

1. Boundary

Submitter #	Do you agree with the proposed boundary?	Summary of comments and changes requested	Analysis	Suggested changes to the LAP
1	[understood as] Strongly disagree	<p>A. Amend Map 1 (LAP Boundary) and Map 2 (Community Outcomes) so it doesn't show "proposed boundary" along the northern side of the valley. The boundary should be determined by the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area boundary, as determined through settlement agreement with land owners, and the WRHAAct.</p> <p>B. Clarify whether private properties near Waitakere Bay (Harre and Lusk families), which are outside of the WRHA area, are within the LAP area.</p>	<p>A. Supported. A Local Area Plan prepared under the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area Act 2008 applies to a local area that is within the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area. The LAP boundary along the northern boundary of the Heritage Area cannot therefore include properties outside of the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area.</p> <p>B. The private properties mentioned in the submission near Waitakere Bay are outside of the Heritage Area, and therefore outside of the LAP area.</p>	<p>A. Change the captions on the map from "proposed boundary" to "boundary".</p>
2	Strongly disagree	<p>Include all catchment areas for Te Henga wetland and the river, including the northern side of the river and Mokoroa arm catchment within the LAP boundary.</p> <p>The river is the heart of the valley. To have any effect on its health we must have control over the entire catchment. Our community exists within the natural landscape of the Waitakere River Valley, and so it fits to bring in people to this community in the same way that water flows into the river.</p> <p>The old Waitakere / Rodney border used the river as a basic place to draw a line. It is not the reality of how our community operates. Te Henga is a two sided valley, with one river and one wetland. You can't draw a line down it, split it in half and say we are different communities.</p>	<p>Not supported. See the comments above.</p> <p>Residents to the north of the LAP area and in the catchment of the Waitakere River Valley and Te Henga wetland (including the Mokoroa arm) were included in communications during preparation of this LAP. Newsletters and invitations to events were mailed to ratepayers in these areas. A number of residents from these areas have participated in the LAP process at meetings and through submissions. Some of the actions from this LAP (for example those that relate to land and water management, and ecological restoration), refer to existing programmes that are not geographically constrained by the LAP boundary and extend to the north of the valley. The fact that an area is not included within the LAP does not preclude projects or activities aligned with the LAP from taking place within that area if the land owners are in agreement.</p>	<p>Add a note in Local Area Plan Boundary: "Some of the actions from this LAP (for example those that relate to on-going land and water management, and ecological restoration), are not geographically constrained by the LAP boundary and may extend to the north of the valley. The fact that an area is not included within the LAP does not preclude projects or activities aligned with the LAP from taking place within that area if land owners are in agreement."</p>
9	Disagree	<p>A. Include the forested area to the north of the Waitakere River (ie all the bushland south of the Wairere Road/ Jonkers Road ridge) in the LAP as it all drains directly into the river and therefore is in the catchment. Ideally all farmland in this part of the catchment should be included as well. Include a statement in the plan about this area's peculiar status and a special patterning on the relevant part of the map, the forested portion as a very minimum.</p> <p>B. Change the labelling on Map 1 to "Matuku Reserve". In the Legend add an orange square and the words: "Royal Forest &amp; Bird Protection Society Reserve".</p> <p>C. Change the labelling on Map 1 to "Ark in the Park" OR "Ark in the Park excluding the Kokako Block".</p> <p>D. Remove the superfluous internal green lines within the Regional Park on Map 1.</p>	<p>A. Not supported. Refer to comments for (1) and (2) above</p> <p>B. Supported. The proposed change is an appropriate correction.</p> <p>C. Supported. The proposed change is an appropriate correction.</p> <p>D. Supported. The green lines indicate the boundaries of former blocks of land that made up the Regional Park. They do not have any use on this map.</p>	<p>A. No change in LAP boundary. Refer to recommended change in (2) above.</p> <p>B. Map 1: Change "Matuku Bush Scenic Reserve" to "Matuku Reserve", change the key for "Royal Forest and Bird Society Reserve" to make it clearer.</p> <p>C. Map 1: Change the legend to "Ark in the Park".</p> <p>D. Map 1: Remove the internal green lines in the Regional Park.</p>

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10	Strongly Disagree	<p>Expand the LAP area out to Waitakere and up to Scenic Drive. Include Duffys Rd, Steam Hauler Track, Stoney Creek Drive, Bethells Rd, Wairere Rd, Unity Rd, etc. These areas are an integral part of the Te Henga area and most of it is covered in native bush that needs to be protected.</p> <p>Map 1 has a poor resolution, difficult to read and there are no roads marked.</p>	<p>Supported in part. The proposed LAP area already includes Steam Hauler Track, Bethells Rd up to the intersection with Duffy Road, and Unity Road. As described above, the extent of the LAP boundary in this location is determined by the boundary of the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area and the river catchments, where possible. Properties along Te Henga Rd and Unity Rd are in a different catchment (Anzac Valley) but have been included in the proposed LAP area as they are likely to have a strong association with the valley. There has been no feedback from property owners within these areas about not wishing to be part of this LAP.</p> <p>The comments regarding the visibility of the map are noted.</p>	<p>No change in LAP boundary</p> <p>Map 1: Enlarge the legend font. Use different and contrast colours to make the boundaries stand out. Highlight and name the roads.</p>
15	Disagree	<p>Extend the LAP area to Wairere Rd and side roads, and all of Bethells Rd and side roads. Bethells Beach/Waitakere Primary are the local beach and school for everyone a bit further north.</p>	<p>The extent of the LAP boundary in this location is determined by the boundary of the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area and the river catchments, where possible. The part of Bethells Road east of Duffy Road is within the Anzac Valley catchment and within the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area may be part of a separate LAP in the future.</p>	<p>No change to LAP boundary</p>

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16	Strongly disagree	<p>A. Remove Ark in the Park from LAP, using the western and northern boundary of the Ark in the Park as the LAP boundary. Ark in the Park is a huge geographic area that greatly influences the LAP constraints and attitudes on how the local people should live. Ark in the Park should be acknowledged in LAP as an adjunct neighbour to the Waitakere River Valley and Bethells Beach.</p> <p>B. Make the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area boundary clearer on Map 1.</p>	<p>A. The proposed LAP boundary was determined by the boundary of the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area and the catchment of the Waitakere River, which includes the Ark in the Park area. From an ecological perspective, the Ark in the Park area is an important component of the LAP area (like the Mokoroa catchment and Goldie Bush area, which however cannot be included as they are located outside of the Heritage Area). Changes that take place upstream of the valley can have significant impacts on the lower valley, as demonstrated by the changes to the hydrology of the Waitakere River which created the wetland when the river was dammed to form the Waitakere Reservoir in 1910. From a visitor management and recreation perspective, visitor influx into the area is influenced by the presence of the popular Cascade Kauri Park and Montana Trail in the Ark in the Park area. From a community stewardship perspective, Ark in the Park has a significant influence on the way land owners manage their land within the Ark in the Park buffer area: many people engage in monitoring and animal pest trapping. The presence of Ark in the Park is likely to have inspired landowners in the Steam Hauler Track and Stoney Creek Rd areas to initiate their own pest animal trap lines, and has also helped make the Habitat Te Henga initiative a viable one. Therefore, the Ark in the Park area is a significant feature of the area, which influences the ecology, visitor numbers, land management practices of the rest of the valley and includes important community recreation assets. For these reasons, it is appropriate that it is included within the LAP boundary.</p>	<p>A. No change to LAP boundary</p> <p>B. Refer to recommended changes for (1)</p>
17		<p>A. Page 4 change "referred" to "deferred to Te Kawerau a Maki"</p> <p>B. Map 1: Identify Matuku as a Royal Forest and Bird Reserve, i.e. not a public reserve (the key is not very clear).</p> <p>C. Map 1: Mark the roads: useful reference point for people.</p>	<p>A. The reference to the iwi consultation process is no longer required nor appropriate in the final version of the LAP and should be removed.</p> <p>B, C. Supported (see comments above, submitters #9 and 10).</p>	<p>A. Remove the sentence about Ngati Whatua deferring to Te Kawerau a Maki.</p> <p>B, C. Identify Matuku as a Royal Forest and Bird Reserve and mark the roads on the map p5.</p>

2. Heritage features

Submitter #	Do you agree with the description of the heritage features of the area?	Summary of comments and changes requested	Analysis	Suggested changes to the LAP
2	Strongly agree	It is well written and follows along with my own knowledge of the area. It is a good overview without going into too many details.	Noted	N/A
3	[understood as] disagree	<p>A. Map 1: Enlarge the legend for easier reading</p> <p>B. page 9, centre column, para 2: Change to: "From the early 1900s the Bethell family hosted campers and visitors drawn by the natural beauty of the place, and from modest beginnings developed over a fifty year period a reputation for being "the" place to holiday , and catering, with plentiful seafood and farm produce, for up to 80 guests who were accommodated in small cottages dotted round the homestead."</p> <p>C. Page 9, R col, para 1, change to: "....the family sold an area of land to the...."</p>	<p>A. Supported.</p> <p>B, C Supported. The proposed changes are appropriate.</p>	<p>A. Enlarge the legend's font on Map 1 and Map 2.</p> <p>B. page 9, centre column, para 2. Replace the existing wording with the following: "From the early 1900s the Bethell family hosted campers and visitors drawn by the natural beauty of the place, and from modest beginnings developed over a fifty year period a reputation for being "the" place to holiday. It catered, with plentiful seafood and farm produce, for up to 80 guests who were accommodated in small cottages dotted round the homestead."</p> <p>C. Page 9, R col, para 1: Replace the existing wording with the following: ....the family sold an area of foreshore to the....</p>
3	[understood as] disagree	<p>D. Para 2 [ Page 9, R col] Some corrections needed. "The land reveals little of the history .....driving dams, timber tramways..." I suggest that this is because the Bethell property Te Henga was never logged for kauri; flax was cut above the lake and sent by flying fox to Lake Kawaupaku for transport to the flax mill up the Waitakere Valley ; also a small area of lakeside on the homestead side (south side) was used for an orchard by my grandfather Pa Bethell, but that ceased at least one hundred years ago. Very little kauri grew on the Bethell property; as I understand it, the land surrounding the lake would originally have been dunes which had developed over the time that the swamp was tidal and very much more extensive; at that distant period sand dunes built up in a narrow tongue behind the swamp and were in time colonised by vegetation, but not by kauri which does not thrive in sand.</p> <p>There was much kauri on the back area of Wainamu and this was logged in the 1930s, but there was only a narrow fringe of kauri on the Bethell hinterland, on the high ridge we call Solomon's Range, and some of this</p>	<p>D. Supported. The current description refers to the whole area, and does not suggest that logging took place on Bethells family land. This information can be added in the timber milling section of the Heritage Features.</p>	<p>D. At the end of the Timber milling section, add: "Very little kauri grew on the Bethell family property at Te Henga and it was never logged for kauri."</p>
3	[understood as] disagree	<p>E. P 11, L col, para 2. I believe that the area round Lake Kawaupaku has never been disturbed, apart from the cutting of flax and the small orchard area mentioned above. I believe the forest surrounding the lake is the indigenous forest of pohutukawa, rewarewa, karaka, kowhai etc such as you describe, and is a very young forest which has over time colonized the sand dunes which surround the lake. It is unlikely the Kawerau ever disturbed the forest, and the Bethells certainly never grazed that area. Te Kawerau may have taken totara for canoes, as there is some totara near the homestead but none that I am aware of round the lake.</p>	<p>E. Supported. The proposed changes are appropriate and will correct these facts.</p>	<p>E. Change this paragraph to: "The area has remained undisturbed over the years, except for the cutting of flax and a small area of lakeside used for an orchard by Pa Bethell."</p>

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3	[understood as] strongly disagree	F: Page 11, L col, para 3 "... secondary kanuka scrub approximately 60 years old covers the Kawaupaku hinterland". This is not correct. I personally can remember back 80 years.	F. Supported. The proposed changes are appropriate and will correct these facts.	F. Remove the reference to the age of the kanuka scrub.
3	[understood as] disagree	G. Page 11, Centre col, para 1 The "vegetated islands " are Ihumoana and Kawauhaia but I don't see both names on the map .	G. Supported. It is appropriate to name these features, as well as the headland, Erangi Point.	G. Add the name of the Ihumoana and Kawauhaia Islands and Erangi Point and show on Map 1.
6	Disagree	There needs to be an acknowledgement that hospitality and a sense of community is an important heritage feature of Te Henga. The Bethell family started taking in paying guests in the late 19th century and established the boarding house in 1903. This tradition has continued through four generations of Bethell descendants and is still a feature of present day life at Te Henga. The boarding house with its enclave of surrounding cottages created a community culture amongst the hosts and guests, which was carried on by the wider family as it grew over following generations. When a large block of land in the Te Henga Valley was subdivided in the 1970s and later in the coastal environment, the family embraced a new community beyond their own and that community culture remains well established today.	Supported. The early days of the Bethell family's tourism operation is described on page 9 under "Early tourism" second paragraph. This description can expanded to acknowledge how this tradition has remained alive until nowadays.	Change the paragraph tile to: "Tourism and hospitality". Add "This tradition has continued through four generations of Bethell descendants and is still a feature of present day life at Te Henga. The cottages continue to host visitors. They have since been complemented by other accommodation offerings at Lake Wainamu and further up the valley."
9	Disagree	Referring to p.10 (Ecosystems): Paragraph 2: The Ark in the Park project actually started in 2002. The area is now 2100 ha in the parkland. The species hihi should be omitted as it was not a success (they all disappeared). Paragraph 3: Baumea is now called Machaerina, so pehaps you could say ... "Machaerina (formerly Baumea) sedgeland". Banded Rail should be omitted as there is no evidence it still exists there, and in fact is extremely unlikely, the word "possibly" should be inserted in front of marsh crake. Later in the para it should say that Matuku Reserve hosts FOUR species of lizard, the extra one being the pacific gecko.	Supported. The proposed changes are appropriate and will correct these facts.	Make changes as suggested.
10	Neither agree nor disagree		Noted	N/A
12	Don't know		Noted	N/A
15	Agree	Has the information been peer reviewed for accuracy?	The section is principally based in information found in the Background Report for the LAP, which collated information from published documents on the area. This report was made public in October 2010, and some errors corrected after feedback from the community. It has also been reviewed by in relevant units of the Council. This submission process is another means by which knowledgeable people in the community can help correct errors .	N/A

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16	Disagree in some parts	<p>A. Correct spelling of "Pa Bethell" on page 8. Add a more comprehensive summary of Bethell connection to the Heritage of Te Henga (Bethells). (detail provided in the submission)</p> <p>B. Correct caption on photo page 9 – Frank Bethell and Konaki – photographer likely to be Arthur Butler. See pg49 of the Bethells of Te Henga by Mary Woodward.</p> <p>C. Spelling mistake pg10 serial not seral succession.</p>	<p>A. Supported. The reference to John Bethell being the owner of land between Anawhata and Te Henga before he bought the land at Te Henga, may be added to this account. The connection of the local families to the area, and kaitiakitanga, is also documented and can be better acknowledged in the document.</p> <p>B. Page 9 Column 2: Caption of photo - Confirmation on the subject of the photo and photographer will be sought prior to the LAP being published.</p> <p>C. Not supported. "Seral" succession is the correct spelling. It refers to an intermediate stage found in ecological succession in an ecosystem advancing towards its climax community.</p>	<p>A. Page 8 Column 2, para 3: Change "John (Pa) Bethells..." to "John (Pa) Bethell had arrived in Auckland in 1858 aged two, and from a young age helped his older brother to clear and farm his father's 225 acres of land on the northern side of the Anawhata Stream."</p> <p>At the end of the section on European Settlement and Activities, add: "Over the years, local families have exercised stewardship over the area, protecting significant areas of land through covenanting, leading and participating in dune and stream restoration efforts as well as contributing to the building of community identity and infrastructure"</p> <p>B. Change if required.</p> <p>C. No change.</p>
		<p>D. Kawaupaku Lake area is not a dune impounded lake, that is Lake Wainamu. The earth there is not sand.</p> <p>E. Tawapou is not at Lake Kawaupaku to my knowledge, it is on our property just down from Razorback Ridge on the western side. (I have ecologists report).</p> <p>F. Remove the word 'local' pg9 as Mary Woodward does not reside in the area.</p> <p>G. Correct spelling for Harold Houghton.</p>	<p>D. Not supported. According to historical and ecological information collected for the background report, Lake Kawaupaku lies within sandy soil that was colonised by vegetation. Refer also to information provided by the submitter in (3) above on the formation of Lake Kawaupaku.</p> <p>E. Supported in part. According to ecological information collected in the background report, Tawapou has been identified at Lake Kawaupaku. A reference to its presence on the Bethell property may also be added.</p> <p>F. Supported in part. The reference can be expanded to include photographers and other artists who have documented life in the valley since its early days.</p> <p>G. Supported.</p>	<p>D. No change</p> <p>E. Add a reference to the presence of tawapou on the nearby Bethells property.</p> <p>F. Column 3, para 2: Change to "Historians, photographers and artists have recorded ... "</p> <p>G. Column 2, para 4: Change "Harold Haughton..." to "Harold Houghton..."</p>

3. Existing character & amenity

submission number	Do you agree with these statements?	Summary of comments and changes requested	Analysis	Suggested changes to the LAP
2	Strongly agree	This is a nicely written description of our area	Noted	N/A
3	[understood as] neither agree nor disagree	Much is made of the varied landforms and ecosystems as well as the wild and rugged nature of the area as being valuable attributes.	Noted	N/A
6	agree	<i>At the hearing, the submitter added that there should be more acknowledgement of large land holdings, quite unique in the Heritage Area. These are identified as Large Properties Management Areas, with their own management plan in the District Plan and Unitary Plan. Different economic situations apply to those properties to be able to manage and sustain the land.</i>	Supported. The Large Property Management Areas specified in the Operative District Plan and Proposed Unitary Plan have site-specific rules and a plan that sets out the type, scale and location of activities and development that may take place in those areas.  It is appropriate to acknowledge the significance of these large properties - particularly in terms of their contribution to the landscape, ecology, cultural heritage and social and economic attributes of the area.	In the Statement of existing character and amenity, add: "The area features three large properties (named Wainamu, Bethells and Te Henga) owned by descendants of the first settlers. These properties contribute significantly to the landscape, ecology, cultural heritage and social and economic attributes of the area, featuring areas of pasture, forestry or native forest adjacent to significant ecological features such as Lake Wainamu, Lake Kawaupaku and the Tasman Sea coastline. The properties have management plans that allow a range of activities on the land, seeking to ensure that they remain economically viable, while managing potential impacts on the area."
9	Agree	A. at the end of para 5, Matuku Reserve's purposes do not include "recreational tramping opportunities" as stated; (its priorities are restoration/protection, research, and nature interpretation in that order of priority). Replace with "walking tracks".  B. I suggest in the last para after the words "...the late 1800s" adding the words " including the celebrated Don Binney, much of whose work was inspired by its landforms and birds."	A. Supported. The current wording places emphasis on the 'tramping' aspect of the reserve and should be changed.  B. Not supported. As mentioned by the submitter, a number of artists have been inspired by and celebrated the beauty of the area. Only mentioning one of them would not be appropriate.	Replace "recreational tramping opportunities" with "walking tracks" as suggested.
10	Agree		Noted	N/A
12	Don't know		Noted	N/A
15	Agree		Noted	N/A

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16	Disagree in parts	<p>A. Remove Ark in the Park as a part of the Bethells/Te Henga River Valley LAP as it is not a part of the beach or the river valley but adjacent to it. It gives a 1750 ha bias of weight to the description that is approx. half the entire area and greatly outweighs the areas of land in private ownership.</p> <p>B. Describe the coastal village as commencing from 156 Bethells Road where this is the first open view of the iconic beach headlands and first house. Amend paragraph saying coastal village being at surfboard sign.</p> <p>C. No recognition of the four large farm properties that also have visual and economic importance in the area. The Roberts, Bethell, Hooker and Wheeler properties are large properties (Bethell and Roberts remain as one, still unsubdivided) and offer unique open vistas and rural farming backdrop that complement the bush, dunes, wilderness and village vistas. They bring filming to the area and offer grazing to the locals.</p>	<p>A. Not supported. See comments for (16) in Boundary about including Ark in the Park within the LAP boundary.</p> <p>B. Supported in part. Miti's Point (where this house is located) signifies the arrival at Te Henga. The surfboard sign marks the entrance to the more densely inhabited and walkable part of the village.</p> <p>C. See comments above (#6)</p>	<p>A. No change</p> <p>B. Change this section to: After winding along the steep southern bank of the wetland, the road reaches the small cluster of houses at Miti's Point and suddenly offers a breathtaking view of the coastal village, the sand dunes and the beach which marks the arrival at Te Henga. Past a few hairpin bends, an upright surf board sign warns drivers to slow down for "Free Range Kids" at the entrance to the more densely inhabited part of the village."</p> <p>C. See proposed changes above (#6)</p>
17		<p>A- Page 14: Two mentions of Te Aute Ridge in different parts of the description is a bit confusing.</p> <p>B. Mention that Bethells Road accesses the Te Henga Reserve carpark, designed by a team of locals.</p>	Supported. The proposed changes are appropriate.	<p>A. Change the sentence page 14 with "The native bush below the ridgeline provides a consistent green backdrop and and sense of enclosure".</p> <p>B. Add a sentence "The road accesses Te Henga Park, in an area designed by a group of people from the local community to accommodate visitor parking, provide for community recreation and the set up of the mobile Bethells cafe."</p>

4. Future character & amenity

submission number	Do you agree with this vision?	Summary of comments and changes requested	Analysis	Suggested changes to the LAP
2	Strongly agree	<p>A great vision for our valley and community. Great to see the safety of walking paths and tracks mentioned, and of course the building of a Marae.</p> <p>This statement has captured the hopes and dreams of our community. Our area and culture are different, our needs and wants are different, and I strongly agree with the final part of this statement mentioning the need for community, iwi and council to work together in a collaborative and respectful way.</p> <p>A. Need to mention council support for the Te Henga community looking after Te Henga: commission locals to make new signs, mow the lawns of our reserve, open the gates, clean the toilets, weed management.</p> <p>B. No mention here of limiting our effects on the environment with chemicals, waste, pesticides &amp; herbicides, recycling, etc ... Can our area have our own policies about these things, which may differ from the wider Auckland area?</p> <p>C. No mention of internet connection through fibre infrastructure, or of a cell site free zone.</p>	<p>A. Not supported. This is captured in Outcome 6 key action 6.1. As described in this action, it is proposed that people in the local community be involved in the provision of local services, however this is also subject to the council's procurement procedure. This is to ensure that the council and the community receive the best service possible with the resources that are available.</p> <p>B. Not supported. This is inferred in the higher level description of "land management practices that are good for the environment, people and the local economy". Refer also to the comments made on submission (15) in Ecology and Ecosystems.</p> <p>C. Supported in part. A reference to the area being connected to the rest of Auckland with adequate infrastructure is appropriate. Internet connection is described in more detail in key action 10.1. There was no consensus reached during the LAP consultation on the area being or becoming a cell-site free zone, so the LAP advocates for community consultation to be undertaken for new cellular network infrastructure.</p>	<p>A. No change</p> <p>B. No change</p> <p>C. Add: "The area will be well connected to the rest of Auckland with adequate and appropriate telecommunication and transport infrastructure"</p>
9	Strongly Agree	<p>It is a strong and positive statement of future aspirations tempered by present realities of this special environment. I particularly agree with the statement that "New development will be sympathetic to the rural character of the area and remain subservient to the natural environment."</p> <p>There could be a subtle unintended implication in the last sentence of the intro para that the area's species will always be threatened or rare. It is difficult to correct but a suggestion is below.</p> <p>At the end of the intro para in bold, change wording to something like: "...continue to be a place where threatened and rare native species prosper and become more common."</p> <p>Take out the one typo mistake in the bold para: the extra word "be" before "continue".</p>	<p>The suggested changes are in line with the intent of the wording and clarify the wording.</p>	<p>Support. Change the introducing paragraph to</p> <p>"Te Henga (Bethells Beach) and the Waitakere Valley will remain an exceptional, thriving natural environment. Its regenerating bush, stream banks, lakes, wetland and dune ecosystems, linked by healthy and connected ecological corridors, will continue to be a place where threatened and rare species prosper and become more common"</p>

4. Future character & amenity

submission number	Do you agree with this vision?	Summary of comments and changes requested	Analysis	Suggested changes to the LAP
10	Neither agree nor disagree	<p>A. Support"Visitors... but their numbers will be restricted by the capacity of the infrastructure. " Discourage so many visitors from the rest of Auckland coming here. Stop promoting the Bethells Cafe in the "Our Auckland" magazine for a start, which is bringing out huge numbers as it is advertised to over a million people.</p> <p>B. "New development will be sympathetic to the rural character of the area" - Don't allow new development. The area should stay the same as it is now without any increase in housing or infrastructure whatsoever.</p> <p>C. I don't think a marae right in the Bethells subdivision amongst the houses will be fair on the neighboring residents there. If a marae is to be constructed, it should not be in amongst everyone's existing houses. It will bring out heaps more people which could mean more problems for locals.</p>	<p>A. Not supported. Outcome 4 and key action 4.1 under Visitor Management and Parks seeks to limit active promotion of the area as a destination. This policy will assist the Local Board when they review communication material about the area.</p> <p>B. Not supported. There is very limited capacity for new development within the area, as provided in the Operative District Plan and Proposed Unitary Plan. However, development may occur through extensions to, or re-development of existing houses, or renewal of infrastructure.</p> <p>C. Not supported. The marae site is located within the Coastal Village, and provided for under the Operative District Plan under a Marae and papakainga zoning. The concept plans provided by Te Kawerau a Maki in the Cultural Values Assessment for the LAP show a proposed layout for the site, with parking located within the site. The site itself is contained within an area that is screened from surrounding houses by sand dunes and vegetation. The effects of the development will largely be contained within the site. Any significant effect on the surrounding environment will be addressed through the resource and building consent process.</p>	No change
11	Strongly Agree		Noted	N/A
12	Don't know		Noted	N/A

4. Future character & amenity

submission number	Do you agree with this vision?	Summary of comments and changes requested	Analysis	Suggested changes to the LAP
16	Disagree in some aspects	<p>A. Agree strongly re. statement "improving road safety for all users". Before walking tracks can be effected the road quality in certain key areas must be improved. Recognition needs to be given to the limitation of walking access in some areas because of private property/wetland/river – in other words acknowledge by putting "where feasible" before walking</p> <p>B. Also, future character and amenity needs to have documented support for the continued diversity of the Bethells landscape so that it contains to include the large properties and farms, smaller lifestyle blocks, and beach community housing (perhaps by adding something in Cultural Heritage outcome 3?). This means the Council and community acknowledge and embrace the diversity of Bethells from the past and present into the future.</p>	<p>A. Supported. The proposed change is aligned with the intent and clarifies it.</p> <p>B. Supported. The rural and coastal landscapes of Te Henga are acknowledged at the beginning of the section. However, it is appropriate that the diversity of land holdings and their contribution to the character of the area is better emphasized.</p>	<p>A. Page 15 Column 2 para 1: Change "Walking, and where feasible cycling and bridle..." to "Where feasible walking, cycling and bridle..."</p> <p>B. Add: "The diversity of land use patterns, including the larger farms, farmlets, bush clad sections and coastal community housing, and their contribution to the character and amenity of the place, will be recognised."</p>
17		<p>A. First sentence: no mention of people/community. After "Its regenerating bush, stream banks, etc will continue to be the home of threatened and rare native species" add "and will be valued, protected and enhanced by the people of the area".</p> <p>B. In the sentence "The maori and European history, etc will become better known through documentation, information and interpretation" add "and celebration".</p>	<p>A, B. Supported. The proposed changes are aligned with the intent of the wording and clarify it.</p>	<p>A. add "and be valued and protected by the people of the area".</p> <p>B. In the sentence "The Maori and European history and heritage of the area will become better known through documentation, information and interpretation" add "and celebration".</p>

5. Cultural Heritage

Submitter #	Do you agree with the proposed outcomes and actions for Cultural Heritage?	Summary of comments and changes requested	Analysis	Suggested changes to the LAP
2	Strongly agree	These things are very important for the cultural health of our community	Noted	N/A
6	Agree		Noted	N/A
9	Agree	Just a note: Forest & Bird can contribute on the cultural sites in its Matuku Reserve: food pits, ritual platform, burial site, remnant logging machinery, two logging chutes and the logging tramline.	This information has been passed on to the Cultural Heritage team. We greatly appreciate the submitter's contribution.	N/A
10	Neither agree nor disagree	It's alright but not that important to spend money on.	Noted	N/A
11	Agree		Noted	N/A
12	Don't know		Noted	N/A
15	Agree		Noted	N/A
16	Strongly agree	Broaden the information sources so not just from one person for either/both Maori and European. Ensure the outcome 2.1 does not impose hardship on private landowners. Personally, I embrace the pre-European history here and we already have archaeologist reports for our property.	<p>The source of information in Appendix 3 refers to the Background Report and Cultural Values Assessment for the LAP area. These documents quote from a large range of sources which has not been replicated in the Appendix.</p> <p>The heritage surveys will be undertaken in priority on sites that are already scheduled and sites that are easy to reach on public land. Sites on private land will be surveyed in collaboration with private land owners.</p>	No change
17		Outcome 1, Key actions: add "Te Kawerau a Maki to have naming rights over any new public open space".	<p>According to the Regional Parks Management Plan 2010, names for new parks are generally selected on the basis that they reflect (refer to chapter 15.1):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) tangata whenua values,</li> <li>ii) a natural feature within the park,</li> <li>iii) a historic name for the land,</li> <li>iv) a historical feature or association with the park,</li> <li>v) historically or culturally significant individual or event, or</li> <li>vi) an individual or organisation that significantly contributes to the park or facility through gifting or sponsorship,</li> </ul> <p>Where it is deemed appropriate by the Council, the preferred names for a new park is subject to consultation with relevant tangata whenua, interest groups, and the wider community.</p>	No change

6. Visitor management

Submitter #	Do you agree with the proposed outcomes and actions for Visitor Management and Parks?	Summary of comments and changes requested	Analysis	Suggested changes to the LAP
2	Strongly agree	<p>This is a great list of "to dos". Glad things I have brought up as missing earlier in the LAP have appeared here, such as locals providing local services.</p> <p>The role of the Ranger is extremely important to us as a community. Propose that the Ranger role be extended to a full time all year role. When the park isn't busy there are plenty of other things the Ranger could be doing to look after the area. Having a full time kaitiaki of our rohe would be fantastic.</p> <p>Providing better facilities for the community and visitors we have now, without the need to expand or advertise for more visitors is a great way to go.</p> <p>Its great that the LAP recognises that the beauty of Te Henga is in it's natural wilderness. To much development or provision of facilities for people done the normal Auckland way would destroy what makes this area special.</p> <p>Not sure that we need a review of the Dog rules, I enjoy it the way it is, but I guess a review is worthwhile.</p>	<p>Supported in part. The possibility of a local park ranger being employed all year long is being considered by the Local Board. It is appropriate to widen the reference to this ranger beyond the summer period to cater for future any changes.</p>	<p>Modify references to the 'Summer ranger' to 'local ranger'.</p>
3		<p>A. If the present character is valued then every effort should be made to preserve it. No dogs on the beach, or dogs on a leash, and never near the dunes and the sensitive headland caves. The birdlife might then have a chance to revive. Obviously more rangers will be required.</p> <p>B. Any modification of the landscape for educational or entertainment purposes should be carried out as near to the "village" and surfclub as possible, as this area is already compromised. The southern stretch of Te Henga Park should be left to colonise naturally (already manuka, kanuka and pohutukawa etc are flourishing) with the only attention to modification being weed control of pampas, gorse and agapanthas etc which will otherwise take too long to be stifled by the bush. Any prospect of a "playscape" should be limited to a few good trees for children to climb, and perhaps some rugged sort of seats nearby. If these could be developed near the north end, it would be helpful in conserving that "wild rugged" nature that intensifies as you head southward, so that the "wilderness" can be experienced by those are prepared to take the walk for themselves, rather than for their dogs.</p>	<p>A. Not supported. A review of the Dog Access By-law is underway, prompted by the need to better protect the natural values of the area, and particularly its bird life, as well as considering the needs of dog owners. This is reflected in Key Action 5.1.</p> <p>B. Supported. Potential modifications to the Concept Plan to cater for children and youth play equipment made with natural materials would be located within the community "green" at the northern end of Te Henga Park. This should be better specified in the text. The concept of a "natural playscape" can also be better explained.</p>	<p>A. No change</p> <p>B. In Key Action 7.1 regarding a review of the Concept Plan for Te Henga, add "such as children and youth play facilities made with natural materials, using existing natural features and designed to fit in with area, within the existing community 'green' at the northern end of Te Henga Park."</p>
6	Disagree	<p>What is a natural playscape is? Play means different things to different people. Pumping water down the dune slopes into lake Wainamu to create a waterslide seems like great natural play to some and to others a total interference with the natural amenity value and wilderness quality intended for this fragile aquatic environment.</p> <p><i>This point was reiterated at the hearing. The submitter added that on-the-ground people, like rangers, need more support when there are visitors to Lake Wainamu. People bring water pumps and water slides which affect the fragile ecology of the area, with sand being eroded and detergent flowing into the lake.</i></p> <p><i>At the hearing, two submitters asked that the Council find a way for park rangers to be able to prevent visitors from engaging in inappropriate activities, such as water sliding involving water pumps and use of detergent.</i></p>	<p>Supported in part. The occurrence and impact of these types of activities will be monitored by the local ranger and the Regional Parks ranger. Assistance from the community in reporting these occurrences will also be important. The Regional Park ranger is warranted to enforce regulations around the use of machinery and pollutants in the Regional Park. The possibility of the NZ Police having a daily presence at Lake Wainamu in the summer months is being considered (refer to comments on #16 below). The main methods will however be through awareness raising and education of visitors and local residents around regulation of inappropriate activities.</p>	<p>Key Action 6.2: Add in the list of particular issues to consider in Action Planning and monitoring: "use of water slides with water pumps"</p>

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8		<p>The Bethells Cafe is a small locally owned family business that has been in the Bethells area since the 1960s and that provides a local hub for socialising ,community activities and fund raisers.</p> <p>We encourage the improvement of Te Henga park and with locals work alongside AC to improve the toilet block and complete the planting and picnic areas and create an educational recycling area for beach goers.</p> <p><del>We ask that cleaning, landscaping and lawn mowing and security contracts be returned</del></p>	<p>Supported in part. The proposed policy in 6.1 advocates for the employment of local people in the delivery of local services. This however has to be subject to Auckland Council's procurement policy to ensure that the Council and the community receive value for money.</p>	<p>No change</p>
9	Strongly Agree	<p>All positive and practical. I particularly agree with outcome 4.1 and that the area remain wild and comparatively remote.</p> <p>In 7.2 I believe the Waitakere Quarry should, after remediation and revegetation of the site, eventually be administered by the Regional Parks network as it is almost adjacent to Cascade Kauri Park. (The same should apply to the nearby Waitoru Reserve)</p>	<p>Supported in part. The possibility of the quarry becoming part of the Regional Park is currently being investigated by the Local Board. Is is appropriate to change the wording to make allowance for the possibility of the area becoming part of the Regional Park.</p>	<p>Key Action 7.2, change the wording to "Develop the site of the Waitakere Quarry as a reserve returning the majority of the land to native vegetation and wetland, providing walking tracks and allowing for other appropriate uses"</p>
10	Neither agree nor disagree	<p>I agree the area should not be promoted.</p> <p>Construction of a "natural playscape" is TOTALLY unnecessary. Just look around you at the natural landscape that's already here and if that's not entertaining enough for you then go into town to a playground there. Don't try and do man-made landscaping and playgrounds in a natural area, it will destroy the natural area.</p> <p>The quarry should just be replanted back to native bush and lock the gate. Does not need to be a "park" at all. Visitors to a potential "park" may impact Aio-wira Rd residents negatively. It will make our area more busy and could attract undesirable people burning out cars, dumping rubbish &amp; weeds, rally driving, burglars etc. This <del>already happens but opening the area up to more people this would only happen more.</del></p>	<p>Refer to comments above (#2 and 9)</p>	<p>Refer to proposed changes above (#2 and 9)</p>
11	Strongly agree	<p>A. Many dogs are currently not on leads. These dogs' behaviour can be frightening. Education alone will not change these behaviours. Rangers at peak times all year with training in approaching dog owners and challenging their behaviour.</p> <p>B. Empty rubbish bins more frequently especially over holiday periods and weekends.</p> <p>C. Keep parking area at beach in better condition. Frequently appearing potholes are hazard to a car's suspension</p>	<p>A. Supported in part. Signage and education of dog owners will be implemented when the changes to the Dog Access bylaw become operative. Dog control enforcement will also be monitored, so that appropriate actions can be put in place by park rangers and other stakeholders.</p> <p>B, C. Supported in part. These matters are part of day to day Council operations and will be monitored by the relevant Council units. Key action 6.2 regarding implementation of an annual action plan to address visitor management issues and 8.3 on improving waste</p>	<p>Add in the list of particular issues to consider in Key Action 6.2 Action Planning and monitoring: "Enforcement of dog access rules"</p>

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11		<p>D. Ensure that the activities in the quarry do not include motorised activities.</p> <p>E. Te Henga Park area needs to be upgraded but no need for a formal playground. Kids play happily in the open space of the beach and grassed area</p>	<p>D. Supported in part. The intention for the quarry is to return the majority of the land to native vegetation and wetland, provide walking tracks and potentially allow for other appropriate uses. Preparation of a quarry restoration plan is underway which is separate to the LAP process. Comments received through LAP consultation have been passed on to the Local and Sports Parks team of Auckland Council and Auckland Council Property Limited who will be working on the quarry restoration plan.</p> <p>E. Refer to comments in (3) above. Action 7.1 includes a review of the concept plan for Te Henga park that would allow the community and the council to assess the needs of local children and young people, and identify potential new play/recreation facilities for the grassed community area, if needed. These would be designed and located to fit in with the character of the place.</p>	no change
12	Don't know		Noted	N/A
15	Agree	<p>Parks need to cater for all members of the community, including chemically sensitive people and all those who do not want to be exposed to chemical sprays. Nontoxic weed control in all parks and reserves.</p>	<p>Supported in part. Weed control on parks and reserve is subject to the Auckland Council Weed Management Policy. The public is currently notified of chemical spraying activity in Parks via the publication of spraying schedules in local newspapers. People can also ask to be on the No-Spray register to ensure weed management control adjoining their property does not involve the use of agrichemicals.</p>	Refer to proposed changes for (15) in Ecology and Ecosystems.

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16	Disagree in parts	<p>A. Don't agree with Hillary Trail accommodation requirements gaining key outcome recognition – I have grave concerns about an unsupervised camping ground at the lake for "Hillary Trail" users becoming open slather for all the public who will find it and see it as a free easy place to use and abuse. The Hillary Trail was created in knowing there was little accommodation in the area. How does Council plan to service toilets and deal with rubbish, fires and increased public impact if a campground is in a wilderness area?</p> <p><i>The submitter's opposition to the campground was reiterated at the hearing.</i></p> <p>Remove 4.2 implementation notes re. campground. Write in 4.2 re. support private landowners offering holiday accommodation options to suit a range of budgets and look at Unitary Plan Changes to facilitate temporary/holiday accommodation (ie not to be limited to 32 days a year).</p> <p>B. Re. 4.1 implementation to include remove regional parks sign relate re. Lake Wainamu at road edge and place in more visually sensitive less obtrusive place by the gate entranceway to Lake Wainamu entrance from carpark (ie relocate)</p> <p>C. 5.2 Visitor Information Pg 29 LAP Need signs at carpark and at end of Bethells Road that are clearly indicating where to access the beach. These can be locally made (I can do if Council supplies materials). I encounter endless people who are lost and don't know how to access the beach and then traipse all over the dunes (which we don't want).</p> <p>So essentially I disagree with no need for other signs as too much info or one big info board won't be easy for people who just want to quickly find the beach. I also disagree with involving local people, Council and iwi just to get a sign made as it will take years (in my experience) to get it to happen!</p>	<p>A. Supported in part. The Regional Parks Management Plan includes in its policy a reference to a campground in the area. When this action is progressed by the Regional Parks team, this team will consult with potentially affected land owners. However, it is appropriate to more explicitly expand the scope of this key action to include other accommodation options.</p> <p>B. The submitter's comments regarding the placement of the Lake Wainamu sign has been passed on to the Regional Parks team for review.</p> <p>C. The placement of signs to indicate the way to the beach from the end of Bethells Rd will be considered by the Local Parks team.</p>	<p>A. Change Key Action 4.2 to: "Enable landowners to offer accommodation options to suit a range of budgets and visitors, including trampers on the Hillary Trail while managing the effects on the environment."</p> <p>B. No change</p> <p>C. In Key Action 5.2, add "Place appropriate, low-key signage in appropriate places to indicate the way to the beach from the end of Bethells Rd".</p>
16		<p>D. 6.1 Rangers service and safety are paramount. LAP needs to not refer to the Summer Ranger Service pg 29 LAP but at least refer to the additional "seasonal" (not summer) Ranger service.</p> <p>E. 6.1 pg 29 LAP says safe in heading but makes no reference elsewhere re. safety implementation. LAP could say inform local community who to contact with safety concerns, eg emergencies 111 Dangerous driving/burnouts/boy racers – police Freedom campers Council hot line Alcohol/parties/fireworks on public land – Council? Ranger? Police? – form policy to advise Community.</p>	<p>D. Supported in part. Refer to point in (2) above regarding the ranger service.</p> <p>E. Supported. Information on whom to contact about safety concerns can be placed and updated on the community web-site, and will be considered for the visitor information board.</p>	<p>D. Refer to proposed changes in (2) above</p> <p>E. In Key Action 6.2, include in Notes for implementation: "Place information on whom to contact for safety concerns on the community web-site, and the visitor information board"</p>

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16		<p>F. 6.3 pg 30 – Agree monitor visitor impact but important to do something about this. We already know (plus Council has statistics to prove it) that there has been an exponential rise in visitors especially to Lake Wainamu. Outcomes need to be actions and measurable, not “could” or “consider”. If there was an annual debrief, who would it involve and what would the action be to resolve identified concerns from the debrief. Who would be responsible to ensure this action actually was followed through.</p> <p>G. LAP needs to acknowledge that an alcohol ban be considered for Lake Wainamu because this is a wilderness area that is extremely difficult (and slow) to access. Rangers and Police have no leverage if there are crown and alcohol problems or parties there (with resulting broken glass and rubbish). The isolation and difficulty getting there is the very reason why there should be an alcohol ban.</p> <p>H. State that Police should have a 4wd they can use to access the area at Lake Wainamu. This inaccessibility only highlights why there should NOT be a campground for Hillary Trail users at Lake Wainamu on the QEII land or elsewhere.</p>	<p>F. Supported. The submitter's comments are in line with the intent of Action 6.2. Action planning resulting from identified issues can be more specifically mentioned in the text.</p> <p>G. Supported in part. An alcohol ban may be considered for Lake Wainamu if incidents are reported that indicate that that would be necessary. It is important that all incidents are reported to the Council or the Police.</p> <p>H. Supported in part. The possibility of the police patrolling the dune area near Lake Wainamu using a 4WD is being considered by the NZ Police to deter inappropriate behaviour and attend to incidents. Note that the Local Board through the LAP can only advocate for such measures to be put in place.</p>	<p>F. Include references to the implementation of an action plan in Key Action 6.2.</p> <p>G. Include references to the need to monitor incidents caused by alcohol use and provide information to residents on ways to report incidents in the notes on implementation for Key Action 6.2.</p> <p>H. Add a reference to the consideration of police patrols in the Lake Wainamu area in the notes on implementation for Key Action 6.2.</p>
16		<p>I. 8.1 pg 31 – Ranger should not be dealing with traffic management – that is AT's problem. It is time consuming and another local could be paid to do this while the trained Ranger deals with key visitor issues on site at either the Lake or the beach. Traffic management is an unjust extra workload.</p> <p>J. 8.2 pg 32 LAP Plan to say the Ranger service must be increased to meet the ever increasing demand, and not by just a few hours over the entire season. The season may need to be extended too as visitor impact hits the beach and lake every sunny weekend year round now. Ranger to report traffic breaches or call police to ticket those in breach. Can LAP organise Council parking enforcement staff at weekends to ticket those who park on yellow lines.</p> <p><i>At the hearing, the submitter reiterated this point and gave the example of freedom camping, which should be regularly monitored and enforced.</i></p> <p>K. 8.2 pg 32 of LAP - LAP has no acknowledgement of the negative impact of Freedom Campers both at the beach carpark, end of Bethells Road, Bethells Reserve (Te Henga Park) and at Lake Wainamu. Freedom Campers can be lovely people but are mostly transient tourists who leave rubbish, try to light fires with vegetation they find by the lake, leave faeces under the trees and encourage others to consider camping at these sites, as well as a copycat activity.</p> <p>When freedom campers stay unchallenged then others do the same. Then guide books and social media begins to direct such people to places (like Bethells) where freedom camping is (passively) “allowed”. I would like wording in the LAP to both acknowledge and address this.</p>	<p>I. Supported in part. Methods to manage visitor impact, including parking management will be trialled and adjusted. The local ranger assisted in the summer of 2014-15 with setting up traffic cones and sandwich boards to indicate parking areas. If this proves too difficult to manage or unsuccessful, then other methods may be implemented. It is therefore appropriate to change the wording to reflect this flexibility.</p> <p>J. Supported in part. The decision of extending the ranger service to respond to increasing demand has to be considered by the Local Board (for local funding) or the Governing Body (for regional funding). The availability of budget, and impacts on other services are part of the factors elected members need to consider.</p> <p>Reporting of traffic breaches and enforcement matters are best addressed in an annual action plan (refer to the recommended change to Key Action 6.2 above) rather than the LAP.</p> <p>K. Supported in part. It is appropriate to refer to freedom camping as one of the issues that need to be addressed and monitored. Reporting and enforcement matters are best addressed in an annual action plan (refer to the recommended change to Key Action 6.2 above) rather than the LAP.</p>	<p>I. Replace "The local ranger is tasked with some traffic management measures" with "may be tasked with some traffic management measures".</p> <p>J, K. Include references to the enforcement of parking restriction and freedom camping in the list of issues to be monitored under the notes for implementation in Key Action 6.2.</p>

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16		<p>L. 8.4 pg 32 of LAP – Water Safety at Lake Wainamu. Since the report issued in 2008 several people have drowned at the lake. This renders the report irrelevant and redundant so that wording needs to be removed.</p> <p>The lack of cellphone communication/emergency communication and inaccessibility of the lake makes the area unsafe for those at risk. Many people think a lake is safer than the sea, without realising the reduced buoyancy of fresh water and sudden steep depth of the water only a very short distance from the water's edge, combines to make the lake a dangerous place for novice swimmers. I think a sign spelling out both the dangers and lack of communication and emergency access is something to be written into the LAP - the sign should be at the main lake walkway entrance at the Wainamu carpark area. Also, please remove the word "may" from funding support in implementation.</p>	<p>L. Supported in part. Auckland Council collaborates with Surf Life Saving New Zealand to implement water safety measures, including signage. The detail of those measures is best addressed in the operational annual action plan rather than in the LAP. The word "may" signifies that the action could possibly be implemented within existing budgets already provided by the Council to Surf Life Saving New Zealand. Further discussions are required with Surf Life Saving Northern Region on these matters.</p>	<p>L. Remove the reference to the 2008 Surf Live Saving report provided as background information.</p>
17		<p>A. Outcome 5, Key Actions or Notes on Implementation: add "name the local rivers and streams at the road bridges"</p> <p>B. Outcome 8, Key Action 8.2: after "Continue the ranger service to manage operational issues at the beach and at Lake Wainamu" add "and at Cascade Kauri and any new reserve at the quarry". In the notes on implementation, do we need to make mention of support to Regional Parks rangers?</p>	<p>A. The naming of local rivers and streams is consistent with the intent of the LAP of enhancing people's knowledge of the cultural heritage of the area. The sign however should be low key, discreet and blend in with the bridge structure and the character of the area.</p> <p>B. The current description for 8.2 page 32 also includes "and within other parts of the Regional Parks" - which includes Cascade Kauri. The future park on the quarry land should also be made reference to.</p>	<p>A. Add a reference to the naming of rivers and streams at bridges as suggested by the submitter in the notes for implementation for Key Action 5.2.</p> <p>B. Add a reference to the future park at the former quarry site as suggested by the submitter</p>

7. Community & Economic

Submitter #	Do you agree with the proposed outcomes and actions for Community and Economic Development?	Summary of comments and changes requested	Analysis	Suggested changes to the LAP
1	[understood as] disagree	<p>The LAP should acknowledge the different management status of the Large Property Management Areas, and the fact that there is scope for a range of activities within those properties that has been recognised in the District Plan and Unitary Plan.</p> <p>add as a 9.2 in Outcome 9:                      "There are three large working properties that fall wholly within the LAP area. These properties need the ability to carry out a different range of flexible economic activity so as to remain viable as large properties. These properties are therefore recognised as warranting different treatment and accordingly have specific large property management plans under the current district plan and proposed unitary plan provisions."</p> <p>In the subsequent table on page 33 the last three columns should refer to: Column one – "Led by Auckland Council in consultation with the owners of these properties"; Column Two – "Ongoing".</p> <p>Column Three – " To be implemented through the operative and proposed plans".</p>	<p>Supported. The Large Property Management Areas specified in the Operative District Plan and Proposed Unitary Plan have site-specific rules and a map that sets out the type, scale and location of activities and development that may take place in those areas.</p> <p>It is appropriate to acknowledge the different management status of these properties in the LAP.</p>	<p>Add Key Action 9.2: "Enable a range of economic activities within the three large properties in the area (namely Wainamu, Bethells and Te Henga) with site-specific management plans that set out the type, scale and location of activities and development that may take place on those properties."</p> <p>In the table of Detailed Actions for Implementation, add information in the relevant columns as suggested by the submitter.</p>
2	Strongly agree	All of the outcomes mentioned here are fantastic. I agree with all of them and I'm excited by several of them.		N/A
6	Disagree	More provision needs to be allowed for the economic sustainability of the large blocks of land if we are to meet the desired outcomes of the LAP in the future. We endorse the suggestions from (1) that some wording is added to the description regarding low key economic activity in the Te Henga area. See in (1) above.	see comments for (1)	see proposed changes for (1)

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7		<p>It is the desire of our family to remain on the land keeping the large blocks of land largely as privately owned open space, this in turn requires income and this has been recognised in the district plan but not fully in the LAP. Many who gave feedback come from small ten acre holding or less with very different economic base to those with large land holdings. The large working property need the ability to carry out a different range of economic activity to remain viable as large properties. These properties warrant different treatment as recognised with the LPMA. We would like to see this give some more recognition in the LAP and believe there is community support for this. Small scale farming is not what we have done historically or do presently that does not fit with our economic needs or desire to maintain our stewardship for the land. Having the ability to grow business that are innovative, and may not be thought of yet is important to us. Such as the glamping business run by Jim and Anna Wheeler on the farm, a different use of the land, low impact but on a scale that makes economic sense. Farming is the same, although that has been an economic activity in the areas for over 30 years and creates much vitality economically and with local employment and young ones being given employment in a climate which for them it is not easy to find work. It creates a healthier community.</p> <p>Historically the community and Bethells Family have provided hospitality with our Great Grandparents starting the Bethells Boarding House. We see this as an important life blood to the area and would like to see the continuation of hospitality being supported in the area in its different forms.</p>	<p>see comments in (1)</p> <p>Refer to the comments in (16) Visitor Management and Parks.</p>	<p>see proposed changes for (1)</p> <p>Refer to recommended changes for Key Action 4.2 in (16) Visitor Management and Parks. Add references to the range of options already available in the area in the notes on implementation for Key Action 4.2: self contained holiday cottage accommodation, glamping sites, bed and breakfasts, retreats, function facilities.</p>
8		<p>WAINAMU FARM. needs to be added as a economic business. There are three large working properties including Wainamu locally that need the ability to carry out a different range of economic activity so as to remain viable as large properties. These properties therefore warrant different treatment and accordingly have specific large property management plans under the current district plan and proposed unitary plan provisions.</p> <p>We are presently running a low impact Glamping business And wish to add this high quality Eco tourism option to your LAP.</p> <p>The idea of a local camping ground area needs close monitoring and management planning And have hesitancy about this as an option that will benefit the area.</p>	<p>see comments in (1) and (7) above</p>	<p>see suggested changes in (1) and (7)</p>
9	Agree	<p>Again, it is all positive and practical.</p> <p>In relation to 10.2, the Passenger Transport Users Association (PTUA) has recently powerfully promoted, with much local and business support, the concept of the "Western Connector", a once- hourly small diesel rail unit service between Swanson and Huapai via Waitakere station. It is not this LAP's job to organise transport, but it would be good for the LAP to state a preference for the more efficient rail unit service between the two stations over a bus service, which at most should be a short-term interim measure. Changing 10.2 b. to "continued service between Waitakere Station and Swanson Station, preferably by small diesel-unit rail"</p>	<p>Supported in part. The option of the train service extension via Waitakere Station to Huapai is being considered by AT and the governing body. However, until this occurs, the continuation of a bus service between Waitakere and Swanson is important for the local community and should be retained in the LAP.</p>	<p>Retain 10.2 a and b.</p> <p>Change 10.2c to "maintaining capability of Swanson/Waitakere rail line for potential future extension of the train service to Huapai".</p>

7. Community & Economic

Submitter #	Do you agree with the proposed outcomes and actions for Community and Economic Development?	Summary of comments and changes requested	Analysis	Suggested changes to the LAP
10	Neither agree nor disagree	<p>I don't think there needs to be much economic activity going on here.</p> <p>I do not want the Swanson/Waitakere rail line to continue. I think it should stop in Swanson.</p> <p>The community response plan for a disaster is very important.</p>	<p>Refer to comments in (9) above regarding the potential extension of the train service to Huapai.</p> <p>A Community Response Group has already been set up and is working on the development of a Community Response Plan.</p>	no change
12	Don't know		Noted	N/A
15	Agree	<p>it sounds good but you cannot have sustainable farming and food production with the level of chemical pesticides used in Bethells valley. Organic beekeeping and food production are seriously threatened by the heavy use of pesticides used by farmers, Council and Biosecurity- especially aerial spraying.</p> <p>Non toxic weed and pest control researched, funded, advocated and supported in</p>	Supported in part. Auckland Council and its CCOs are required to implement the Auckland Council Weed Management Policy for Parks and Open Spaces 2013. It is appropriate to include the objectives of this policy in the LAP. Note that a Weed Management Best Practice Reference Group	Refer to the proposed changes for (15) in Ecology and Ecosystems referring to the objectives of the Auckland Council's Weed Management Policy
16	Strongly agree	<p>A. Enabling local people to earn money locally reduces the carbon footprint and increases the community's viability. Somewhere in LAP the diversity of the community needs to be acknowledged and identified – from alternative lifestyles to working professionals with tertiary education, farmers, homemakers, Maori, Pacific Island, old, young, disabled, housebound, reclusive etc with the diversity of opinions too.</p> <p><i>This point was reiterated at the hearing, particularly the diversity of economic activities.</i></p> <p>B. Good communication especially internet is vital for our community and for our children's education and future. Home based business often greatly hampered by the appalling internet but also children's education to the point they are disadvantaged compared to their suburban peers.</p> <p><i>Additional note (voice mail message): Cell phone reception is very important at Bethells Beach and Lake Wainamu, particularly for emergency purposes.</i></p> <p>C. Document in the LAP the possibility the community could host its own mini farmers market in future if local organic/growers and producers are keen (seasonal as produce available). Acknowledge the different/diversity with the large properties.</p>	<p>A. Supported in part. The diversity of the community, of land uses and economic activities is referred to in general terms in several places, particularly in the statements of Existing and Future Character and Amenity.</p> <p>B. Supported. This is provided for in the LAP under Action 10.1.</p> <p>C. Supported. This may be implemented in the LAP under Action 11.2 regarding community events, and can also be referred to under ways of implementation in 9.1.</p>	<p>A. No change</p> <p>B. No change</p> <p>C. Add a reference to the possibility of "organising a local farmers market if there is sufficient interest" in the notes on implementation for Key Action 9.1.</p>
		D. LAP to document here about enhancing visitor accommodation possibilities including Unitary Plan change to meet the ongoing needs of Hillary Trail users as well as other visitors, eg more "glamping" possibilities, more bach rental (not restricted to limited number of days per year)	D. References to accommodation offerings have been included in the Visitor Management Section in response to submissions.	D. Refer to changes proposed under (16) under Visitor Management, and (7) above

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17		<p>A. Outcome 9, Key Action 9.1: "Enable low-key economic activities, etc" add a mention to "roadside stalls".</p> <p>B. In the notes on implementation, add "continue to inform the community of filming activities in the area that may impact on people, e.g. noise or access to the beach".</p>	<p>A. Supported. The sale of produce on the road frontage of properties is currently a non-complying activity under the Operative District Plan (unless considered a temporary activity- i.e. restricted to 4 days per year). It is provided for as a permitted activity in the PAUP subject to certain conditions. It is an activity that commonly takes place in the Waitakere Ranges foothills. It contributes to the rural character of the area, provides additional income to producers and a source of locally grown produce for residents and visitors.</p> <p>B. Supported. The Auckland Council requires film companies to consult stakeholders and inform local residents of their filming activities if they are of medium or high impact (refer to the Auckland Film Protocol). The Auckland film protocol is a good source of information and reference for local stakeholders and residents.</p>	<p>A. Include a reference to the sale of local produce from properties in the means of implementation for this action.</p> <p>B. Add: "Continue to inform the community of filming activities in the area that may impact on people, e.g. noise, heavy traffic or access to the beach. For information on the approval process and code of conduct for filming, refer to the Auckland Film Protocol on <a href="http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz">www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz</a>" in the means of implementation for this action</p>

8. Roads & Walkways

Submitter #	Do you agree with the proposed outcomes and actions for Roads and Walkways?	Summary of comments and changes requested	Analysis	Suggested changes to the LAP
2	Strongly agree	Although these are very general, they are all great aims. I hope that Auckland Transport are on board and willing to work with our community and our LAP.		N/A
9	Agree	It's all good, but I especially think that the Local Board SHOULD (not may) advocate for reducing the speed limit on Te Henga and Bethells Roads to 70 km/h (para 14.2)	Not supported. The Local Board has taken a position in the Local Board Plan on the concept of slow villages and the general issue of rural road safety, saying it will: "Advocate for rural road safety improvements – including sensible speed limits..." The Local Board will advocate for lower speed limits if there is evidence that it will improve road safety.	No change
10	Strongly Disagree	<p>I do not agree at all with off-road walkways through private land. I wouldn't want public tracks through my land with random people walking by, and as you say there would be considerable environmental damage.</p> <p>I agree with points 14 and 15</p>	Not supported. Off road walkways in the area are appropriate where there isn't a practical on-road alternative, or where they offer connections between places of community interest that are otherwise separated, or where they provide a particular experience of the natural features of the area. They may be developed on public land, or through agreements with private land owners (e.g. in the form of land purchases or easements). A walkway on private land would not be developed without the approval of land owners. The environmental effects of any walkway would also have to be carefully considered.	<p>Modify the existing wording to: "Other off-road walkways could be considered in the future where there is no feasible option for walkable berms along Bethells Road, to link Te Aute Ridge to the beach, or along parts of the Waitākere River/Te Henga wetland. These may be developed on public land, or through agreements with private land owners (e.g. in the form of land purchases or easements)."</p> <p>Add "The approval of affected landowners and iwi would be required for any proposal on private or Maori land."</p>

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11	Strongly Agree	<p>A most important issue is walkways along the berm from Mosquito Lane to the beach. The number of families walking along the side of the road is increasing as is the traffic and it is dangerous. Another issue is the number of cyclists on Bethells/Te Henga road from Scenic drive to the beach. They are on a narrow road with blind corners presenting a danger to themselves and slowing the traffic considerably.</p>	<p>Supported in part. A walkable berm between Mosquito Lane and Waiti Bridge is considered a priority in the LAP. Between Waiti Bridge and the beach, roadside conditions have been improved with the no-parking lines. A wider berm, or alternative off-road walkway may be investigated. The need for increased cycling safety could be better recognised in the LAP, with an action to investigate safety measures, such as providing space on the road shoulder for cyclists, especially in uphill and windy sections of the road.</p>	<p>Add: "Investigate areas where road width, surfacing and line markings may be changed to provide safer cycling on the shoulder along Bethells Road and Te Henga Road. As a priority, consider uphill and windy sections of the road."</p>
12	Agree	<p>As someone who only uses a bike for transport (not a sports cyclist) I would like to see Te Henga become a more accessible place. I live in Henderson Valley and have only cycled to Te Henga once. I found the roads had bad sightlines, there were several speeding motorists, and I was vulnerable when going slowly up the hills. I would love to make the trip regularly but with the present conditions I don't feel safe. Personally I think the only way to make Bethells road safe for people on bikes or walking is a off road or separated shared path. Obviously that would cost a lot of money so it is unlikely to ever be made but I think it is definitely worth investigating.</p>	<p>Supported in part. Auckland Transport's draft Code of Practice considers wide shoulders as a practical means to improve road safety for cyclists on rural road. Refer to comments in (11) above.</p>	<p>Refer to recommended changes in (11) above.</p>
13	Strongly Disagree	<p>Delete Key action 16.1 so that the initiative to investigate off-road tracks is dropped altogether.</p> <p>I strongly support the development of walkable berms on the roadside along Bethells &amp; TeHenga roads which will connect neighbours, the local community and benefit visitors, cyclists &amp; horse riders with ready access from the existing road network. I strongly disagree with the proposal to develop off-road walkways which will create another invasive avenue to negatively impact on vegetation, wildlife and the privacy of local landowners. Waitakere Ranges Regional Parkland includes 250km of walking and tramping tracks already. The public is already well served and ratepayers should not be funding further development (at the opportunity cost of forming walkable berms alongside the road). The impact on the environment and eco-system should not be underestimated. Off-road walkways would have limited access points requiring the public to drive, park and then return to their vehicles. I am concerned that Council could be 'highjacked' by well meaning lobby groups who are well resourced and motivated to push for off-road walkways at the expense of locals because walkable berms on the roadside is in the 'too hard basket'.</p> <p><i>These points were reiterated at the hearing. The submitter added that berm should be formed starting from the beach as a priority and continuing up the valley.</i></p>	<p>Refer to comments in (11) above</p>	<p>Refer to recommended changes in (11) above</p>

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14	Strongly Disagree	In the past, when filming took place alongside Waitakere River, birds disappeared until filming ceased - eg Paradise Ducks etc. Also sometimes Hunters come along the river with guns, plus dogs. I wouldn't wish that to be made too easy for them. Litter from visitors a problem. Cars returning from the Beach at weekends spew rubbish out of car windows. Part of my weekly routine is to clear up rubbish along my road boundary. Rubbish is a problem at Lake Wainamu. I assume there would be a similar problem if visitors had access to the River via off-road walkways. Toilet requirements another requirement. Clear walkway alongside Bethells Rd where possible so that one can visit neighbours safely.	Refer to comments in (11) above	Refer to recommended changes in (11) above
15	Agree	Definitely need safe walkways, footpaths and tracks for people, horses and bikes. Investigate creating footpaths on all roadsides while at the same time eliminating need for chemical weed control. Manual removal of pest plants with replanting only- make roadsides more beautiful and safe for people to walk or travel on. All people should have a right to use the roads without being poisoned and made ill.	Supported in part. The location and design of walkways needs further consideration, having regard to the road geometry, potential costs and the desire to retain the rural and natural character of the area. It is unlikely that footpaths can be achieved on all roadsides. Auckland Transport is responsible for managing environmental weeds within the road corridor and required to align its procedures with Auckland Council Weed Management Policy. Refer to comments for (15) in Ecology and Ecosystems in relation to this policy.	Refer to proposed changes for (15) in Ecology and Ecosystems
16	Agree	<i>At the hearing, the submitter reiterated that road safety should be the priority, and the road subsidence issue be resolved.</i>  A. Make 14.2 the first item under outcome 14 on pg38.  B. Write an implementation note for the current 14.1 that parking enforcement measures are taken including issuing fines to those who breach the yellow lines and advising (in 14.1) who the community can contact if they witness parking breaches. Following up enforcement needs to be an ongoing measure and must occur at the relevant times (weekends/sunny weather/summer season) not at 10.00 on a winter Tuesday. Employ a local person to work as a parking enforcement officer on a sporadic but relevantly timed basis.  C. 14.2 top point on pg39 is very important re. the subsidence. Auckland Transport seems to take a dismissive approach to this concern by saying "drive to the conditions". The conditions already determine that one must drive very slowly but a large vehicle (school bus) and a car at those places of subsidence are cause for great concern. <i>Additional background information is provided in the submission.</i>	A. Supported. Current 14.1 is a road safety issue that can be moved under 14.2.  B. Supported in part. This information is best included with other safety and incident reporting information on the community web-site. Measures to enforce parking restrictions are also best planned and monitored as part of the yearly action plan for visitor management. (Refer to 16 in Visitor Management)  C. Supported in part. The road subsidence issue is listed in the LAP as one of the safety concerns that require investigation. The submitter's comments will be passed on to Auckland Transport as background information.	A. Move the content of 14.1 under 14.2.  B. Refer to proposed changes in Visitor Management (16)  C. No change
16		D. Under 14.2 pg38 re. the Bridge (Waiti Bridge) the new section of handrail on the western side is what is reducing visibility. <i>Additional background information is provided in the submission.</i>	D. The visibility issue at the bridge is also listed in the LAP as one of the safety concerns that require investigation. The submitter's comments will be passed on to Auckland Transport as background information. The LAP cannot presume the outcomes of this investigation.	D. No change

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17		<p>A. Outcome 14, Key Action 14.3 In “Investigate opportunities for forming walkable berms on the roadside”, maybe replace with “walking tracks along the road corridor”, as “berms” suggests that it has to be right beside the road.</p> <p>B. Outcome 15, Key Actions: add “Advocate for and promote the use of design guides for infrastructure at Bethells”</p>	<p>A. The proposed change is aligned with the intent of the action: tracks may be formed outside of the berm area (i.e. separated from the road) in some sections.</p> <p>B. Design guides have been prepared for building in the foothills of the Waitakere Ranges, and another one is being prepared for building in bush clad sections. Design guidelines are also being prepared by Auckland Transport for infrastructure within the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area. The proposed addition is therefore appropriate.</p>	<p>A. Change as suggested.</p> <p>B. Change as suggested</p>

9. Ecology & Ecosystems

Submitter #	Do you agree with the proposed outcomes and actions for Ecology and Ecosystems? Development?	Summary of comments and changes requested	Analysis	Suggested changes to the LAP
2	Strongly agree	Our natural environment is a treasure to our community. All of these outcomes are essential to ensure we do no further harm to our valley's ecosystems & environment, and		N/A
6	Disagree	<p>There needs to be specific provision for the fragile aquatic environments of Lake Kawaupaku and Lake Wainamu. This was asked by our family at the LAP meetings and there is no evidence of it in the draft LAP. Lake Wainamu, being public, is at particular risk and is an area the community value and enjoy.</p> <p><i>This point was reiterated at the hearing, particularly that the sustainability of the Lake environment should be specified in LAP, and that the netting of exotic fish species which disturb the ecology of the lake should continue to be supported by the Council.</i></p> <p><i>The submitter added that car parks are small to contain the number of people to the beach and the lake. A good idea was brought up at meetings to have signs up at the entry points to the valley saying that the car parks are full.</i></p> <p>A. Lake Wainamu and Lake Kawaupaku are significant landscape features, ecological, environmental and recreational assets in the Te Henga area. Their water quality and aquatic environments, which in the past have supported important native species (both vegetation and fish), are fragile. Both lakes are seriously threatened by a number of imported problems. Primarily and most pressing is the infestation of pest fish and pest weeds, secondary to this is the impact of high visitor use on Lake Wainamu. The management of these is vital for the long term health and sustainability of the lakes, their water quality, aquatic environment and amenity value. It is the will of the community that these lakes are cared for. <i>Additional information provided in the submission.</i></p>	<p>A. Supported. Pest fish control and monitoring at Lake Wainamu is carried out each year (around February) with catch results analysed by the Research and Monitoring unit of Council.</p> <p>The Regional Parks Management Plan requires the Council to implement the aquatic habitat restoration programme for Lake Wainamu, in consultation with the community, which includes the control of pest and coarse fish, and pest plants, and monitoring the ecological values and native fish populations (refer to the extract of the RPMP 2010 in Attachment C).</p> <p>The LAP mentions the "pest fish and plant control at Lake Wainamu" in 17.2. This should be renamed to the more comprehensive programme referred to in the Regional Parks Management Plan 2010.</p> <p>It is also appropriate to clarify the wording of 17.2 to reflect the stewardship role of the Council and other stakeholders in the management of significant ecosystems.</p>	<p>A. Change 17.2 to "Exercise stewardship of significant ecosystems, continuing practical work aimed at increasing the viability of existing habitats."</p> <p>In the notes on implementation, change the first bullet point to: "- aquatic habitat restoration programme (including pest fish and plant control) at Lake Wainamu"</p>
6		<p>B. The public popularity puts a deal of strain on the lake and environment when inappropriate human activities are performed in the name of fun. Large landslides have been created sending considerable amounts of sand into the lake or waterslides are made with pumps and plastic. The public need to be aware that these activities are not appropriate for this area and rangers need clear guidelines and support to manage it. The intention of the Queen Elizabeth Trust, the biggest stakeholder in the ownership of the Lake Wainamu Reserve and our parents who passed the land onto them, is that the area is kept in wilderness quality for people to enjoy it as such,</p> <p>C. Monitoring and controlling visitor numbers to Lake Wainamu is important for the sustainability of its ecological, environmental and amenity values.</p> <p>One mechanism for this I understand is to limit parking. It was suggested at one of the meetings that other alternative amenities could be offered back up the valley, such as the</p>	<p>B. Refer to the comments for (6) in Visitor Management regarding the management of inappropriate activities, including waterslides.</p> <p>C. Refer to the comments for (16) in Visitor Management regarding monitoring and action planning to manage the impact of visitors on the area.</p>	<p>B. Refer to the recommended changes for (6) in Visitor Management.</p> <p>C. Refer to the recommended changes for (16) in Visitor Management regarding monitoring and action planning to manage the impact of visitors on the area</p>
7		<p>Kaitiaki of Lake Wainamu and of course the other lakes and waterways in the area. There is tremendous public pressure as a recreational area is on Lake Wainamu, so it has a special need in terms of stewardship from the council. Keeping the water weed and exotic fish pest free or at least managed to an extent that it is continually controlled is imperative. I am disappointed I could find no mention of this in the LAP document, despite raising it at meetings and feedback at the community day. This jewel requires the council to work with the locals on managing the visitor numbers.</p>	<p>Refer to the comments for (6) above</p>	<p>Refer to the recommended changes for (6) above.</p>

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8		Same comments as (6) above	Refer to the comments for (6) above	Refer to the recommended changes for (6) above.
9	Strongly Agree	<p>I am the member of the Waitakere Branch of the Forest &amp; Bird Committee who lives locally and also am ranger of our Matuku Reserve. The LAP has taken up many of the points I earlier made on behalf of myself and Forest &amp; Bird and it is suitably detailed and realistic. I commend the references to linking up with the newly formed Waitakere Ranges Conservation Network.</p> <p>A. In the first sub-point under Key action 17.1 I would like to see an initial more positive phrase before all the more necessarily negative ones such as weeds and pests: so after the words ..."raise awareness of" and before the next words .."rare and endangered.." INSERT the words "...the positive function of existing natural ecosystems as well as of...."</p> <p>B. In the implementation box in 17.1 bittern could be added to the list of rare species as its numbers are quite low nationally and we are worried about its future.</p> <p>C. 17.6 (Implementation): add the words "and its" between "Ark in the Park" and "buffer</p>	<p>A. The proposed change is in line with the intent of this action and is considered appropriate.</p> <p>B. The proposed addition is appropriate.</p> <p>C. The proposed addition is appropriate.</p>	Change Key Action 17.1 and the notes on implementation for 17.6 as suggested by the submitter.
10	Agree	<p>Continue ark in the park work, but for native birds survival an eradication program of invasive/predatory birds (mynas, cockatoos, etc.) is vital. By getting rid of rats, possums and stoats the bird population has increased, but so have mynas, etc. They are invading the native birds habitat, eating their food supply, and killing or eating the native birds. This must be addressed for the survival of the native birds and also the bush, which is dependent on birds for regeneration.</p> <p>Eradication program for mynas, cockatoos (just get their numbers down a lot), magpies and the new dove-type bird from Australia that is taking over.</p>	Not supported. Pest animal control in the Auckland region is undertaken in a prioritised manner with the majority of funding targeted to prevent ecological damage. The 2007 Regional Pest Management Strategy identifies mynas, cockatoos and magpies as pest birds and describes measures to minimise the adverse effects of these birds' infestation. The Council carries out cockatoo control at Cascade Kauri Park to control the population. The Council also provides advice and equipment (traps) for hire to assist land owners control magpie and myna population on their land. Note that the RPMS is due for review soon, and those management measures may be revised.	No change
12	Don't know			

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15	Disagree	<p>If this means a continuation of the current and past practice of the heavy use of highly toxic pesticides for weed and pest control- I absolutely disagree. Organic weed and pest control, education and support for residents and farmers to reduce and hopefully eliminate all chemical pesticide use. Biodiversity cannot be enhanced or sanctuary provided by continually poisoning the environment!</p> <p><i>At the hearing, the submitter explained that she and her family have been living in the area for nearly 8 years and become ill when exposed to chemical sprays used to control weeds. She expressed concern that there has been significant chemical spraying activity this year (e.g. 3 lots of aerial spraying on private and public land, and one more being planned this month in the wetland by MPI). It also include spraying by Kiwi rail and Auckland Transport. She commented that there has been no monitoring of health effects, no oversight, nor concern about impact on people's health or water tanks.</i></p> <p><i>The submitter expressed concern about the Strategic Weed Management Plan that was to be adopted by the Local Board that evening. She asked whether this meant that there would be more pesticide use. She also questioned whether this plan reflects the Auckland Council's Weed Management Policy.</i></p> <p><i>The submitter is concerned that she and her family may have to move from the area because of the impacts of spraying activity of their health and on the child's schooling.</i></p>	<p>Weed control on public land is required to comply with Auckland Council's Weed Management Policy for Parks and Open Spaces 2013. The objectives of this policy were included in the first discussion document for the LAP, and it is appropriate that they feature in the LAP document itself.</p>	<p>Add an explanation box to the LAP:            "Principles for weed management: Weed management within the area's public spaces, including the road corridor, will be aligned with the objectives in Auckland Council's Weed Management Policy for Parks and Open Spaces 2013, which include:            1. take an integrated approach to weed management and vegetation control            2. ensure best practice in weed management and vegetation control            3. minimise agrichemical use            4. minimise non-target effects of agrichemical use            5. ensure public health and safety            6. protect and enhance the environment            7. empower the community to manage weeds in accordance with the policy            8. deliver weed management which is value for money"</p> <p>In the notes of implementation for 17.1, include a new bullet point: "Provide education material and advice for residents and local farmers to manage weeds in accordance with the Weed Management Policy, including minimising agrichemical use."</p>
16	Strongly agree	<p>Supporting and enhancing the local ecology very important.</p> <p>LAP needs to recognise local knowledge and expertise, and recognise hands on practical knowledge as equally valuable as scientific or consultants reports, eg the sand dune system at Wainamu is a dynamic mobile sand system/ecology that constantly moves with wind events and is not affected by foot/vehicle access.</p> <p>Move 18.2 to follow on from 17.1 and become the second listed point – big emphasis on pest control which is good but weed control vital too.</p> <p>Beef up the weed control support for private landowners – needs more specific information in 18.2 that involves support from Council, eg weed bin 2x year in spring and autumn, plus green network support or Weed Free Trust Support for landowners, control advice could be provided per property if required as free consultation (organic/conventional measures).</p>	<p>Action 18.2 is placed after Outcome 18 as it relates specifically to the management of productive farms, and ways to promote sustainable practices. Note that the numbering of the action or placement in the list is not related to its relative importance or priority.</p> <p>Free advice to landowner is already available from the Biodiversity and Biosecurity team (call 301 0101 to contact the specialist Biodiversity or Biosecurity staff).</p> <p>The Local Board is considering how best to support land owners within the WRHA with weed control, following the directions of the Strategic Weed Management Plan. The current wording allows for a range of measures to be implemented or trialled.</p>	No change

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17		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outcome 17, Action 17.1: In Notes on implementation, after "Advocacy and/or funding by the Local Board to maintain or improve operational work or support to community groups by AC, Watercare and AT in the area, including:", add "planting with eco-sourced native species"</li> </ul>	This is an appropriate addition to the list.	Add a new hyphen in the second bullet point of notes for implementation for 17.2: "- planting with eco-sourced native species"

Other comments

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2	<p>Overall this LAP document is extremely well put together and represents all of the discussions that I have been involved in over the development of the LAP. I believe most views and ideas have been represented here, and the writer has captured the essence of our community's culture and values.</p> <p>I am concerned that many of the outcomes are reliant on other parties such as AT or CCO or ATEED, and for many we are only able to have the Local Board advocate for our preferred outcome, rather than have our elected representatives guide a decision.</p> <p>I just hope they listen to our Local Board, value our LAP, and see it as a guide to the community's wants, needs and wishes - and that they will take these into account when planning or working in our area.</p>	Noted.	N/A
4	<p>My main comment is that the Local IWI who are the Tangata Te whenua-are not included. I think this whole community participation matter is really just lip service if we do not include the People of the Land who are building a Marae here .This was always their central focal point &amp; Sacred area Their opinions &amp; their customs &amp; their whole way of life is very important to this area &amp; always has been .The relationship between the Bethells family &amp; the local Iwi has always been good &amp; this must be upheld if we are to avoid problems in the future-if we are to move forward into a land where we have respect for our Indigenous People.It seems to me that to ignore this is contravening the Treaty of Waitangi. I have spoken to some of the Elders of the Tribe &amp; they tell me that they have not been invited to these meetings. New Zealand has an important role to play in regard to this relationship on the World stage. It must be visible here in Auckland &amp; Te Henga</p>	<p>The project team has worked with the local iwi (Te Kawerau a Maki) through the preparation of this plan. The Council has a relationship with people that the iwi has appointed to represent their interests, which form Te Kawerau Iwi Tribal Authority. Before Council started the LAP process, we talked to these representatives and they told us how they wanted the iwi to participate. They prepared a Cultural Values Assessment, which describes what is important to iwi in the area, and what they would like to see in the future.</p> <p>Unfortunately, iwi representatives were not able to come to all of the community meetings, but they did attend two of them (the initial workshop in June 2014, and the November 2014 prioritisation meeting). They were also kept informed of how the plan was evolving through meetings , and provided comments on the different discussion documents, and on the draft LAP. The iwi was also made aware that people in the community wished to have a direct conversation with them on their future plans in the area. However, we understand the iwi was not in a position to have this conversation as they have not yet finalised their Treaty Settlement with the Crown.</p> <p>The submitter is right that the iwi has a good relationship with the local families. There were two events in the last 12 months where kaumatua, other members of the iwi and community members came together for local celebrations: the inauguration of the pou whenua at Lake Wainamu and the release of the pateke in the wetland, which were blessed by George Taua and Rewi Spraggon. We are confident that the relationship between iwi and the community will continue to strengthen in the coming years.</p>	No change

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5	<p>During the period of (workshops) consultations, with the Bethells community, the council, and Iwi. The Iwi has not been present at any meetings, as we were told they are very busy, live far away, and do not have the funds to attend the workshops.</p> <p>If, we the community, and Iwi have a partnership to care for our land and our environment in all forms, why have they not attended workshops where they would have been able to discuss all the issues involved the LAP plan with the community. Due to this partnership not been honored under common law, I must ask you, is this unlawful?</p> <p>So under all fairness that is due to all parties I must ask you to go back to the first stage of the LAP plan, start again and involve the Iwi community and council as a lot of people think once again, this has not been a fair due process.</p> <p>So I must ask you once again, is this fair, if you want a community who holds animosity against the council and the Iwi you are going the right way. As you have said we are in a partnership with the Iwi, this is not been evident at all to the community.</p> <p>I require an answer to why with all of the workshops, the Iwi was not present.</p> <p>You have by the 10th of July to reply to this.</p>	Refer to the comments for (4) above	No change
6	<p>Thank you for your efforts and commitment. It is greatly appreciated. Unfortunately our mother's stroke and our need to care for her at home on Wainamu until the end of her life drew us away from this important process. We trusted the community to take care of things under your guidance and largely that has been done. Just a few important aspects missed. Thank you.</p> <p><i>At the hearing, the submitter added that the LAP should be a living document, and should be revisited over time.</i></p>	Noted.	N/A
9	<p>In the Appendix 2 a couple of things need modifying: please take out the species stitchbird from the list since although the releases were initially successful, and the birds bred well for 2 years, the programme ultimately failed (it is a mystery and no fault of the Ark to which DOC gave the birds as an experiment.) Also, yellow admiral butterflies was not an Ark project at all, but someone else in the valley was promoting their breeding.</p> <p>Under Matuku Reserve it should be described as a 120 ha "forest and wetland reserve at Te Henga" owned.....</p> <p>Here are the exact links for Matuku Reserve and Habitat Te Henga for the Appendix 2 (Ecological Restoration Projects) if you feel they will be useful:</p> <p>Matuku Reserve: <a href="http://forestandbird.org.nz/whatwedo/reserves/matuku-reserve-auckland">forestandbird.org.nz/whatwedo/reserves/matuku-reserve-auckland</a></p> <p>Habitat Te Henga: <a href="http://forestandbird.org.nz/branches/auckland/waitakere/te-henga-wetland">forestandbird.org.nz/branches/auckland/waitakere/te-henga-wetland</a></p>	The suggested changes are appropriate.	Change Appendix 2 as suggested by the submitter.

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10	<p>The plan does not include the whole Te Henga area, boundary needs to be expanded.</p> <p>The whole area should stay more or less the same, just some little things here and there could be done to make improvements such as looking at road safety of roads off Bethells and Te Henga Rd, etc.</p>	<p>Refer to the comments for (1) and (2) in Boundary.</p>	<p>No change</p>
15	<p>I have not participated in this plan as I have been trying to leave the area. I cannot tolerate the extensive use of pesticides on the roads, railways, parks, wetlands and farms.</p> <p>I know there are many others who love living here but who's livelihoods and quality of life are threatened or ruined by the irresponsible use of chemical sprays that are inevitably spread everywhere by the wild weather. We should all have a right to live here if we choose, and it is discriminatory to tolerate or promote practices that are causing many, if not all residents inevitable harm.</p> <p>I see nothing in this plan that addresses the nightmare of chemical assault that many are having to endure by choosing to live in this beautiful and unique part of the Waitakeres.</p>	<p>Refer to the comments for (15) on Ecology and Ecosystems. Auckland Council's Weed Management Policy for Parks and Open Spaces 2013 recognises the need to minimise the use of chemical sprays, and actions in the LAP aim to increase community knowledge around sustainable land management practices, including those that reduce the use of chemical sprays.</p>	<p>Refer to the recommended changes for (15) in Ecology and Ecosystems.</p>
16	<p>The project team has done a great job of being available for questions/concerns, co-ordinating Lap meetings and writing the LAP Plan.</p> <p>I am greatly concerned that the community has identified important areas for the Council (and Auckland Transport as a division of Council) to act upon and remedy, but that the Council has minimised some of these identified concerns in the LAP in order to make the LAP seem achievable and reduce Council workload. This is unjust. All the concerns must be clearly identified in the LAP to be addressed even if the list seems lengthy or expensive. A broad brush approach, and the use of words such as "continue" pg 19 in 8.2 instead of increase as requested, "advocate" pg20 under 10.1 instead of implement (for example) mean that the identified outcomes can be quietly ignored or become ineffective/non-existent over time. Either the LAP plan has some teeth and effectiveness as per pg 3; or it doesn't (in which case why have it?). On a separate note, it is important the LAP doesn't become a stumbling block that Council uses as a tool to make it difficult for people to be able to get resource consents for activities. It must be a tool to assist the community not hinder it.</p> <p>Council should fund the hard costs of the community website – not to take control over, quite the opposite. But to meet the annual cost the community incurs in hosting the website. LAP Plan should acknowledge this somewhere (refunding website).</p> <p>Re pg44 – I disagree with putting personal names in the LAP as contact people for Bethells Beach Care and Waitakere Rivercare. Partly because there are no contact details but mostly because it identifies certain people in relation to these programmes which will become irrelevant and outdated. Even if the document is updated and reprinted over time the old copies remain.</p> <p>A much better reference is to use the Bethells Beach community website details as a contact reference for these things.</p>	<p>The LAP gives direction to the Local Board and the Council on policy, projects and programmes in the LAP area to help achieve the objectives of the WRHA Act and realise community outcomes. The actions that are listed aim to provide a realistic assessment of what is possible, and who may lead implementation. In some instances the Local Board will need to advocate for these actions to be implemented, and currently there is no certainty about the outcome.</p> <p>Support may be available to community groups for community development activities such as developing web-sites, through local grants or the Empowering Communities programme.</p> <p>The proposed change to the contact details for community groups is appropriate. The community web-site provides up-to-date information on those groups.</p>	<p>Change Appendix 2 so that it refers to the community web-site for contact persons for local groups.</p>

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16	<p>I would like Council to acknowledge that a number of members of the Bethells community were unable to attend or engage in the LAP consultation. These include important by elderly members (eg Joce Worley), those with no transport or disabled or in a sole care giver situation unable to leave children or family unattended (or couldn't afford baby sitters to get to meetings), or with no internet/computer/not on the local community Facebook link, etc.</p> <p>Thus there is stronger weighting given to the sometimes minority voices of those independent, articulate, mobile and able to engage in the process, as well as the also relatively stronger voices of the paid members or supported members of stakeholder groups (by supported I mean, those enabled to participate).</p> <p>Additional notes written on the envelope: Can the LAP get Council/NZ maps correct the spelling of Lake Kawaupaku (from Kawaupaka). It's great the LAP spelling is correct.</p> <p><i>At the hearing, the submitter also added:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>The LAP is about the community. It is time consuming and involves many people. A lot of people don't understand its importance and don't engage. This is a diverse, dynamic community, however needs change over time. The LAP can't encompass everything. There will be gaps. The LAP should recognise that it is some of the best that the community and the council could come up at the time, but it is not all encompassing.</i></li> <li>- <i>This LAP has been put together within a lot of pressure from the Unitary Plan process, and other planning processes that have taken place in 14/15. It has been sometimes too much to deal with for people.</i></li> </ul>	<p>Council acknowledges that some people may not have been able to engage in the LAP process as they would have wished to. Council provided many ways for as many people as possible to be involved, through evening workshops at different locations in the valley, day-time drop-in sessions, information and feedback boxes at Waitakere Primary School, emails and postings on the community web-site and Facebook page, as well as written feedback and submission processes. As the LAP becomes implemented, it is hoped that it will become better known and owned by the community. There will still be plenty of scope for people to be involved in shaping how the LAP is implemented, and review it when required.</p> <p>Council is in the process of making changes to the Council GIS maps to correct the spelling of Lake Kawaupaku. This has been confirmed by iwi.</p>	No change