

Online Have Your Say - Survey Responses

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Jodi Allan	Yes	Because we have children that would definitely use all amenities	No it all sounds good	No any improvement would be awesome
Gaye & Allan	Yes	I have grandchild who use it now and in future plus I wld certainly use too	Love it as is	No, haha grand child wants a pool
William Cleland	Yes	Pongakawa is a growing community with a large percentage of families with young children, outside of their homes they currently only have the road to hang out at play on. The main road around here is no place for cyclists, I really like the idea of a future cycleway connection.	Security camera to discourage theft and vandalism.	
Joe Phillips	No	If it started further from 56, on other side of gate it would be better for us	Community garden and playground set further from existing housing	
Victoria Phillips	Yes	I think the road/community could really benefit from the right recreational setup.	I believe a cul-de-sac at the end of the road (where the proposed garden spot is suggested) would be a better use of that area. The rubbish trucks could use it instead of mucking up everyone's driveways/lawns plus it could also be a good spot for cars to park around if they drive to the area to use the rest of the suggested features. I think then if you moved the rest of the suggested plan to start from the gate at the end of the road onwards there would still be plenty of room to fit everything in.	I think it's great that council are looking to improve the recreational space on the road and really hope they take on board the cul-de-sac suggestion as the road gets so dirty from rubbish trucks reversing and turning around over lawns in the middle of winter I think it would really benefit the whole road if there was a decent space for turning at the end of the road. Thank you for your careful consideration and we look forward to seeing the end result.
Jessica Norton	Yes	This is excellent for the community		
Shelby Maples	Yes	I have a toddler and this just sounds awesome!! Will definitely be well used by the residents. I'm especially excited about the cycle way to Pukehina beach		
Jurgen Delaere	Yes	This specific area although there are about 80 residents in the direct vicinity no noticeable rate funds have been spent on us in the past 20 years while I have resided here. Areas around us have had significant funds spent on them, Pukehina, Maketu and Paengaroa. Arawa road is barely maintained and funds that have been spent like the water scheme was mainly paid by the original 54 residence in the street. Our rates notably go up to maintain projects in other areas.	I would drop the community garden and BBQ out the plan as most people have enough land here to maintain their own gardens and already do so. A public BBQ I only see as a burden as I don't believe many if any would use this on a regular basis. I don't see this being a good spend of funds as I feel this won't be used by the majority and upkeep will be an issue. The proposed 2nd stage cycle and walk bridges at the end of the road would be more useful and a better spend of funds at this stage. It might cost significantly more but now is the cheapest time to construct anything is now, as in 5 years these costs would have risen by 20%-80% at the current trend of inflation.	Having safe access to Pukehina beach for pedestrians and cycles from the rear of Arawa road would be very popular recreation event over time if it could be done safely. Currently SH2 is the only option out of Arawa Road, no sufficient off road space and speeds makes it a dangerous and not a safe option to cycle/walk in any direction for any age. Having access to Wharere road from the rear of Arawa's would open alternative options to cycle/walkways and a link to Pukehina beach for the near future a welcomed bonus. This would also be a bonus for Pukehina residence that could cycle up this track.
Susan Marsden	No	We chose to live rurally and would do not expect these facilities. Increased facilities = increased rates. Who will be responsible for noise control, increased littering and people to the area? Community garden works well for inner-city areas with a high population density and low to minimal green space. All properties here are on a minimum of 800 meter square plot, therefore it is up to the household to decide if they want a garden or not. The maintenance, labour and ongoing costs need considering. The pump track is highly ambitious and would be a waste of council's money. There are three in BOP, all in areas with higher population.	* Fire hydrant needed for the street, the nearest is Maniatutu Road. * Turning facilities for cars and utes with trailers, truck - council has increased to four refuse trucks each week. Some can turn successfully, but they all have to use peoples' driveways and berms which homeowners have to maintain. * No, community garden or pump track.	* Removing cattle grazing would be a huge benefit to the health and hygiene of the recreational area. * Fenced area for safe dog walking. * Cleaning the irrigation ditches - water purity will always be questionable with agricultural and orchard runoff. * Put a height limit to shelter belts in residential / recreational areas. * Consideration about access to the walking track for people, prams, wheelchairs, bicycles and not motorbikes is required. * Are these plans separate to the upgrading of the road, culverts (road drainage) and footpath? * Remove and improve the bus shelter * Reduce the highway speed limit through the area - kids cross every morning, cars overtake in the turning lane and make it safer when slowing down to turn onto Arawa Road.
Jules Clayton	No	For the following reasons: The pump track. One of the biggest nuisances at the paper road/ walking track end of Arawa Road has been children and adults with motorbikes using it as a motor track with little regard for other users. I feel a pump track would only attract them to it and cause further nuisance and conflict with those who live at this end of the road or use the walking track. The play area. While I'm not absolutely opposed to this I do have concerns over how this will be managed to ensure it isn't abused and will be adequately maintained. Also, given we are amongst those living closest to this area I do wonder what the noise impact and that of the possible increase in traffic to this area will have on us. The community garden. As this is a rural community we all have properties large enough to sustain our own gardens or veggie patches. So I'm not sure what kind of uptake the community garden would have. It would be a shame to have it funded only for it to become abandoned. The cycle track. Connecting Arawa with Wharere Road seems like it will be a fair amount of expense and effort for little gain as Wharere Rd is approximately 1km from Arawa along the highway so easily accessed. General. If this area is developed there is the likelihood of increased vehicular traffic once its existence becomes known. This raises the question of increased traffic, parking and turning. As a note, in addition to any other heavy vehicles we currently have three large refuse trucks service the road. These turn either on the berm or in our or our neighbours driveway. Non of which are designed for their weight or size. Which does cause ground damage. Also, the water supply runs under our berm and at least three times I know of the manhole over this has been rebuilt due to it collapsing. While vehicles turning on the berm are not totally responsible, they have certainly helped it. So I feel a properly constructed parking and turning area is needed regardless of whether this development proceeds or not. There is a plan for the local farm to be subdivided for housing. So it may be best to see what 5is plan contains before proceeding with this one.	Don't proceed with it. Leave things as they are until it becomes clear what the planned residential development of the local farmland looks like. At which point this community will change and this plan can then be revisited to see if it meets the needs of that community.	No
Cyndi O'Reilly	No	We are a very safe community down the end of Arawa Rd and that is largely because there is only one way in and one way out which is a definite deterrent for want to be thieves, so I am strongly opposed to the idea of opening up the end of Arawa Rd to a cycle/walkway that connects with Pukehina. The community garden will be a waste of time as we all have veggie gardens, who will use and maintain this? Not to mention this is right next to a kiwifruit orchard that sprays regularly, who is going to want to eat anything from there after that or who is liable if someone gets poisoned from it?!! Regarding the pump track and playground - those of us who live near this proposed area have already had issues with unsupervised children and sometimes run into their parents when they've been informed down here in the past without adding these proposed additions. This will also likely see the return of menacing motorbikes screaming up and down the track and Arawa Rd which has only recently been resolved. Lastly with these proposed amenities, somebody also needs to pay for these along with the ongoing maintenance, so I can only imagine how this will see our rates increase which I'm sure everybody in the community will not be quite so happy with!	I would like to see this idea totally scrapped as for many of us who have lived here for many years have been and are more than happy with how it is now.	This is the country, if people want town amenities then perhaps they should consider buying in town.

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Katie Abraham	Yes	Because it is the only walking track currently in our area, and is in need of a revamp so we can exercise daily in a space that is user friendly and inviting for our community. This would create a fun place for our children to play and adults to run on a path that is even, free of cow poo and so we can boost endorphins without having to drive to a walkway/exercise track not in our neighbourhood, we are really lacking something like this here!!! Water quality improvement would be great too as the creeks can get very smelly ! There needs to be a mini wetland or plants to create a better ecosystem in these for sure!	Do not think the community vegetable garden is required as we all have our own gardens, and I think this would become a disadvantage as who would be responsible for the upkeep of this? The playground, pump track, picnic tables are a great idea likewise creating a longer walkway by having bridges over the creeks. That would be great! These would need to have gates or something though to contain the animals.	There needs to be an agreement between the council and the local farmer so that this project can get underway! The new subdivision has been here for over three years now, just would be nice to see some changes. We understand that the cows are required for grazing grass, but could the pumice track be maintained and potentially not grazed so that it is free of cow poo when we run this track with our dogs and children, this ends up not being useable after the cattle have been in there, which is not ideal for our health and wellbeing.
Lauren Schick	Yes	The community here needs space to access and recreate in the outdoors.	The walkway is a great idea but it should go from the end of Arawa road, over the drain there and go back south along the ULR or paper road along the banks of the Wharere canal and go all the way to the state highway. A bridge up at the end of Arawa road over the canal should also be put in as proposed. This would provide more of a loop and linkage and a nice small local loop possibly.	The ULR here is public land, set aside with the primary purpose of providing public access. Presently this public land is not fully available to the public. Using the ULR to create public recreation opportunities and destinations will be a great benefit to the local and wider community with linkages that will attract people from adjacent communities also.
Elizabeth Oliver	Yes	I think it will greatly benefit our residents and improve our connectedness as a community	Love the concept plan!	
Robin Simmons	Yes	What about paths down Arawa Rd. Even better Still get the road up to standard.	BBQ area	What about paths down Arawa Rd. Even better Still get the road up to standard. And there would need to be ample parking to cater for the park

Feedback form... Puka whakahokikōrero...

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Name: GARRY SIAW

Address: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

1. Do you support development of new recreational opportunities for the Arawa Road / Penelope Place community?

Yes

No

Why?

looks promising but have reservations to ~~not~~ have a community garden as all the sections are large so people can grow their own at home.

2. What improvements/change(s) would you want to make to the draft concept plan?

NIL

3. Do you have any further comments on recreation and open space opportunities in Arawa Road?

Very keen to have bridges at end on Arawa Rd.
to connect cycleway to Wharere Rd and onto Pukekino
beach.

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Name: Sue Garner

Address: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

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Yes

No

Why? won't be able to run your dogs the way they are used to
Rates will go up. As it is we pay for things that
has nothing to do with us & are expensive.

Have playground in one of the paddocks.

I'm happy with the way the track is now. I've been
here for 19 years.

Just because there's Penelope pl, & possible more housing
coming on [REDACTED] land doesn't mean the paper
Road track has to change.

Have every thing in a couple of paddocks.

From: [Peter Watson](#)
To: [Richard](#)
Cc: [Cheryl Steiner](#)
Subject: Re: Arawa Road - community garden, pump track, proposed playground, cycleway
Date: 24 October 2022 17:52:25
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Hi Richard ,

Thank you for your email.

I have copied in Cheryl Steiner as she is managing the Arawa Road playground concept plan submission process.

Are you able to provide me with a proposed scene plan for the private plan change?

I am interested in the proposed location of the reserve and playground.

Cheryl,

Please note the reference to Richard's email being treated as a submission if we haven't received one from the Marsh's.

Regards

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From: Richard Coles [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 21, 2022 5:55 PM
To: Peter Watson <Peter.Watson@westernbay.govt.nz>
Subject: Arawa Road - community garden, pump track, proposed playground, cycleway

Hi Peter,

I act for Kevin and Andrea Marsh who have the farm on Arawa Road.

MPAD has been working on a plan change to create some additional residential land and establish a small commercial site to create a shop and medical hub. Also proposed is a reserve and a playground.

I think there is merit considering the two projects together if the delivery of the projects has flexibility in the timeframe. This would enable Council to consider the reserve options available to the Pongakawa community.

This may duplicate a submission from the Marsh's, so if it does, please disregard this.

However, if they haven't lodged a submission, please accept this email as a submission on their behalf, albeit a few hours after the midday submission close. Andrea has been involved in an accident and may have been unable to submit on time.

If you could direct this to the relevant Council person dealing with this project that would be greatly appreciated.

Kind regards

Richard Coles

Director/Planner [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]



Hi Cheryl ,

The concept plan to create some recreational amenities for the Arawa Road community is great .

The plan for a small playground and pump track which I would love to see is a bit problematic with the proximity of the neighbouring orchard . These areas would be classified sensitive and the orchard would have to have a no spray buffer zone in place . As I am a retired orchard manager I know that creating such a no spray area virtually takes that area out of production which is a big ask for the orchard owner . The orchard is owned by Allan Birley so approval would have to be sought from him . I am not sure if a pump track would be a sensitive area . You will probably know the answer to that .

There is still plenty of room though to create an open space and maybe plant some fruit trees for the community by moving the farm fences to their true boundary . If there were to be such an open space provided and plantings then I suggest any seating provided be further past the current gateway so as not to encourage late night gatherings .

There is great potential to extend and enhance the current modest walkway by at least 500 metres north along the stopbank of the Wharere stream to where the Puanene stream flows into the Wharere . The stopbank of the Wharere stream at the end of the walkway is paper road owned by WBOPDC . Up to March 2014 we had access to this area by way of a culvert over the drain at the end of the walkway and I walked with my dog down there regularly. The culvert was removed by the farmer [REDACTED] with no consultation and our access was lost . We appealed to Council to reinstate the culvert . It did not happen . In 2014 a then local resident lodged a complaint with the Ombudsman's office over the whole messy saga . The Ombudsman did not investigate but did file a report. In that report WBOPDC submitted that Council would assist residents to get a crossing of the drainage ditches at the end of the paper road .

In recent years I have had discussions with Gary Allis regarding installing such a culvert to allow this access . I have even offered to pay a local contractor to install the culvert at no cost to Council . Gary has showed some interest and assured me he has asked staff to investigate the proposal ."A work in progress " were his words .

The creating of the pumice walkway by Council has been a great improvement for this community and I see the potential to enhance it even further by reinstating the access to the Council owned land along the stopbank .

The farmer who grazes the Council owned stopbank north to the Puanene stream is [REDACTED] and I am sure that an arrangement can be reached to allow walking access such as there currently is with the existing walkway .

The existing walkway could be enhanced by stopping grazing by cattle and changing the walkway from a straight path to a meandering path that flows from one side of the paper road to the other with areas of suitable native plantings along the way to attract some birdlife and create some character .Wouldn't that be nice .

The mechanical clearing of the drains along the walkway is done very infrequently (the last time in 2013) and I see no reason why the drains could not be cleared in future from the farmland (as the farmers currently do with their own internal drains) to ensure the walkway is not negatively impacted by future drain clearing (this happened in 2013 when the drains were last cleared) .The drains are managed by the Waihi Drainage Society and an arrangement with them to protect the walkway in any future drain clearing operations is I think important .

Finally there is potential for a cycleway link from Arawa Road to the planned Pukehina cycleway . With the revolution of E bike technology cycling can now be enjoyed by people of all ability and age and many more are taking up these opportunities . My initial thoughts were that the cycle way link would be along the stopbank of the Wharere to Tainui Road and then onto Wharere Road . However a crossing of the Wharere Stream to Wharere Road at the end of the walkway would also achieve this .

Wouldn't it be great for local residents to be able to cycle away from busy roads to Pukehina or even Maketu .

I certainly don't expect such a cycleway link to attract troublesome numbers of cyclists from outside this area .

Thankyou for this opportunity to "Have your say" and fingers and toes crossed hoping we might see something come of this in the future .

Regards ,
Mike Maassen .

Arawa Road – Open Day Feedback

Sunday 9 October 2022 (10am – 1pm)

Have Your Say – Arawa Road Recreation Opportunities Sunday 9 October 2022, 10am-1pm		
#	Name	Email
1	Tracey Vuglar	[REDACTED]
2	AJ Law	[REDACTED]
3	Mike Maassen	[REDACTED]
4	Antonio Te Tomo	[REDACTED]
5	Isabella Lawrence	N/A
6	Troy O'Reilly	[REDACTED]
7	Matt Mortensen	[REDACTED]
8	Victoria Phillips	[REDACTED]
9	Joe Phillips	[REDACTED]
10	Richard Gillespie	[REDACTED]
11	Wendy Gillespie	[REDACTED]
12	Su Marsden	[REDACTED]
13	Rachel Baker-Smith	[REDACTED]
14	Andrea Marsh	[REDACTED]
15	Jo & Jurgen Delaere	[REDACTED]
16	Gina & Dave Brooker	[REDACTED]
17	Rich Burns & Kirsten Jefferson	[REDACTED]
18	Roleyne Cooper	[REDACTED]
19	Scott Spain	[REDACTED]

Do you support development of new recreational opportunities for Arawa Road?	
#	Yes/No
1	Yes
2	Yes
3	Yes
4	Yes
5	Yes
8	Yes
9	Yes
13	Yes
14	No
15	Yes
16	Yes
17	Yes
18	No
19	No

19 responses – 3 No and 16 Yes

What do you like/not like about the concepts?	
#	Feedback
3 & 1	I like all of it. I just think a lot of people may have their own vegetable gardens
1	Playground looks good
4	I think it is a good idea
2	All awesome ideas
7	Pump track/kids' bike or scooter track best idea. Better than playground
3 & 7, 15	Community garden not needed because people have big gardens Native planting better
8	I like the whole plan just would like to see it start further down (from the gate onwards)
3	Just small playground and big pump track
3	Don't put in any rubbish bin. No bins
3	Cycle connections please, support the bridges
13	Kept natural/nature in appearance
13 & 15	Protect the memorial tree (flowering cherry at the end)
13, 14 & 15	Don't like outside people coming here/ keep it for the local people
13	More safe for kids to play
14	Further development will increase traffic along a restricted area impacting on close neighbours
14	Drains on both sides impacting on safety
14	Public road as a paper road-all must have access including owners along paper road
14, 18 & 19	Any increase in traffic & people would make security at risk – that's traffic not known to our community
16	Great ideas – really like pump track idea, make it as big as possible! Also like the bridges at the end of the road – if it can connect to Pukehina beach that would be awesome. NO COWS! Have a tunnel under the track so all cows stay away.
18 & 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for security e.g., camera and • wider roads and footpaths for wider area. • Keep it for locals like how it is now. Rural feel. • Pongakawa school provides recreation facilities • Seating area down there is great – native wooden log benches • Like current outlook/vista • No pump track, no playground • Native planting and tidy drains • Bridge to Wharere road, not needed • Road unsafe for walking (dust)

What improvements could be made?	
1, 15, 16 & 17	Very keen to have a longer walking/cycle way in the <u>near</u> future
1 & 3	Use fill width of road reserve (4m into paddock) before gate
1, 4, 7 & 16	Surface of path suitable for prams
1 & 2, 16	Widen walking track
1 & 7	Cleaning of playground after Hi-cane spraying next door
7 & 16	Rubbish bins
7	Restrict motorbike access
1 & 7	Tidy fence lines. Native planting. Keep simple

7	Avoid issues from people outside of area
1, 4 & 17	Fence off drains to protect children
8 & 9	Keep it from the gate onwards. Not on housing side
8	Perhaps like to see a place for cars to park so they aren't using our lawn area
3, 15 & 17	Reinstating the access across the waterway (There was once a culvert)
3	Could install culvert at the end of the walkway to reinstate access over the waterway – has offered/community project – pipe/flat pack/bridge (Gary Albi's aware)
3	On the western boundary. Move fence to true boundary i.e., not at the full 25m width. Put fruit trees in that open space.... Use the full width/re-fence
13	Safety work on Arawa Road – foot path, speed bumps – speed is an issue. Speeding utes pose an issue
14	Think about supporting reserve proposal for planned subdivision almost ready for application for plan change within Arawa Road
14	The suggested access for extension to walking track is over privately owned land
16	Footpaths, to make it safer for kids. Improve roads, bike tracks, motorbike access