

Written submissions

The public were provided the opportunity to submit on the Strategic Review through the Annual Plan submission process. 117 submitters commented on approximately 267 issues. Submitters were provided with individual responses through the Annual Plan process. Précis of these issues were developed and categorized under the draft 10 Strategic Platforms.

Strategic Platform	No. of issues	% of issues
Urban and Rural Villages	103	39%
Transport and Communication	46	17%
Strong Innovative Economy	14	5%
Strong Communities	17	6%
Strong Democracy	21	8%
Green Network	30	11%
(Clean) Water	5	2%
Energy Cycle	0	0
Zero Waste	12	4%
Clean Air	0	0
Finance	14	5%
Other	5	2%

A high percentage of issues were centred around the Urban and Rural Villages Strategic Platform, though this may be the result of the varied nature of this platform. The other major areas of interest were Transport and Communication, Green Network and Strong Democracy. The key difference between this and other general public consultation undertaken was the high priority placed on the Urban and Rural Villages Strategic Platform (specifically city design and facilities) which ranked as a medium priority in other general public consultation.

The following is a summary of the key issues within the Strategic Platforms:

Urban and Rural Villages

Many issues were identified including:

Urban design -- wanted to ensure that controls were placed on medium density housing and that the natural character of areas were not lost.

Facilities – various specific requests were forwarded, please see detailed comments folder attached.

Youth Facility – support was voiced for a facility for youth.

Transport and Communications

Strong support was voiced for the continued development of the public transport system (specifically bus and rail), with comments noted about the need to provide for walkers and cyclists. Comments were also received on the need for road improvements in various areas of the city to reduce traffic congestion and that alternative road surface materials should be considered.

Strong Innovative Economy

The majority of comments advocated that Council support the development of local business through user-friendly services and promotion. Specific activities to support this were mentioned; please refer to the comments summary folder with this report.

Strong Communities

Comments were raised supporting various events, clubs and organisations. A few comments were received regarding the need for improved health services in Waitakere City.

Strong Democracy

Issues covered included the need to further partnerships with other councils and organisations, the provision of information, support for new immigrants and comments on the Council setup.

Green Network

Comments were generally centred on the need for pest control (particularly in the Waitakere Ranges), support for the continued planting of native trees and need to protect the environment generally (particularly in the Waitakere Ranges).

(Clean) Water

Comments included those for and against the introduction of user pays.

Zero Waste

The majority of comments were focussed on different means of reducing and recycling waste.