



# Porirua Development

## Share Your Voice – Ascot Park – Tuesday 9 July

Thanks to everyone who came along to the “Share Your Voice” sessions about development in eastern Porirua.

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 at the session in Ascot Park under topic headings below.

We’ll also be pulling everyone’s feedback together and sharing it, along with people’s thoughts and ideas by each topic.



### Getting around

- The south of Sievers Grove is the most isolated area from walking perspective
- Connecting all the disconnected suburbs through Bothamley Park
- Invent a new way of getting around town that doesn't exist anywhere in NZ. Look for local engineers or people that could contribute their ideas
- Accessibility for disabled people on bus transport
- 1. Increased residential densities but encourage the use of a good reliable public transport system. 2. Offer a range of house types where not every dwelling unit gets a dedicated parking place – group parking in well designed cluster developments – combine space with

community facilities – accessible and safe. 3. Integrate bus & trains 4. Provide safe pedestrian paths & cycleways linking community/commercial amenities/schools etc

- Cycling friendly tracks & access. Walkway over motorway at Meehan north city end
- Investing more money in public transport, less in roading. Bike/scooter lanes & encouraging their use
- Paved walkway from/between Conclusion Street and Whitford Brown (where the green area is) to get to Countdown
- Electric light rail/tram loop through main suburbs every 20mins with jump on-jump off policy
- Better street lighting – for safety. People may be more willing to look at alternative transport options
- Getting/driving out of Desert Gold St during peak times solution; around a bay
- Better lit walkways and alleyways (eg under the motorway by the Porirua station car park). More transport options later at night
- Train station parking remaining free. Growing population & carpark is already full. Need to make access to the train station easier from suburbs
- Express buses from Cannons Creek during peak hours
- STOP! Transmission Gully from going through

## **Parks and open spaces**

- Don't seal the walkways, roads and tracks within Bothamley Park but perhaps kept with fine gravel instead. Because families & all ages/abilities use this park – please we don't want more speed from bikes bicycles etc keep it safe for everyone!!!
- Better play spaces for the kids. Good: Mungavin Park – Calliope Park. Bad: Sievers Reserve
- Managing the stormwater. Lots of stormwater goes into Bothamley Park and can cause problems – wash out paths. Clear out the stream of rubbish.
- Connectivity to the regional park
- Encouraging Bothamley Park as a destination because it's our local shared 'backyard'. Support for more community initiated events that draw people into the park who live within walking distance
- Investing money and time into Cannons Creek lake. Opening up more family friendly spaces eg Adventure Park (Margaret Mahy Park in Christchurch). Parks and spaces near our waterways.
- Network of connected cycle ways that are safe eg underpass on Warspite between Bothamley Park & the Kura
- I want to improve the pool
- Pedestrian & cycle friendly no car zones. Good access to Bothamley Park especially from the East.
- Parks with more activity. Creating stations of sports/athletic fun/exercise. Think big :)
- Cannons Creek make the cage amazing: flat surface to play B'ball on. Upgrade the playground, integrate whānau space. BBQ
- Taking time to ensure new basketball hoops are decent hoops. Hoops that are too high or hard aren't enjoyable to play on
- In central Cannons Creek activity spaces for youth (other than the cage!) i.e. skateboard park – exercise machines (like at the lagoon/Jasmine Underhill. Adding more equipment to the new Bedford playground which only has 3 pieces of play equipment
- Lots of lighting so people feel safe moving through parks



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- Bothamley Park – more exits from Bothamley Park – safety. Castor Crescent etc. A 'third place' – communal space where people enjoy outdoors. Decent seating & fruit trees, blackberries valuable. 'getting into nature'
- 1. More lights in open spaces especially corners of parks and gateway/entry to laneways and alleys. 2. Rubbish bins along Bothamley Park 3. Adequate seating in open spaces – nice to sit down and enjoy the view and environment – promoting use of space (adequately spaced out)
- Green room! Indoor sports facility with astroturf grass for kids to be able to train indoor during wet weather

## Environment (plants and wildlife)

- Stormwater attenuation and cleaning up the rubbish in the stormwater – maybe on-site could work
- Why does the Aotea block drain into Bothamley Park? It's washing it out!
- Increasing awareness through education – how our actions impact the environment, the importance of caring, & how to take action
- Flooding in Warspite Ave in the gullies. Sewage needs upgrading now before our environment is affected by raw sewage
- More native plants! Increase birdlife. Make Porirua a healthy habitat for birds
- Well done on the dog park at Ascot Park
- Flooding springs appearing (South of Champion & Windley Streets intersection)
- 32–42 Champion Street flooding – random streams appear everywhere – like springs
- Reduce pollution of waterways/harbour/beaches. Why is it smelly around harbour? Need to make Porirua harbour a main attraction
- Can houses be made to have rainwater tanks, to save water, emergency water supply
- The redevelopment of the area (increase number of residential units) will place great pressure on the infrastructure – sewers can't cope under existing conditions with overflows into the streams & harbour. This development offers the opportunity to upgrade the aging infrastructure of Porirua with benefits to the natural environment. Remove sewers from stream crossings – Kenepuru Stream!
- Has Bothamley Park got the right "status"? Also, nothing grows under the pines. Also, what about more sculptures and rock art?
- Porirua Harbour needs to be better utilised. Lots of potential to create a more welcoming space around Wineera drive. Sewage smell needs to be dealt with as well
- Find & explore new ways to recycle and reduce pollution through creativity
- Cleaner waterways – duck pond at Cannons Creek
- Consulting our expert, such as Mike Joy, to get best practice
- Need to increase the tidal flow
- Owners of rental properties need to care for them (paint) + ensure they are healthy to live in
- Native bush – clean water to drink + to swim in. Sites important to mana whenua protected.
- Clean up the harbour!

- All rivers/streams that have disappeared due to urban development need to be re exposed to allow natural light for nature to revive – wildlife (eels, whitebait, freshwater crayfish)
- More areas for watercress to grow for the locals without pollution. This is important for Maori especially.
- Storm water + drainage systems need to be regularly maintained
- Healthy water ways because it has an effect on wildlife and people

## **Town centres**

- Bring in small businesses – create a small town – mini mall
- Fix and clean Cannons Creek lakeside reserve. Please more families/people will use it then up into Belmont Park.
- Art space!! Kids/youth need an outlet to express them.
- More food markets down town. Fresh as kai moana available – fish market (Finding ways to increase our kaimoana in all areas of Porirua)
- Community gardens / Permaculture. Encourage healthy eating – sugar tax at local dairies
- Need ramps at Cannons Creek Centre for all shops. Same at Waitangirua mall. Need a concrete path from the mall to Natone park
- Computers in libraries should be free at 30 minutes at a time. Like in Invercargill – limit 2 x per person – per day
- Not enough buses with ramp for wheelchairs. I can't get inside most of the shops because it's not enough room for wheelchairs
- More freight containers – shops along the Porirua Harbour, with local businesses
- Roading around the mall – back of the mall. Youth hub – space for young mums – free courses. Protection for Maraeroa Marae
- People have right of way over cars!
- Cafes / Coffee shops – potentially around the harbour
- Creekside: more community spaces where only people can be (no cars): clean the cannons creek lake area: cleaner and safer walkways around the city
- Safety around Waitangirua mall: better lighting: remove bottle store?
- Villages rather than town centres. Village has meaning to people living in this area. The village plan exists: build on the community knowledge & action to develop the village plan
- "Village" not "Town Centres"
- Make sure Waitangirua community park is protected into the future as a safe community space (the village heart)

## **Housing**

- 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 pre-considered ideas
- 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?



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- 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 accommodation 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

## **Community facilities**

- Safe/visible youth centre/hub not just well lit but visible. To secure their needs according to them. Designed for arts, sports, hui, korero. Multicultural
- Free shuttles to & from library and other core services. More resources at the mall
- Social cohesion needs to be supported through provision of natural meeting spaces & facilitated events / happenings. I don't think we can rely on it just "happening" any more. Each town centre needs something like this.
- Extend cannons creek library – make a mobile book service. Clean toilets. More gaming hubs – Arepa. Better access to health care. Art spaces.
- Investing in the communities – market under cover to grow & contributing to the economy of Waitangirua township. Fully equipped performance – multipurpose art centre. Need a larger pool to serve the east & Whitby including schools, people with disabilities. Assisting community groups into their own gathering places – make villages more of a community feel – suiting elderly
- Indoor sporting facilities that are easily accessible. Free to access by youth. Gold coin donation access
- Indoor sports facilities it'd be good to see more of these / for it to be easier to set one up & more all weather outdoor facilities
- Having a multipurpose community hub similar to the Walter Nash centre in Taita that encourages community to use & connect in different ways. Meeting rooms, library, cafe, arts & sports facilities in Porirua East
- Each 'town centre' having an accessible, attractive hub, with multipurpose spaces that support arts, fitness, health/wellbeing etc. A place for people to "bump into each other"
- Community environment hub, incorporating educational seminars on how to grow your own food, compost, & drawing emphasising the connection between the health of us & the environment
- Need more pools and to make sure people can afford to go there
- Spaces where whānau/community can come together – parks that include BBQ, seating & community garden, SAFE. Recycling / upcycling sharing of experiences knowledge = intergenerational sharing
- Visible /central youth centre – non religious & multicultural. Community hub event venue (big & small) affordable
- Access to properties for disability impaired needs to be considered for different types of wheelchairs, scooters etc for houses, shops and community facilities Ramps are important too
- We need well monitored and accessible public facilities, toilets that are also attractive with good signage
- "One stop" youth shop that has a wide range of youth services, especially health



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- A skateboard park in central Cannons Creek :) a skating rink :) a community hub, meeting rooms, new library facility, kitchen for community drop ins, public hall
- Unused shops/vacant shops that have been empty for a long time to open up to other opportunities & ideas for local businesses to access. These vacant shops to work with communities – allow ideas to flourish into businesses, ventures
- Important to make sure tangi etc at Maraeroa marae is not disrupted by heavy traffic coming off link road & consider lights, parking, access & synchronised lights
- Cannons Creek pool is awesome but not always available to the public. Could be bigger / more multi-purpose well used by schools
- Community gardens to encourage social gathering and healthy eating
- Cost of hiring community facilities eg Te Rauparaha and halls is too high and it's difficult for the community to meet the cost when hosting
- More spaces for creative arts (eg dance studios & art studios). Venues that youth can 'hire' for free. Study spaces/study cafes – spaces that are accessible at night
- Local community multi-sport facility which is affordable to the local community
- Public toilets to be regularly maintained
- Consider gathering facilities to enhance good values for the next generation – this can be achieved by either investing in different ethnic communities – being provided with a council property or low cost renting to enhance well-being
- Community hub with meeting rooms large/small facilities clean/well lit and accessible (look at Churton Park)
- Waitangirua mall to be better utilised. Lots of potential to create a community hub for local residents, youth and visitors. Redevelop the mall into a shopping mall again. Bring back the arcade!
- Parks that are suitable for all ages, all abilities in all weather places for neighbour to socialise

## Hot topics

- 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
- 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?

### **Bright ideas**

- On behalf of the Lao community: 1. a community space for gatherings, temple and language school. They have been looking around the Epsdon area for a venue to create something for the community. 2. Unused buildings to be considered for community purposes – subsidised by council?
- How are healthcare providers going to cope when they are already overloaded and understaffed?
- Creating a pipeline of local workers to ensure they are the ones getting into sustainable careers. Education – early engagement & schools
- Are we planning places for people to live in or just as dormitories?
- More thinking about the way people are going to live in the future, including socially & culturally
- Promote local business opportunities especially in sector/industries which may be relevant to the regeneration
- Eastside schools have established school communities which should be involved in planning, especially when changes to schools are possible
- Social procurement with contractors i.e. hire X amount of local people & contractors built into contract. Transition transmission Gully workers. Upskill community to medium, high skilled roles
- Cultural centre – available for different community groups to access for language classes, youth activities and cultural activities. A place to help communities facilitate and uphold their traditions and culture by providing them a space to do so

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