



# Waitara Spatial Plan (Tiritiri o Mātangi) Council Briefing

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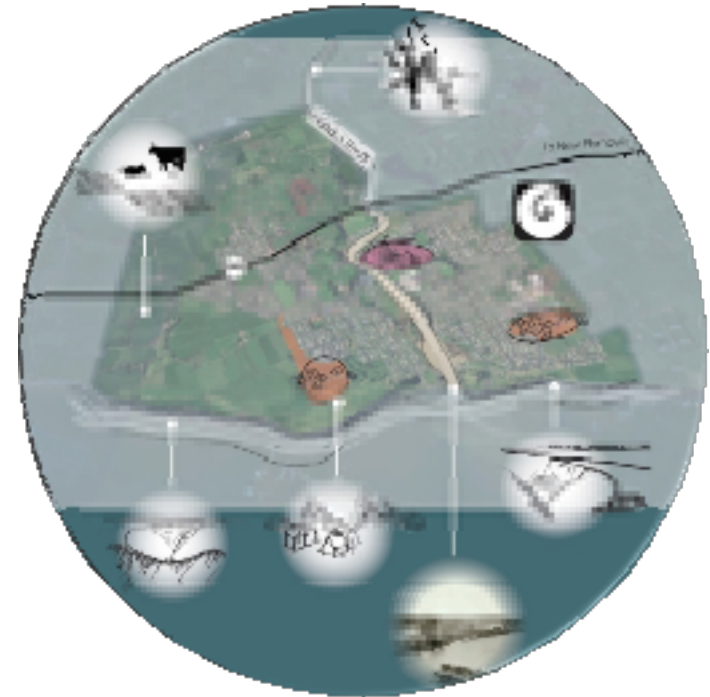
# What is spatial planning?

An **holistic** and **long-term** (30+ year) view of land use, infrastructure and the environment to shape a **vision** for **how we live** that guides community connection, growth, decision-making and investment.

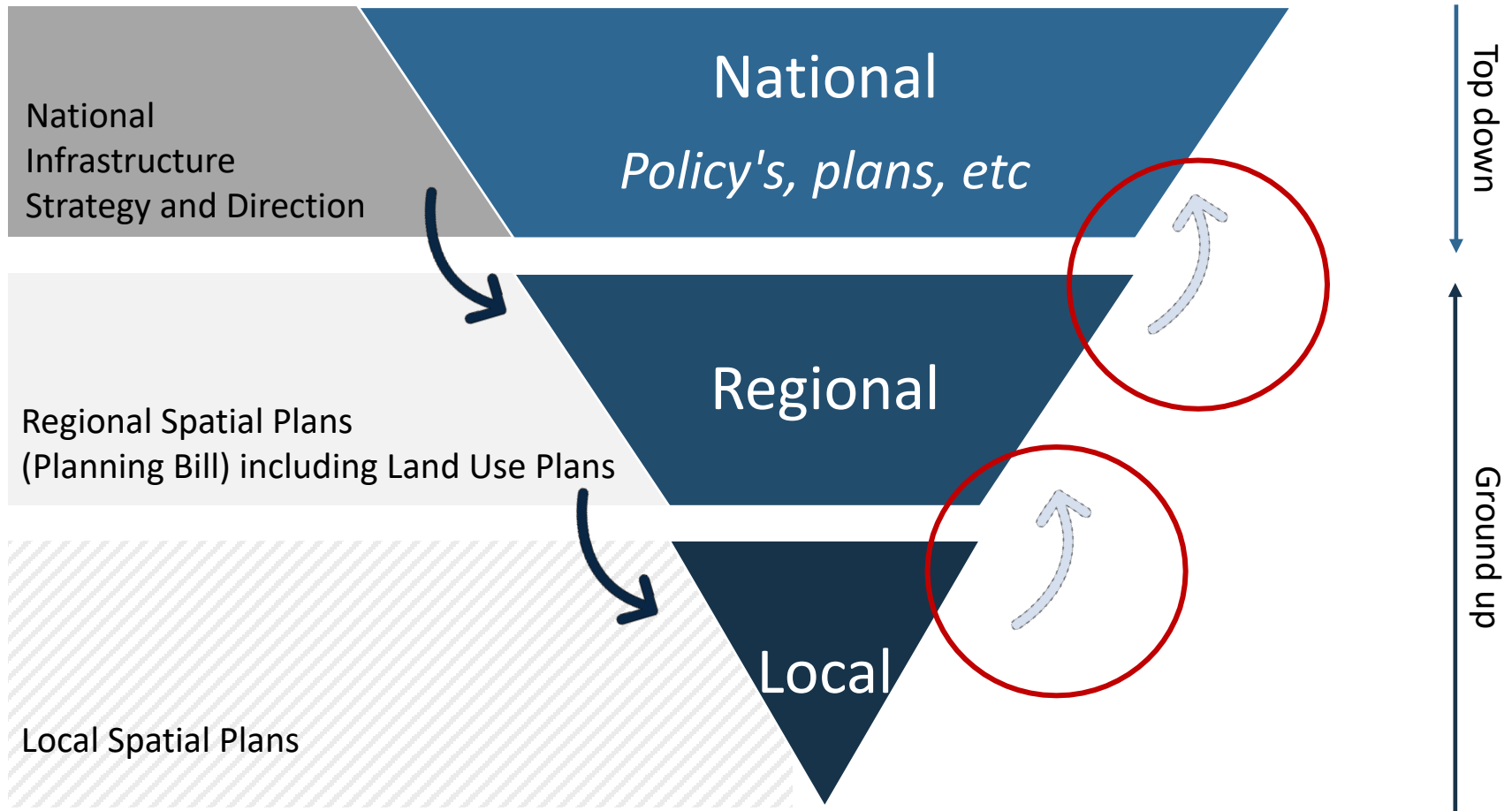
# What is spatial planning?

## Spatial Plans identify:

- Areas to protect and enhance
- Infrastructure needs
- Urban areas and future growth
- Priority areas for investment and action
- Guidance for investment decisions
- Areas subject to constraints
- Other strategically significant priorities
- What the community wants the area to be like in the future



# National vs Regional vs Local



# What does a Local Spatial Plan do?



- A future plan for how a town should grow that is big picture focused.
- Shows preferred locations for future housing, parks, community facilities and transport
- Guides Council spending
- Supports funding bids to Central Government
- Highlights constraints and opportunities – hazards and engineering issues.
- Informs the Regional Spatial Plan



- A final decision on what will be built
- A list of projects that are automatically happening – funding is still to be confirmed
- A rezoning plan for individual properties
- A green light for development
- Something decided behind closed doors
- Regulatory tool
- A statutory plan

Proposed District Plan

Rohutu block

- Integrated Transport Strategy
- Waitara to Mangati walkway
- State Highway works
- Waitara Cycle Route

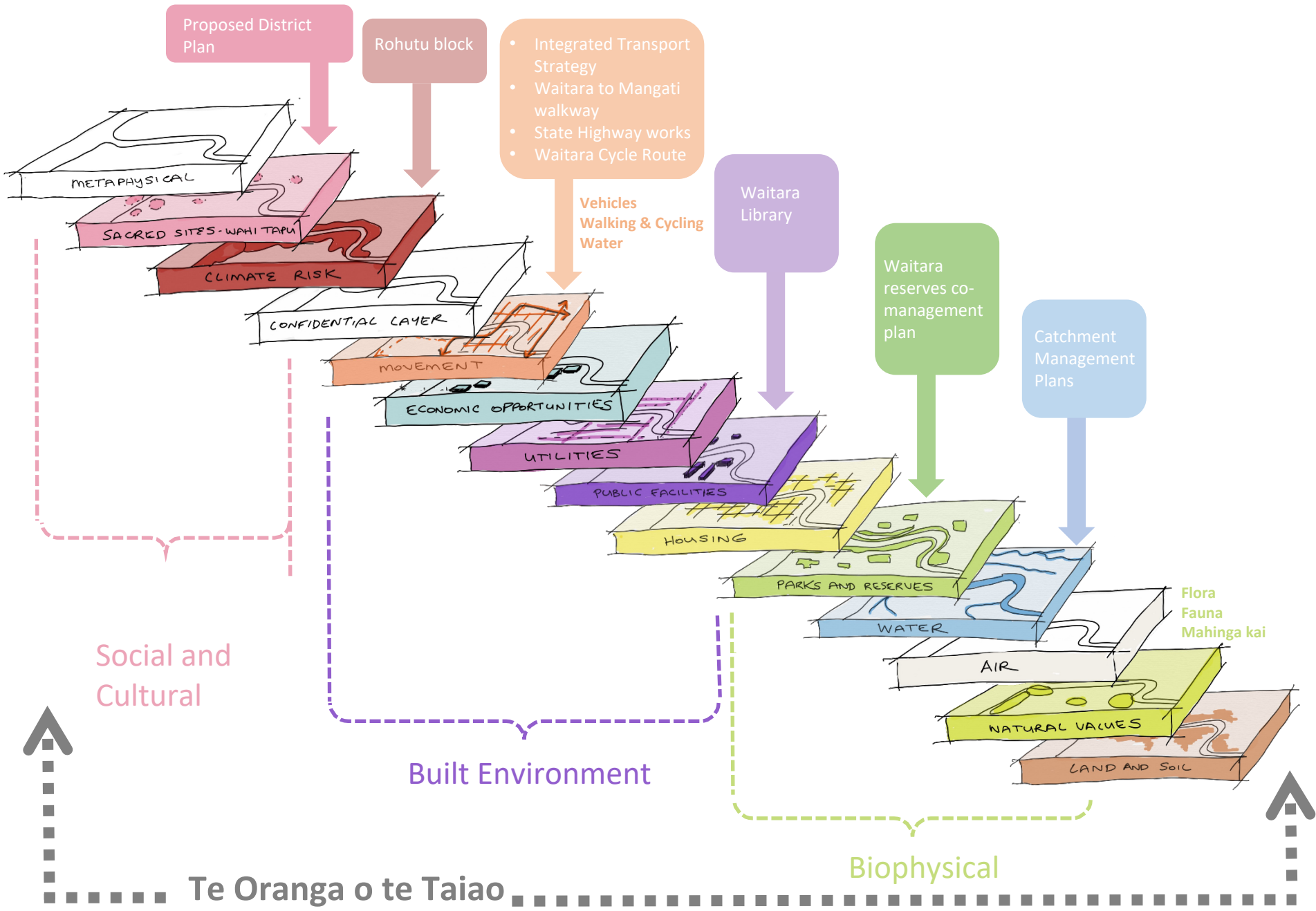
Vehicles  
Walking & Cycling  
Water

Waitara Library

Waitara reserves co-management plan

Catchment Management Plans

Flora  
Fauna  
Mahinga kai



Social and Cultural

Built Environment

Biophysical

Te Oranga o te Taiao

# What's in a local spatial plan?



1. Local area context
  - History
  - Who lives there etc
  - What are the layers of influences (constraints and opportunities)
2. Community vision, values and aspirations (goals)
3. Key focus areas – How to achieve the vision and goals
4. An implementation plan – List of actions

# Waitara Spatial Plan Development

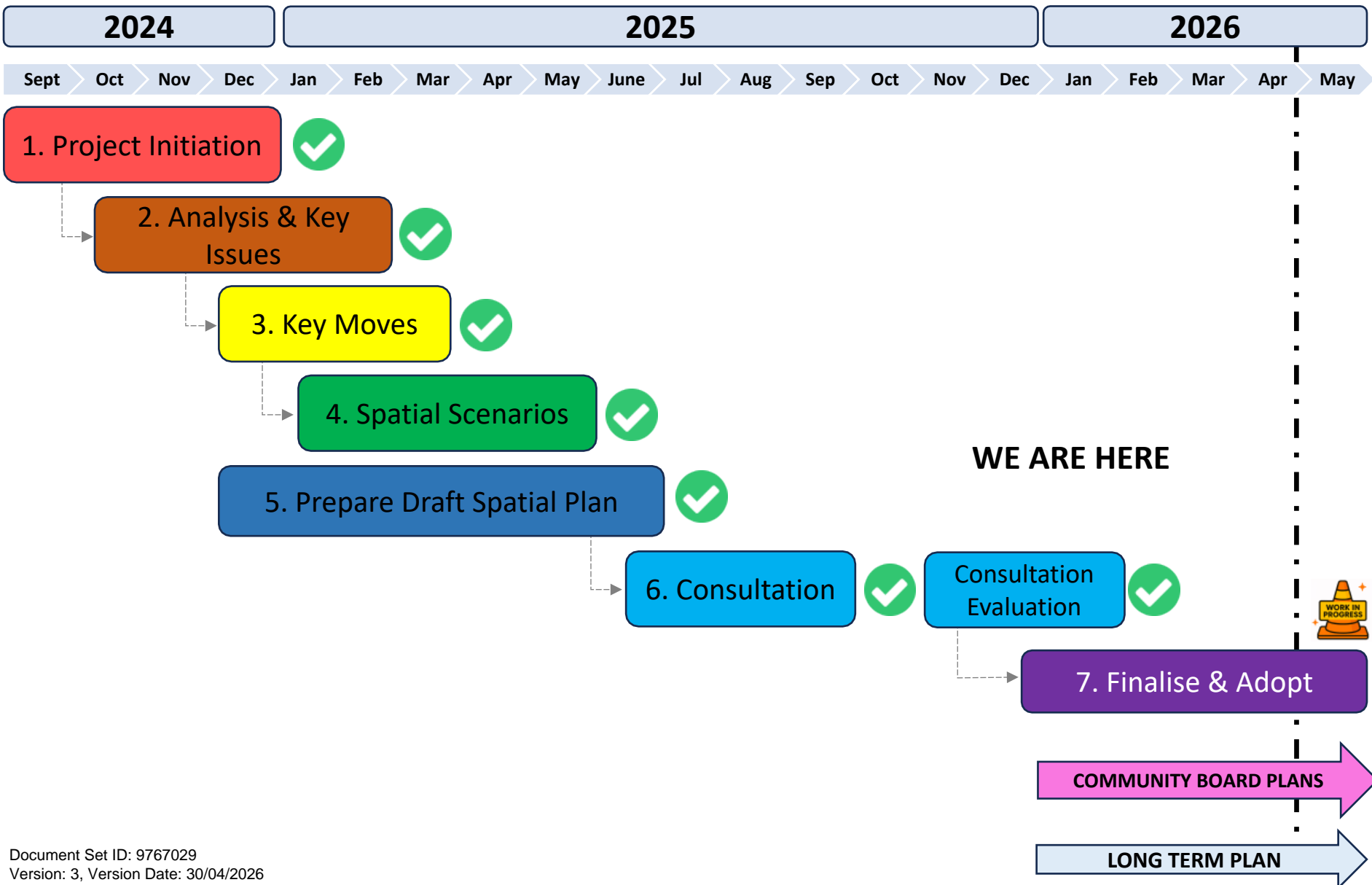


# Project Background



- Council was approached by Te Kōwhatu tū Moana Trust, Manukorihi and Otaraua hapū through the LTP to advocate for a Spatial Plan for Waitara – the time was right to work with the community on a plan for the future
- Budget was allocated in the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan to develop a Waitara Spatial Plan providing long-term direction for land use, infrastructure investment, and coordinated growth
- A steering group with Councillor, NPDC officer and hapū representation – has provided guidance on the work with the community to progress the development of the plan

# Waitara Spatial Plan Timeline










# Snapshot of Waitara



- Average age of Waitara residents is 38 years old
- 45.1% of the Waitara population is of Māori ethnicity
- 60% of leasehold properties have been purchased freehold and 302 leasehold properties remain
- Estimate approximately 1,389 additional people living in Waitara over the next 30 years (additional 13%) – Approx 6% of the NP District
- There's land available to build houses now, but in the long term there won't be enough
- Other challenges in accommodating growth – natural hazards and infrastructure  
Housing equity a challenge

# Land Use Map









Landuse constraints map 

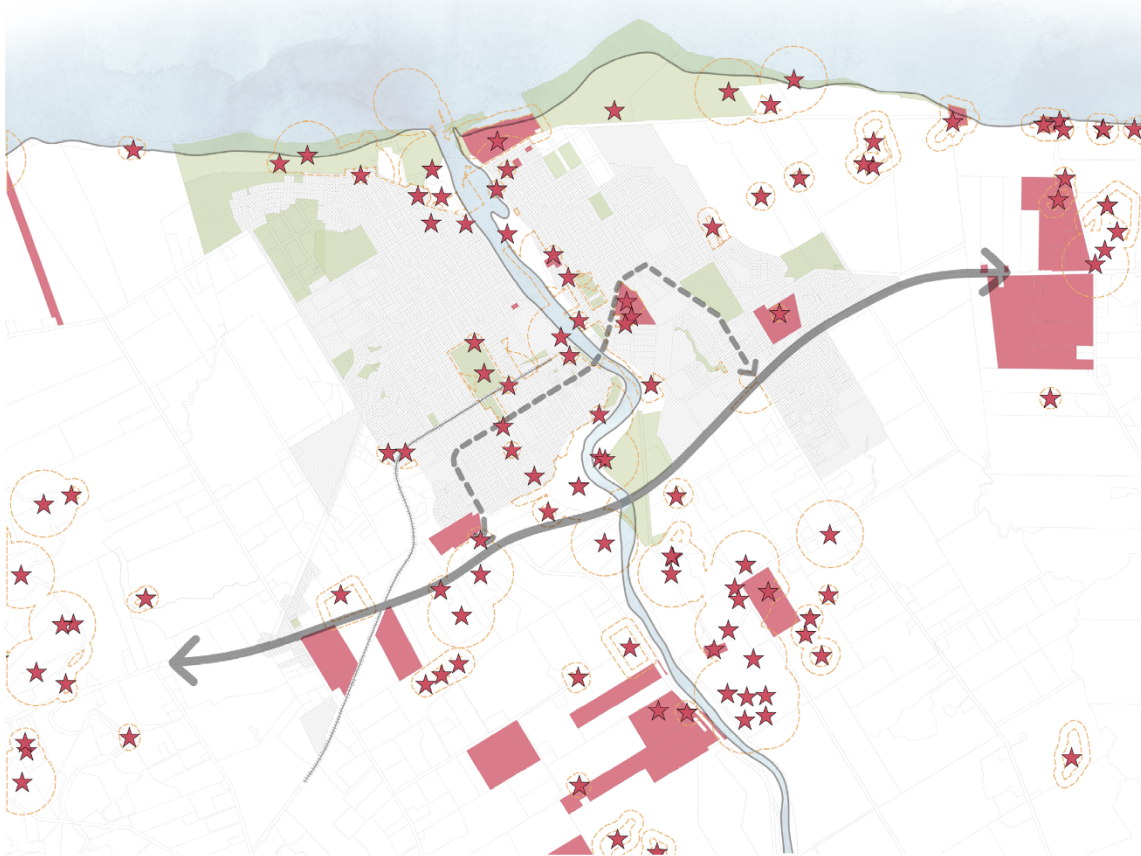
- KEY**
- Owae Marae 
  - State Highway 3 
  - Key Local Roads 
  - Existing Urban Areas 
  - Highly Productive Land 
  - Noise Control Boundaries 



# SASM Map

Sites and Areas of significance to Māori (SASM) constraints map

- KEY**
- Owae Marae 
  - State Highway 3 
  - Key Local Roads 
  - Existing Urban Areas 
  - Existing Open Space and Parks 
  - SASM Buffer 
  - Māori land 
  - Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori (SASMs) 



# Hazards Map

## ⌘⌘⌘ Hazards constraints map

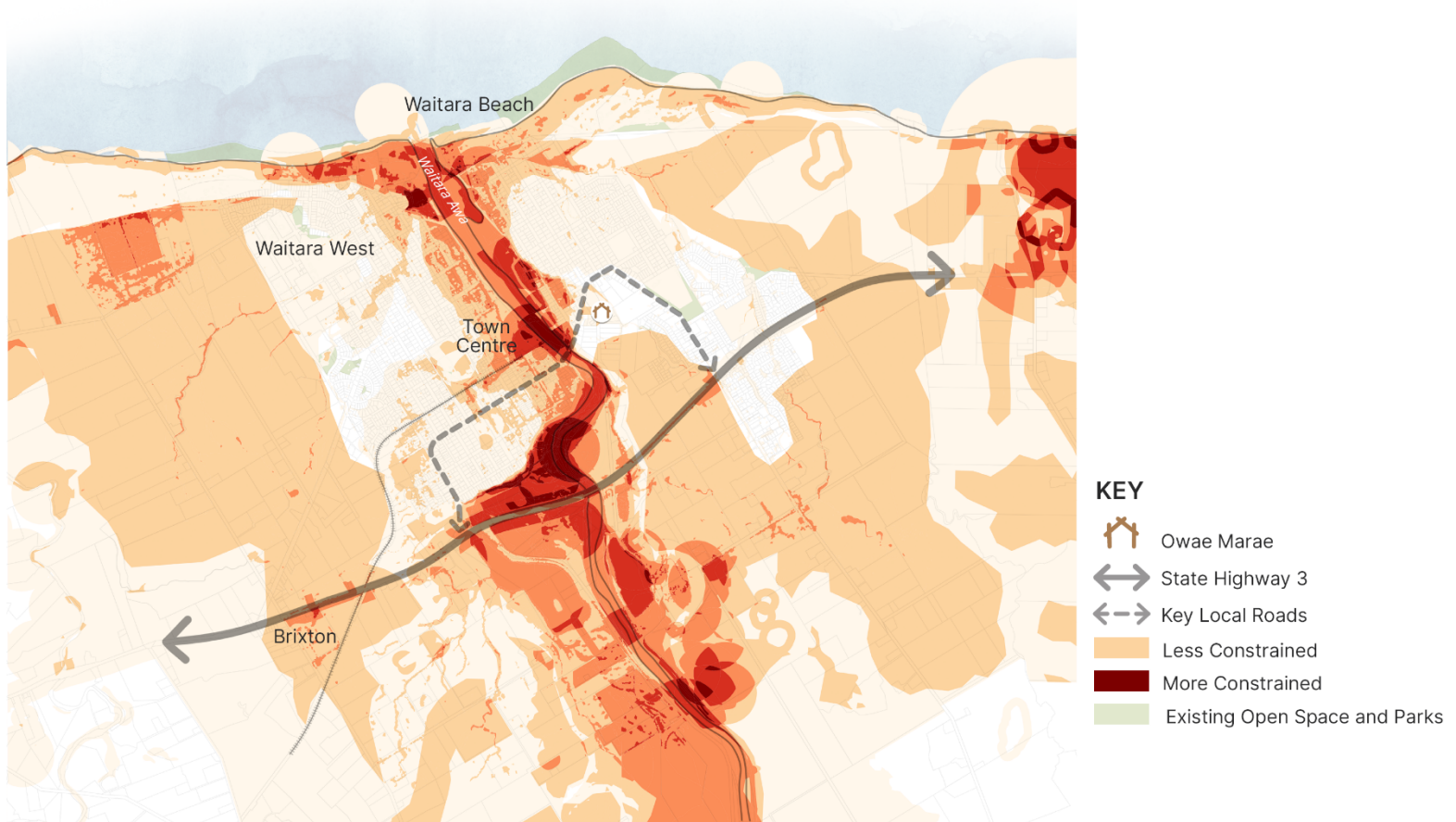


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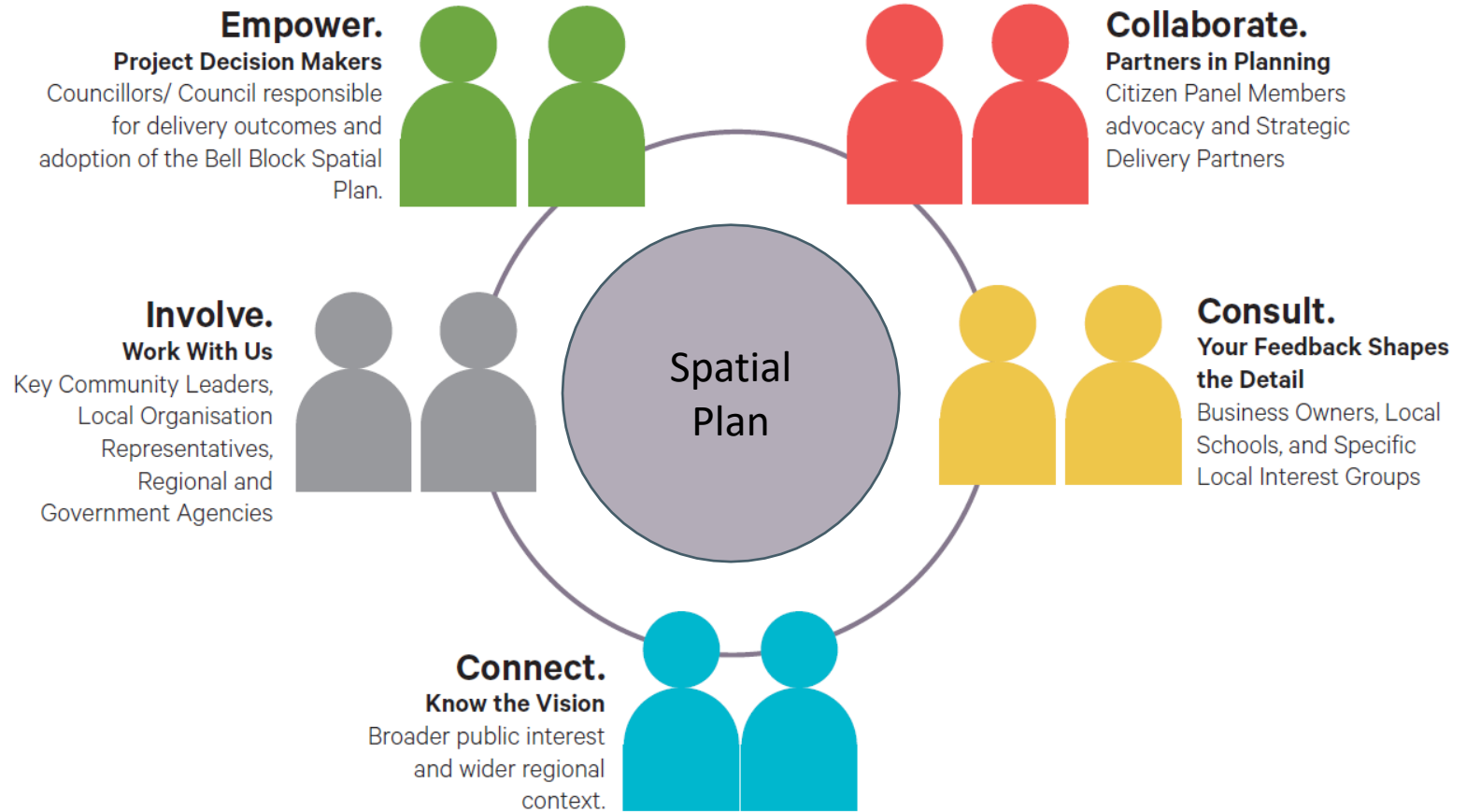
- Owae Marae
- State Highway 3
- Key Local Roads
- Risk of Wastewater Overflows
- Existing Urban Areas
- Existing Open Space and Parks
- Possible Liquefaction Risk
- Hazardous or Noxious Facilities
- HNF Buffer
- Near Shore Reefs
- Coastal Erosion Hazard Area
- Volcanic Hazard Area

# Constraints Heatmap

## ✕✕✕ Constraints Heatmap



# Who did we engage with?



# Pre-engagement - Draft Plan Development



A photograph of a dark sand beach with driftwood and waves under a blue sky with clouds. The beach is dark and smooth, with several pieces of weathered driftwood scattered across it. The ocean is a deep blue, with white foam from the waves washing onto the shore. The sky is a clear, vibrant blue with a few wispy white clouds near the horizon. The overall scene is serene and natural.

# Draft Spatial Plan For Consultation

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# Tiritiri o Mātangi



Waitara Spatial Plan:  
The 30+ year vision for  
the future of Waitara



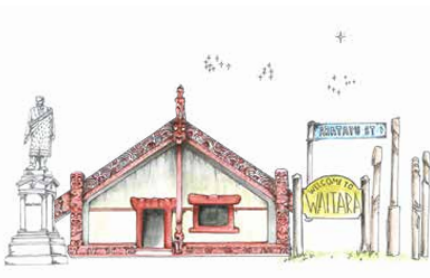
NPDC **B&A**  
Urban & Environmental



Words used by the community in their feedback

# The Outcomes

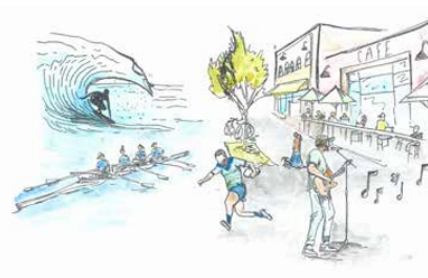
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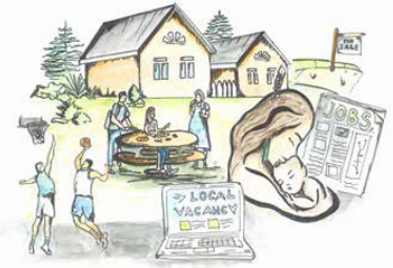
Waitara's Māori cultural history is recognised, visible and celebrated in a tangible way that is reflected in civic and open spaces



Waitara and its people are resilient to natural hazards and able to adapt to future climate change effects



Waitara town centre is vibrant, services the community and is a safe place for everyone



Waitara and its people are thriving and rangatahi, pakeke and kaumātua can stay and live in Waitara



The mauri and health of Waitara waterbodies are protected and, where appropriate, enhanced and restored

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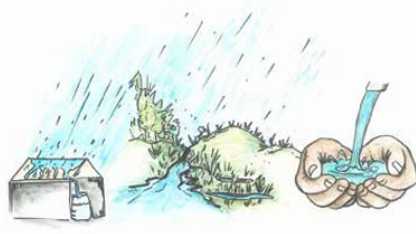
There is no untreated stormwater to the Waitara River or its tributaries

x x x

Wastewater is contained and there are no new discharges to the moana and awa

x x x

Mahinga kai, rongoa and other taonga species are accessible and flourishing with flora and fauna, ensuring tangata whenua can practise manaakitanga



Development is carefully planned to make best use of existing infrastructure

x x x

Any new stormwater, wastewater and water infrastructure delivery incorporates innovative and smart methods

x x x

Stormwater treatment through water-sensitive design solutions and rainwater harvesting

x x x

Water conservation



Accessibility and movement throughout Waitara and beyond is easy

x x x

Public transport is a viable alternative

x x x

There are walking, cycling and other active travel connections throughout Waitara

x x x

People have access to affordable, healthy homes

x x x

People have equitable access to parks and reserves

x x x

Community facilities and services meet community needs

x x x

Local jobs

x x x

Supply of land for housing and business exceeds project demand in Waitara in order to support affordability and a competitive land market

Proposed Future Growth and Land Use Map

Potential capacity for 1,550 additional homes

Residential expansion to the west

Waitara East future urban removal - Long term use TBC

Specific areas identified as suitable for intensification and infill

Town centre consolidation

Retention of undeveloped residential areas

- KEY**
- Owae Marae
  - Schools
  - State Highway 3
  - Key local roads
  - New key local roads
  - Protected stream corridors
  - Awa / waterways
  - Existing urban or peri-urban areas
  - Existing open space, parks or reserves
  - Consolidated town centre\*
  - Special purpose - Māori purpose zone
  - Local convenience retail\*
  - Existing industrial zoned land
  - Undeveloped residential zoned land (vacant)
  - Undeveloped future urban zoned land\*
  - Future infill/intensification\*
  - Future residential expansion\*
  - Future green space\*
  - Future land used to be determined\*
  - Explore potential appropriate uses for the land, including stormwater management and promoting good ecological and cultural outcomes with the Waiari stream

\* Subject to future investigation and future plan change processes

# Introduction

## 4.1

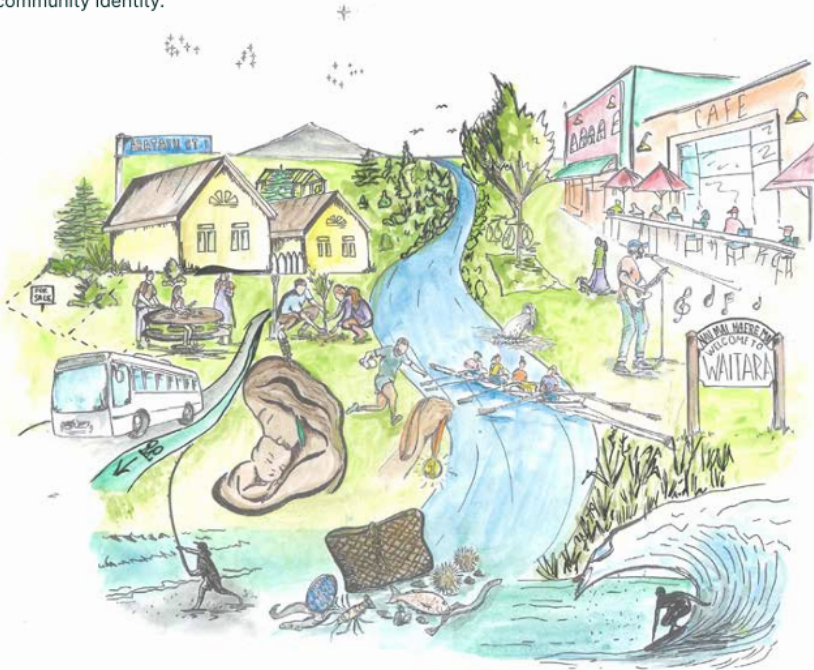
Tiritiri o Mātangi includes outcomes that are intended to capture the aspirations and reflect the unique identity of the Waitara community now and into the future.

Waitara's unique identity has been shaped by its rich Māori cultural history, sense of community and connection to te taiao. Tiritiri o Mātangi recognises this community identity and ensures it is weaved throughout the outcomes that this plan seeks to achieve.

The outcomes represent what we want to protect and enhance in Waitara, and what we need to work on to make Waitara an even better place to live, work and play and retain the unique community identity.

The outcomes will not be achieved immediately, many will take time and ongoing effort. Achieving the outcomes will require a number of short, medium and long-term actions, as well as ongoing actions (refer to the implementation plan in section 6).

The following sections of Tiritiri o Mātangi cover spatial moves and key projects that include the steps that will need to be prioritised to achieve the outcomes over the next 30+ years.



# Community values and identity

## 4.2

We have spent a lot of time talking to the community about about Waitara.

The most common values are:



Community focus.  
Look out for each other



Sporting community



Sense of pride.  
The wairua and spirit of what it means to belong to Waitara



Rich Māori cultural history



Connection to the awa and whenua

# Achieving the Tiritiri o Mātangi Outcomes

## 4.3

The draft spatial plan is intended to achieve all of the outcomes as a whole. There is no hierarchy of outcomes, therefore achieving the outcomes will require balancing and prioritising, noting that this may change as different parts of the draft spatial plan are implemented.

Achieving the outcomes will take time. There are elements of the outcomes that are aspirational. It is important to remember this is a 30+ year plan.

Throughout Tiritiri o Mātangi the symbols representing each outcome are located next to elements on the future growth and land use map (see section 5), key moves (see section 5.2) and the implementation plan (see section 6).

The outcome symbols indicate that the element contributes to achieving the relevant outcome. Some elements of Tiritiri o Mātangi achieve multiple outcomes.

## Key moves



# Introduction

6.1

This section sets out key actions to guide the short, medium and long term implementation of the spatial over the next 30+ years.

These actions indicate how Hapū and Council will work with the community and other stakeholders to deliver on the Tiritiri o Mātangi outcomes. Given Tiritiri o Mātangi is a long term plan, the outcomes will be phased over time depending on priority.

# Review of Tiritiri o Mātangi

6.2

Tiritiri o Mātangi is not a static document. The first 'sense check' review of Tiritiri o Mātangi will be completed in three years following adoption, with sense checks occurring on a three yearly basis thereafter, with every second review being a full review and re-assessment of outcomes and monitoring and reporting of actions.

These will be timed to inform Council Long Term Plan processes. A full review will be completed every six years. This review period will ensure it remains current with respect to responding to key issues and any changes in growth projections and any changes in community's priorities.

# Implementation Plan

6.3

Timeframe:

- Current / ongoing = already underway
- Short-term = 1 – 3 years
- Medium-term = 3 – 10 years
- Long-term = 10+ years

Priority:



Cultural	Placemaking	Environmental	Infrastructure	Resilient Waitara	Economic	Future growth and housing	
Increase visibility of cultural history	Pedestrianise key streets	Improve mauri and health of waterbodies	Increase public transport	Climate change local adaptation plan	Economic development plan for Waitara	Housing and business capacity assessment	
Cultural wayfinding	Develop community green space	Historic landfill remediation	Opportunities from Coastal Walkway Ext.	Continue to manage/maintain flood protection	Scope / prepare industrial land study	Avoid infill in areas of high flood risk	
Protect waahi tapu / SASM sites		Explore a Waitara awa corridor plan	Walking and cycling plan	Accessible, high quality info on hazards and risks	Enhance gateway landscaping and signage	Investigate barriers to housing delivery	
Investigate slope stability at Owae Marae			Cycling and active travel routes		'Catalyst projects' in the town centre	Partnerships for affordable housing	
Better stormwater management			Traffic calming on active travel routes				Financial incentives for centre buildings
			Better long term wastewater management				
		Wastewater pump station install/upgrades	Structure plan Brown Road res zoned land				
		'Toolbox' to support developers		Structure plan West growth areas			
		Shared community hub/space			Structure plan Ranfurly Future Urban Zone		
		Ensure parks are accessible by all modes				Review zoning and rules to encourage infill	
		Enhancements to Waitara pool					'Toolbox' to support housing
		Feasibility study on Waitara pool	Enable local convenience retail locations				
		Improve active travel in East Waitara		Consolidate Waitara Town Centre			
		Waitara Reserves Management Planning					
		Expansion of the cemetery					
		Support Waitara Sport and Rec clubs					
		Improve community services					

# Consultation

Future Growth and Land Use Plan

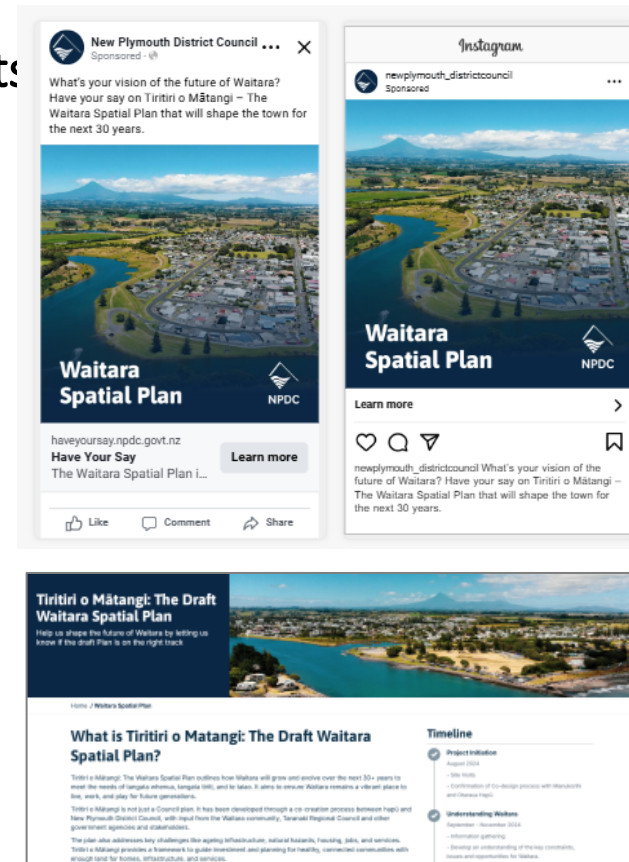
20 – 25 min discussion  
break into small groups



- What are the key issues?
- How do you think the plan should be implemented?
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# Consultation 28 July – 12 September

1. Consultation survey and in-person information events
2. Community Posters
3. Online adverts
  - Clicks – 1,190
  - Reach – 15,048: Reach is the number of unique viewers of the advert
  - Impressions – 25,937: Impressions is how many times it appeared in someone's feed
4. Have your say – Submissions & Information Page
  - 1,826 visitors to the page
  - 421 downloads of the full spatial plan document
  - 215 downloads of the consultation document



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## Tiritiri o Mātangi

### Waitara Spatial Plan: The 30+ year vision for the future of Waitara

**Help shape Waitara's future – Have your say on the draft spatial plan**

This is your opportunity to help shape a vibrant, resilient, and thriving Waitara for generations to come. The draft has been developed in partnership with New Plymouth District Council, Manukorihā and Otaraau Hāpi, as well as guided by Waitara's community voices.

The draft plan sets out a bold future vision for Waitara. It aims to ensure Waitara remains a vibrant place to live, work, and play for future generations. This draft plan also helps protect what makes it special.

**What is the plan and what does it do?**

The draft spatial plan tackles major challenges like old pipes and roads, natural hazards, housing shortages, employment, and access to services. It also guides future funding and planning, aiming to build healthy, well-connected communities with enough land for more houses in the future and the right infrastructure.

**Have we got it right?**

Key move focus areas and actions have been identified to help Waitara achieve its future vision. Let us know if you think these key move focus areas are right:

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**Waitara's 2055 – The future of Waitara**

The future of Waitara is a thriving, resilient, and connected community, where cultural heritage is celebrated, natural environments are restored, housing is healthy and affordable, development is thoughtfully planned, and the town centre is vibrant, safe, and welcoming for all.

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**This draft spatial plan outlines what the future of Waitara could look like based on gathered information and feedback from the Waitara community.**

It shows what locals want changed and proposes how those changes could be made over the next 30+ years. This is an opportunity for the Waitara community to read the draft Plan and let us know if we've got it right.

**Future growth, planning outcomes and focus areas**

The draft land use and development map proposes:

- Opening up land for housing development to the west of Waitara on higher ground.
- Industrial zoned land remains the same. No additional land is required.
- Provide guidance as to where the best and most appropriate land is to build more housing in Waitara West and East. This would open up more opportunities for smaller homes on smaller sections (known as infill).

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# PRE-ENGAGEMENT INPUT INTO THE DRAFT PLAN

1 YEAR

**STAKEHOLDER WORK SHOPS**



+



**LOCAL MARKETS & EVENTS**

+

**COMMUNITY SURVEYS**



103 ATTENDEES

190 SUBMISSIONS

47 SUBMISSIONS



**DRAFT TIRITIRI O MĀTANGI APPROVED BY COUNCIL**



**COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

6 WEEKS

**ONLINE & PHYSICAL SURVEYS**



+

**POP-UP SHOPS & DROP IN SESSIONS**



+

**YOUTH ENGAGEMENT**



+



**HAPŪ ENDORSEMENT**

301 SUBMISSIONS

40 SUBMISSIONS

55 SUBMISSIONS

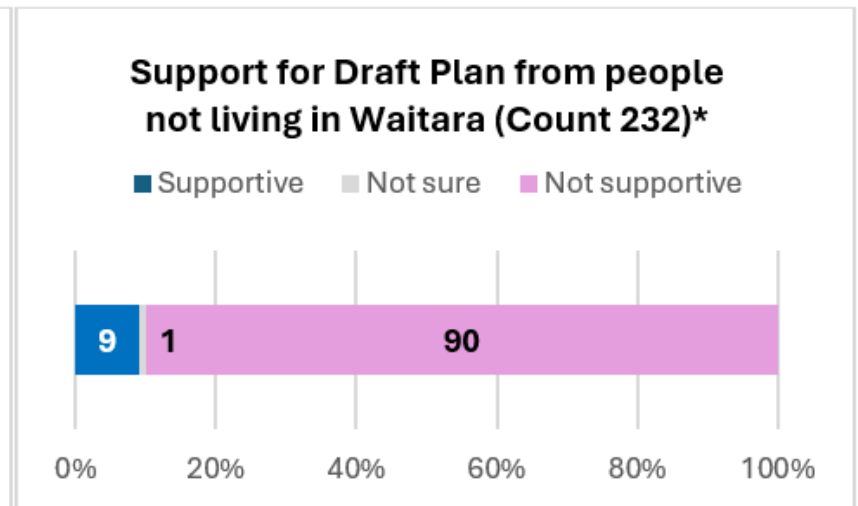
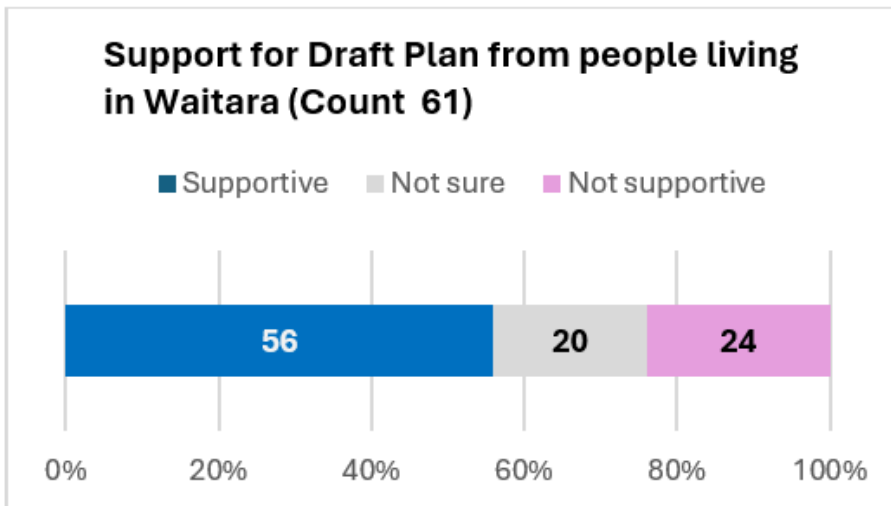
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**TIRITIRI O MĀTANGI**

# Consultation Survey

- 301 submissions received
- 78% of the submissions were from people who did not live in Waitara
- Majority of these were focused on one particular concern, that doesn't impact the plan
- 22% of submissions were from individuals who lived in Waitara – low input as majority occurred during the earlier engagement in development of the plan



# Consultation Findings Summary



1. Strong Support for the Vision and direction from Waitara residents, with lower support from non-residents
2. The Draft Plan is complex and therefore difficult to understand
3. Concern about affordability, funding certainty, and feasibility of projects
4. Community support for priorities: Town centre revitalisation, housing choice, and resilience
5. Concern that important aspects about Waitara or projects were not discussed in the Plan: Waitara Land Act (Leasehold properties)
6. Desire for the Plan to be clearly “For Waitara” and reflect local identity and partnerships

# Recommended Amendments



1. Simplify the spatial plan – maps, condensing the text and framework
2. Strengthen visuals for actions/ projects, funding, priorities, implementation and project partners
3. Strengthen Town Centre Revitalisation
4. Reconfirm housing and growth approach with clear rationale
5. Address projects or concepts raised identified through consultation
6. Reinforce the Plan's local focus and partnerships
7. Confirm how the Plan will work with the Community Board Plan and Long Term Plan
8. Addition of 'Message from the Community Board'



# Work in progress amendments





# WORK IN PROGRESS AMENDMENTS

## Waitara in 2026

Waitara's story is one of **resilience, on-going change, and hope**. It is home to a **proud community** with a **distinctive identity** and a **rich** cultural and sporting history. People in Waitara have strong connections to the awa, moana and wider taiao.

### Population



The current estimated population of Waitara is **7,512** and this is expected to grow by approximately **13%** over the next 30 years. This will generate around **6.5%** of the districts growth.



**45.0%** of the Waitara population is of Māori ethnicity



The average age of Waitara residents is **38 years**



**Over 50%** of the Waitara population is included in the most deprived socioeconomic category, with a higher prevalence of poverty and associated disadvantage compared to the broader New Zealand population.

### Transport



Waitara is serviced by a low frequency commuter bus service connecting Waitara, Bell Block, and New Plymouth.

#### Weekdays:

Two-hourly services until 6pm  
Additional express service during peak times (7am-9am, 3pm-5pm)

#### Saturday:

Three services only

#### Sunday:

No scheduled services

### Housing



At a minimum, around **619** new houses will need to be built over the long term (30 years) to support projected population growth. To provide for a margin of competition required by the National Policy Statement for Urban Development (the NPS-UD), this number increases to **725** houses. Current capacity can only provide **580** new houses.

We need to find space for those new houses, and this means more land is required to meet demand, so that land supply is not a barrier to delivery of affordable housing. We also need to look at other opportunities to assist with affordability.



The average household rental cost range in Waitara is lower **\$460**, median **\$550** and upper **\$596**. A one-bedroom rental can cost up to \$515, a two-bedroom up to \$460, \$580 for a three-bedroom, and \$628 for a four-bedroom rental



The **Waitara Lands Act**, which came into force on 17 March 2019, enables leaseholders to buy or freehold the land which their house sits on. Of the original 770 leasehold properties, **297 (38 per cent)** have yet to be purchased by the leaseholders as of 31 December 2025

To freehold the land the leaseholder must pay the unimproved value of the land, plus associated costs, including the initial valuation and legal fees



There are a range of **challenges** in terms of housing, including affordability.

We need to provide different types of housing that meet the needs of Waitara people, for example 1 and 2-bedroom homes, papakāinga, multi-generational housing, and different forms of ownership [include current diagrams and format]

### Housing cont.



In January 2026 the average house price in Waitara is approximately **\$499,000**, which is **30% lower** than the New Plymouth District median house price (\$719,102).



Over the last 12 months from February 2025 – February 2026 Waitara had the **fastest** growing house prices in the New Plymouth District at **5.7%**.



There are **79 Kāinga Ora** social housing homes in Waitara, and **four** community homes



Swimmers on Waitara Bridge

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## Context

Waitara is a township within the New Plymouth District in the northern part of the Taranaki region. It is a coastal settlement, dissected by the Waitara River and surrounded by predominantly rural land.

The map below shows the broad spatial extent for Tiritiri o Mātangi which focuses predominantly on the township of Waitara.

The extent of the spatial plan does not have a defined boundary. This allows consideration of the influence of surrounding land, New Plymouth and other towns and settlements on Waitara and vice versa.

A flexible boundary also allows Waitara to respond to current and future opportunities and challenges without being restricted to a specific area.

Waitara is located just off State Highway 3 and approximately 20 minutes from New Plymouth. State Highway 3 provides northern and southern transport connections from Waitara.

Key drivers of Waitara's economy include a strong agricultural industry, with dairy, poultry and other primary industries well established in the area.

Waitara also contains a nationally significant oil and gas sector, with several large production and processing facilities located in close proximity to the township, including the Motunui Methanol Plant and Pohokura Production Station.

Waitara township is a key service centre for these industries as well as for many living in North Taranaki and some as far as residents in Waitomo District/Waikato Region.



## Key Issues

The key issues are derived from an analysis of the key influences, opportunities and issues and what was heard from the community during the development of the plan.

### Housing

A lack of affordable housing and diversity in housing choice that meets the needs of the community.

### Leasehold Land

Conversion of historical leasehold land to freehold titles presents challenges for some owners.

### Hazards

The Council is continually building its understanding of the natural hazard risks in Waitara, including climate change, and how that affects housing. Recent work shows that a number of houses are vulnerable to hazards like coastal erosion and flooding.

### Identity

The need to protect sites and areas of significance to Māori (SASM) across Waitara from degradation.

### Environment

Waterbodies can be negatively impacted by urban stormwater contaminants and wastewater overflows.

Highly productive land may limit the potential for future growth beyond the existing urban boundary.

### Infrastructure

Ageing infrastructure that requires maintenance and upgrading to address capacity issues in the stormwater and wastewater networks, particularly during peak wet weather events.

Safety concerns in relation to State Highway 3.

Opportunity for walking and cycling infrastructure improvements.

Limited public transport within Waitara and to other parts of the District.



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## The meaning of Tiritiri o Mātangi

### *Te-whai-tara-nui-a-Wharematangi-ki-te-kimi-tana-matua-a-Ngarue.*

*The pursuit of the magic dart of Wharematangi when searching for his father Ngarue.*

Ngarue was the son of Te Moungaroa, the tohunga (navigator) of Kurahaupō, and after growing up in Taranaki he moved to Kawhia where he married Uru-te-kakara. While gardening in his in-laws fields one day, Ngarue overheard people mocking him for being like a landless man having to cultivate another man's garden.

As Ngarue was of a high rank this offended him, and he chose to leave Kawhia. Uru-te-kakara was pregnant with their first child and she refused to go. Ngarue asked her to name their child Whare-matangi (if it was a boy) or Kaimatangi (if a girl) because of the open sided and drafty house they lived in at the time. Whare-matangi was born a boy and grew up in Kawhia where he excelled at most things, especially games.

One day when he won a game of darts, another child called him a bastard and mocked his single parent home. Whare-matangi asked his mum where Ngarue had gone, and she showed him a distant snow-capped mountain (Taranaki) in the distance.

When he was old enough, Whare-matangi left to search for his father, throwing a magic dart when lost to find his way. His last throw landed at the finely carved door of his father, Ngarue, who lived next to a great river. Ngarue was overjoyed to be united with his son, and there was a great celebration. Because of the mana both men possessed, the river was renamed to commemorate their story. The first person to discover a place earned the right to name it under the Tikanga Take Taunaha (Rights of Discovery) and there are many place names around Aotearoa New Zealand named like this.

Understanding our history, the Te Kōwhiri Tū Moana Trust (Manukorihi and Otaraua hapū) would like to offer the following as the name for the Waitara Spatial Plan (30 years). This is the name of the magical dart of Wharematangi. Tiritiri can also be interpreted as to scatter in the wind, distribute, cultivate or allocate. If we think of our mahi in front of us, we all hold the responsibility to cultivate a prosperous, vibrant, engaging future for all.



The kōrero of Whare-matangi is depicted on the carved entrance gates of Ōwae Whai Tara marae. Designed by local artist Darcy Nicholas and created by tohunga whakairo (master carver) John Bevan Ford 1972.

## Our patterns

The patterns featured in this document were generously shared by hapū. Their presence reflects their use across Waitara and reinforces this document's connection to the people.



### TIRITIRI O MĀTANGI

Tiritiri o Mātangi symbolises the flight of the tara (dart) of Wharematangi through the currents of the wind; the chevrons represent the whiti and rere of the tara, with the overall design indicating the whai (pursuit) of Wharematangi to reunite with his father; a model of determination modelled by our tūpuna and required of mana whenua today.



### TE PAE O TE RANGI

Te Pae o te Rangi represents the horizon where sky meets the ocean; the threshold between the physical and spiritual world. Here, Te Pae o te Rangi represents the whai (ambition) of Wharematangi to know his whakapapa. From his mother's home at Kāwhia, Wharematangi followed te Tiritiri o Mātangi — the flight path of the dart of Wharematangi—across the ocean, crossing Te Pae o te Rangi, to land on te whare o Ngarue, which led to the reunion with his father at Whai Tara (the pursuit of the dart). As a weaving design, which features on the parawai belonging to te tangata, Wiremu Kingi Te Rangitake, Te Pae o te Rangi symbolises the union of Ranginui and Papatuanuku, and here, the mārama (revelation) of whakapapa, which underpins the authority of mana whenua in this place.



Questions?

# Next Steps



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1. Complete amendments to the Plan
2. Amended Plan to Waitara Community Board and Hapū for feedback on amendments
3. Council Meeting Round 7 – Consider Adoption of the Plan
  - Waitara Community Board
  - Te Huinga Taumatua
  - Council