirua youth with training, and build into procurement of contracts the employment of locals so that this community can build these houses and neighbourhoods
- We have a more older generation, we need more housing, modern housing, homes that are accessible and easy to enter, to move around in, and enough space to maneuver wheelchairs and mobility scooters

- Clear line of sight, not looking at high fences. Fences need to be only 3 – 4 feet high

Rānui

- Keeping families together in rehousing – making the refurbished/new homes accessible for wheel chairs.
- Heat pump – transferred heat from lounge to the upstairs rooms. Recycle bins storage. Free rubbish collection. two toilets
- Original architectural design. All new houses to be designed to be accessible to all people. Anyone can become disabled anytime in their lives + temporary sports injuries
- All disability houses 1 location 2 ramps 3 drive way 4 doors handles 5 windows handles to high 6 toilets & showers 7 curtains 8 kitchen lay out 9 separate bed room with toilets and shower
- All houses should be accessible – so people can use it – wide hallways, ramps ie Houses should be wooden earthquakes make sure affordable is affordable. Porirua (eastern) not Karori affordable. Ensure space for greenery. Bicycle access
- There is a historical & immediate need to build emergency housing in the Porirua region
- Re house and apartment design. Square meterage and dimensions must reflect the needs of storage and work spaces. Eg of workspaces: computer desks in children's bedrooms. eg of storage: sport equipment and, most importantly, cycle storage to meet ability to use bikes instead of cars or buses
- Options to rent to buy or build your own place. People are taught to build a house – they put \$ deposit down commit to build with help from several family members finish building but still owing a very small mortgage – will learn heaps of construction skills on the way. Would this be possible?
- I want someone to be there every step of the way throughout the housing relocation process as a HNZ tenant. I have an ICD-Implantable cardioverter defibrillator & health concerns that I don't want aggravated due to having to move. I want a warmer house with insulation that's warm with double glazing and drapes
- No one moves – private & public tenants. Increase number of state housing to meet the need. Warm, dry, affordable. For THIS COMMUNITY. Accessible homes. Intergenerational living.
- Will HLC be buying private property? Who will take responsibility for private tenants?
- Flooding on 38 Miranda St and has rats
- Denser housing eg apartments and townhouses that are walking distance to train station
- We would like the feel of Porirua to stay like this. – Porirua Residents have good access to home ownership. Opportunities without. Developer's, how do we safe guard affordable homes & people who have lived here may have to move up the coast & beyond
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Ascot Park

- Security – if required for houses to have security cameras installed for tenants that are in need. As a last resort before transfer
- Building trust between government, community – that needs conversations & no preconsidered ideas



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- Passive design housing for warm healthy homes. Use less energy and improves peoples Hauora. Also better for Papatuanuku!
- Timber floors not good for wheelchairs. Curtains hard to use for disabled people
- Messaging: "amount they pay in rent will not increase" – How realistic is this? Will it not increase ever?
- Accessibility key issue -width of doorways – 1950's houses not built for strength -joinery & kitchen equipment access -proximity of front doors to street
- Please talk to the groups that have formed community building action Information needs to be dual language Have seen videos from Auckland, fear & vulnerability not about stopping it, but about connecting, and creating safe environments for all abilities. Please connect.
- What consideration is given by this project to the well being of families that thrived on community of collective living arrangements? Well-being budget must consider this
- Medium density housing, passively designed & ever sustainable to reduce running cost. Central commercial areas gardens / playground encouraging togetherness & kotahitanga
- Supported accomodation for people who are struggling; mental physical health re-integration and deinstitutionalisation PLAN FOR This!
- Transitioning HNZ clients into home ownership. Start financial literacy courses?
- What is current population of affected areas? Understanding how it will impact the people – beliefs & identities. What does co-design design look like? Can we present ideas not plans power sharing building trust is there any surveys about disruption/about being safe?
- Fireplace? Heat Pump? and how will it be maintained will there be an affordable + sufficient source of heating?
- Just where are the '2000' market + affordable houses going to go? Who is the housing affordable for? Need to meet the demand for homes for those on HNZ waiting list
- Community representatives on the BOARD is a good indication of inclusiveness and that will lead to building trust between govt & community
- These don't become ghetto-land. These houses are built up and look they will easily become like concrete jungles
- Messaging: what does renew mean? This: (under the 'Better Public Housing' section. This to me means that 2,900 HNZ homes will be refurbished, not demolished & rebuilt. I understand there will be a mixture of refurbish & rebuild
- Elderly access inside the multi story building. Are lifts available? People are getting bigger, wheel chairs – do these plans cater for these?
- Is social housing supposed to be temporary? How are HNZ supporting families into permanent housing options? This may assist with the attachment that families have to HNZ homes. Also may help with emergency housing problem.
- Medium density housing that encourages communal living – taken from design principals, found in traditional Maori/Pacifica living – village community gardens etc
- I believe there is a need to know the number of households that will be affected, these households would definitely require to be provided with good information that would ease

their fear, but rather, be more receptive to the changes and perhaps treat it, as part of life in progress

- How can we as a community contribute to this project and perhaps attain the notion of “our project” to grow better engagement?
- Papakainga. Accessible funding/housing loans. Whānau intergenerational living/sharing/caring/paying
- Multi-generational living. What is available? Plans available? Council consent? Government assistance?
- We object to how the regeneration board is selected. There is no community member on it.
- How is the feedback provided by the community, collated and how do the community know that its been listened to and how it influences decisions
- Need to have designs that are functional and practical for families i.e storage space – making the most of stairway and attic spaces for other uses
- Need a good mix of houses: need for smaller one bedroom houses – diversity of houses

Lao community

- Affordable housing is a big issue facing our community and especially first home buyers or families on a single income
- A roof over your head is a basic human need. This project can help address this
- I am very pleased to hear good news from the government to give away big money to develop Porirua City
- I hope this money will help our community project, so we can have a temple or community hall and somewhere to go to

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- Who will build the houses? How will KiwiBuild fit in?
- Communication of timeline + housing provision is important
- Change the layout of houses – make it flexible too for the future
- Flexible internal layout of a house
- Remove cul-de-sacs? Future proof, immediate need, affordability, make it fit for purpose
- Affordable rentals – quality design and standards
- What is needed now is what it is needed in the future

New migrants

- Bigger bathrooms – it is small, no good for people with disabilities. Stairs also a problem – are narrow. Steep steps to access the house – Father can't leave the house
- New houses – make sure there is room for vege garden
- Water, carpark, new toilet and a tool shed
- Houses with garages, a proper washing line, garden for growing vegetables, a fence and carpark
- Like single, bigger houses. No town houses, 1 heat pump, separate bath and shower
- Laminated flooring
- More houses with more bedrooms 2, 3 or 4 bedrooms and 2+ bathrooms. Fence around the house and a bigger kitchen
- Laundry house – nice and big
- Need a good kitchen, like a good stove



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- Want HNZ to fix problems – eg broken tap, leaks. Affordable house to buy. Keep outside space for a garden. House with 2 toilets for families. Government finds good home if I have to move.
- Want warm/dry homes
- Houses for refugees – fast resettlement and enough parking with shelter
- Hose in bathroom by toilet for washing after toilet
- Swimming pool at my house. A takeaway in Porirua in the church
- The most important thing for me is that my house will be saved, warm and dry because my house is really cold
- Better drainage, too wet outside when it's raining. More child safe eg fences and gates with locks
- Not glass doors as I don't feel secure/safe. Solid doors, more security lighting/sensor light
- Single level house for children and older people
- Cars are not safe –no garage
-