



Greater East Tamaki
Business Association Inc.

Submission to the Draft Otara Papatoetoe Area Plan 2014

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Hearings: We do not wish to speak in support of our submission.

We note that this is a long term (30 year) plan. We have focused on the outcomes and initiatives that pertain primarily to the East Tamaki business precinct.

Key Move 2 Natural Environment

2.1, 2.3 GETBA supports the Local Board's intention to progress plans to clean up Otara Lake and waterway system through the development of a long term strategic action plan, and the identification of funding opportunities for the plan's implementation from both within Council and other sources. While the remediation is likely to be a long term and very expensive endeavour it is important to make a start now. GETBA is pleased to be part of the planning process on behalf of businesses located in the vicinity.

Key Move 6 Economic Development and Employment

As a significant employment hub for the Otara Papatoetoe Local Board area, GETBA supports the Local Board's move to maintain and strengthen the economic role of its industrial areas.

6.1 We commend the Local Board's support of Youth Connections in helping young people transition from school into training and/or employment.

6.2, 6.3 During the development of the East Tamaki Business Precinct Plan, GETBA encouraged Auckland Council to embark on the Industrial South Integrated Business Precinct Plan recognising the value to be

gained from a concerted effort to strengthen the economic role of this industrial heartland as a whole, not just our part of it. We support the completion of that Plan and recommend close monitoring to ensure implementation. We appreciate the Local Board has acknowledged the East Tamaki Business Precinct Plan but note that it is timed for 6-30 years, however we are progressing implementation as best we can where we are the lead agency.

6.4, 6.5, 6.6 GETBA supports the Local Board's projects and initiatives to attract new business and investment and innovation into the area.

Key Move 8 Transport

GETBA supports the Local Board's goal of reducing traffic congestion on local roads by addressing roading infrastructure and making provision for footpaths, cycle lanes and improved public transport access into and across industrial areas.

8.1 We are pleased to see the push for bringing forward much needed transport upgrades and would include the planned realignment of Preston, Ormiston and East Tamaki Roads sooner rather than later.

Not mentioned but of vital importance is improved freight links between East Tamaki, the airport and Onehunga Penrose, including the connection with State Highway 1 at Highbrook.

8.13 We are very keen to see cycle routes along key roads such as East Tamaki Road, Springs Road and Harris Road with north south connections to/from Flat Bush and Highbrook as well.

8.14 We support the feasibility study of a pedestrian/cycle bridge between Highbrook Park and Ngati Otara Park.

Key Move 9 Infrastructure

GETBA supports improvements to infrastructure to service Otara-Papatoetoe's growing population.

9.1, 9.6 GETBA supports the Local Board's projects and initiatives to improve stormwater infrastructure and local options for stormwater management.

9.3 We support the upgrading of water supply and wastewater systems.

9.2, 9.7, 9.8 We support the Local Board's endeavours to minimise waste and provide for recycling, re-use and disposal options particularly of business waste. GETBA has embarked upon a waste minimisation work-stream encouraging local businesses to reduce waste to landfill. We would welcome involvement in the resource recovery initiative as we are already working on recycling initiatives and industry specific waste diversion.

9.5, 9.9 GETBA is keen to see a plan for the removal and undergrounding of electricity transmission corridors over time, and have made a submission to this effect to the Unitary Plan.

9.10 We support the availability of public Wi-Fi in agreed hub areas.