



Te Kaunihera-ā-Rohe o Ngāmotu

**New Plymouth  
District Council**

**PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
AGENDA**

**Wednesday 03 June 2026  
at 2.00pm**

**Council Chamber  
Liardet Street, New Plymouth**

<b>Chairperson:</b>	Cr Murray	Chong
<b>Members:</b>	Cr John	Woodward (Deputy)
	Mayor Max	Brough
	Cr EJ	Barrett
	Cr Graham	Chard
	Cr Christine	Fabish
	Cr Damon	Fox
	Cr Kerry	Vosseler

## **COMMITTEE PURPOSE**

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### **Purpose of Local Government**

The reports contained in this agenda address the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 in relation to decision making. Unless otherwise stated, the recommended option outlined in each report meets the purpose of local government and:

- Promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future.
  - Would not alter significantly the intended level of service provision for any significant activity undertaken by or on behalf of Council or transfer the ownership or control of a strategic asset to or from Council.
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## **OPENING**

The chairperson, or a person authorised by the chairperson will open the meeting.



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**Health and Safety Message / Te Whaiora me te Marutau**

In the event of an emergency, please exit through the main entrance.

Once you reach the footpath please turn right and walk uphill, towards Pukekura Park, congregating outside the Spark building, directly next door.

Council staff will guide you to an alternative route if necessary.

If there is an earthquake – drop, cover, hold and remain where you are until further instruction is given.

Please be mindful of the glass overhead.

## **APOLOGIES / NGĀ MATANGARO**

None advised

## **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST / NGĀ ARA KŌNATUNATU**

1. People who fill positions of authority must undertake their duties free from real or perceived bias. Elected members must maintain a clear separation between their personal interests and their duties as an elected member. Failure to do so could invalidate a Council decision and leave the elected member open to prosecution and ouster from office.
2. An elected member is entitled to interact with the Council as a private citizen. However, they cannot use their position as an elected member to gain an advantage not available to the general public.
3. Elected and appointed members will:
  - Declare any interest whether pecuniary or non-pecuniary at a meeting where the interest is relevant to an item on that agenda.
  - Exclude themselves from any informal discussions with elected members relating to a matter they have an interest in.
  - Seek guidance from the Chief Executive if they are unclear of the extent of any interest.
  - Seek guidance or exemption from the Office of the Auditor General if necessary.

**PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MINUTES / NGĀ MENETI O MUA  
Recommendation**

That the minutes of the Public Engagement Committee 08 April 2026 (ECM 9742661), and the proceedings of the said meeting, as previously circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record.

## **PRESENTERS**

1. Daniel Vandenberg (Enabling Good Lives Taranaki)  
Disability Support Service Bill and it's impacts.
2. Mike Morresey  
Dogs in the Central Business District.  
Burial plots.
3. Angie Wiggins (Manager, Manna Youth Home)  
Housing options in New Plymouth for young people.  
The New Plymouth bus service.
4. Catherine Cheung and Tuhi-Ao Emily Bailey (Climate Justice Taranaki)  
Concerns on the Government's LNG import facility.
5. Mary W Davis, Ted Wells and Yvonne Northcott (Taranaki Energy)  
Energy developments in Taranaki and prospects for LNG.
6. Colleen Jones  
Annual Plan 2024/25 and 2026/27.
7. Basil Newland (Appendix 1)  
Lake Mangamahoe.  
Intersection Carrington St. with Huatoki St.  
Disabled persons parking in Central Business District.
8. Judie Keane  
Requesting the repair and reopening of the road section of the Huatoki walkway  
between Mill Road and Frankly Road.
9. Alan Chamberlain  
Newly road marked Mangorei roadway.

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At the Council Extraordinary meeting on 10 December 2025 (ECM\_9660741), Council resolved that "the Age and Accessibility sector will have an automatic allocation of 30 minutes every ordinary meeting to guarantee sector organisations a channel to engage with Elected Members".

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## VEHICLE PARKING FOR THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED PERSONS IN THE NEW PLYMOUTH CBA AREA

The area surveyed to locate the Council's dedicated on Street Vehicle Parks for the Physically Disabled Person was from Hobson Street to Dawson Street. It includes the side streets from Devon Street to Courtenay and Powderham on the southern, and to Gill and King on the northern.

A large number (approx. 90%) of Persons using these Parks are driven. They have to vacate their vehicle from the passenger's side.

In the parallel Parks, it is impossible for most to exit their vehicle due to the stormwater channel/gutter, and a step across up onto the footpath (impossible in wheelchairs).

In the angle Parks, exiting the vehicle is okay. However the danger to all Physically Disabled Persons and their Carers is getting onto the footpath. For most persons it requires a walk along the roadway to find a near level crossing onto the footpath (a must for Wheelchairs).

**The survey below shows four (4no.) are Disabled Person Friendly, and that eight (8no.) are not.**

DEVON STREET -- Hobson Street to Eliot Street - **NIL** vehicle parks on mountain & seaward sides.  
ELIOT STREET -- **NIL** on both sides.

DEVON STREET -- Eliot Street to Gover Street -- **NIL** vehicle parks on seaward side.  
**1no.** vehicle park on mountain side close to Gover

Street, outside Polpetta Restaurant

**BUT** stormwater channel with step up onto footpath. -- **NO GOOD**

GOVER STREET -- **1no.** mountainside, off - street park, - nose in park to Public Toilets -- **BUT** park slopes down to right -- **PARTLY DISABLED PERSON FRIENDLY**

DEVON STREET -- Gover Street to Liardet Street --

**3no.** -- **1no.** on seaward side, outside Flame Restaurant -- angle park

with ramp up to footpath --

**DISABLED PERSON FRIENDLY**

**1no.** on mountainside, outside alley entrance to The Warehouse -- angle park with ramp up to footpath

**DISABLED PERSON FRIENDLY**

**1no.** on mountainside -- outside near PB Technologies

with ramp up to footpath --

**DISABLED PERSON FRIENDLY**

LIARDET STREET -- **2no.** seawardside, outside Senior Citizens Rooms -- double parallel park  
**BUT** stormwater channel with step up onto footpath -- **NO GOOD**

LIARDET STREET to CURRIE STREET --

**1no.** mountainside, outside Barbershop Co.

**BUT** stormwater channel with step up onto footpath -- **NO GOOD**

CURRIE STREET -- **1no.** in Gill Street, near corner with Currie Street.

parallel park, ramp up to footpath -- **DISABLED PERSON FRIENDLY**

DEVON STREET -- Currie Street to Brougham Street - **NIL** vehicle parks both sides

BROUGHAM STREET -- **NIL** on both sides

DEVON STREET -- Brougham Street to Egmont Street -- **NIL** vehicle parks both sides.

BROUGHAM STREET -- **NIL** on both sides.

KING STREET -- **1no.** parallel outside Library --

**BUT** stormwater channel with step up onto footpath -- **NO GOOD**

EGMONT STREET -- **1no.** parallel Vehicle Park on eastern side

**BUT** stormwater channel with step up onto footpath -- **NO GOOD**

DEVON STREET -- Brougham Street to Robe Street --

**1no.** vehicle angle park in Car-park opposite TSB Showplace

**BUT** stormwater channel with timber car-stop -- **NO GOOD**

DEVON STREET -- Egmont Street to Queen Street **NIL** vehicle parks on seaward side.

QUEEN STREET -- not included due to proposed works in the area.

DEVON STREET -- Robe & Queen Streets to Dawson Street -- **NIL** vehicle parks on both sides

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**Disabled Persons Friendly Car-parks**

**DEVON ST. – Gover St. to Liardet St.**

Mountain side = outside alley entrance to Warehouse  
= outside PB Technologies (nearer Liardet St.)  
Seaward side = outside Flame Restaurant (near Gover St.)

**CURRIE ST. = at corner with Gill St.**

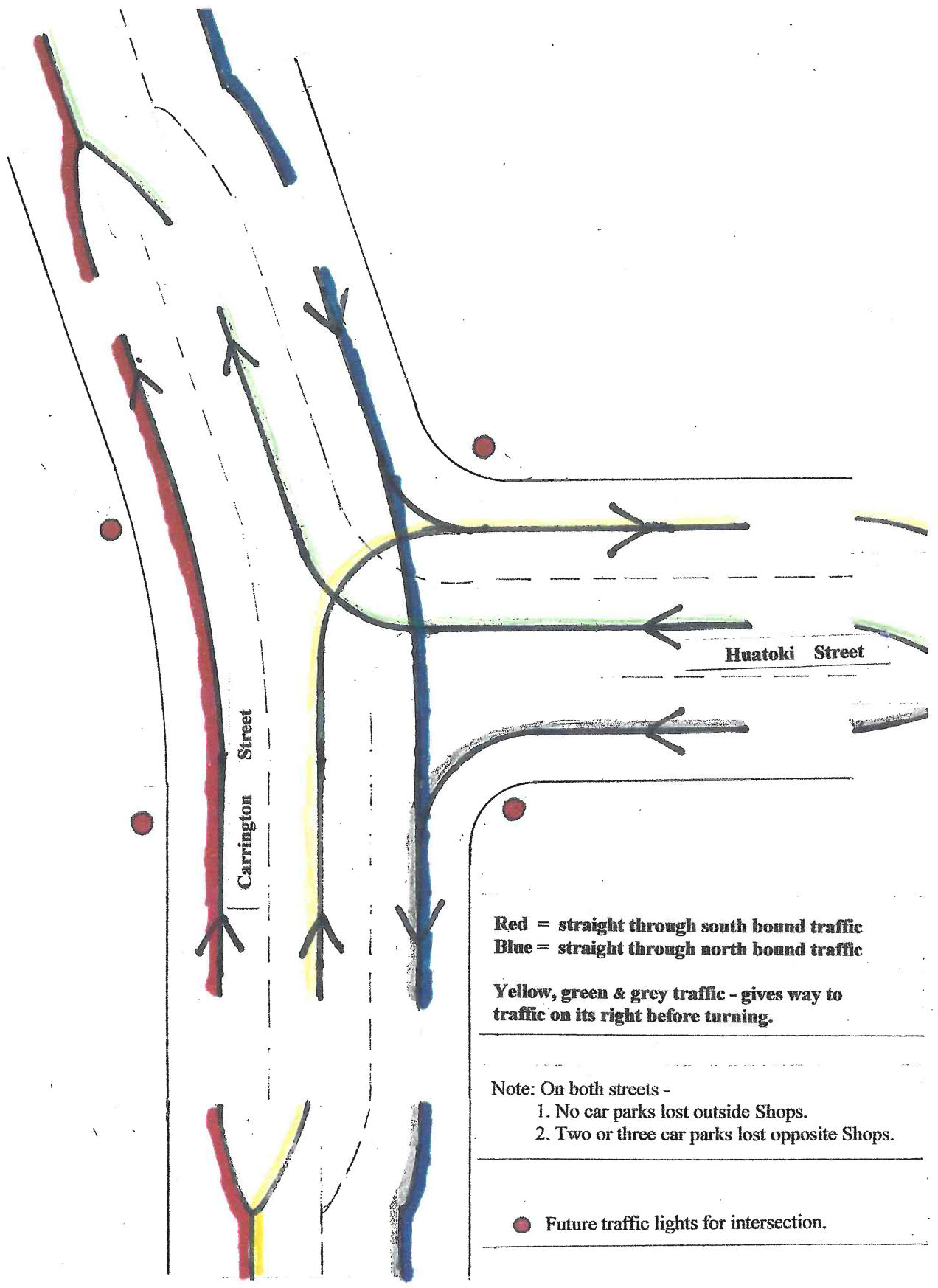
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**Partly Friendly**

**DEVON ST. = outside Polpetta Restaurant (old State Hotel)**  
**= in Car Park opposite TSB Showplace**

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**In summary --- 12 total Disabled Persons Carparks**  
**4 only totally Friendly Disabled Persons Carparks**



**CARRINGTON – HUATOKI STREETS  
INTERSECTION – New Plymouth**

## **CLOSING**

The chairperson, or a person authorised by the chairperson, may make a statement to close the meeting.