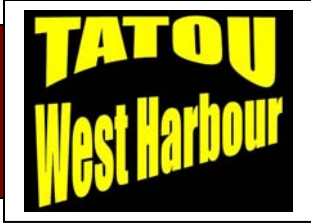


# Tatou West Harbour



**SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBOURHOODS.....**



*Sustainable development is a way of thinking and working that's about proactively making social, economic, environmental and cultural linkages and setting up a programme of positive change that will make a better place to live for both current and future generations.*

*Sustainable neighbourhoods are comprised of sustainable houses, a sustainable environment, sustainable children, families and households and sustainable local communities. This project aims to combine action on all of these levels and*

*actively involve local community organisations, government agencies, the Council and most importantly, the local community!*

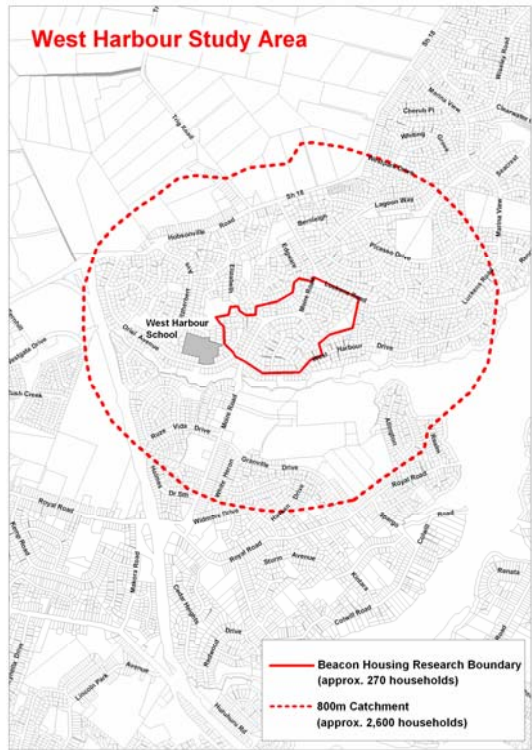
*A sustainable neighbourhood focus is about thinking of local needs and pressures and taking small, simple steps that over time will make a significant long term change. It's also about building on local strengths and assets and working collaboratively with others - mutual giving, not just taking. It's also about whanaungatanga and manaakitanga – kinship and support.*

**Background to the West Harbour Sustainable Neighbourhood Project (Tatou West Harbour)**

The Massey Matters Project was formally initiated by the Council in March 2006. In February 2007, as part of the broader Massey Matters Project, Council initiated its first ever sustainable neighbourhood project in West Harbour– focused around the broader catchment of the West Harbour Primary School. In a nutshell, the project is aimed at strengthening local community networks and cohesion and also enhancing the current urban form, facilities, services and the natural environment.

**Where we're at in July 2007**

With the project building on the West Harbour Primary's motto of Tatou Tatou (together, together), the school has taken a



key role in helping the project become established. Since February, a Tatou West Harbour ‘stakeholders’ group has met monthly at the school, with a wide range of representatives participating including; local churches, health agencies, Sport Waitakere, Eco Matters Trust, Housing New Zealand, Beacon, Ministry of Social Development, Safe Waitakere, Accident Compensation Corporation, Massey High School, and the New Zealand Police.

The stakeholders group has worked quickly to prepare a draft action plan with many of the key projects in the action plan seen in the adjoining diagram.

Tatou West Harbour was officially launched at the West Harbour Top Team community event held at Moire Park on 27 May – this was an event which brought 33 family based teams out to ‘have a go’ at a range of activities from orienteering, to pot painting, basket ball shooting and stilt walking.



Along with Council, a number of agencies are committing both people and financial resources to the project. For example, the Ministry of Social Development has confirmed pilot funding to enable the appointment of a school/community liaison worker who will be based at West Harbour School. This position is expected to be advertised shortly. Council has also confirmed funding for a part time community development broker to network and liaise with local community groups and organisations in West Harbour. It is envisaged that School/Community Liaison and West Harbour Community Broker roles will be strongly linked. Both roles are expected to jointly report to a small community advisory group which will be brought together to guide and support both roles.

Road safety and physical activity projects have also been initiated and sustainable neighbourhood and housing research and action planning continues, as part of the Beacon sustainable neighbourhood research stream.

***For more information or to get involved in the West Harbour Sustainable Neighbourhood project please contact Megan Courtney at Council on 8368000 ext 8418 or Mike Gardner, West Harbour School Principal on 416 7105***