



The Ellerslie Residents Association would like to submit in support of the Ōrākei Local Board's priorities in the Auckland Council Recovery Budget.

In particular, we support the Board's initiatives to:

- Implement multiple environmental programmes along the coast, in Pourewa Valley and in our community reserves
- Continue to monitor and implement measures to improve water quality in our waterways and wetlands
- Work with our community, business and resident associations to undertake placemaking at our local centres of Ellerslie, Remuera and Ōrākei
- Finalise an Ōrākei Arts Plan to guide future enhancement of art, local heritage and culture at our public facilities and places

(from [www.akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/orakei-local-board](http://www.akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/orakei-local-board))

Ellerslie residents have identified the following as strategic priorities for our suburb.

- Community Facilities
- Transport
- Security and safety

Based on these priorities, we advocate for the Ōrākei Local Board to also include the following items in its planning proposals.

We believe that the following are very much in sync with the Council's priorities of responding to housing and growth as well as responding to climate change as noted at [www.akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/hub-page/10-year-budget-2021-2031](http://www.akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/hub-page/10-year-budget-2021-2031) , and are thus deserving of inclusion in the Board's plans.

## Community Facilities

- Reiterate its commitment to **stages 3 and 4 of Michaels Avenue Reserve** upgrade, namely the new clubhouse (stage 3) and the new playground and expanded carpark (stage 4)
- Reiterate its commitment to **retain community access to Liston Park**. While the ERA strongly supports the enhancement and development of clubhouses, playing facilities etc. at Liston Park, local sports clubs and the broader community must still have access to this valuable but under-developed community resource
- Acknowledge that Ellerslie lacks a public “hub facility”, and advocate to the Council for investigating the **Ellerslie Community Centre** concept, including innovative funding such as a PPP (with apartments or offices above the community centre)
- Advocate to Entrust for **undergrounding of power lines in Ellerslie**, which as a historic suburb has many ugly and hazardous overhead lines

## Transport

- Advocate for and allocate discretionary funds for urgent **upgrades of the many dangerous intersections** in Ellerslie, particularly with full zebra and traffic light-controlled crossings, working to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety and prevent accidents
- Advocate for **opening the Ballarat St extension** as a shared walking/cycle path to improve accessibility between the Marua Road and Abbots Way/Lunn Avenue areas
- Continue to advocate to Auckland Transport for **footpath repairs and replacement** in Ellerslie. The contrast between recently-replaced footpaths and those still needing work is stark
- Continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders (Ellerslie Business Association, schools, Auckland Transport, Councillor Bartley, ERA) in the **Ellerslie Safety Working Group** forum with the aim of significantly improving safety in and around the town centre
- Adopt and advocate to Auckland Transport for the **north-south cycleway concept** developed under a previous Board, connecting with the Glen Innes end of the Te Ara Ki Uta Ki Tai Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive Shared Path, travelling through the Board area to Ellerslie. This would provide a safe, off road route for Ellerslie residents to Glen Innes, Tamaki Drive and on to the CBD

## Security and safety

- Advocate for the installation of a **secure parking facility for bicycles near Ellerslie Station** as a means to increase the safety and desirability of cycling to a key public transport node
- Residents are very concerned about mail theft and car break-ins, which are at epidemic levels in Ellerslie. The ERA requests that the Board engage with the Police and advocate for a **community constable** to be assigned to Ellerslie on a more regular (ideally full-time) basis
- Advocate for the installation of **security cameras** in crime-prone areas, where appropriate in concert with the private sector such as at the motorway end of Cawley Street.
- Advocate to the Council for **stronger enforcement of noise and smell pollution regulations** where they affect residential areas, even when originating from industrial areas

Finally, the Ellerslie Residents Association would like to acknowledge and thank the Ōrākei Local Board for its ongoing hard work on behalf of the people of Ellerslie and the surrounding areas. We hope that the above items can be included in your strategic and budgetary plans.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glen McCabe". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized, with the first name "Glen" and last name "McCabe" written in a single continuous line.

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