

Waipu Placemaking Plan

First round of engagement results

Appendix B

April 2022

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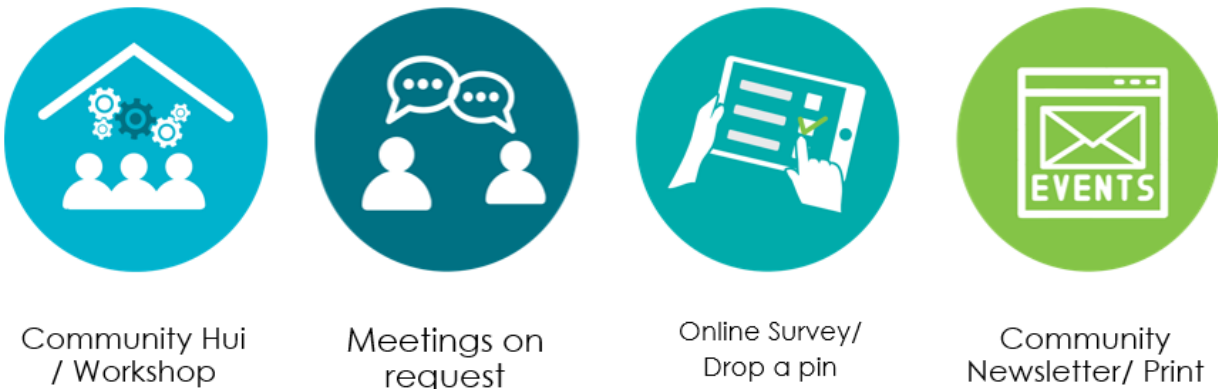
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1 Summary of feedback

The purpose of the first round of engagement is to introduce the Placemaking Programme to the wider community, tangata whenua and stakeholders to understand the qualities, values, issues and opportunities. The first round of engagement was held over a five-week period, from 2 March 2022 to 6 April 2022. The online survey was extended to 11 April 2022.

A suite of engagement tools was used to enable participation and provide feedback. This consisted of interactive workshops, an online survey, ArcGIS ‘drop a pin’ tool, print and social media and meetings on request (see Figure 1). Staff also received email feedback.

Figure 1: Range of engagement methods



2 Online survey

The online survey was live from 6th March 2022 – 11th April 2022. The survey was not limited to people who live in Waipu. People who regularly visit these areas to work, shop, visit friends and whānau or use the parks, sportsgrounds and other facilities in these areas were also encouraged to take part in this survey.

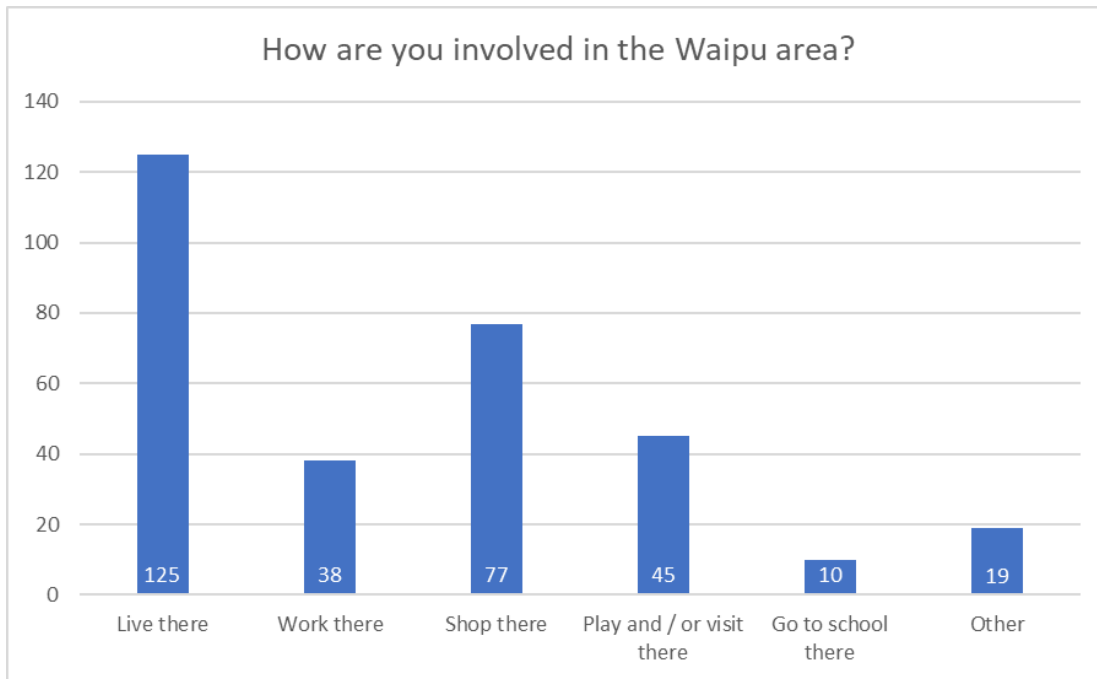
The link to the online survey was distributed to contacts via email, a Facebook post and available on Council’s ‘Have your Say’ website page.

There were 157 completed surveys completed. There were 6 key questions asked. These were;

1. How are you involved in the Waipu area?
2. Which of the following facilities/places do you use or visit in Waipu?
3. What things do you value and love about Waipu?
4. What improvements would you like to see in Waipu?
5. What is your vision for how you would like Waipu to look in the future?
6. Is there anything else you would like to tell us?

2.1 How are you involved in the Waipu area?

Multi-choice question; 157 responses in total.

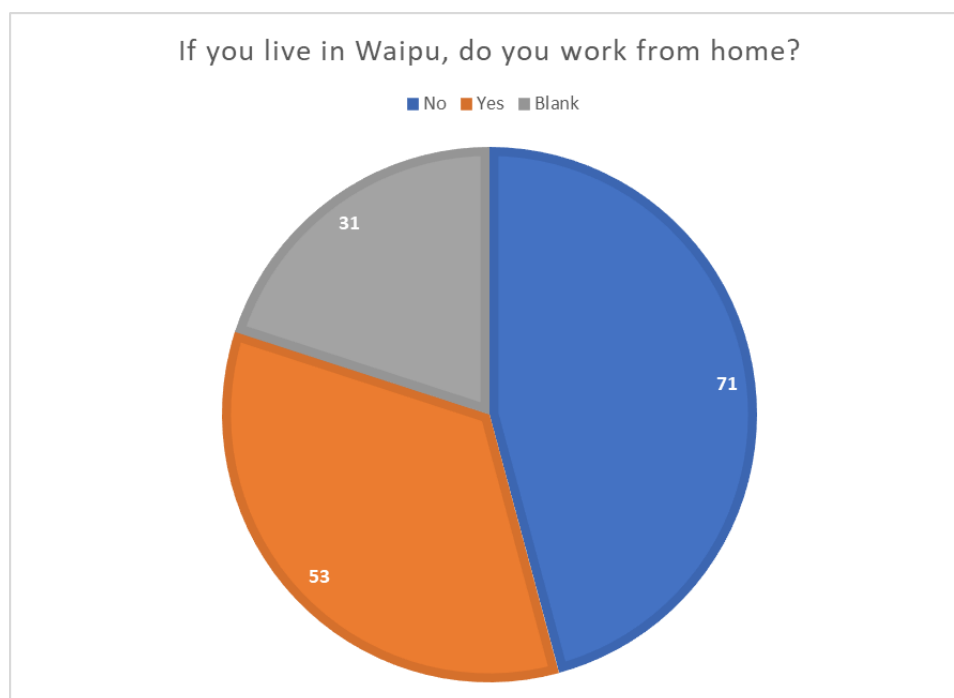


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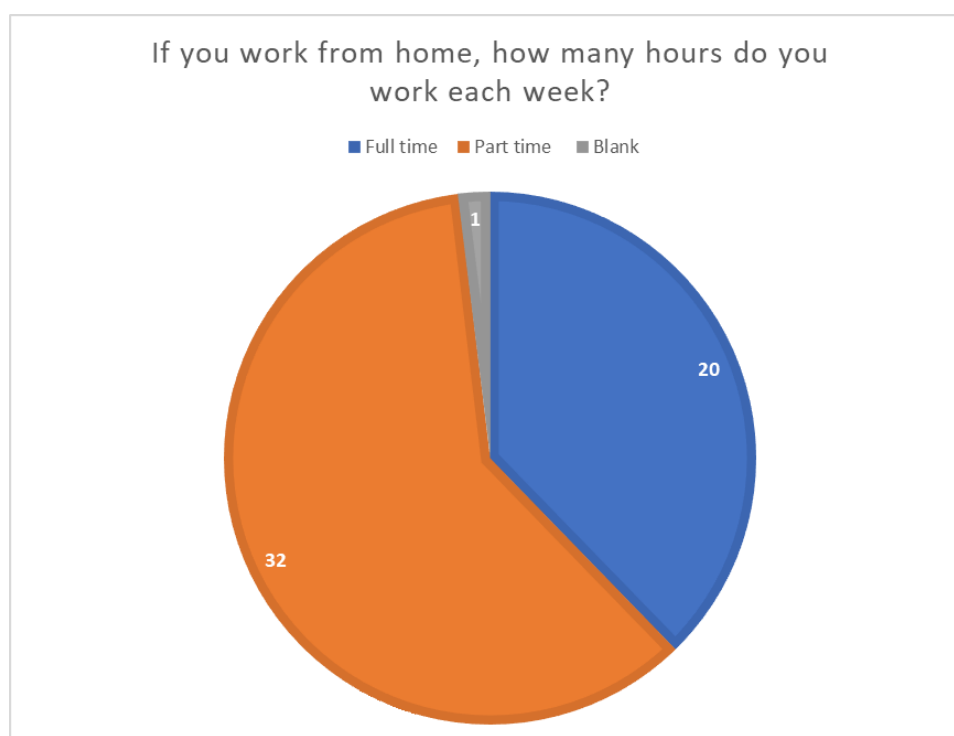
- Family live there. Go every week.
- Know people there who will never fill this in.
- Have recently purchased land in Waipu and plan to live and work in the area in the future.
- Landowner.
- Own a holiday home.
- Volunteer work.
- Retired nana.
- Second home.
- I own the only early childhood centre in Waipu, I live at Langs Beach.
- Own a property there.
- Born and bred but live overseas.
- Bought land and plan to move there.
- Born & raised & have family there.
- Family live there, grew up there.
- We bought land here recently and are in the process of building a home with the intention of relocating at some stage in the future.

2.1.1 If you live in Waipu, do you work from home?

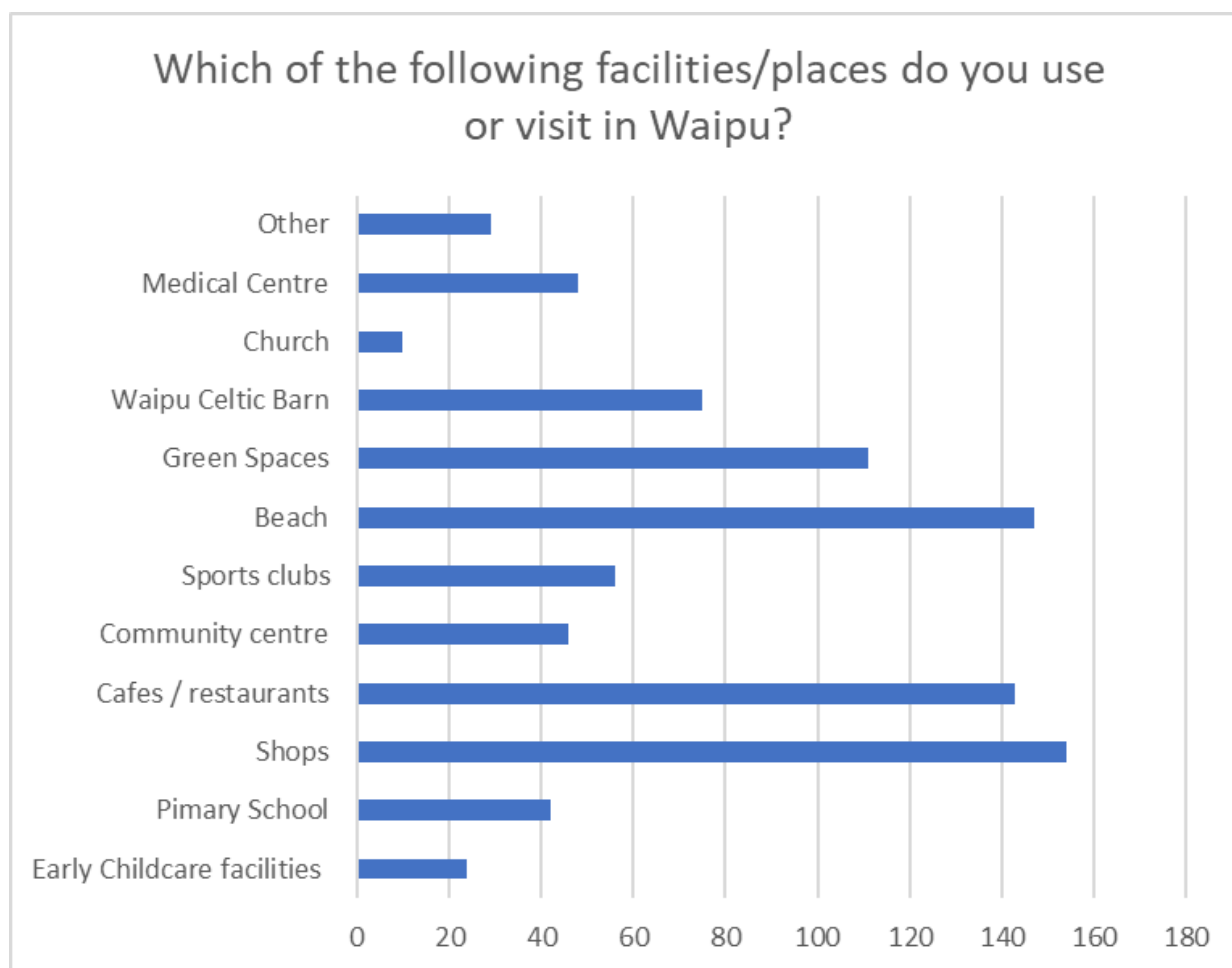
157 people responded to the question.



2.1.2 If yes, how many hours do you work from home each week?



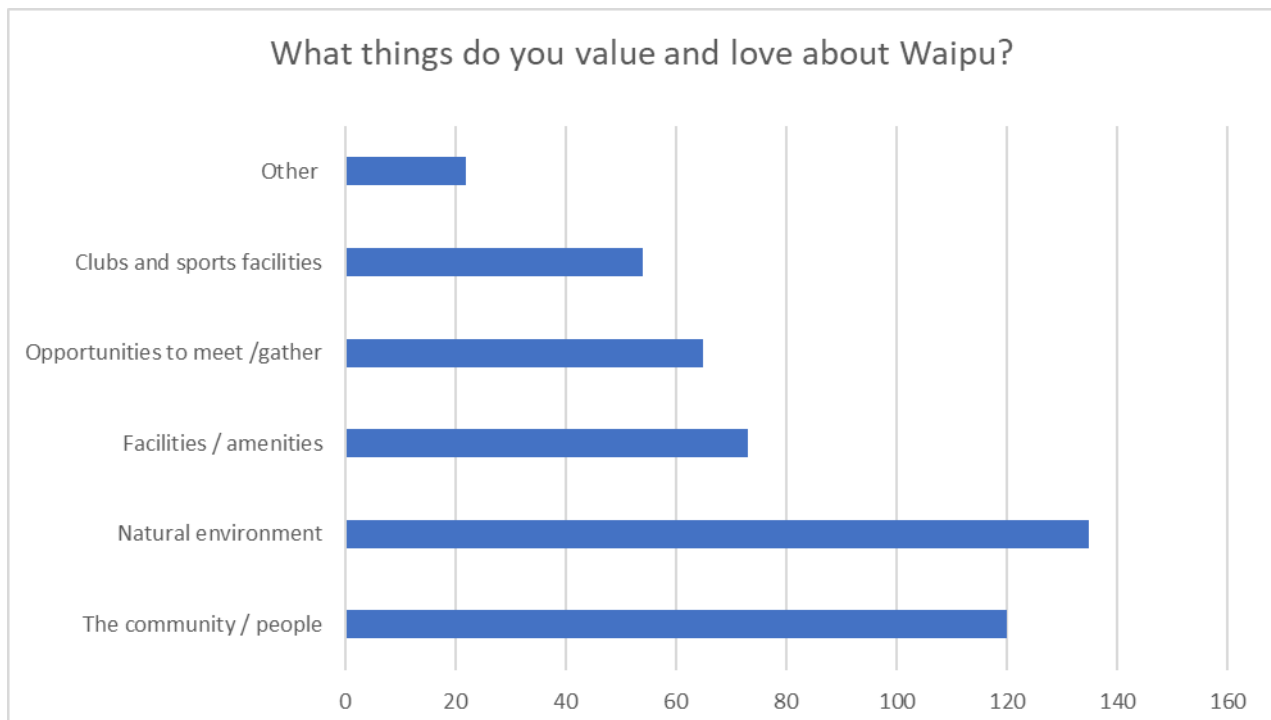
2.2 Which of the following facilities/places do you use or visit in Waipu?



Other Category, please specify

- Waihoi / River Walk / River / River loop / River & Wildlife area.
- DOC walking track on Massey Rd.
- Hammer hardware.
- Caledonian Clubrooms / Caledonian Park / Caledonian Barn / Highland Dancing Practice.
- Local market.
- Lots.
- Razza.
- Skate park.
- Bike Park / Cycle Track / Waipu cycle and walkway.
- Piroa falls.
- Waipu Caves.
- Boat shed.
- Hairdresser.
- Museum / Scottish Migration Museum.
- Vet.
- Waipu Hotel.
- Ranburn.
- Venues for yoga (leased in The Centre), Pilates (Presbyterian church hall) and Coronation hall for Qigong.
- Golf.

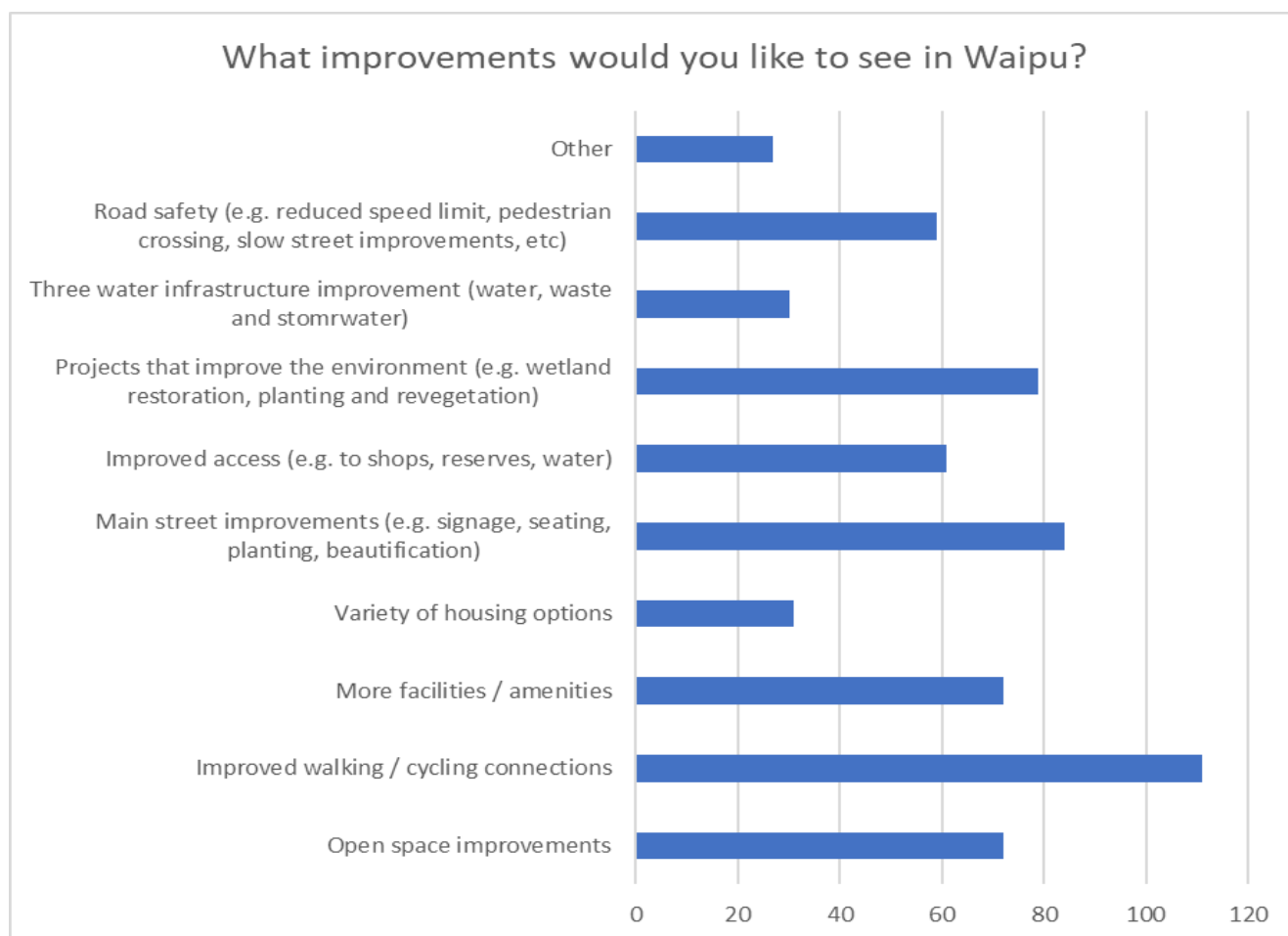
2.3 What things do you value and love about Waipu?



Other Category, please specify

- Scottish history and connection to Patuharakeke, amazing school!
- The Pub.
- Local shopping street providing everything I need.
- The Waipu Highland Games. And waipu's Scottish culture.
- It is home.
- The culture of community in Waipu, the fact that a lot of stuff is run by volunteers is pretty special, the Scottish heritage adds to Waipu's culture too (I'm not Scottish).
- It has a history and a main street.
- Creatives, artists, musicians, diversity.
- The beaches, the safety, the laid-back lifestyle.
- Waipu Cycle & Walkway.
- The rare and endangered birds (Fairy Tern, Dotterel and Oyster Catchers) and other birds at the estuary.
- Fibre wifi.
- The Feel of the place.
- It's still relatively small and easy to get around.
- People care about each other.
- The beaches, cycle and walk track, rugby field.
- The combination of rural and coastal environment and activities and the unique Scottish heritage.
- Historic Waipu, monuments, church, museum, Caledonian park and games, street story boards, heritage building precinct.
- Unique culture and sense of place. Iconically Waipu.

2.4 What improvements would you like to see in Waipu?



Other Category, please specify

- Upgrade to Waihoihoi Childrens Playground, addition of public toilets at the park opposite the Pizza Barn.
- A community swimming pool for Bream Bay is really needed.
- Better shopping infrastructure.
- More things for kids like skateparks, bike tracks, pump tracks and the like. Mangawhai has some amazing stuff at the 'MAZ' and Waipu could definitely do with something.
- Fix the roads.
- Parking is abysmal.
- Open up more land for residential housing opportunities.
- Water fountain at skate park for kids.
- Main Street architectural unification.
- Playground.
- A senior school a private one.
- Waipu! Affordable, reliable internet for rural people.
- Improve parking options, and DO NOT MAKE THE CENTRE THE MAIN THROUGH ROAD
- Reinstate some of the old speed limits!
- A new playground.
- Visibility and celebration of Mana Whenua history (not just in museum), acknowledgement of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, more ways to connect with nature - mature/new forest restoration,

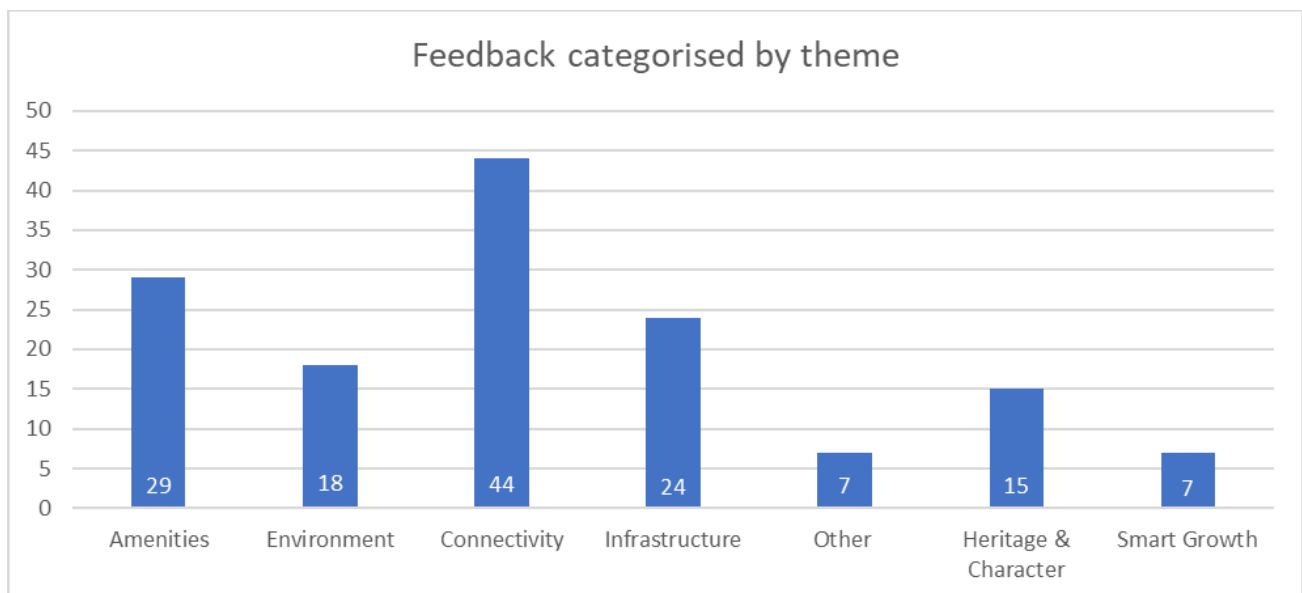
preservation and access, clean healthy waterways that are swimmable and actively being restored / maintained.

- More retail ie. better variety of shops [recently lost one to a yoga studio,] banking facilities, bigger supermarket.
- Social group to meet monthly to visit places of interest in Waipu. Meet new people.
- Painting the bridge, clearing the weeds (no just spraying them) maintaining the side streets, waterblasting the village signs and painting, cleaning the river waterways, spending the full rates quota in the village area and surrounding neighbourhood.
- A proper boat ramp decent supermarket & more retail, reduced speed limits, better cycle ways from starting at Langs to Waipu Cove.
- Keep existing feel and do not increase housing development, especially around coastal areas.
- Pavement improvements.
- More parking.
- Public transport to Whāngarei and back.

2.5 Give us more feedback on what improvements you would like?

95 of 157 people commented

Feedback has been categorised into 7 themes. Please note each feedback submission may be coded in one or more themes



Receipt Number	Give us more feedback on the what improvements you would like?	Themes
WP-2	Year-round swimming pool facility	Amenities
WP-6	The river water quality, algae bloom / weed & beach water quality needs to be improved - this will involve wastewater / drains / pollution improvement. The wildlife reserve by the river needs to be policed / blocked off to stop vehicles & motorbikes driving in the protected areas. And fast boats / Jetskis in the river mouth area (it's dangerous for children swimming - needs signage).	Environment
WP-5	This question is Not relevant to Waipu	Other
WP-7	need more rental housing, roading needs to be sorted ie: Shoemaker road should not be the main access	Connectivity
WP-8	Public transport to Whāngarei and back. Better facilities for school age children especially teens, there's not much available. I helped with the fundraising 18years ago for the skate park in Waipu which we've just got!! My children are in their 20s now that just shocking. The playground facilities are pathetic. So much \$\$\$ in consent payments etc nothing put back in	Connectivity, Amenities
WP-11	Waipu needs more shopping facilities	Amenities
WP-12	The town is growing so rapidly, we need more transportation options, things for the kids to do, supermarkets etc.	Connectivity, Amenities
WP-13	Footpaths etc	Connectivity
WP-16	Restorative planting in Nova Scotia reserve, more trees. Improve park with two swings, even just improving the culvert situation. Safe Crossing before bridge into town from sh1 so my children can ride safely to and from town. Cars still go so fast despite speed reductions.	Environment, Connectivity, Infrastructure
WP-17	Mountain bike tracks in the Brynderwyn hills above Waipu.	Connectivity
WP-18	Upgrade public playgrounds especially in Waihoihoi Park. Its old and dangerous	Amenities
WP-21	More parking	Connectivity
WP-24	I would love to see the main street narrowed to vehicles and widened for pedestrians to make the town centre a much more welcoming place to people instead of vehicles. More seating and planting would encourage people to spend more time and spend more money locally. More electric vehicle charging stations in the main carpark would make Waipu a stopping point for people heading North and South and a more pleasant high street would likewise encourage these people to use the local businesses. Likewise, a larger improved skate and activity park would encourage people to visit the town centre.	Connectivity, Amenities

Receipt Number	Give us more feedback on the what improvements you would like?	Themes
WP-25	No one obeys the 40 or 30 speed signs. Mostly out of Waipu drivers. Plenty of loud trucks all night and self-employed Ute drivers during the day. Speed detection signs, speed bumps to slow them down. The footpaths have too many different levels and people have been known to trip and fall down.	Connectivity
WP-27	Riverglen park mowed regularly, not every ten weeks New water main on Ferry Road as it bursts at least once a year. With 53 new houses going on shortly, it won't cope.	Environment, Infrastructure
WP-29	roundabout or traffic lights on shoemaker crossing as I come from the western rural side and crossing is very dangerous	Infrastructure
WP-33	Open drains shocking health hazard. Poor water pressure with totally aged out of date water pipes down our street, council uninterested. Adjoining land has out of control gorse and weeds, animals incl cattle and pigs which are literally starving and when they die on boundary the smell and flies are health hazard. There is currently very poor road signage and trucks and vehicles turn in our narrow street damaging tar seal, pipes and driveways - council very poor response to requests for improvements.	Infrastructure, Connectivity
WP-37	Off leash dog exercise spaces so that people do not expect to be able to do this at the beach where it is not appropriate - birds and people particularly children.	Amenities
WP-36	In the very long term, it would be nice to see some uniformity about the style of buildings in Waipu, or an area developed in a similar style to Matakana Village but obviously recognising the unique local heritage. At the moment, it seems to be 'a bit of this and a bit of that', with the WW1 history and Scottish Heritage almost competing for attention. I think closing The Centre and Braigh to through traffic would ultimately be a good thing. We should at least prevent the large forestry trucks driving through the village when they can easily go around. Dealing with traffic to and from the dairy factory is not so easily resolved. If the GAS station could be relocated - perhaps to Nove Scotia Drive - it might be possible to pedestrianise a large area part of the village and make it more event friendly. At the moment, a great job is done in terms of maintenance...perhaps larger street bins would be useful as these do sometimes overflow when there are a lot of holiday visitors.	Heritage & Character, Infrastructure
WP-39	We live in Nova Scotia subdivision, but the first stage so we are on septic tank. The rest of subdivision is in town sewerage. It would be cool in the next 20 years to have the whole Waipu area on town sewerage. Completing the bike track will be awesome. More foot paths, perhaps towards Uretiti beach/ over bridge by fishing	Infrastructure

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	club. We will need more parking soon as well, but don't want to take away our green spaces so this is tricky. Maybe the land by Saorsa that council has opened up but is on a slant, could be filled over time with left over top soil and evened out?	
WP-40	Further development to statepark /playground area. Pedestrian crossing at the east end of town Roundabout Island at the main intersection in town.	Amenities, Infrastructure
WP-42	Tip road needs improvement. Toilet & change room facilities would be much appreciated. A bridge over the river from River Glen place to meet up with the new river walk would be great.	Amenities
WP-41	Love the walking and biking tracks to be improved - made longer, upgraded and maintained appropriately. Would love to see more use of the Waihoihoi Park for children and families More paths, and curbs on roads such as the busy St Mary's Road - on the way to the primary school, and extend beyond current South Road location. A pedestrian bridge clip on on the Waihoihoi park side of the bridge for safety. Bridge connection between Ferry Road subdivision and the Nova Scotia road.	Connectivity
WP-43	Community spaces for teenagers. Dog park.	Amenities
WP-46	Waipu has potential to be the Arrowtown of Northland. The main street should reflect Waipu's historic value through architecture and shopping experience. Utilities like service stations, supermarkets, hardware stores should be off the Main Street with supported parking The rivers especially under the waihoihoi bridge should be cleared of concrete, road signs rubbish and trees that have fallen into the river. The river walk could be further planted out. Powerlines should be underground. Have a designated area for watersports and use of powered watercrafts should only be allowed downriver from the boat club. Better ramps to launch boats and skis etc at the boat club. Make the bridge at the boat club a safer place for kids to jump off. We shouldn't ban this as it's a very kiwi thing and kids should be allowed to do this. During the holidays when there is an influx of people, there needs to be facilities for people to put their rubbish as tourists are unlikely to take rubbish back in their full cars. Have some law enforcement and impose fines on cars that go over	Heritage & Character, Infrastructure, Environment

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	30km/hr on beach. Ban motorbikes on beach. Horses have to wear a bag to catch their poos on beach.	
WP-47	Waipu is unique. It has a unifying Main Street, but it's a hodgepodge of tacky buildings with a couple of historic buildings "lucky" to survive. Supporting utilities like garage, hardware, even chemist, and supermarkets should be in a designated area with walking access to the Main Street but not in the Main Street. Designated safe parking should be there.	Heritage & Character
WP-48	Safer cycle way between Waipu and Waipu Cove.	Connectivity
WP-56	It has everything you need. Stop spending money.	Other
WP-58	Improvements in pram friendly full loop walkways. Designated dog park for off leash exercise and play. Playground suitable for all ages toddlers specifically aren't catered for in Waipu - town basin and Mangawhai are great examples.	Connectivity, Amenities
WP-61	Improvements on the infrastructure in the main centre of Waipu. The population has increased, but our roads, shopping facilities, parking have not. Also, our waterways can be improved as well.	Infrastructure
WP-62	Parking in the main street is chaotic. Vehicles such as motorhomes and small trucks angle park and overhang into the traffic lane. It is difficult and dangerous to reverse out into traffic. Many Australian towns use a system of reversing into angled spaces the drive out. I believe tis could work in Waipu. There also needs to be a line defining the traffic lane, beyond which, no vehicle should protrude.	Infrastructure
WP-65	Cycle track quite dangerous as it's not maintained No need to reduce speeds as it's very slow now at 30 km Just missing a movie theatre	Connectivity
WP-66	Uretiti Vehicles banned on beach north of tip road. So the dog walkers and children can have a space they don't risk getting run over. So many vehicles on beaches over weekends, more restrictions on weekends for vehicles needed, to protect other users environment and dunes. Safe Cycle link waipu to ruakaka town centre/bbcollege. Dune boardwalk link. A safe transit vehicle crossing onto state highway 1. A round about in waipu's busy intersection.	Environment, Connectivity, Infrastructure

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WP-67	<p>The town of Waipu is historic and deserves to have improved visual beautification with planting and facilities that attract tourists/visitors to the area. It could follow in a similar style to Arrowtown, which would make it a very desirable destination. If the historic buildings and monuments had plaques and appeared on the northland visitors map, it would create a destination for people to visit.</p> <p>A drinking water fountain in town would also be beneficial to alleviate the need for water in plastic bottles. I have an example of one I recently saw in Australia - very economical/slim line and highly efficient. Happy to share this info if its useful.</p>	Heritage & Character, Amenities
WP-68	<p>I don't think the infrastructure has kept up with the huge increase in population over the past 10 years.</p> <p>Definitely need a roundabout put in at intersection of Nova Scotia, South Rd. The Centre & Cove Rd.</p> <p>Parking is an issue that used to get worse over the holiday season but is now always an issue so need more.</p> <p>Great work done on The reseal along of The Braigh but maintenance of the edges of the road is now an issue with grass & weeds unable to be kept tidy so regular maintenance program for that would be great.</p>	Infrastructure
WP-69	Area requires more parking. speed bumps to reduce speed through village	Infrastructure
WP-70	More places to live, amenities for the kids and development	Smart Growth, Amenities
WP-72	Cycle way from Brooks road area to waipu village. Currently having to cycle on state highway 1.	Connectivity
WP-75	<p>Walking - Subdivisions in the area have meant housing has a larger footprint than the available walkway/pavement infrastructure. I would like to see formed pavements, including down South Road to match the subdivision/development that the Council has allowed to occur. This has an obvious public benefit but is also a critical public safety issue and will encourage foot traffic and cycling over driving which has an environmental benefit.</p> <p>Separately, for similar reasons above, I would like to see the Council assist or further assist the project to connect a walk/cycle way between Waipu and Waipu Cove.</p> <p>Road safety - locals are great, but like many kiwis, become rally car drivers behind the wheel. The main road through Waipu would benefit from speed limits / speed bumps.</p>	Connectivity
WP-76	These are for Waipu not Parau Bay as per the label on the page! Waipu as an area has a diverse population. We are very lucky to have good playgrounds at the school as the council has provided very	Connectivity, Amenities

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	little facilities. Most developments in Waipu have been community led as Council is almost absent in their interest in the area. There is a significant portion of the community who have mobility issues and most of the footpaths and the camber of the road make this very challenging.	
WP-78	<p>Improve wastewater at Waipu Cove</p> <p>Make the Main Street at Waipu a place to linger, markets and have bigger hardware/ supermarkets / service stations separate where there is parking, i.e behind the fire station</p> <p>Extend cycle way from Cove to Waipu to encourage cycle commuting.</p>	Infrastructure, Connectivity
WP-79	<p>Waipu is a busy wee town, SO MANY visitors and locals. While the small new skatebowl area is a wonderful asset, we need and deserve so much more. A decent playground please! (with sun protection - just look at what Mangawhai has!) A fitness trail near the river walk - for adults and kids. We have so many little people now in the area and no place for them to safely, happily play! A safe cycleway without loose metal - no good for buggies or scooters, small wheels, inexperienced riders - safe crossing over the main road. Also, as cycling becomes even more popular, where are the cycle "parking racks"? Extend more welcome to campervans/motorhomes - the owners want to feel like they should return - and spend their \$\$\$\$. More shade. A walking/riding bridge over the river to the other side. More wharfs/proper picnic areas so we can embrace the river with the importance it deserves. A safe open access to Uretiti beach - Tip Rd is so well-named, it is a tip - massive unsafe potholes and depressions. Inability to see if the beach is 'safe' from the carpark and vice versa. How awesome it would be to have a giant 'pier' eg, like in Napier, to stand in awe at the power of the ocean. More local identity and engagement like flags, beautification, unique recognition. Well-behaved dogs welcomed in the park, especially on market days - where do good owners leave them while they browse? A swimming pool for the public please??? A court with hoops? Notice - my suggestions are all to encourage community activities. Needed, wanted - and would be so appreciated!</p>	Amenities, Infrastructure, Heritage & Character
WP-80	<p>The village is lacking in design and greenery.</p> <p>There also needs to be protection of the waters and the red algae needs addressing on a long term and short-term basis</p> <p>The feel of village and Gove need to be beach'y sleepy hollow</p>	Heritage & Character, Environment
WP-81	<p>The village centre is designed for cars with wide streets and limited safe places to cross, a surprising mix of parking and building set-backs and feels unsafe-even with the reduced speeds through the centre. There's no strong or attractive aesthetic to the main street and the limited landscaping/planting does not enhance shade options for walking, shopping or sitting outside a cafe. Apart from the tartan clan</p>	Heritage & Character, Connectivity, Environment

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	banners there is no cohesive design or reference back to early settlers- Māori or Nova Scotian nor a sense of unique identity. A master plan is required to maintain the essence of a village environment as it grows, along with design/planning controls and guidelines to encourage buildings, landscaping and spaces that reflect the cultural diversity. There's a disconnect between the retail centre, primary school, residential and industrial areas and Waihoihoi Park. Little known is the incredibly rich biodiversity in the river catchments that run through Waipu and the unique flora/fauna in the lowlands and uplands behind Waipu- fairy tern, dotterels, inanga, kiwi, hochstetter frogs, bats etc.	
WP-85	Improved and more resources for the youth	Amenities
WP-86	Footpaths would be a good start Very high elderly population nothing for them to do Bus service more than once a week to Whāngarei	Connectivity
WP-87	Bridge across river from Celtic Place to new walking track	Connectivity
WP-88	When you seek to change how a community live and operate in an area. It is critically important that the community that live there want the change you're recommending - irrespective of WDC's narrative!	Other
WP-90	The current playground is very outdated and doesn't really suit young children. It was actually a used playground that was shifted from Whāngarei, Gayle McKay organised to have put back up in Waipu. A new playground would to be utilised by all aged children would be so great.	Amenities
WP-91	With a couple of young kids who love to walk and cycle, the Waipu town area is severely lacking in safe walkways and cycleways. There are even stretches of road such as South Rd that have no footpaths at all. With kids in the area, could be a death waiting to happen.	Connectivity
WP-92	Extended walking and cycle paths along the coastal strip, encouraging walking and cycling off the roads.	Connectivity
WP-93	Shoemaker Road cannot become the only entrance and exit through Waipu - makes it far too dangerous in the village. The status quo with the amount of entrances and exits should hold but with increased safety features in the village - maybe look at more off-street parking - it gets very busy at times but people are mindful of the pedestrian crossing and always stop for pedestrians. Beautification certainly - it has the potential to be something very special here but further development will have to be carefully thought out to keep the village atmosphere.	Connectivity, Heritage & Character

Receipt Number	Give us more feedback on the what improvements you would like?	Themes
WP-94	As a resident of One Tree Point who visits Waipu occasionally, I would most appreciate a safe active transport connection between both locations, preferably a shared path suitable for e-scooting, similar to the ones being planned or developed for the Whāngarei inner suburbs and the Mangawhai villages. When in Waipu, I do not feel safe or comfortable in the town centre, because of excessive vehicle traffic, so I would like to see main street improvements that make it more accessible and safe while on foot or bicycle/e-scooter, preferably with a car-free pedestrian-only (or at least zero-emissions vehicle) zone in the centre. A charging opportunity for e-bikes, e-scooters and mobility scooters would be fantastic, since a roundtrip from One Tree Point to Waipu and back exceeds the range of some of these vehicles. Finally, I would appreciate some more vegetation and tree cover in the town centre, since it is quite barren at the moment and can become quite hot and unpleasant in summer.	Connectivity, Heritage & Character, Environment
WP-96	<p>The Waka Kotahi proposal to direct all traffic through the centre of Waipu is ill-conceived and poorly planned. The plan seems to have been developed based upon computer simulations rather than actual consultation. I have made my submission to them on the plan. The biggest change I have suggested is a roundabout at South Road, Cove Road and The Centre to direct traffic to the major intersection at Nova Scotia Drive and SH1 where there would be another roundabout. All heavy traffic would be banned from The Village shopping area.</p> <p>Housing is now mainly single dwellings. I suggest that the land (privately owned) next to the fire station have a variety of houses. Family homes in a single row to the north of the land and smaller (retirement village style) housing for elderly people facing Ranburn. This would give mixed housing for Waipu.</p> <p>Use of the river flood plain behind Breton Drive for open playing fields that would link to and merge with the River Walkway being developed. A vigorous programme of control and removal of noxious plants, especially gorse and Woolly Nightshade, in and around the environs of Waipu.</p>	Connectivity, Smart Growth, Environment
WP-97	<p>Keep Waipu green and improve the green-ness.</p> <p>Reduce the amount of new housing, as we don't want it to become another Marsden Point, which 'could' bring in the more anti-social side of society.</p>	Environment, Heritage & Character
WP-98	<p>30 kph through Waipu Cove like the township of Waipu</p> <p>Completion of Waipu Cove to Langs Beach Walkway & Cycleway -</p> <p>Very narrow in many places - unsuitable for Cycling on walkway -</p> <p>many large truck & trailers traverse this road daily - Lengthen the Cycleway / walkway to the Toilets end of Langs Beach</p> <p>Regular Maintenance of the Waipu Cove End (From McLeans Road)</p>	Connectivity, Environment, Amenities

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	<p>of Waipu Cycle & Walkway - to Waipu Cove - overgrown in many parts</p> <p>Regular Maintenance of the Incomplete Walkway between Waipu Cove & Langs Beach - overgrown in some parts</p> <p>Increase size of Skatepark like the one at Ruakaka</p>	
WP-99	<p>the river water should be stopped at the bridge by the boat club, the water filtered to remove animal waste then released back to the river. the cost to be borne by the farms that produce the effluent outflows</p> <p>This will significantly reduce the incidence of red algae blooms effecting bream bay.</p> <p>the river beyond this point to the sea should be dredged to a min depth of 3 meters to allow tidal flushing restoring at least the last few km of the rivers ability to support marine life.</p>	Environment
WP-100	<p>As Waipu has grown the traffic issues have also. The delivery trucks block the road, which results in frustrated drivers accelerating or swerving around other vehicles or pedestrians. I have seen so many near miss accidents. The reduced speed signs do not appear to have any affect.</p>	Infrastructure
WP-103	<p>Round about at Cove Road/South Road intersection</p>	Infrastructure
WP-104	<p>The main st is a disgrace, the plantings and the face of the main st look awful.</p> <p>Go and have a look for yourself.</p> <p>Other small towns of NZ like Arrowtown, Greytown, Te Awamutu, Cambridge take pride in their appearance and have cohesive plans around what it looks like, this is not the case with Waipu.</p> <p>Waipu could be the jewel in the crown of the WDC, its location to the highway and beautiful beaches.</p> <p>It could become a real destination little town.</p> <p>The WDC is allowing more and more subdivision the area and out towards Waipu Cove and Langs with no money being invested back into the area, it is nothing more than a money grab through rates to help fund the many projects Whāngarei its self.</p> <p>The WDC needs to realise that many people who pay rates for their properties never go further north than Waipu and live in Auckland city, it is about time we have some loving in the south please.</p>	Heritage & Character
WP-105	<p>Waipu is fantastic and I can't think of much to improve!</p>	Other
WP-108	<p>1. While on a recent tour of other parts of NZ it struck me that many councils are spending money on signage to 'inform' visitors and locals about the area. I would like to see a sign board at the lookout at the top of the Brynderwyns - a photo of the scene before visitors with each of the features that are visible identified e.g. a label that points to Mount Manaia, a label that points to the township of Waipu (the</p>	Heritage & Character, Infrastructure

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	<p>Centre) and one that shows where the cove is.</p> <p>2. I would like to see the main carpark have an Entry Only at the western end and an Exit only sign at the eastern end. I wrote to the council a while ago with my reasons for this and got a response that stated it would be too costly - two signs!!</p> <p>3. Waipu's connection to the Scottish Migration should not be lost through local recent developments since the museum is frequently the 'reason to visit' for traffic that would otherwise travel north on the bypass.</p>	
WP-111	<p>- Waipu Cove is getting very busy and cars are travelling fast into the Cove from Langs Beach. I would like to see reduced speed limits from the Waipu Cove one lane bridge through to the 100km speed limit on the Waipu side of the campground.</p> <p>- The Waipu to Waipu Cove walking/cycling track is great but the link along the straight to the Cove needs to be completed urgently for cyclist safety. Another option is to complete the sealing of McLean Rd to South Rd then cyclists could ride safely off the highway.</p>	Connectivity
WP-112	<p>Recognition that Waipu has a 'special' heritage - this must be a focus. Signage within the 'Centre' and further afield eg Rest area on northern side of Brynderwyns with a display board identifying prominent landscape and cultural features.</p> <p>Greater awareness of the needs of children. The playground adjacent to the centre is really inadequate. A comparison with many other towns/villages throughout NZ shows that Waipu is far behind in this respect.</p> <p>Carparking in the centre is a 'problem' - outside the 4Square. Also the entrance to the parking area adjacent to the museum which is also beside the pedestrian crossing. You have to have eyes in the back of your head with cars entering from both directions and traffic leaving from behind. Particularly difficult for elderly from Ranburn.</p>	Heritage & Character, Amenities, Infrastructure
WP-53	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extend the footpath from The Centre along The Braigh at least to the childcare facility, but ideally to SH1 • Better car parking facilities with the township (signage to the grassed area opposite Waihoihoi Park and surfacing and creating better walking access to it) • Better access to the river esplanade reserves • More parks and green spaces close by the township • Make the footpaths along The Centre even (no trip hazards) and mobility friendly • Construct a walking bridge from the end of River Glen Road across the Waihoihoi river to the Waipu River Walk • Construct a cycle/walking access alongside the Nova Scotia Road Bridge across the Waipu River 	Connectivity
WP-117	Improve Rural living opportunities in the outskirts of town	Smart Growth

Receipt Number	Give us more feedback on the what improvements you would like?	Themes
WP-119	As above	Other
WP-120	<p>Footpath along the braigh. Health of Waipu Rivers.</p> <p>There are a few historic plaques in place around Millbrook rd and could connect them to town centre with a short loop walk.</p> <p>Walking / cycling connectivity to Ruakaka.</p> <p>There are a lot of Rural walkers and cyclers in the area. It would be great if some more rural roads (within 3km from town centre) were safer for pedestrians.</p>	Connectivity, Environment, Heritage & Character
WP-121	I would like more areas to walk or run (or cycle). It's hard to do any loops around the area because we are cut off by the highway. And just walking up and down th Main Street gets a bit boring. I love the work being done on the river walk and hope the track is upgraded for winter weather.	Connectivity
WP-122	<p>more green space areas</p> <p>Better use of some of the unused land near the Centre (i.e. there is a big block of land on the eastern side of Nova Scotia Drive (which is boarded by gorse and wooly nightshad hedges- yuck)!</p>	Amenities
WP-123	Footpaths - no upgrade on infrastructure in the siz years we have lived here but hundred of houses been built. now older community- dangerous	Infrastructure
WP-126	More retail businesses and don't heed any more coffee/cafes	Other
WP-127	Walkways Footpaths and or cycleways In and around the area, especially on the 80 or 100km hr roads that lead into and out of the village as those roads are not safe to ride on as they are.	Connectivity
WP-128	Keep the current rural friendly relaxed atmosphere. Do not allow unfettered urban development/housing.	Heritage & Character
WP-129	<p>Specifically, for Waipu I'd like to encourage development around a tight urban cluster, discourage / avoid car centric development.</p> <p>Encourage people to walk and ride bikes when and where they can and for the large number of people who do arrive by car, opportunities for them to enjoy the shops and amenity by walking around. Big box retail development for example would be a disaster. Encourage higher density and more affordable housing options close to shops.</p> <p>Slow traffic and encourage bypass routes. Plant trees up the middle of the road.</p>	Connectivity, Smart Growth, Environment
WP-130	<p>speed limit reduced to 30km all through Waipu cove & Langs beach starting from just before Blue Moon rise on the waipu side and better visibility near the the one lane bridges i.e vegetation pruned. I would like a cycleway & safer walking track from Langs Beach to Waipu cove</p>	Amenities, Connectivity

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WP-133	The estuary does not appear to be healthy. Mangroves and spreading from the south end and choking the estuary.	Environment
WP-138	<p>Footpath / cycle trail along South Road from the new subdivisions to town (paid for by the developers not the rate payers).</p> <p>Footpath /cycle trail linking South Road to St Marys Road.</p> <p>Footpath / cycle trail following the river from the Boat club on Nova Scotia Dr to Cove Road at the bridge.</p> <p>Re zoning the land bordered by Nova Scotia Dr, Cove Road and the river to allow for commercial development (supermarket, light industrial, commercial along Cove Road and next to the RSA) as well as multi-level accommodation, (apartments) along the river intensive residential, open spaces etc. A more urban type environment rather than more brick and tile housing. Like the area next to the pub in Mangawhai.</p>	Connectivity, Smart Growth
WP-139	<p>A footpath from the centre to the end of The Braigh to enable our families to walk to the early childhood centre located at 44 The Braigh Waipu to promote walking and exercise and keep our families safe. Some families walk or cycle here and there is no footpath.</p> <p>The speed signage outside this childcare to be moved to the southern side of the centre to promote safety for our children.</p> <p>The Lang Cove footpaths need some restoration as unsafe and slippery. The entrance into Seacrest Blvd could do with some beautification, this is done on Hector Lang Drive, but not at the southern part of the subdivision. Upgrade and painting of the Langs Beach toilets, they are a terrible colour, a mural like the Waipu Cove toilets which tells a story about the area visually would be lovely.</p> <p>Speed limits through the town change a ridiculous amount of times, 50km, then 30km, then 40, then 60km. It is a joke actually amongst those that live here.</p> <p>A roundabout onto SH1 is a must, going through Shoemaker Road, is not a good idea, it is a residential area and people often park on the side of the road, those coming from the Waipu Cove area would have to travel right through Waipu to get onto SH1, making the town even more congested. The area is growing so quickly, get it right the first time.</p> <p>It would be awesome to see an area planted in native trees, the sides of the roads planted and beautified.</p>	Connectivity, Environment
WP-140	<p>The speed along Cove Road needs to be reduced to 80kms or less.</p> <p>Continuation of the walking and cycle way all the way from the township to the cove is needed for safety and as a key offering for destination marketing. A small movie theatre would be a good addition to the town for both locals and visitors</p>	Connectivity

Receipt Number	Give us more feedback on the what improvements you would like?	Themes
WP-143	<p>You said "Waipu" includes Langs Beach. SO >>> I'd like to see (1) good footpaths (including cycle tracks) all the way between between Langs and the Cove, and further towards Waipu / and Mangawhai. The traffic is so much increased in quantity and speed over the years that it is barely safe to walk on the roadside anymore. (2) Local groups have done much around Langs to improve and safeguard the natural environment with planting etc. WDC needs to support this to the max. (3) Speed on the roads approaching Langs for example, and elsewhere is ridiculously fast. More than a speed limit sign is needed to get the idea across. Speed cameras maybe. (4) a couple more pedestrian crossings in Waipu are needed, and please put a roundabout at the junction of Cove Rd where it arrives in Waipu village and turns right to go towards the main highway. Someone put a temporary item there a while ago, briefly -- excellent and practical idea.</p>	Connectivity, Environment
WP-145	<p>There are many trip hazards in the Main Street that are not user friendly to the older population. Work needed.</p>	Infrastructure
WP-145	<p>Library upgrade, swimming pool for the public, squares (like in Europe) with places to sit outside in the township/ shops area. More linked walking tracks</p>	Amenities
WP-136	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking configuration in the Centre, options for parking in peak season. Safe management of overflow parking from 4 Square and central shops. Suggest that further investigations into long term traffic/parking management is warranted. Acknowledging the removal of the minimum parking requirements through the NPS UD 2020. • Review of safety of the main intersection (Nova Scotia Dr/Cove Rd/South Rd/The Centre). • Consideration of slow street options/enhanced walkability. • Consider pedestrian access? Is it sufficient? Lots of jay-walking. • Improved walking/cycling connections – particularly aiming for safe walking/cycling connection between the principal ECE facility 'Kids 1st' on the Braigh, the Playcentre on St Marys Rd and the Primary School (corner of St Marys and Argyle). Further walking and cycling improvements connecting the footpath (BSR) extending all the way along the Centre from 'Magic Tasty' takeaways on the northern LHS to connect with the existing cycle track on Cove Road. • Further footpath improvements to ensure that highly trafficked footpath connections are wheelchair/stroller/mobility scooter friendly including traversable/ramp connections. • Waihoi Park upgrade – removal of pest plant species, review of existing plantings/trees for park setting (noting recent removal of a poisonous species). Playground upgrade – suggest the new playground should also cater for younger/preschool children. Existing playground infrastructure is geared for older children. Consider 	Infrastructure, Connectivity, Amenities, Environment

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	<p>setback and visual separation from carpark in design considerations (safety). Consider connection with the River Walk. Consider use of modern base surfacing (rubberised etc) rather than wood chip. Consider accessibility (wheelchair, stroller etc). Consider inclusion of an additional (small) public toilet stall at the Bridge end of the park (noting that many families with young children are caught out using the playground and have to dash to the public toilet – logistical nightmare for families utilising the park). Consider installation of shade sail infrastructure. Noting that many of the playground facilities are too hot to use during the heat of summer. Upgrade signage in line with WDC current branding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stormwater and drainage improvements St Marys and Argyle Road. • Footpath improvements. • Opportunities for additional amenity plantings/planters, associated seating (elderly/families) within the Centre. • Opportunities for riparian planting/restoration along the Waihoihoi River banks. Removal of pest plant species. • Removal of pest plant species within road reserve at entrances to Waipu Village (ie gorse, Japanese Honeysuckle, Ginger etc at Cove Road bridge, Nova Scotia Drive (gorse, Woolly Nightshade etc). • Community need for additional local housing options (buy or rent). Affordable within easy commute distance to school and ECE, shops etc. Currently housing options are reasonably high-end or further commute to school etc. Consideration of accessibility for elderly and children. People move to Waipu for the culture and lifestyle. However, it is becoming increasingly unaffordable for many/those who do not already have properties. Consider enabling further intensity/infill in the land zoned 'Settlement Zone Residential sub zone' along south road. Extension of Council services in line with this zoning along South Road? 	
WP-149	<p>I have lived in Waipu for 30 + years now and with the population of waipu growing and even more so on school holidays, public holidays, easter weekend, christmas and summer holidays we need more parking space!!!!</p> <p>Including a disabled car park outside the four square would be a bonus rather than outside the liquor store! It never gets used!</p> <p>An ATM Smart machine would be an advantage to our elderly in the Saorsa village who are not "tech savvy and don't do online banking" they have a long way to go to the nearest bank to get cash out/make deposits. A bigger supermarket would be amazing to save trips to Ruakaka / Whāngarei.</p>	Amenities
WP-150	<p>I would like to see a nice colourful, big playground that caters for toddlers too. Something similar to the Mangawhai playground would be fantastic.</p> <p>Also more parking, not sure where they would go but Waipu has</p>	Amenities

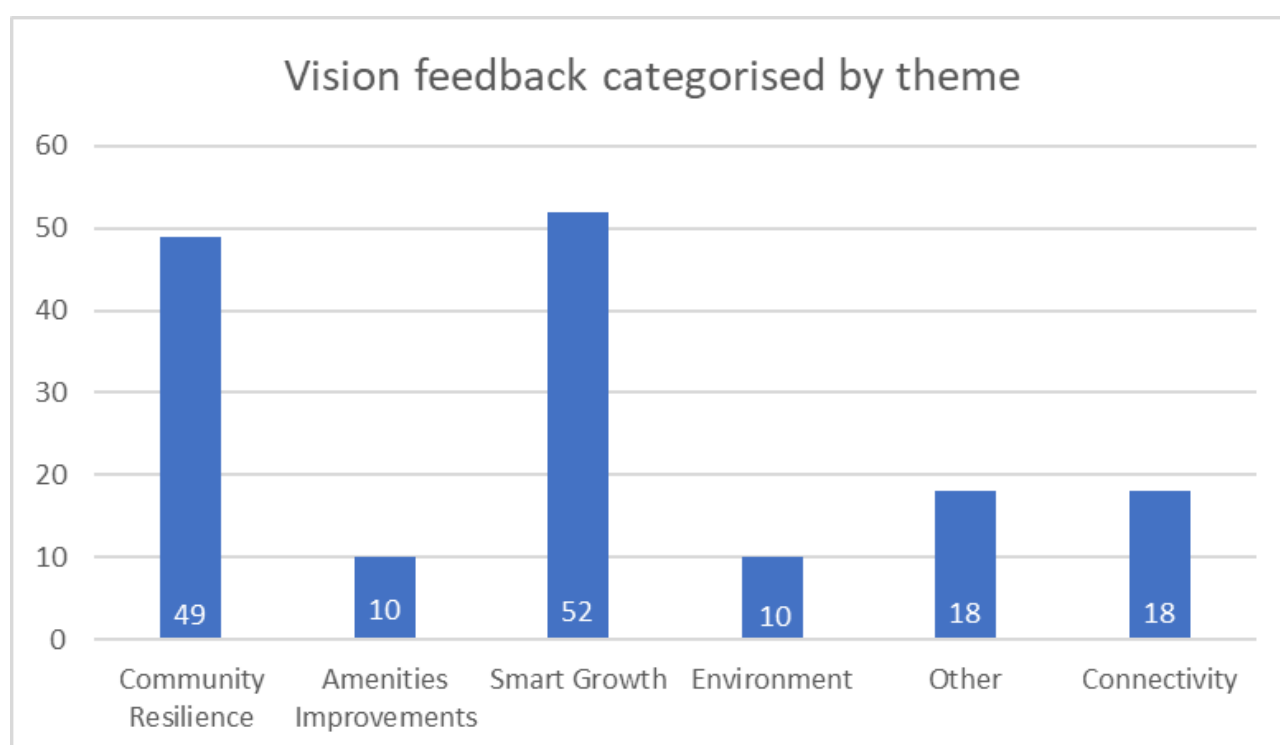
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	grown and is so busy with it hard to find a car park even on a weekday sometimes. Which is not ideal with toddlers in tow!	
WP-151	<p>Waipu needs an environment which links the two sides of the road, all ends of town & tells a story. Curbs, paving, walkways redesigned/ updated, allows/ encourages people to relax and be visible/ part of the town. Access for our elderly. Use of natural materials, wood, stone, concrete, metal and native planting! Materials that will weather well & enhance the history of the town.</p> <p>Simple infrastructure is lacking such as service vehicles/ access for shopping district. Mixed with public instead of having seperate access.</p> <p>Open Showers @ beaches for rinsing off. Waipu & Lang's both ends (refer Australia examples)</p> <p>Cycle pathway completed - linking the cove & waipu - Lang's ?????</p> <p>Day walks/ treks - encourage tourism through activities</p> <p>Activities for kids brings whole families to the area</p> <p>Basketball half-courts - positioned away from houses (ball noise) but used extensively in Australia by children and adults</p>	Amenities
WP-153	No to 3 waters	Infrastructure
WP-155	<p>The centre - more available parking, particularly to cope with seasonal influxes, using the park for additional parking</p> <p>Waipu Cove -</p> <p>Road safety -dangerous during summer, place judder bars to help reduce speed</p> <p>lack of access/ parking, not equitable presently</p> <p>extend the area for people to walk their dogs away from the public (creek end) with restrictions (2 hours either side of low tide, stay in low tide zone, not in nesting season)</p> <p>Exemptions for land owners to provide for alternative housing ie rentals</p> <p>Complete the Waipu to Cove track, include a surface so that the "flash bikes" can get off the road</p>	Connectivity, Smart Growth
WP-156	Update children's playground. All the power poles underground or if not painted tartan .	Amenities
WP-157	<p>The bike track completed to the Cove.</p> <p>Pedestrian access at bridge on The Braigh.</p> <p>More childrens areas at Waihoihoi - extension of skate park</p> <p>Improved space and seating - water at Waihoihoi park, Waihoihoi park walking track completed right around in a loop.</p> <p>Continued beautification of the Waipu Main Street</p>	Connectivity, Amenities
WP-159	more shops, B&B's for visitor, make more of a destination	Amenities

Receipt Number	Give us more feedback on the what improvements you would like?	Themes
WP-163	I love living in Waipu Cove. My main feedback is around is becoming an area where people can live and work. I still have to go to Auckland once or twice a week to make my work situation work. Having employment opportunities here would be wonderful. The area is growing - it's just making sure that the infrastructure keeps up with the population growth. Finishing the path between Waipu and Waipu Cove would be a priority for me as I often run / walk that area and the 3 km that doesn't have a pedestrian bit is quite terrifying. Thanks!	Smart Growth, Infrastructure, Connectivity
WP-164	Hillbilly town change.	Other
WP-165	I would love to see improvements to the main street, so that it's safer to walk around, cross the roads and use the space. I feel there's currently too many cars driving and parking on the main street and not enough space allocated to walking, cycling, shopping, relaxing, etc. especially with children, I'm constantly worried they get hit by either a car driving past or backing out of a car park, it doesn't feel safe.	Connectivity, Infrastructure

2.6 What is your vision for how you would like Waipu to look in the future?

127 of 157 people commented

Feedback has been categorised into 6 themes. Please note each feedback submission may be coded in one or more themes.



Receipt Number	Give us more feedback on the what improvements you would like?	Themes
WP-1	I'd like to see the Main Street given some love; we need parking improvements. Upgrade to Waihoihoi Childrens Playground Public Toilets installed in the park area opposite the Pizza Barn A fully fenced dog park, so we have somewhere safe for our dogs to be let off lead. So many restrictions around beach use for dogs (understandably with threatened bird life) would be great to see somewhere for them to be able to be let off lead and socialise.	Community Resilience, Amenities Improvements
WP-3	More shops and plenty of parking.	Smart Growth
WP-4	I would like to see the continuing growth of interesting boutique type shops/galleries etc. Re-directing heavy traffic from the town centre to SH1 is imperative.	Community Resilience
WP-5	It's a great little town, it can't end up overdeveloped like Mangawhai & Largs	Smart Growth
WP-6	A boutique village retaining its mix of country and coast. NOT overdeveloped, retain green spaces and open pastures near, in and around Waipu central	Smart Growth
WP-7	better roading systems, more rentals rather than just purchased houses. Wider roads ie: St Marys road is far to narrow when the school and fresha valley are at the end. more parking	Smart Growth, Amenities Improvements
WP-8	Less junk shops more retail that people want to visit waipu for its not exactly a destination retail wise at all. I hsd a retail business 10 years ago and its gone backwards. Pizza barns the biggest draw card	Smart Growth
WP-12	I would like Waipu to keep the fantastic community sprit this town has; it just needs some essentials here to save us going into Whāngarei for them.	Community Resilience
WP-13	Respectfully recognising the heritage and not over developing.	Smart Growth
WP-14	Kids activities friendly. More money spent on areas for them to do fun stuff.	Community Resilience
WP-15	More shops and infrastructure	Smart Growth
WP-16	Green and have slow traffic!	Other
WP-17	Adventure playground, as so many people visit for surfing and walking etc, Mountain bike tracks etc would help.	Community Resilience, Amenities Improvements
WP-18	A concreted path link from the township to the beach would be fantastic, like in New Plymouth.	Amenities Improvements

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WP-19	Waipu needs more infrastructure for the future. It is incredibly jammed with cars constantly as there is not enough car parking. It could do with more green spaces and trees on the Main Street to sit and for our tamariki to play.	Smart Growth
WP-20	More kid friendly. And I would love to see a farmers market type area like Matakana.	Smart Growth
WP-24	Mature trees and planting providing shaded spots for people to eat, chat and mingle in the Centre with a greater emphasis on people instead of vehicles in that area.	Community Resilience
WP-25	Like Feilding. Trees and plants lining the main road...the Centre.	Community Resilience
WP-26	Infrastructure in line with growth. The village is too small and during peak holiday times you can't move. No parking. Pavements are narrow. Dangerous to crossroad as only 1 crossing. Pizza barn intersection needs a round-a-bout	Smart Growth
WP-27	Empty spaces in main St filled	Smart Growth
WP-28	More greenspace set aside. A boat ramp for safe and easy access to the water.	Community Resilience, Smart Growth
WP-30	Like it did 5 years ago. Large sections. Parking spaces free. Family environment.	Amenities Improvements
WP-31	For the township and beach to be seamlessly integrated via proper access with cycleway and safe walking options	Connectivity
WP-33	It was a beautiful rural village so long ago, now it seems haphazard, disjointed with little parking available especially during busy times. No consistency with style ie how wonderful if the beauty of the old buildings were to b replicated and encouraged ie the old bank now is fabulous, credit to them.	Other
WP-35	More facilities for young people. More playgrounds.	Amenities Improvements
WP-37	It's good now though given the influx of people more variety in facilities/housing/recreational opportunities would be appreciated	Smart Growth
WP-38	More commercial and retail development to service the going community	Community Resilience
WP-36	A more cohesive and unique feel, telling more of the story of the area. The population appears to be skewing towards more retirees and ex-pat Aucklanders, with a regular influx of visitors over summer and long weekends. I think it could be developed in a way that would give it more of a destination feel such as the Town Basin	Smart Growth

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	has...rather than a cluster of good attractions as it is now...but with no real unifying style or look.	
WP-39	I think I've answered prior Oh, I would like to see more planting around the river front on the farms that border the river. I see very little riparian planting and improving water quality of our river would be amazing. We swim in it as a family but the quality is often poor. Maybe toilets at uretiti?	Environment, Amenities Improvements
WP-40	I love the town the way it is, slightly quirky, very friendly	Other
WP-41	To remain a small community village.	Other
WP-42	I love the heritage and the special character - I never thought much of the Waihoihoi river until the walk way has been established and I would LOVE more!! I have a vision of the town being a hub which has people actively able to access township and beach safely - utilising a bike/walking track freely	Community Resilience, Smart Growth
WP-43	Keep the character of the shops and any new building to fit the nature of the environment. No mega centre with no personality. Better medical centre. Community developments and placemaking for teenagers, develop a mixed age group community. Bus access to Whāngarei and Mangawhai. Dog park Cycle path finished River walkway finished Build a community that is carless with walking access amenities.	Community Resilience, Connectivity
WP-46	It should be a destination town with its history, museum, beach, river and events. Like an Arrowtown of Northland	Other
WP-47	Town plan should support its unique heritage. Could be pedestrian only or single lane one-way that loops through to a utility park (visualise Arrowtown in Otago)	Smart Growth
WP-48	Playground for children of various ages and a pump track. More walk and cycle ways	Community Resilience, Amenities Improvements
WP-49	Great facility's in the town and nice places out of the town for tourists such as at beach and caves	Community Resilience, Amenities Improvements
WP-55	More pram accessible	Connectivity

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WP-56	To keep nostalgia aspect of the village and the cove. Don't change anything and stop spending money.	Other
WP-58	Caters to all ages. Infant through to aged care residents.	Amenities Improvements
WP-59	More things for children. Especially preschool age playground	Community Resilience
WP-61	Our own Sport Recreational Centre. Retailing outlets (Bunnings, Countdown, Hunting & Fishing outlets). Better parking facilities.	Community Resilience
WP-62	It would be nice to retain the heritage buildings and have any new builds fit in with that look.	Community Resilience
WP-64	Its stays safe and continues to bring affluence.	Other
WP-65	Keep its vibrant small town look Ensure new housing doesn't make it sprawl More cycle tracks around the town to make cycling safer (not just to the cove) Enable cycling off the main highway eg to Ruakaka.	Smart Growth, Connectivity
WP-66	More safe recreation areas. A bigger supermarket with More car parking.	Community Resilience
WP-67	A town that celebrates the history of the region, with buildings and architecture that reflect that. The town centre badly needs a comprehensive planting programme as most of the trees on the street front are straggly. There are too many cheap signs littering the street advertising all manner of things - the signs should reflect the retail entity only. Would be good to have dedicated bicycle parking and a few bench seats on the footpath so people don't leave them parked against shop fronts.	Manage Growth, Community Resilience
WP-68	Keeping the heritage of Waipu is important. The work done is restore the old bank is fantastic. When the new pharmacy was built I was impressed with the effort put into keeping the look of old Waipu. With the growth in population & nrw subdivisions that have gone on over the last few years I think Waipu will have to expand its commercial & retail side but hopefully without losing to much of that quaint village feel.	Community Resilience
WP-69	A shopping area outside the main street	Other
WP-70	Larger and more developed	Smart Growth
WP-71	Maintain the country/community feel, always!	Community Resilience

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WP-72	A more integrated community rather than the Presbyterian grip that seems to run it at the moment (just being honest). Communal swimming pool and gym facility.	Community Resilience
WP-74	Non suburbia...farming horse and dairy community with no extensive industrial or large commercial outlets but as the beautiful quaint town that it has always been. Attracting new growth comes with a huge price of non sociable activities as in Ruakaka, One Tree Point of greed focused land grabbers bent on making the area a City.	Smart Growth
WP-75	Walkable, cyclable, a place that people travel to visit various attractions	Community Resilience
WP-76	A more vibrant and engaging Main Street. Easy access for all. Playgrounds accessible and useable for a variety of ages and developmental needs.	Connectivity
WP-77	A small beach town.	Other
WP-78	Actress to cafe, library, fresh fruit/ vege markets in Main Street With supermarkets at a separate drive to, get big vehicles off the short main strip between Pizza Barn and the Lion stature.	Smart Growth
WP-79	A proud, involved, happy community-minded wee area with spaces for all ages and stages. Emphasis on its unique heritage would be a total bonus! Oh - and clean - the river is a mess - it needs sorting - please???	Community Resilience
WP-80	Buildings styled appropriately, traffic thru cove at a beachy speed, more greenery, bike and hiking trails, grooming of beach in summer, red algae management.	Smart Growth, Connectivity
WP-81	A place that feels welcoming to residents and visitors, with attractive spaces to shop, stop and eat, walk and cycle, where there is a feeling of unity of design, recognition and celebration of the natural and cultural heritage, and there is safe, easy connectivity between the spaces for living, work, school and play.	Smart Growth, Connectivity
WP-83	Still small town feel , would be nice see new fresh ideas people coming through	Smart Growth
WP-84	I would love to see more things that people of all ages can do eg the skate bowl is fantastic, and the Waipu River Walk is brilliant. Imagine a belt of fruit trees somewhere central! That the community had access to, or a space provided for a community garden. More tracks that open up Waipu for everyone, and connect people to their natural environment. An emphasis and support for the natural environment in place. I would also love to see more of the history of Patuharakeke and their connection to Waipu visibly represented.	Community Resilience, Smart Growth

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WP-85	Naturally beautiful.	Other
WP-86	Mix of old and young and more affordable housing we have loads of people living I sheds with children	Smart Growth
WP-87	Better interconnections between Edgewater and Nova Scotia	Connectivity
WP-88	A Waipu without WDC injecting their bureaucracy! A Waipu that develops and grows because of its community and not WDC. A Waipu that encourages private business. A Waipu with less regulation.	Other
WP-89	I really like that there are no really large-scale retail outlet stores. This creates a sense of community and a chance for multiple small business to have a piece of the pie. I feel this is something that should be protected.	Smart Growth
WP-90	User friendly and inclusive for all. More car parks, a new playground.	Community Resilience
WP-92	A rural community with more links and connections between the settlements along the coast. Improved public transport along Bream Bay and connecting to Whāngarei.	Connectivity
WP-93	The main street in the village needs cleaning up - some of the shop fronts (mostly the food ones) are very shabby and dirty with cracked paving and uneven surfaces along there. Even a regular waterblast would be a start. The historic part is charming and more support for developing the historic buildings at the back of the Museum would be a step in the right direction. A boutique cinema appeals to us housed in one of those buildings. The park should have designated gardeners with seasonal planting. The trees look a bit hungry and would benefit from regular care. The mowing man does a brilliant job to upgrade the place. The new walkway along the river is a feature but would benefit from further development - pathways, seating, planting. It is currently quite difficult for the elderly to walk there or people with prams and pushchairs to use because of the undulating land and thick kikuyu. Maybe a shorter track (within the whole track) could be developed in this way.	Community Resilience, Environment, Connectivity
WP-94	A welcoming, green, cool, shaded town centre where it is safe to move around at low speeds, on foot or on active transport, and where motorised vehicles are kept out of the centre (excluding necessary delivery traffic, which should be zero-emission by no later than 2025). Ideally it would be on a network of shared paths, separate from road traffic, that links One Tree Point, Ruakaka, Waipu and Mangawhai.	Smart Growth, Connectivity

Receipt Number	Give us more feedback on the what improvements you would like?	Themes
WP-95	Safer roads, new playground at Waihoihoi park & restructure of Ranburn retirement village.	Community Resilience
WP-96	I would not like Waipu to become another Mangawhai (ie. an Auckland- holiday home dominated town). The homes built should not impact upon productive farm land. As a part of this, the farm land along Nova Scotia and Cove Road which is dominated by gorse and woolly nightshade could become the next suburb in Waipu. But I would wish this to be planted by any developer in native plants as a requirement for approval to develop. The history of the Waipu area needs to be highlighted more by the Council. The Museum staff can provide the information and the Council can fund the boards.	Smart Growth
WP-97	Keep it as it is and reduce the expansion of the village	Other
WP-98	A cycle/walkway between Waipu & Ruakaka / One Tree Point - connecting to the "Still being built Waipu to Waipu Cove Cycleway / Walkway" With cost of transport growing and an ageing / young & active population- this would allow us to travel by walking / running / cycling for health, shopping, visiting friends & families, sporting events, etc without incurring costs Electric bikes are allowing us to venture further afield & do more of our daily tasks, visits etc but we need safer means of travelling - EG Cycle / walkways	Connectivity
WP-99	It would be nice to be able to swim in the Waipu river	Environment
WP-100	Waipu and surrounds are beginning to look like another suburb of Auckland. The rural character is being lost. I thought there had been restrictions on development but it seems like people have found a way around it or it is not being monitored by the council. I think retaining and enhancing Waipu's unique character, by keeping it small, creating facilities that reflect the Scottish history eg benches, water fountains, and rural , supports the main themes of Art n Tartan and the Highland games.	Smart Growth
WP-101	Less housing in coastal environment, prevention of subdivision of existing house sections and new subdivisions in the Waipu Cove/ Langs area so it doesn't end up like Managwhai which is totally over housed with huge strain on infrastructure and resources. Further restroration and protection of dunes.	Smart Growth, Environment
WP-102	An oasis where all living things - flora & fauna, whenua, awa & moana - are thriving. People included. Green spaces yes, but also wild places. A place where tangata whenua history is celebrated, shared and at the heart of the community. Visitors feel welcome to stay, rest and interact with the space. True harmony between the taiao and its inhabitants. A place where the soaring mana of tūpuna	Environment, Community Resilience

Receipt Number	Give us more feedback on the what improvements you would like?	Themes
	Waipu himself is present and evident in every decision made. A place that in itself inspires preservation and restoration!	
WP-104	A beautiful little town with better amenities to serve the local people, not a mish mash with no real plan	Smart Growth
WP-105	As a remote worker, I believe Waipu offers incredible benefits for remote working. The Fibre broadband, proximity to Auckland, natural beauty, boutique cafes and community feel were all huge appeals for my fiancé and I before moving here. I think Waipu can capitalise on these amenities by advertising them and making a name for itself as a remote working friendly town - this could even be as simple as a website and billboard outlining the benefits of living here for remote workers (I'd be happy to help with this initiative!) The addition of a coworking space would attract more innovation and startups into the area, as remote working is a trend that will only increase in the coming years. I would love to see something like this in Waipu's future.	Smart Growth
WP-106	Small community centre that retains the historic village culture.	Community Resilience
WP-107	Similar to somewhere like Russell, a popular tourist spot (lots of tourist attractions) with modern restaurants/cafes and stores whilst still maintaining the heritage and natural environments	Smart Growth
WP-108	I would like the heritage aspects of the town to be enhanced not lost.	Community Resilience
WP-110	Better planning for new subdivisions, larger sections so less like rabbit warrens with poor access. More opportunities for adult learning.	Smart Growth
WP-111	I would like Waipu town and Cove retain it's country character and not have big-box retail development near the town centre or intensive housing at Waipu Cove like there is at Langs Beach.	Community Resilience, Smart Growth
WP-112	The northern side of 'The Centre' needs a revamp. I would also like to see more plantings in the roadside berms especially in the newer housing areas. Maybe this could also be a focus within The Centre.	Smart Growth
WP-113	Waipu needs a makeover that retains it small town culture, but makes it attractive to outside visitors	Community Resilience
WP-114	Enough amenities to support the growing community. Medical centre with state of the art equipment. Infrastructure to support future technologies.	Smart Growth

Receipt Number	Give us more feedback on the what improvements you would like?	Themes
WP-53	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain the heritage look and feel to the town • Maintain the tranquil nature/atmosphere of the existing town • Ensure future subdivisions provide adequate access to reserves/green space and river esplanade reserves • Provide alternative roads from SH1 towards Waipu Cove/Langs Beach without having to go through Waipu centre (eg seal Glenmohr Road; link Glenmohr Road to Cove road more directly or seal McLeans Road) 	Community Resilience, Smart Growth
WP-117	Family Friendly town - it must a be a great place to raise kids and have the ultimate kiwi lifestyle. It have places for the old folks to stay close to grandkids. Provide reasonable growth opportunities for the town but dont let it get out out hand like Mangawhai, it will then loose its charm. Ensure the continued promotion of the scottishness of the town.	Community Resilience, Smart Growth
WP-119	Cleaning, painting and better maintenance, making nova scotia the entry to waipu	Community Resilience
WP-120	Water fountains Again again reuse cups (like Auckland Zoo) Walking and cycling hub with connections to Ruakaka (public transport hub) Pocket parks Shared spaces Murals Fruit trees Better Flags	Community Resilience, Environment
WP-121	Stay small. No more big housing developments with no parks or public areas provided. Where are all the kids going to go to hang out when they get older but can't drive?	Smart Growth
WP-122	Still as a village environment (but still allowing clever expansion)	Community Resilience
WP-123	Safe walking around town - i.e. safe footpaths, basketball court for children. more shops i.e. fruit and be, butchers etc	Connectivity
WP-126	A bustling community of mixed demographic.	Other
WP-127	To retain its village feel with quirky buildings but have more supermarket options & more pathways sealed roads.	Community Resilience, Smart Growth
WP-128	Like a quiet country town	Other
WP-129	A beautiful place for residents and visitors a desirable destination that enhances the wonderful businesses that are based there. Draws inspiration from the river and the regenerating bush in the Brynderwyn ranges	Community Resilience, Environment

Receipt Number	Give us more feedback on the what improvements you would like?	Themes
WP-130	I think Waipu can retain its quaintness and still develop it's commerce area eg: this was done well in Greytown & Martinborough	Smart Growth
WP-132	The character of the main street preserved with development of new businesses in separate park zone.	Community Resilience
WP-133	As a social community it has everything I need. However, a larger supermarket that offers competition would be great.	Smart Growth
WP-134	A beachside village that services the local community and can manage influx of visitors during the short peak periods	Smart Growth
WP-137	To be more inclusive by everyone. No more discrimination.	Community Resilience
WP-138	Less brick and tile suburbia and more diverse housing types suitable to a range of demographics including low rise apartments, smaller houses, car free lanes, open spaces without wooden fences. The commercial area to spread along Cove road and behind the RSA. Footpaths along all roads within 3 kms of the town centre. Power should be underground in the town centre.	Smart Growth, Connectivity
WP-139	A village with a Celtic flavour, buildings in keeping with the older style buildings such as the Pizza Barn and old bank, they are a true asset to the town.	Smart Growth
WP-140	Retain and celebrate its unique Heritage. Provide good pedestrian walkways around the area and connecting to the cove and beach. More walks and cycle ways in the surrounding areas. This will provide good economic benefits as the area grows in popularity for visitors who want to enjoy the outdoor environment	Community Resilience, Connectivity
WP-142	More access to the rivers.	Environment
WP-144	The shopping is experience in Waipu needs to improve. There needs to be more commercial zoned land to allow for barbers / gyms etc.	Smart Growth

Receipt Number	Give us more feedback on the what improvements you would like?	Themes
WP-143	<p>I like the Waipu area as it is mostly, but don't live there full time, so some needs are best known and described by permanent residents. I appreciate that Langs and the Cove are popular beaches and holiday destinations, but they also need protection from the worst sorts of development.</p> <p># Much more Tree Protection is important both on the land and also roadsides. Some disgusting pruning work has been done by council in recent years, damaging and ruining beautiful long-established trees without good reason. Once gone they take decades to be replaced, and are a loss to the beauty of the place, as well as the region's environmental health.</p> <p># I am doubtful that loss of farm land to so much "10 acre" block development all along the road from Langs and northwards as far as the city is a good idea. Loss of farming production and also the extra infrastructure required seem quite uneconomic to me, though Council may find the extra rates handy. Hardly a good reason.</p> <p># Past experience has shown me that to some extent Council considers all the temporary bach visitors to be a good source of income, while not treating them as valid, important and valuable community members. This attitude needs to improve, and recognition should be given to the contribution visitors make in terms of council rates funding and commercial spending in the area.</p> <p># As the population increases I think a few more public toilet blocks would be useful if not essential., such as at the Waipu end of Langs Beach, and also somewhere along the Waipu Cove to Langs Coastal Trail.</p>	Environment, Community Resilience
WP-115	<p>Each town or village needs to emphasise their point of difference. For example, the most iconic and actually world famous (yes really) business in Waipu is McLeod's pizza barn and brewery and they have achieved this by tapping into the history and emphasising it. Another example is the recent stunning and fastidious restoration of the heritage listed National Bank building.</p> <p>More people who value the history of Waipu are coming to live here and helping to make our village and surrounding area an important stopover.</p>	Community Resilience
WP-145	<p>I would love for the main highway/ future motorway from Auckland/Whāngarei to be further away than it is now. And Waipu to be more of a beach town, not a town off the highway. More shops, better planning for town centre growth. It's getting very congested with traffic.</p>	Other
WP-136	<p>Maintenance and enhancement of Waipu's unique culture and village vibe. Work with this to support additional numbers, tourism and the peak season pressures whilst holding true to the local's core needs and aspirations for 'their' Waipu.</p>	Community Resilience, Smart Growth

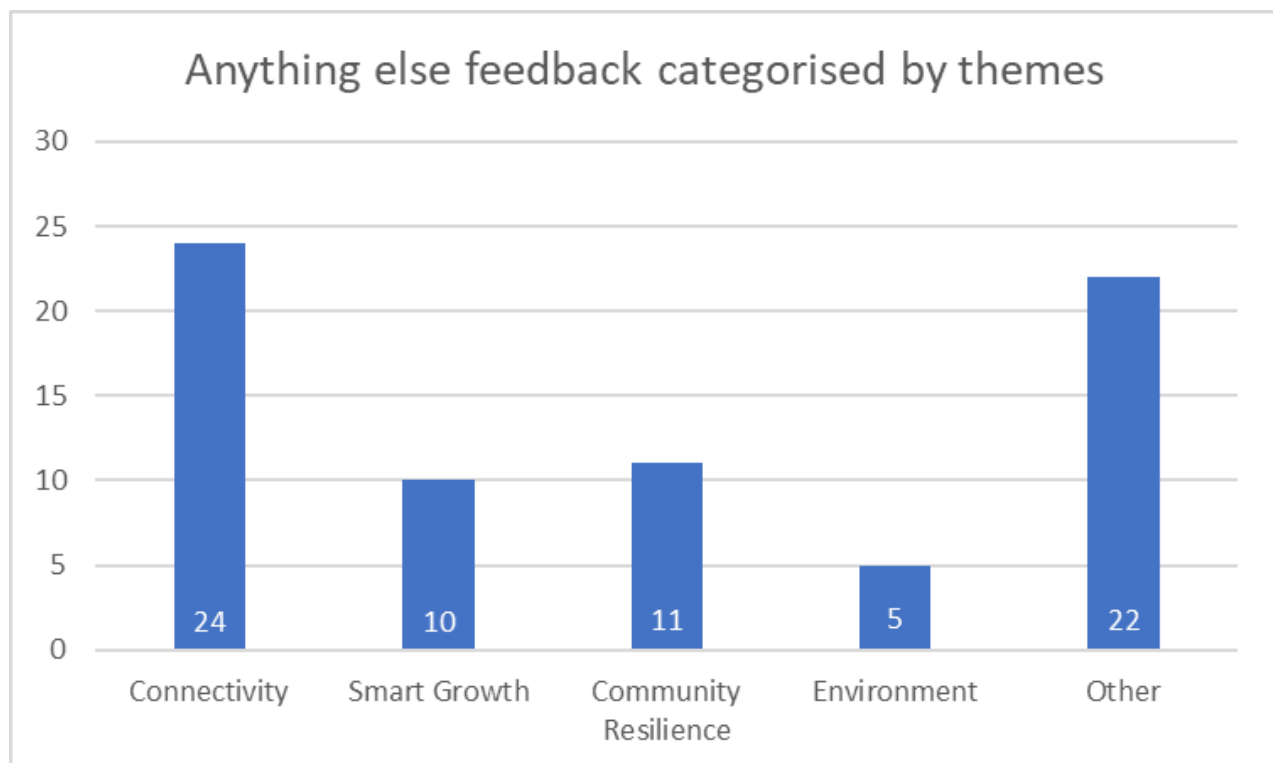
Receipt Number	Give us more feedback on the what improvements you would like?	Themes
WP-146	A special destination that offers visitors a unique experience especially further highlighting the Scottish heritage	Other
WP-148	A well connected community - excellent access ways, safe walkways and excellent green spaces	Connectivity
WP-149	To see our local growing businesses flourish and our community not needing to venture to Whāngarei for shopping etc. Spruce up the front of shops in our main street, keep our Scottish heritage strong and evident in our quaint little town. Need attractive accommodation for holiday makers / family who come to attend weddings and can't get into the cove camp ground - the local Clansman Motel has gone to the pack!	Smart Growth, Community Resilience
WP-150	I would like to see it more family friendly with a few more activities for families to be able to do.	Community Resilience
WP-151	Updated, a look and feel that blends with our natural environment with use of quality natural materials and natives but tells a story. We currently do not provide a "brand" for our beautiful towns/ community, it is rich with history, bursting with pride but if you weren't from the area you wouldn't think so by what you see... It doesn't mean go modern it means, beautifying, thoughtful areas and points that link our community together..	Community Resilience
WP-153	More facilities. Swimming pool, shopping centre, hockey turf so I don't have to drive to Ruakaka or Whāngarei	Smart Growth
WP-154	More access with footpaths and walkways connecting townships and beaches to rural areas where possible. Remain clean and green	Connectivity
WP-155	Retain the character of the village area Improve facilities for younger generations (Mangawhai Skate Park)	Community Resilience
WP-156	Beautify the town. Approaching Waipu from both entrances	Other
WP-157	A place which is easy to access via foot and bike.	Connectivity
WP-159	create value for the area by getting more people to visit and spend money and more for local to do/ connect with	Smart Growth
WP-164	More amenities and fraternisation.	Other

Receipt Number	Give us more feedback on the what improvements you would like?	Themes
WP-165	I would love the main street to be redeveloped around people and cars to be removed as much as possible. Thinking perhaps large car parks just outside the town center and removing all car parks on the main street to create space for walking and cycling. The intersections definitely need to be made safer to cross and pedestrians should have priority access, especially the intersection near McLeod's. I would also love for cafes and restaurants to have lots of outdoor seating on the main street, it creates such a lovely vibe, combined with more boutique-type shops. Definitely more greenery, trees, flowers, etc. more seating and wide walking spaces that connect to key community places, such as the school, church, sports club and a green park that connects the main street with the river for a leisurely stroll and a kids playground. Can we remove the petrol station further out? It's such a shame this valuable space in the middle of the main street is taken up by a car centric service, it just draws cars in instead of people.	Smart Growth, Environment

2.7 Is there anything else you would like to tell us?

68 of 157 people commented

Feedback has been categorised into 5 themes. Please note each feedback submission may be coded in one or more themes.



Receipt Number	Give us more feedback on the what improvements you would like?	Themes
WP-5	Cove Rd speed limits are too high in residential areas.	Connectivity
WP-7	Waipu is a great little town, gets super busy during the summer months to the point where there is no parking. I really would love to see better infrastructure.	Connectivity
WP-8	Just think about it seriously look at the bigger picture. All these families coming into the area in the winter what are they going to do???? No planning no thought just \$\$\$ in council's pockets	Other
WP-12	More foot paths on residential streets would be fantastic, more essential shops, retail spaces.	Connectivity
WP-13	Don't get it wrong and remove reduced (too low) speed limits	Connectivity
WP-20	Please don't put a barrier down the middle of the road from the Brynderwyns to Ruakaka.	Other
WP-24	I love living in Waipu but feel that the town has not developed with any clear focus and what is important. I greatly welcome the councils plans to rectify this and am enthused at what Waipu may become in years to come. Kai pai whanāu.	Smart Growth
WP-25	The area around the only petrol station looks unkempt.	Other
WP-27	Walking/cycle Bridge over Waihoihoi river, linking the main two housing areas.	Connectivity
WP-30	Just improve the condition of our roads	Connectivity
WP-36	I'm aware there is a feeling locally that substantial contributions have been made to WDC in recent years by developers and subdividers, and a sense most of it has been absorbed by projects in the city, with not much coming back to Waipu. The skate park is a welcome development for young people and visitors, but it took far too long to achieve. There is a feeling among some that this could have been done far more cheaply with less WDC interference, and the funds saved used towards other projects. Waipu has several active and committed local groups, capable of staging significant events and pulling together on projects like the cycleway and river walk. It has been said by some that they would like to feel WDC was behind them in getting things done, rather than standing in the way, putting up expensive obstacles.	Community Resilience, Connectivity
WP-39	Thanks for what you have done for Waipu such as supporting the new skate park that has got my son into skate boarding every day and off a screen!	Other
WP-40	I would love to know if there is any intermediate school planned for this area	Other
WP-42	Thanks for the upgraded toilet facilities in the village.	Other

Receipt Number	Give us more feedback on the what improvements you would like?	Themes
WP-46	No freedom campers please	Other
WP-47	Trucks need to be diverted	Connectivity
WP-49	Quality and character is imperative.	Community Resilience
WP-58	Suggest using social media as the main form of communication and giving updates regularly to keep engagement up.	Other
WP-61	If we can have the right facilities that creates opportunities to have positive initiatives for our Youth and have more of our locals involved in our community, that would be so great for locals, new residents and visitors of Waipu.	Smart Growth
WP-65	Love this place	Other
WP-67	The dog walking area on Waipu beach is too restrictive - people should be able to walk their dogs at least 1/2 kilometre further than what is currently allowed. The disproportionate number of cars/motorbikes etc on Uretiti beach spoils it for everyone. Cars on the beach should only be allowed for people with a disability.	Connectivity, Environment
WP-72	Lack of good fresh vegetables delivered to Waipu.	Other
WP-74	The Māori and Scottish heritage of Waipu has long been a draw card. More involvement from Patuharakeke should be sort and the korero of how each helped each other should be the forefront of recognition through the story boards not just the Scottish side, after all Patuharakeke Chief and his wife Te Wiki OPirihi and Touhou were the ones whom welcomed the early settlers. Evidence of gardens and gardening tool artifacts over the years found on the Cullen family farms were recently returned and displayed at Takahiwai as the son knew the importance of ensuring the truth was known. These need to be housed in a descent sized museum. My thoughts are that whilst Gina O'Brien whom is related to both sides would be instrumental in supporting this and previous discussions and hui I have attended showed we would support the Provincial Funding sort but yet these ideas were shelved for supposedly other grand ideas. The first Highland Games in World until Covid struck a huge attraction of Sports and Piping competitors from around the world is followed by many overseas. This needs to be promoted more to fit in with the businesses that are wanting the Passenger Ships to Whāngarei. Just one train of thought.	Community Resilience
WP-76	I love how clean our community is thanks to the berm mowing, sweeping and rubbish collection done by our local team.	Other
WP-78	Preserve and enhance the Scottish history and the Māori history of the area, mark the cemetery, museum, old schools, in the area, etc...,	Community Resilience

Receipt Number	Give us more feedback on the what improvements you would like?	Themes
WP-79	I love living here. (nearly 4 yrs now - we ran away from Akld!) We miss nothing here from there other than choice. Having the opportunity for the future generations to grow up basking in the pride that we already feel seems far-too-hopeful from where we currently are - but it could easily be done. And to be honest - we deserve it! Amazing wee town with huge heritage, help us embrace it and its magical qualities. But please FIX THE ROADS! Our people are literally dying... (It's not a speed limit thing - it's an 'unsafe roads' thing - stones, potholes, depressions, lack of barriers, *slow fixes for broken bits, tired or insufficient signs...) *eg: wire barriers up Brynderwyns shattered in many places, often huge areas, weeks ago - road cones sitting there are NOT a fix!!!)	Connectivity
WP-81	<p>Walking and cycling are increasingly favoured transport choices amongst residents and visitors. Waipu does not encourage w & c by way of safe passage through the village, wayfinding signage, bike parking facilities.</p> <p>Waipu retail centre is tired looking and many shop fronts could do with a face lift- a cohesive master plan including a uniform signage policy would be useful along with a sponsor for a coat of paint. Similar towns that have done this well are Reefton and Shannon. Future possible expansion of the retail centre needs to be planned for to provide for that growth and also to guide it to maintain the Village feel and avoid the problems occurring in Mangawhai where the large format retailing area will divide the community.</p> <p>Traditional sports e.g tennis, rugby, basketball, football are well provided for - but there is a lack of flexibility for more contemporary sports and recreation choices e.g a gym, pool.</p> <p>There is an absence of a socially minded heart and service centre in Waipu where people can access social support, health and other cultural needs and services.</p>	Connectivity, Smart Growth
WP-83	Parking lacking	Connectivity
WP-85	Please add more parking areas and make a big space with multiple activities for our youth like Mangawhai has with MAZ	Connectivity
WP-86	Where did the money go that the many subdivisions built here in the last ten years had to provide to the council for parks etc, seems we have to fundraiser to get anything done	Other
WP-89	<p>The proposed idea to make some roads leading from SH1 into Waipu cul-de-sacs is an appalling idea. Council and Waka Kotahi need to listen to the people who use these access points multiple times per day.</p> <p>Better infrastructure on SH1 such as passing lanes and turning bays are what's needed.</p>	Connectivity

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WP-92	Land developments need to cater for public access corridors that allow for a larger network of walkways and cycle ways throughout the district. We should optimize the value of the Te Araroa walkway through the coastal district.	Connectivity
WP-93	Waipu is a historic village which has a unique character. The community makes things happen and it is a vibrant place to live. Markets, Highland Games, wearable arts, The Pizza Barn and Nova Scotia Junction all contribute, and the history is honoured from the buildings to the cemetery. Even the display of tartans on power poles is definitive. Everything that is done is well done. Local meeting places such as The Celtic Barn, The Caledonian Hall and Park are well maintained and much used. Lets' keep all this and enhance it further. If we could find a way to keep the trucks out of Nova Scotia Drive and environs it would be a huge bonus - diverting them through Shoemaker Road is not the answer.	Community Resilience, Connectivity
WP-94	Thank you for the opportunity to provide input to this placemaking programme. I'm looking forward to the one for One Tree Point / Ruakaka, hopefully in 2023.	Other
WP-95	There is a huge issue currently at Ranburn. I wanted to get my Dad in for respite care but they are so understaffed it's beyond dangerous (eg TWO nurses for the entire place and one was previously struck off for sleeping with a patient in a mental health facility in Auckland). I don't know who to contact to launch an inquiry - perhaps you could advise.	Other
WP-96	I would like to see more native plantings in the Waipu area to go with the control of noxious weeds.	Environment
WP-99	the removal of the siltation bank one km upstream from the mouth of the waipu river is a vital public health measure!	Environment
WP-100	The pressure of development on the Waipu Estuary, as the home of New Zealand's rarest bird, and other at risk species, should also be taken into account. More housing and visitors lead to more people entering the reserve, and there are always a percentage that eg bring dogs, light fires, remove natural materials, alter the queens chain for their own use eg surf skis access. The list goes on. The health of this estuary and the local streams and rivers needs to be protected and enhanced.	Environment
WP-102	Land that was unfairly taken and sold to Nova Scotian settlers (for a profit) should be returned to Mana Whenua, or at least a redress process entered into.	Other
WP-106	Don't change Waipu village.	Other

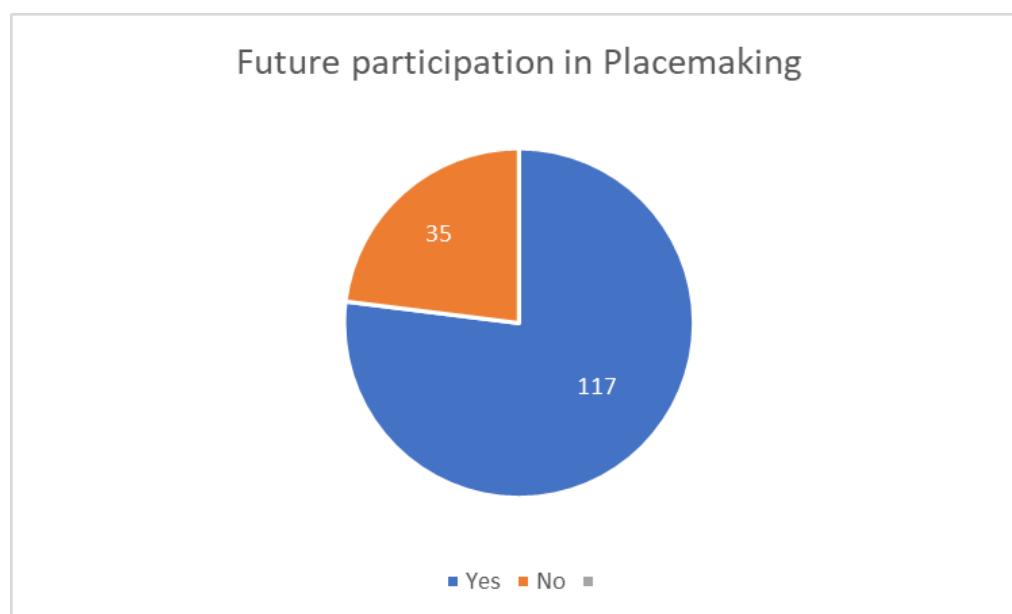
Receipt Number	Give us more feedback on the what improvements you would like?	Themes
WP-111	Waipu town is very busy during the summer months and additional parking areas would allow access for more visitors while easing congestion on the main street.	Smart Growth
WP-113	I think there needs to be a cap on the housing expansion in and around Waipu	Smart Growth
WP-116	Due diligence Waipu Business Assoc.	Community Resilience
WP-117	Its a great town with great character which we should not loose.	Other
WP-119	Spent the rates locally or reduce the fees	Other
WP-120	I would love someone to paint the bridge at the Centre near Waihoihoi /FEOH. The paint is peeling off and a creative revamp would be cost effective and inviting entrance to the town	Other
WP-121	We need more public green spaces or parks around here. It's seem very green but it is all farm land. There is only one park and that just got fifty tons of concrete poured on it to be a skate park.	Environment
WP-122	Better Public transportation system. encourage tourism (no place for backpackers to stay)	Community Resilience
WP-123	very elderly population - we pay rates- what are you doing for us, petrol is expensive and many elderly cannot for either financial or health reasons drive to Whāngarei. so more buses needed not just once per week.	Connectivity
WP-127	Bigger skate park playground area . And Not make shoemaker rd a main rd!	Connectivity
WP-128	Don't allow the urban growth as is currently happening in Mangawhai	Smart Growth
WP-130	better access to the estuary so all residents can use it for recreation. The area needs a proper boat ramp so people don't have to drive to Whāngarei or Mangawhai to launch boats	Connectivity
WP-132	There is a sense that parochial business interests are preventing new entrants/competition from developing	Other
WP-137	Remove the mandates, do not implement 3 waters and no "land grab". I can't even attend public buildings or events due to no vax pass, which is unlawful anyway. Also, I've seen an email about changes to SH1, access to and from Waipu. Do NOT close any of the roads off, that will cause major issues for the town.	Other
WP-138	McLean Road needs to be sealed. It's a through road with a lot of traffic. Roundabout at the top of South Road	Connectivity

Receipt Number	Give us more feedback on the what improvements you would like?	Themes
WP-140	Encouraging economic development and new businesses into the area will help develop the local economy. E.g Boutique food producers. A whiskey distillery!	Smart Growth
WP-144	I would like to see a bus service linking Waipu/ Waipu and Langs beach as there are no taxis in the area. The shuttle idea will have huge support from locals and should be discussed.	Connectivity
WP-143	I have been coming to Langs a great deal my whole life and seen many changes -- some for the better in terms of facilities and roading. More can always be done though, as everywhere, depending on funding available of course. I much prefer Langs to retain its no-shops character (though the coffee cart is nice -- and at an appropriate scale).	Community Resilience
WP-115	I'd just like to emphasise the above. Every area has its individuality that they can be proud of and tell the stories. This is much more preferable than trying to promote a sameness throughout the area as witnessed with the large amount of money spent on flagpoles which I understand were to "bring a sense of togetherness." The flags themselves were meaningless and quickly became bedraggled and looked awful.	Community Resilience
WP-145	Be careful not building houses on the flood plains. Difficult to turn right on to highway in summer. So much highway traffic noise.	Smart Growth
WP-136	Waipu is a unique blend of new and old, fresh and historic. Everyone who lives in Waipu lives here for the community and culture. Any change in Waipu does require community engagement and buy-in. Key interest groups such as the local education facilities, Residents & Ratepayers Ass, Caledonian Soc, Museum, Business Group(s), churches et al. will like the opportunity to view and engage projects and change going forward.	Community Resilience
WP-149	I love Waipu! No other place I'd rather be!	Other
WP-151	Our community is growing hugely in terms of population/ size but we are being left behind by other towns or communities who are investing in development. An updated vision will bring an even stronger community and sense of pride in what this area means to us all. If we don't make changes the whole community will suffer. We need to ensure the area provides for our babies, kids, our teenagers, the Mums & Dads & of course the Grandparents alike.	Smart Growth
WP-153	The speed limits are too slow. Especially south Road should be 50km and after the Boat Ub toward SH1 should be 100km as there are not many houses	Connectivity
WP-154	Be great to have some local transport or taxi like set up, party in the weekends, night, peak seasons and long weekends	Connectivity

Receipt Number	Give us more feedback on the what improvements you would like?	Themes
WP-156	Widen the zoning for residential	Smart Growth
WP-157	The Bike Track needs council support and to be finished - it's a great highlight of our area	Connectivity
WP-158	What I like about Waipu is its relative uniqueness in terms of how it recognizes its recent colonial heritage. This gives it a real point of difference to other locations. The skate park is a great recent addition - with more houses being built I think it's very important to increase and diversify the options available to young people in the area.	Community Resilience

2.8 Would you like us to contact you about the Waipu Placemaking Programme and additional rounds of engagement in future?

117 of 157 would like to us to contact them about the Waipu Placemaking Programme.



3 Workshops

Two workshops were held in Waipu. There were open for all to attend. Due to staff resourcing (COVID impact) the first workshop scheduled was postponed. The purpose of the workshop was to listen to the community's ideas, aspirations and feedback. The workshops were held at different times (evening and daytime) and weekdays to enable participation. The workshops were held on

- **Wednesday 23 March 6.30pm-8.30pm at Waipu Presbyterian Church.** There were 25 participants plus 3 staff at the workshop. Workshop participants had the following affiliations, residents, landowners, Croquet Club, Waipu River walk, Bream Bay News, Waipu Museum and Waipu Residents and Ratepayers.
- **Tuesday 5 April 2022 10.00am-12.00pm Waipu Presbyterian Church.** There were 16 participants plus 3 staff at the workshop. Workshop participants had the following affiliations Waipu Residents and Ratepayers Association, tangata whenua, Waipu River walk, Men's Shed and Sport Northland.

A short introduction presentation was given by staff, followed by two interactive workshop sessions. Workshop participants were asked to create small groups and workshop two questions per session. WDC staff supported groups as observers, scribes and/or facilitators.

Part 1 of the workshop asked:

1. What do you love about Waipu and the Whangārei Heads?
2. What improvements would you like to see in Waipu?

Part 2 of the workshop asked:

1. What is your future vision/aspiration for Waipu? How would you like it to be in the future (next 20-30 years)?
2. What would some of the reasons growth should or should not occur here?

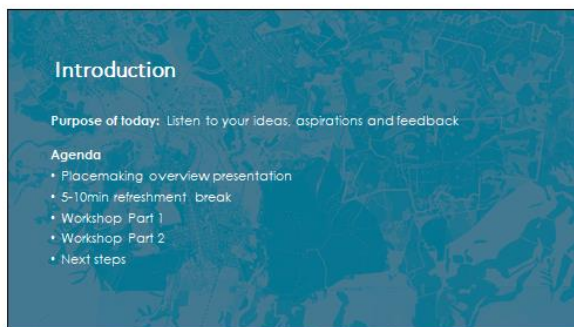
3.1 Workshop Presentation (5 April 2022)



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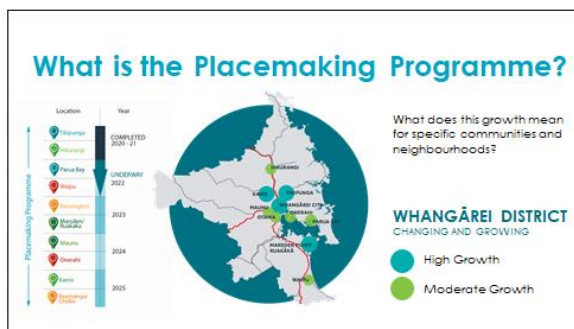
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We want to hear from you

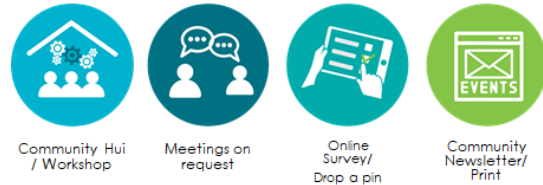
Gain an understanding of:

- What is **valued** / **important** to tangata whenua, the community and stakeholders?
- What are the **key issues** / **opportunities** / **what can be improved**?
- Develop **shared vision**



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Engagement approach



Will be promoted using social media, council news articles and emails / local networks.
*Note: Covid and staff resourcing may affect engagement

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Refreshment break

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Workshop Part 1

1. What do you love about Waipu?
2. What improvements would you like to see in Waipu?

Note:
Please re-introduce yourselves in the group.
Approximately 20-30mins (then report back to the main group)

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Workshop Part 2

1. What is your future vision/aspiration for Waipu- how would you like it to be in the future (next 20-30 years)?
2. What would some of the reasons growth should or should not occur here?
(What do we need to consider when managing growth?)

Note:
Approximately 20-30mins (then report back to the main group)

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Next Steps

- Thank you for participating today
- Get in touch (closing 6 April 2022, 5pm)
 - email us at placemaking@wdc.govt.nz
 - take part in our online survey at www.wdc.govt.nz/WaipuPlacemaking
 - interact with us on our new mapping tool 'Drop a Pin' see <https://arcgis.com/Waipu>
- Next steps
 - Workshop notes
 - Engagement report

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Closing karakia

Unuhia, unuhia Unuhia ki te uru tapu nui
Kia wātea, kia mārama, te ngākau, te tinana, te
wairua i te ara takatā
Kia rā e Rongo, whakaitia ake ki runga
Kia tino! TINA! Hui e! TĀIKI E!

Draw on, draw on, Draw on the supreme sacredness
To clear, to free the heart, the body and the spirit of
man/ma
Rongo, suspended high above us
Draw together! Affirm!

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3.2 Workshop notes Wednesday 23 March 6.30pm-8.30pm

3.2.1 What do you love about Waipu?

Group A

- Community
 - sociable
 - people looking out for each other
 - people involved
 - clubs
- Facilities
 - local ownership of amenities
 - sports
- Environment
 - soil
 - beaches
 - bush
 - biodiversity
 - proximity to beach
- History
 - heritage
- Size
 - walk to shops, meet in together
 - village atmosphere
 - no large supermarket

Group B

- Community spirit
- Parks
- Riverwalk
- Cycleway (need completing)
- Beach nearby and wonderful landscapes
- History

- Quiet
- Nature
- Easy access
- Services (community)
- Rural Waipu 'I love the night sky'
- Volunteers
 - willing and huge number of volunteers
- People are neighborly
 - multigenerational families living in the area
- Coffee bars
- Demographic

Group C

- Proximity to sea and river
- History and heritage
- Village atmosphere
- Defined center
- Flat land
- Capable community -engaged
- Definite boundary -not too sprawly (green belt)
- Wide range of sport and commercial activities
- Well-connected /networks
- Proximity to large centers
- Rich and rare biodiversity -beaches and bush

3.2.2 What improvements would you like to see in Waipu?

Group A

- Community
 - senior citizens club
 - support businesses starting up (shared office space)
 - cafe open later
 - youth community development
- Facilities
 - more and better footpaths (and associated parking)
 - more cycle trails
 - young person activity
 - basketball
- History
 - tell the Hapū Iwi story
- Environment
 - vehicle control
 - water quality
 - more pavement, seating and shade for community
 - manage invasive weeds
 - pedestrian friendly
- Size
 - Not develop like Mangawhai

Group B

- Loading zones behind shops
 - Park on main road
- People not working in Waipu
- Traffic management
- Coastline
- Weeds (private land)
- Petrol station in the middle of town
- Foot bridge over river
- Angle parking

- Tourist destination
 - Golf course
- Footpath connection
- Better access
- Controlled growth
 - Keep village feel
- “village”
- Completion of Waipu to Waipu Cove cycle/walkway
- Beautifying the street
 - Trees- upscale/upgrade planting
- Property prices
 - Market pushing up costs
- Ratepayer
 - Goes back into community
- Multi-purpose facilities
 - E.g. Celtic Bans-locally funded
- Ambulance services
 - Emergency services

Group C

- Wider variety of housing /section sizes to accommodate more variety of families and individuals
- More parking and supermarket
- Roundabouts
- Fix the pavements
- Tree planting
- Higher density housing with parks. zonal planning
- Children play parks
- Improvements to council planning
- Do we need a step change?

3.2.3 What is your future vision/aspiration for Waipu–how would you like it to be in the future (next 20-30 years)?

Group A

- Community
 - retain village feel and caring community
 - avoid sprawling subdivisions
 - health services
 - ambulance
 - dentist
- Tourism
 - backpackers
 - enhance nature and ecotourism
- Housing options
 - smaller units
 - social housing
 - variety
 - rental properties
 - consider housing associations
 - young families
- More young people
 - infrastructure
 - housing
 - satellite for Whāngarei
 - sports
 - employment
 - worker shuttles
- where to groups
- History- heritage
 - plaques- buildings/monuments e.g. Hokitika
 - river walk
- Tidy up entrance
 - improve gateways to Waipu
- Argle Street to South road
 - one-way system
- Safe
- DOC land 700ha
 - native restored area → coastal care
 - enhanced biodiversity → weed control

Group C

- Green belt around the village
- More parking
- No building on fertile land
- Rules around land use
- Community purchase of Connell land? at market value
- Boutique hotel /tourism
- Still a great place to live
- Planning for our children and grandchildren
- Need all sections of society living in Waipu
- Local high school in Waipu
- Enforce restrictions for example beach driving
- Improve water quality of rivers
- More pedestrian friendly shopping center
- More pavement areas will shade for outdoor seating and talking
- Heavy trucks removed from shopping center
- More awareness and attention to invasive weeds

Group B

- People friendly place
- Bike racks and storage unit
- Water fountain – would reduce need for plastic
- Vehicle off beach unless valid reason to be there
- Cars off beach
- Social cohesion
 - stronger inclusive society
 - mix- new and old

3.2.4 What would some of the reasons growth should or should not occur here?

Group A

- Planning rules to protect ridgelines and landscapes
- Keep greenspaces
- Subdivisions need controlled
- Lifestyle blocks good
- Could we have smaller blocks?
- Bridge Ferry Road to centre
- Strengthen shopping center
 - remove trucks
- Strongly assert existing designations

Group B

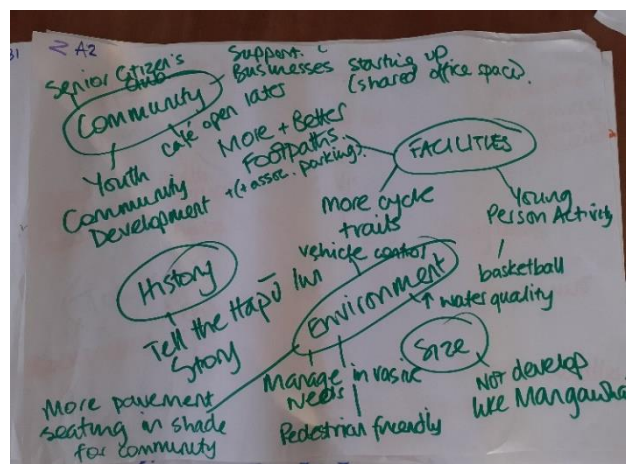
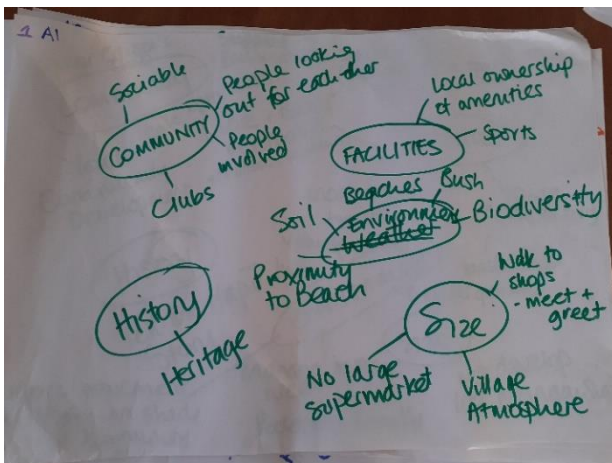
- Attracting businesses
- No more industrial land
- Shared green area with smaller houses around e.g. park in middle.
- Sewage infrastructure
 - Old systems, need to be upgraded
 - Capacity → can cope, need numbers
 - Rivers- Ruakākā after flowing events (water quality)

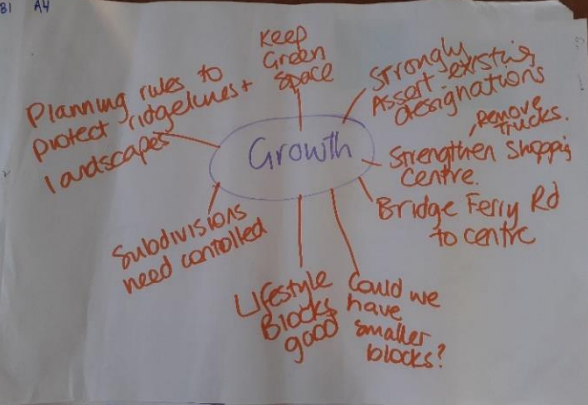
- More things to do
- Public transport
- Consolidated commercial

Group C

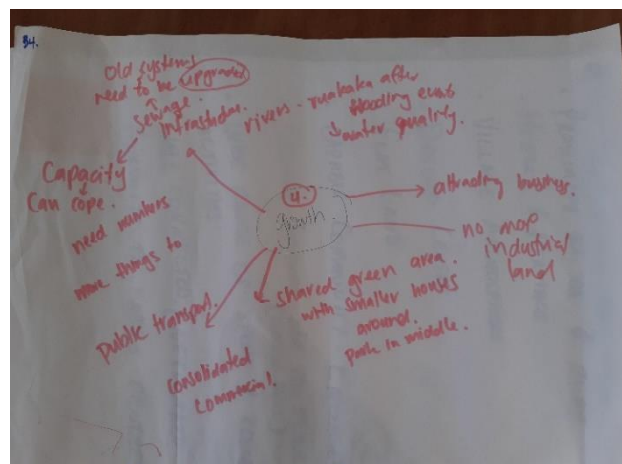
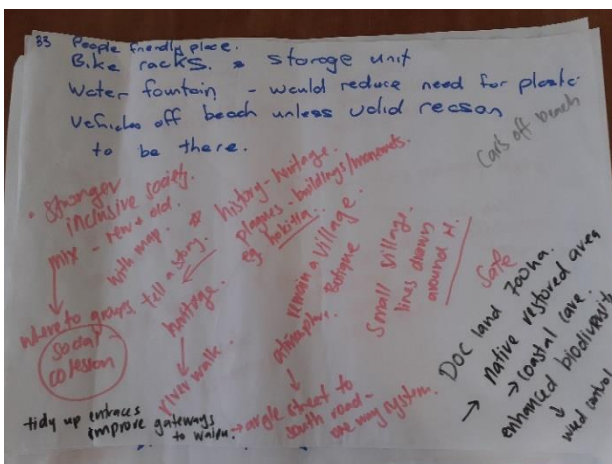
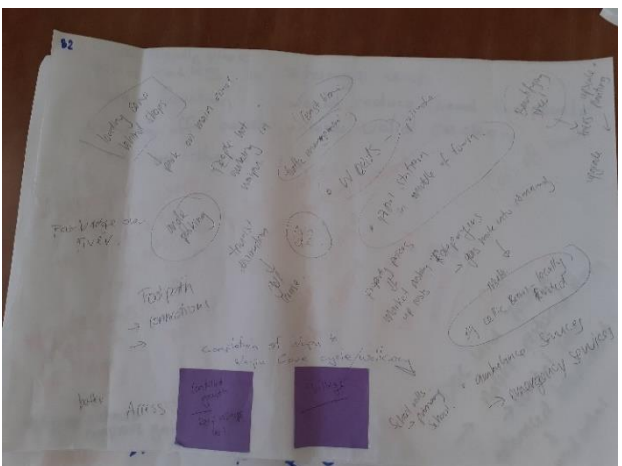
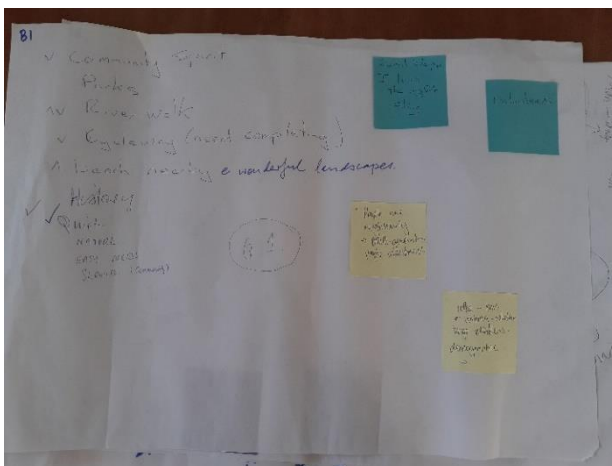
- Retain village /community feel
- More people working from home
 - spend money here
 - kids at local schools
 - engaged in local community
- Community /affordable housing
- Controlled growth to protect bird sanctuary
- Sustainable living
- Avoid big projects -sustainable growth
- Maintain rates at affordable level
- Avoid sprawling subdivisions throughout rural landscape
- Planning rules to protect ridgelines and landscape
- Retain village feel and caring community

Group A images

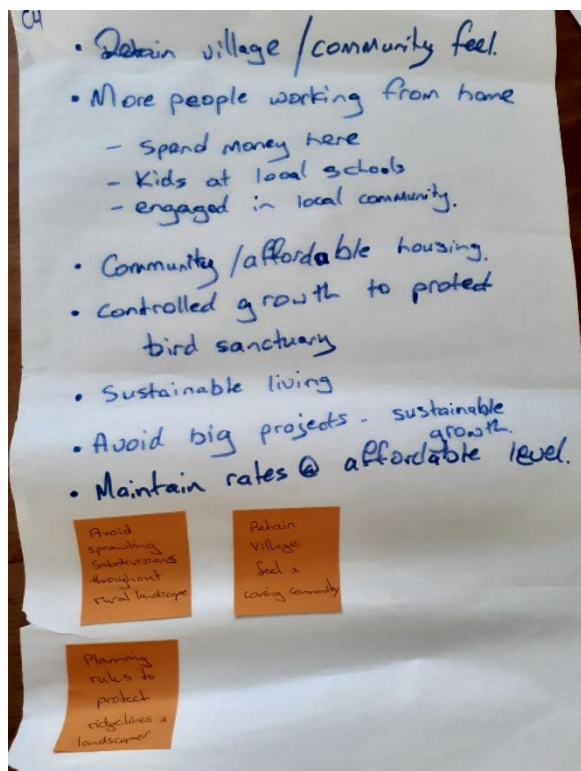
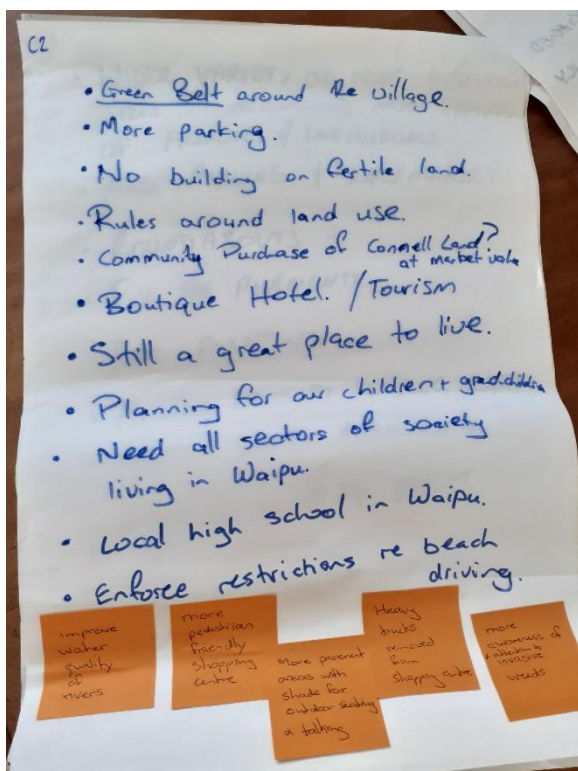
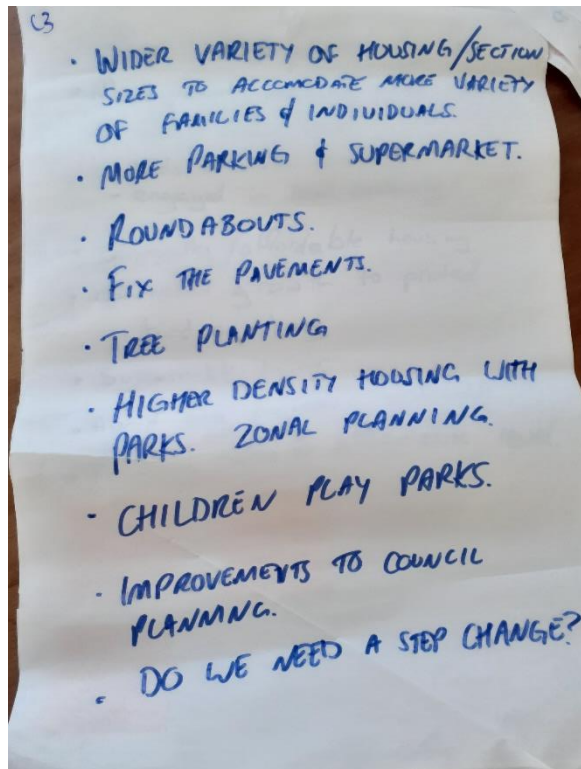
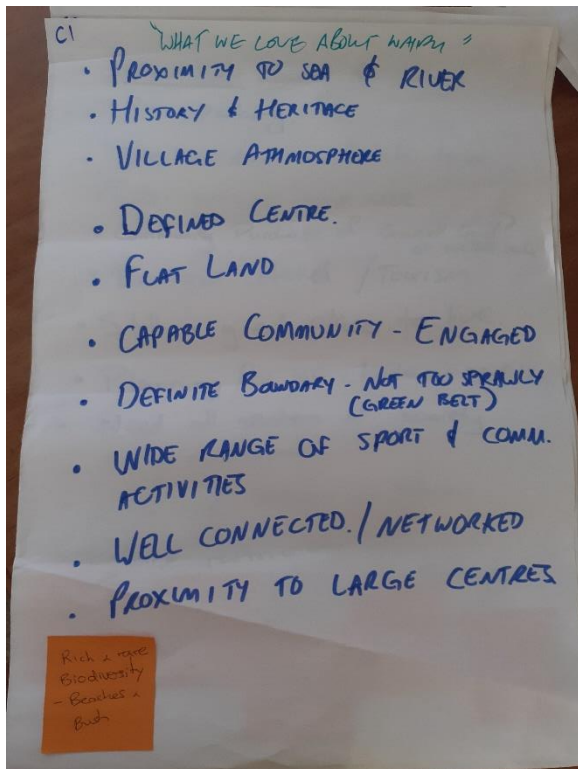




Group B images



Group C images



3.3 Workshop notes Tuesday 5 April 2022

3.3.1 What do you love about Waipu?

Group A

1. Beach
2. Lifestyle
3. Lots of family around
4. Community → key factor
5. Diversity of community
6. Diversity of activities /everything is nearby /access
7. A small community /size
8. Green
9. Connections to nature e.g. caves, falls, rivers
10. Can do your own thing, being invisible but can still be parts of community
11. Scottish history -heart and soul to community

Group B

- Library and Lilliputt one at Cove too
- Beaches
- Nestled in brim Bay
- Sense of community
- Historic vibe
 - buildings
 - landmarks
 - history of the settlement
 - museum
- Lovely people
- Art n Tartan
 - Easter carnival
 - unique to Waipu
 - Caledonian games
- Walkways - coastal
- Op shops
- River
- Cafes
- Retail
 - farm shops – Durham Road
 - roving market
 - public holiday Sunday market
- School and play center
- Wildlife -birds
- Off the state highway
- Growth potential
- Feeling of a small village
- Cycleway
- Christmas Eve parade
- Closer to the countryside
 - animals (horse, cow, sheep)
- Nice place to raise your children

3.3.2 What improvements would you like to see in Waipu?

Group A

1. Safe connections all footpaths leading to town, school, 4square and car park
2. Safer parking layout in town
3. Shuttle service Waipu - Cove – Lang's
4. More work opportunities
 - a. support to encourage commercial growth
5. More toilets
6. More access to our natural beauties
 - a. forest walk
7. More restoration work e.g. wetlands access to places
8. Access to health care
9. Future planning for amenities and infrastructure to meet population growth
10. Workers bus two finger day
11. Water quality of our rivers
 - a. building junk in rivers especially Waihoihoi
 - b. e.g. Coli/Algae
12. Weed control /pest (possums/rats)
13. Sediment control

Group B

- Books Road
 - Pedestrian access across SH1
- River water quality
- Land opposite NPS -weeds gorse and pigs, etc.
- Better narrative around the settlements - cultural
- Playground, picnic areas
 - more required
 - civic meeting areas
- Four square parking and the foot path
- Anglican church
 - new road speed hasn't made a difference
- Access to fish n' chips (curbing, etc.).
- Use of Caledonian park
 - playgrounds parks
- Beach access it Tip Rd
- Footpaths
 - linking Kids First to the village
 - down South road ext
 - from Flagstaff to McLeands Road (along Cove Road)
- Cycling – tracks/walkways are unsafe
- Freeing up the car park
- Dangerous intersection
 - the center
 - Nova Scotia drive
 - South road

3.3.3 What is your future vision/aspiration for Waipu– how would you like it to be in the future (next 20-30 years)?

Group A

1. Would like new school to accommodate Year 7- 13
2. Waipu to be thriving biodiversity
 - wetlands
 - Bird life/ dunes
 - community garden
 - *there are many projects started by volunteers in the community but need financial support for an ongoing maintenance
3. Ecotourism
4. Need Council presents
5. Development contributions need to be spent in Waipu to build manage infrastructure to support growth

Group B

- A village that has retained its culture, look and feel
- Subdivision development contributions go towards footpaths, public spaces etc. in Waipu
- Protecting the visual values and heritage of the town
- Solar hot water
- Designate land for expansion /development of the Riverwalk to go from bloat club to Flagstaff Rd
- An environmentally conscious community supporting local environment ecology /ecosystem etc
- Extensive pedestrian and cycle connections throughout the waipu area =new business opportunities and tourism opportunities
- Considered design and planning approach to growth population and visitors e.g. solution for increase in traffic
- Connectivity between nearby towns e.g. Mangawhai shuttle /buses etc.
 - more transport options

3.3.4 What would some of the reasons growth should or should not occur here?

Group A

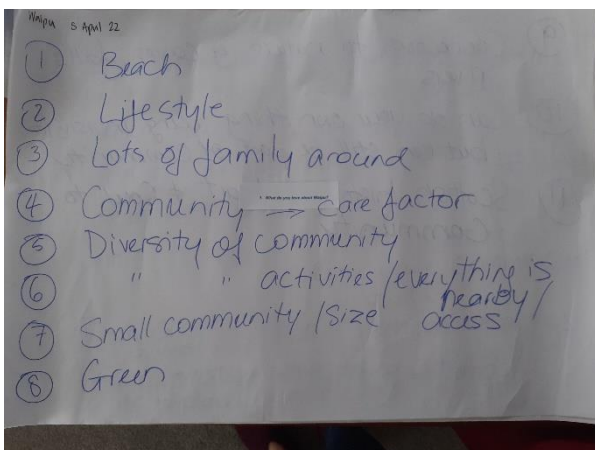
- All development contributions from Waipu spent and Waipu when growth occurs - how is it spent?
- Growth will occur but need amenities and services to keep up
- We live in Waipu and what does that mean for us? the land, whenua, dual cultures -we have a lot of natural features, integrate
- Managing it and everyone be on board
- Preserving the character of Main Street/village while accommodating growth
- Maintenance and infrastructure should be in line with growth not be out paced by growth
- Collaborative approach to growth - understanding all of the needs, balancing it
- Ecological consideration in the built environment now and future
- Waipu as a destination for
 - environment (rivers, beach, bushes)
 - historical identity

Group B

- All development should support community values and aspirations (environmentally sustainable, access to natural spaces)
- Growth should not happen unless there is sufficient infrastructure to support it
 - footpaths
 - toilets
 - parking
 - local attractions
 - local amenities
- Must consider safety and accessibility as part of plans
- Should not increase population unless there are more transport options
 - shuttle areas
 - bus stops ATC
 - vehicle electric charging stations
 - bike parks

Group A images

Question 1:



- Whangarei 5 April 22
- ⑨ Connections to nature eg caves, falls rivers
 - ⑩ Can do your own thing, being invisible but can still be part of Community
 - ⑪ Scottish history - heart & Soul to Community

- Whangarei 5 April 22
- All DC's from Waipū spent in Waipū when growth occurs - how is this spent?
 - Growth will occur but need amenities + services to keep up.
 - We live in Waipū + what does that mean for us? The land, whenne, dual cultures - we have a lot of natural features, risks integrate.
 - Managing it and everyone be on board.
 - Preserving the character of main street / village while accommodating growth.
 - Maintenance + infrastructure should be inline with growth, not out paced by growth.
 - Collaborative approach to growth - understanding all of the needs, balancing it.
 - Ecological considered in the built environment now + future.

Question 2:

- Whangarei 5 April 22
- ① Safe connections of footpaths leading to town, school, 4 Square car park
 - ② Safer parking layout in town
 - ③ Shuttle service Waipū ⇌ Cove ⇌ Longs
 - ④ More work opportunities
 - ⑤ More toilets → support to encourage commercial growth
 - ⑥ More access to our natural beauties → forest walk
 - ⑦ More restoration work eg wetlands access to places

- Whangarei 5 April 22
- ⑧ Access to health care
 - ⑨ Future planning for amenities to meet population growth infrastructure
 - ⑩ Workers bus to Whangarei
 - ⑪ Water quality of our rivers → building junk in rivers esp. Whangarei → E. Coli / algae
 - ⑫ Weed Control / Pest (possums / rats)
 - ⑬ Sediment control

Question 3:

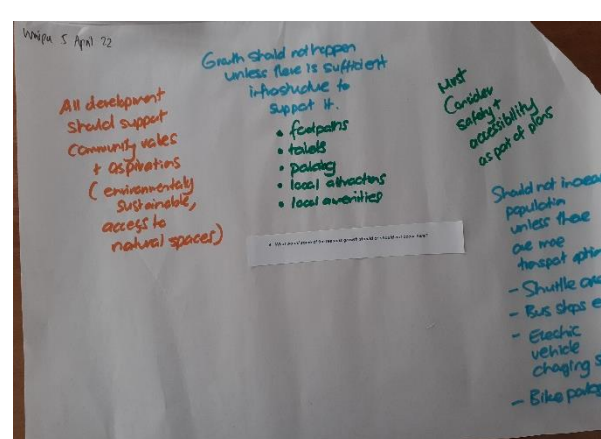
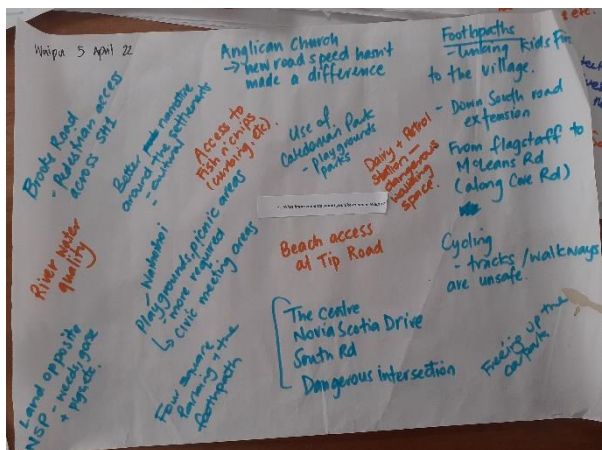
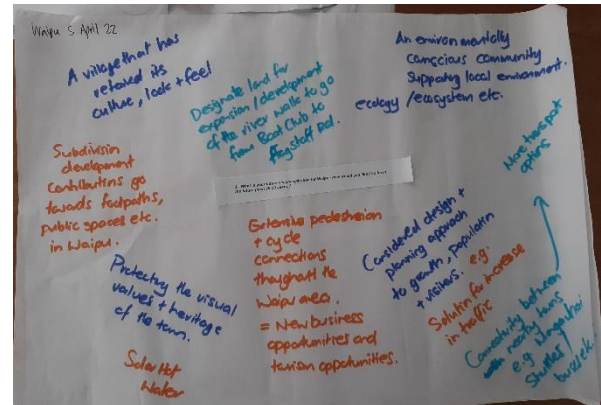
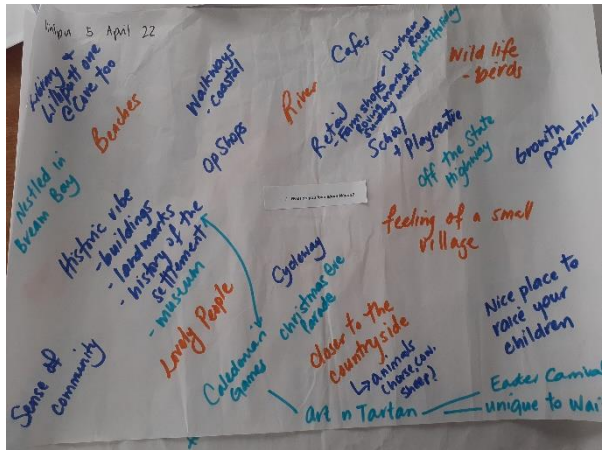
- Whangarei 5 April 22
- ① Would like new school to accommodate yr 7-13
 - ② Waipū to be thriving biodiversity → wetlands → bird life / dunes → community garden
 - ③ Eco tourism
- there are many projects started by volunteers in the community but need financial support for on going maintenance

- Whangarei 5 April 22
- ④ Need council presence
 - ⑤ Development Contributions need to be spent in Waipū to build / manage infrastructure to support growth

Question 4

- Whangarei 5 April 22
- Waipū as a DESTINATION FOR
- Environment (Rivers, beach, bushes)
 - Historical identity

Group B images



4 Emails

As part of the first round of engagement, one of the engagement tools offered were emails and meetings upon request. We received five emails. One of the emails received was prepared by a Planner at Reyburn and Bryant Ltd submitted on behalf of a group of Waipu residents and business owners.

4.1 Shelley Couper

Summary

Ms Shelley highlighted the history of Waipu encompassing both the tangata whenua to the area and the Nova Scotian migration and the interests in the preservation of heritage areas, as well as the recognition of the influence of the Presbyterian and Anglican churches in Waipu's culture through their social work in the community.

Ms Shelley's vision of Waipu is that of an affordable place to live a healthy and happy life, "*a place that puts cycling a walking at its centre*". Waipu is to be seen as part of a larger area comprising the Waipu township, Waipu Cove and Langa Beach, "*a community minded place committed to sustainability, renewable energy and progressing toward carbon neutral*".

The recreational opportunities in the Waipu area that can be enhanced include halls suitable for festivals, parks and a network of walkways and cycleways.

4.2 Christine Birss

Summary

Ms Birss provided comments in relation to vehicles being driven at the beach at excessive speed (beyond the maximum 20km/h) or using the beach as a carpark and would like to see council limiting who can drive on the beach. Ms Birss supported the suggestion of the provision of a shuttlebus connecting Waipu, Waipu Cove and Langa beach as it will reduce the number of vehicles driving on the beach and give more people access to the beach.

4.3 Graham Boulton

Summary

Mr Boulton, Secretary of Love Waipu formerly known as Waipu Business and Community Inc (WBC) acknowledged the invitation to participate in the community workshops and agreed to extend the invitation to the members of the WBC.

4.4 Emma Miller

Emma Miller, an associate to Reyburn & Bryant Ltd, facilitated a meeting held on 20 January 2022, with a group of Waipu residents and business owners to understand the values and aspirations for the future of the Waipu community. Ms Miller submitted a memo and two plans that detailed the issues and comments raised during the meeting. This information has been summarised below.

Summary

The group confirmed that Waipu locals identify Waipu as the “Waipu Valley” comprising the area between Langs beach and the Waipu Golf Club, linked by a common culture, history and identity. They consider however, that Council often sees Waipu, Waipu Cove and Langs beach as separated townships.

The group confirmed the importance of attracting the younger generations to work and live in Waipu and recognised that places like Ruakaka currently draws in the younger families as housing is more affordable. A need for parks and recreational spaces was identified, including the extension of the existing cycleways. As well for an interest to maintain some rural areas to keep the amenity between the denser residential areas.

In relation to roading, the group commented on their interests in removing through traffic from the main street and suggested the closure of Shoemaker Road as one of the three main ‘entrances’ to the town along with The Braigh/Millbrook and Nova Scotia/Rosythe Road. The installation of roundabouts at the intersection of Nova Scotia Drive, Cove Road, The Centre and South Road was considered as well as at the intersection of The Braigh and Nova Scotia Drive with SH1, where the installation of speed cameras was also suggested.

In terms of carparking and other infrastructure, the group highlighted the need for pedestrian infrastructure (crossings, footpath and kerb improvements for accessibility), improvement of the formation of the existing parking areas, and provision of day parking for business workers, as well as the enforcement of time limits for parking on the central street.

The group highlighted the need to create more space for light industrial development options, which would work as a catalyst for attracting a lower demographic to the area. An ideal location for light industry was suggested close to SH1, in terms of easy access and to avoid detracting from the commercial vibrancy (retail) on the main street.

4.5 Richard Davies

Summary

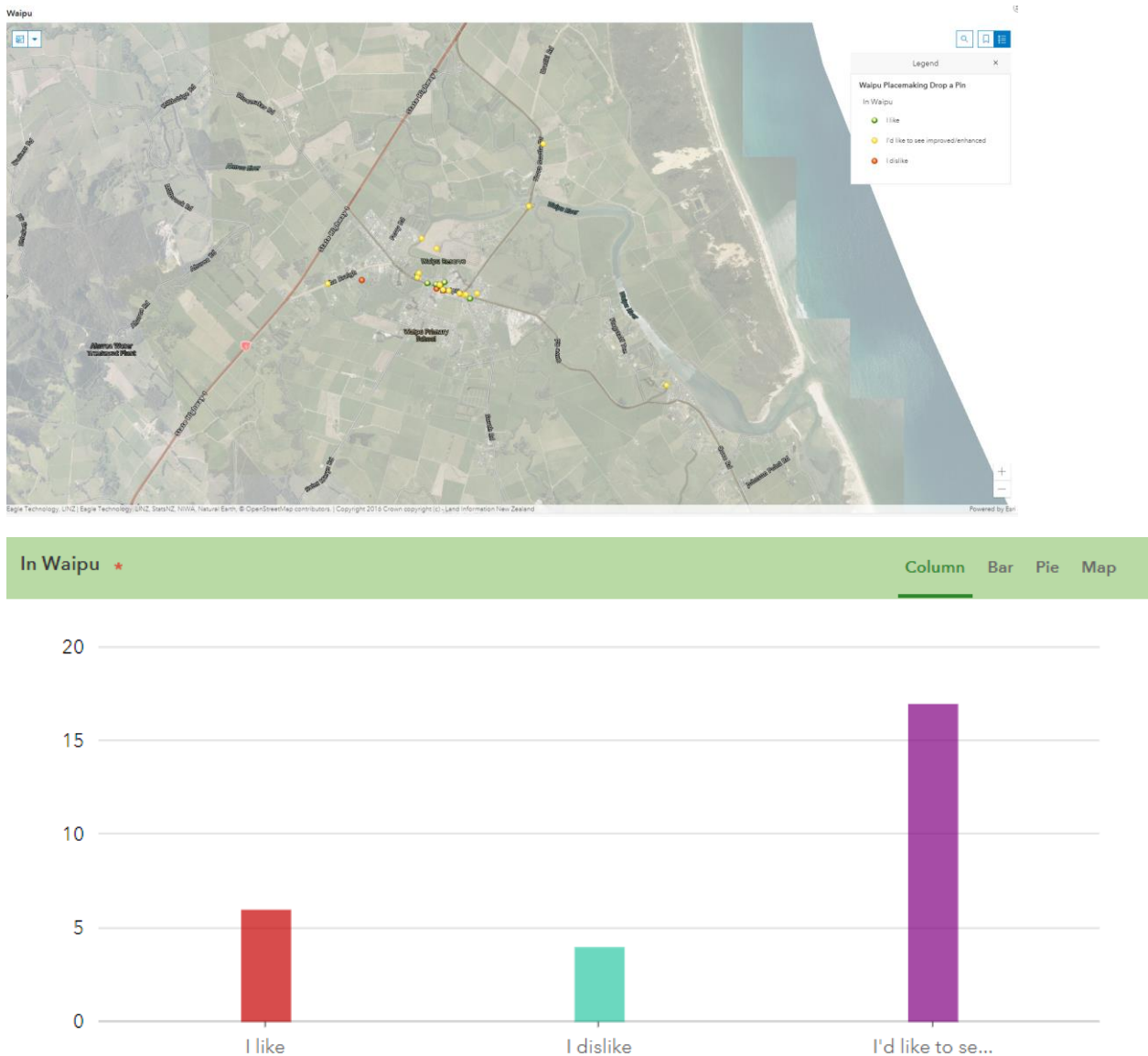
Mr Davies provided a summary of the items that in his opinion needed to be addressed promptly, including,

- The need to either restrict vehicle access to the beach or enforce a lower speed limit (10km/h).
- Improvement of the water quality of the Waipu waterways and river.
- Attract pedestrian use by better tree planting and availability of drink bottle refill stations.
- Support and promote heritage features of the town.
- Completion of the cycleway “*preferably not with lose metal*”.

5 ArcGIS 'drop a pin' tool

27 items of feedback were received on the 'drop a pin' ArcGIS tool. The tool was built internally but unfortunately it wasn't developed in time for the engagement launch on 2 March 2022. The tool was made available in the third week of engagement and open for feedback for approximately three weeks. It was promoted through our email contact list, Facebook posts and made available on Council's 'Have your Say' website page.

The tool asked people to tell us something you like, dislike or would like improved and show us where it is.



5.1 Waipu- What would you like to see improved/enhanced (17 feedback items)


Summary	Tell us more “original feedback”
Transport improvements	I would like to see a mini roundabout at the junction of nova scotia and cove rd. Would sort out quite a few traffic issues at that end of town.
Waihoihoi park	The kids playground at waihoihoi is in desperate need of an upgrade. Slide gets dangerously hot and there is nothing to for young kids to play on. Toddler swing needs a crouch strap. Surely well overdue.
Parking Infrastructure	regarding the parking throughout the main centre of Waipu. More people have moved into the area and more are still coming, but our infrastructure hasn't improved
Basketball court	Basketball court for children and youth
Accessible footpaths	Mobility-friendly footpath along The Braigh
Foot bridge	Foot bridge over the Waipu River for walkers and cyclists
Bridge	Bridge over the Waihoihoi river to connect with the River walk
River access	Better access to the river reserve area along the Waipu estuary
Outdoor gym	Outdoor gym- pull up bar and dip station
Toilets	Public toilets, at the start of the cycle way, and next to the public swings.
Footbridge	Footbridge Please
Safe footpath	A Safe footpath from boat club to Uretiti road. The walking Trail goes from tip road down to Waipu. From Uretiti Road to bridge is very unsafe to walk.
Walkway and cycleway connection	I would like the walkway/cycle way continue from Novoascotia estate, past the fire station into town. This would help get safely into town on this route without having to go onto the road
Accessible and widened cycleway/walkway	This walkway is very narrow and congested with parking close by when busy. This makes it difficult when there are pedestrians in both directions and nowhere to move aside for bikes, prams and pedestrians. This is a busy route to the Waipu cove cycle/walkway
Internet	I would like to see better access to free internet throughout the wider village visitor areas.
Widen footpath	I agree, need to move cars back towards road and widen footpath in front of four square. Annoying problem, easily solved!
Environmental outcomes- wildlife support	the vast field of green, where from observing from the opposite side, it's clear that the few wild inhabitants regularly have their habitat mowed over and destroyed. Could we be grateful for the amount of space with the Caledonian and Waihoihoi etc parks offer and dedicate this huge area to invite the wildlife back? How about a progressive 'rewilding' of this space with a few interesting trails to wander through, and suitable trees to shelter under. Have you watched David Attenborough lately?

Summary	Tell us more “original feedback”
Pizza Barn	The Pizza Barn
EV chargers	Great to see electric vehicle chargers which will encourage people driving North and South to call in to Waipu to recharge. Whilst here they are likely to spend money in the local shops. More chargers would be welcome as the electric fleet grows.
Waihoihoi park development	I like the new development of the Waihoihoi park with the addition of the skatepark, looking forward to more facilities such as half basketball court, pump track and maybe some additional seating.
Speed limit	The new slower speed limit through town is awesome
Toilet	How flash are the toilets now?
Walkway and cycleway	Love the wide walkway/cycleway (not shown in older map). So many families use this space to navigate the neighborhood. Would be great to see more of this around so that our kids can safely navigate off the roads.

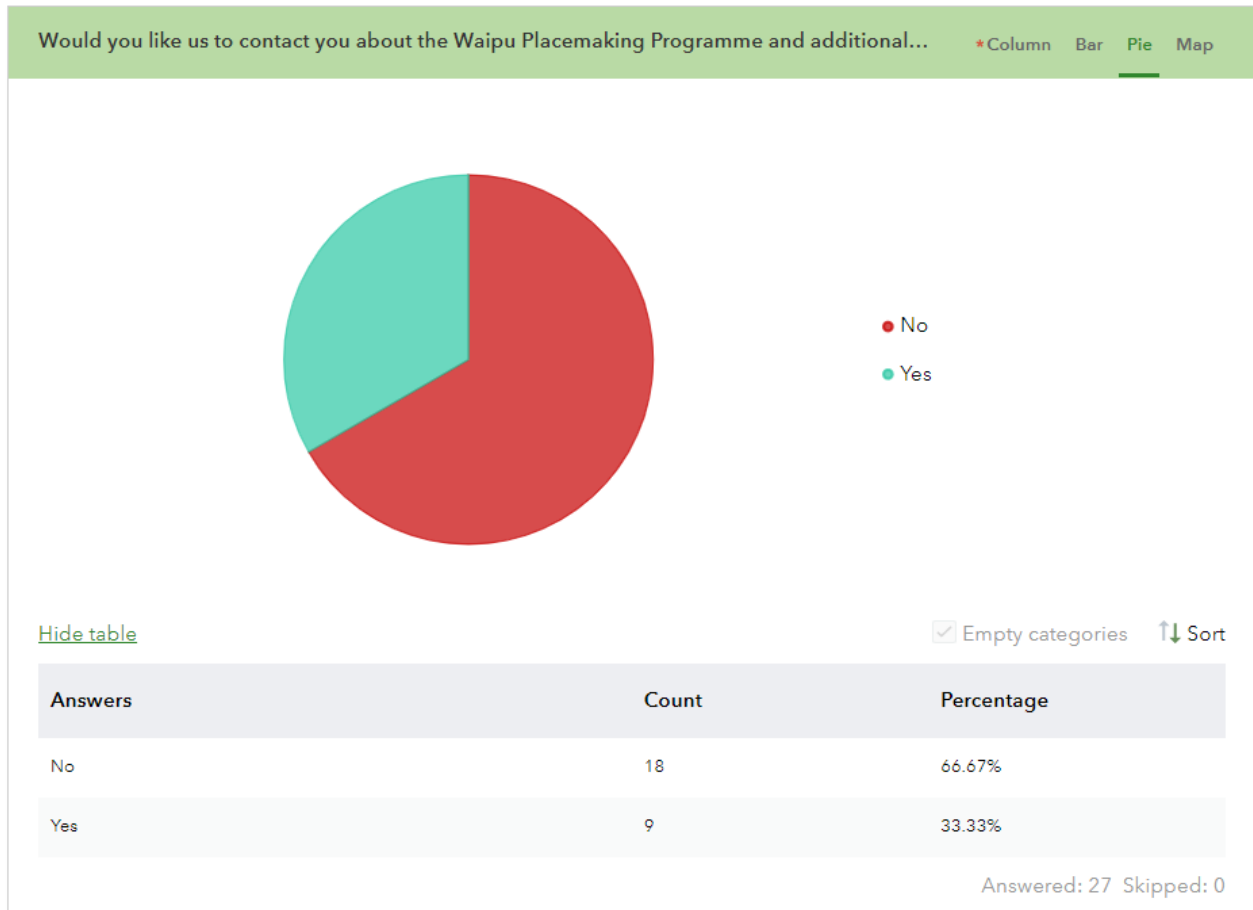


5.3 Waipu- what do you dislike (7 feedback items)

Summary	Tell us more “original feedback”
Derelict property	I dislike the state of 51 The Centre. This derelict plot of land has been an eyesore on the main street of Waipu for many many years now. It would be lovely if something could be done with it, anything other than it's current state.
Pedestrian crossing	A second pedestrian crossing at the eastern end of The Centre would be great
Footpath	The footpath outside the 4 Square needs sorting. The vehicles need moved closer to the road and the path beside the shop widened.
Safe footpaths	Lack of safe footpaths for the growing elderly population Most streets around town have either no footpaths or one on the other side of the road, unsafe for old and young alike


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6. Social media posts

6.1 Public posts:



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What are your dreams and aspirations for Parua Bay and Waipu in 20-30 years? Today we're starting a new chapter in our Placemaking programme, collaborating with locals from each area. Go here!


www.wdc.govt.nz/Placemaking

If you live, work or play in Waipu or Parua Bay we want to hear from you. We've put out a survey to start the conversation, and ask what matters most to the people of these communities, what they already love and what improvements they would like to see.

Local? Let's get started!



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Last chance! The first round of our 2022 Placemaking engagement closes soon. Do you spend a lot of time in Parua Bay or Waipu? What do these places mean to you, and what could they be in the future?

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Complete the survey or "drop a pin" on our interactive map.

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Last-minute reminder for Paura Bay: We have a public meeting opportunity with our Placemaking team today.

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6.2 Private group posts

Whangarei District Council shared a link.
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If you would like to take part in planning for the way your community will change and develop in your lifetime, now is the time. Today we are getting started on a 12-month Placemaking Programme in Waipu and Parua Bay. The resulting Placemaking Plans will guide future planning, infrastructure and projects in each area and align with Long Term Plan and Annual Plan funding. If you live, work or play in Waipu we've got a survey for you to get started!



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 **Lee McClelland**
 First tell us your plan.
 So we know what you are going ahead with regardless. And what topics will be used as distractions from major issues.
 What funding is coming and at what cost and who will bear this cost.
 What Parua Bay and Waipu?
 Why not Bream Bay as a region.
 We all live work together.
 So best implement combined community developments.


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Here's a neat little activity as part of our Waipu Placemaking project: Drop a few pins on our interactive map to tell us what you love and what you'd like to change. You can even see what others have placed...
<https://arcg.is/n9W4q0>



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