

**Whangarei District Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday 16 June 2020**

**Submissions Annual Plan**  
**2020-2021**  
**Consultation Document**

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# Annual Plan 2020-21 feedback form

## The closing date for feedback is Thursday 4 June 2020

As you can see from this Annual Plan 2020-21 Consultation Document, we have had to make some decisions and changes to our plan. Let us know if you think we are on the right track.

### Points to remember when submitting your feedback

- Please print clearly. Make sure it can be easily photocopied, read and understood.
- All feedback is considered public under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act, so it may be published and made available to elected members and the public.
- Your feedback will not be returned to you once lodged with Council. Please keep a copy for your reference.

### How to get this form to us

**Mail to:** Annual Plan feedback, Whangarei District Council, Private Bag 9023, Whangārei 0148

**Email to:** mailroom@wdc.govt.nz

**Deliver to:** Customer Services, Forum North, Rust Ave, Whangārei or Ruakaka Service Centre, Takutai Place, Ruakaka

### Your details

Name

I am making this submission:



As an  
individual



On behalf of an  
organisation

Organisation name

Patricia R. ANDERSON

Postal address

4/121 Kamo Road, Kensington 0112

Best number to contact you on

021 0429412

Email

### Your feedback

Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?

I am pleased rates will be capped at 2.2% instead of 4.2%. which will enable necessary work and maintenance to continue.

I understand during Covid19 lockdown, many staff worked from home, could they continue to do so? (Also less vehicles on roads, and less office space required!!)

I would like the proposed Civic Centre put on hold until such time when the economy has fully recovered and the deployed people are able to find employment again.

We need to be realistic, practical and honest .....

How many people will be able to afford to attend future functions, concerts, etc.

Many Families/ratepayers are struggling financially now and probably will be for some time to come.

He aha te mea a nui o tenei ao

What is the greatest thing in the world

He tangata ... He tangata ... He tangata

It is the people... It is the people... It is the people.

Thank you for opportunity to make a submission.

**From:** [Julia Willemen](#)  
**To:** [Mail Room](#)  
**Subject:** Attn Merryn  
**Date:** Monday, 8 June 2020 10:36:52 PM  
**Attachments:** Gomez Road.pdf  
HBA minutes.pdf

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Hello Merryn

I talked to you this morning about late submissions to the Annual Plan and you advised that this was not possible, but to put my concerns in writing. Unfortunately I missed the information that this process was underway.

I am aware of a submission being made by the Hikurangi Business Association for \$15,000 of council resources for the preparation of a resource consent for a Mountain Bike & Motorbike Track on council land in Gomez Road.

Back in 2010 the WDC sought to have a Plan Change to allow a Noisy Sports Park to be located in Gomez Road.

A scoping report was commissioned without any contact with the residents of Gomez Road and a considerable sum of money was spent investigating the project before residents found out and objected.

After 17 months the WDC abandoned the plan and removed it from the 2012-2022 LTP. At the deliberations meeting on Tuesday 29th 2012, Councillors voted to include residents in any future plans for the land in Gomez Road. The outcome was reported in the Northern Advocate on June 1 2012, and it states the council resolved to discuss the future of the land with the residents. I wrote to the WDC on 31 July 2012 thanking the Council for abandoning the proposal and acknowledging their commitment to us, to include residents in any future plans.

I have looked through the HBA Meeting minutes and in February 2020 they report under the heading, Gomez Park - Shayn and Will to arrange a meeting with a member of the council again. Prior minutes mention showing the council a track and suggestions of purchasing the land. This tells me discussions are underway.

Although I no longer live in Gomez Road, I still have family and friends who do and they tell me that they have not been approached regarding this latest proposal. Now that a submission has been made I am reminding the Council to honour its commitment to the residents of Gomez Road; before they approve any funds to be spent on investigations they first need to contact the residents.

My concern is that the HBA proposal will start off small but in time will grow into the type of Motorsport park that was proposed in 2010, they mention in the submission that going forward there would be the need for toilets and traffic management.

I would like my comments to be made known to all the Councillors, I will forward this

email to some Councillors that were part of the 2012 decision.

regards

Julia Willemen



**By Joseph Aldridge**

Gomez Rd residents are relieved and delighted that plans to develop a noisy motorsport park in their neighbourhood have been dropped.

At a meeting on Tuesday the Whangarei District Council voted unanimously to scrap plans for the \$4 million park that would have allowed stock cars, go-karts, motocross bikes and rifle shooters all on the same site, near Hikurangi.

Worried about the adverse effects the park would have on their lifestyles, Gomez Rd residents banded together 17 months ago to oppose the council's plans. The noise would have driven them mad, they said, not to mention greatly increased traffic volumes.

When the plans went before the council last year, the residents were at the meetings with protest signs.

With the plans in the Draft Long Term Plan this year, they stepped up opposition, organising public meetings and going door to door in Hikurangi to gain support.

The council received more than 500 submissions opposing the motorsport park, making it the obvious sacrificial lamb when it came time to consider changes to the Long Term Plan.

Resident Mark Willemen said in his submission the council had



**WARNING SIGNS** : Residents with placards make their opposition to plans for a motorsport park in their neighbourhood known at an earlier council meeting.



**UNITED FRONT:** Julia Willemen (left), Jenny Claris, Mark Willemen, Glenis Murdoch and Karen Blud were among Gomez Rd residents who took on the council over plans for a motorsport park — and won. PHOTO/MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM

property with the residents.

Gathering at a home bordering the proposed park on Wednesday, residents said they were delighted with the decision and would like to thank everyone who had supported them.

The residents said they would like to see a change in the way the council developed projects so that residents were consulted before expensive reports were commissioned.

On the bright side, they were a

much tighter community now, and had formed a residents' association and friendships that would continue.

Julia and Mark Willemen said they were now ready to start their retirement.



Gomez Residents Association  
P O Box 19  
Hikurangi

31 July 2012

Whangarei District Council  
Forum North  
Whangarei

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Gomez Road Noisy Sports Park

The Gomez Residents Association wishes to acknowledge the recent decision made by Council, during the LTP process, to abandon this proposal.

We also acknowledge that councillors voted to include residents in any future plans for this land; this is extremely important to the residents and wider community and we thank the councillors for recognising this.

At this meeting Councillors voted to include residents in any future plans for the land in Gomez Rd.

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<b>Topic:</b> Gomez Road	<b>Number of Responses to Topic:</b> 24 plus 506 'bulk' submissions <b>Five submitters in support, remainder opposed (525).</b>
<b>Summary:</b> <i>The majority of submitters opposed the proposal for a Motor Sports Park at Gomez Road, Hikurangi on the grounds of noise, traffic, potential ecological impacts and general impacts on the rural lifestyle of the residents.</i>	
<b>Comment:</b> The submitters opposed to the proposal raise issues which would have been considered in detail through the current planning process that Council is going through. In the process to date, Council, through the Growth Strategy, identified a number of key elements in our community and one was the need to address appropriate locations for some of the more noisy sporting activities into the future. For a number of years various clubs have approached Council over their concern with their current locations and as Council has a key role to plan for the future, the wise use of Council assets, which in this case is land, to address such issues was seen as being an opportunity for the Motorsport / Multisport park. Council has already undertaken a fatal flaws analysis and it is recognised that the sports such as stock cars, go karts 4 wheel drive and motor bikes do require a location but clearly the concern is that Gomez Rd is not the appropriate place, although the residents recognise the validity of these sports - but not in this location. Staff need to consider whether it is better to spread the high impact activities through the District.	
<b>The staff recommendation is:</b> 1. That the funding for the Gomez Road Sports Park is removed from the 2012-2022 LTP. 2. That the Gomez Road Plan Change is abandoned.	



11. Shops and Local Business –

- Business of the Month – Training Ventures Ltd
- Potential late night shopping with some events in the township, maybe community fundraising opportunities

12. Gomez Park – Shayn and Will to arrange a meeting with a member of the council again

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HBA  
minutes  
12.2.2020

13. Admin – HBA

- Accounts
- Sarahs – Work in Progress – update – Business of the month, Rally update and Auto Madness

**Any other Business**

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**Upcoming Events**

**Next Meeting**

- 11<sup>th</sup> March – Venue TBC