

MĀPUA MASTERPLAN SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK



INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY OVERVIEW

During September, the community was asked to provide feedback on a series of draft principles, and issues and opportunities that were developed building off previous council work and community consultation. Engagement included a series of drop-in sessions and engagement via an interactive website portal. It is estimated that council staff spoke to over 300 members of the public.

Over 1000 pieces of feedback were received including over 450 contributions to the issues and opportunity interactive mapping on the website.

The goal of the engagement was to ensure that the draft principles reflect the masterplan intent and to ensure that all issues and opportunities in Māpua have been captured and reflect the concerns and aspirations of the Māpua community.

Overall, the outcome from the engagement was very positive. A wealth of local knowledge and input was captured by engagement during the drop-in sessions and through the online feedback.

PRINCIPLES DISCUSSION: COMMON THEMES AND SUGGESTIONS

Draft principles were provided to the community for comment. Through a Structure Plan survey in 2022 the community told us what principles (of the 2010 Māpua Structure Plan) were a priority to them, and identified a range of 'new' principles.

The purpose of principles is to act as guidance for the Māpua Masterplan. They will also be used to test options to determine if they are meeting the key outcomes sought for the Plan. The community was asked to consider what was missing.

In general, respondents felt that the draft principles covered the right content. A summary of the feedback is outlined below:

- Respondents requested acknowledgement of the cultural significance of Māpua to both European and Māori.
- Preserving ecological values was considered an important principle for several people, with a suggestion to change the wording to include the words 'Protect and enhance' and also to include the protection of streams.
- It was considered important to include climate and coastal risk needs and dynamic adaptive pathways planning into the principles.

- Respondents mentioned the importance of Māpua retaining its rural feel and the ability to walk from one green space to the next.
- The principles include council owned community facilities in with basic infrastructure. The provision of places to meet and congregate is important for a community. Tasman District Council's support is important for such facilities to survive and meet the community's needs.
- A respondent suggested that currently the visual/aesthetic connectedness seems haphazard and it would be great to have a visual theme that really unites the area and makes a stunning point of difference for the village with a suggestion to build on native planting and the two standout buildings of the Cool-stores and the Sprig and Fern building as aesthetic touchstone.
- Include stormwater infrastructure within Principle 10.
- Include the provision for safe boating.
- Missing is the inclusion of business and commercial interests which are needed to maintain a community.
- Aim for inclusion and equity across our community.

Based on the above feedback, amendments will be made to the principles and recommendations incorporated into the next round of community engagement.



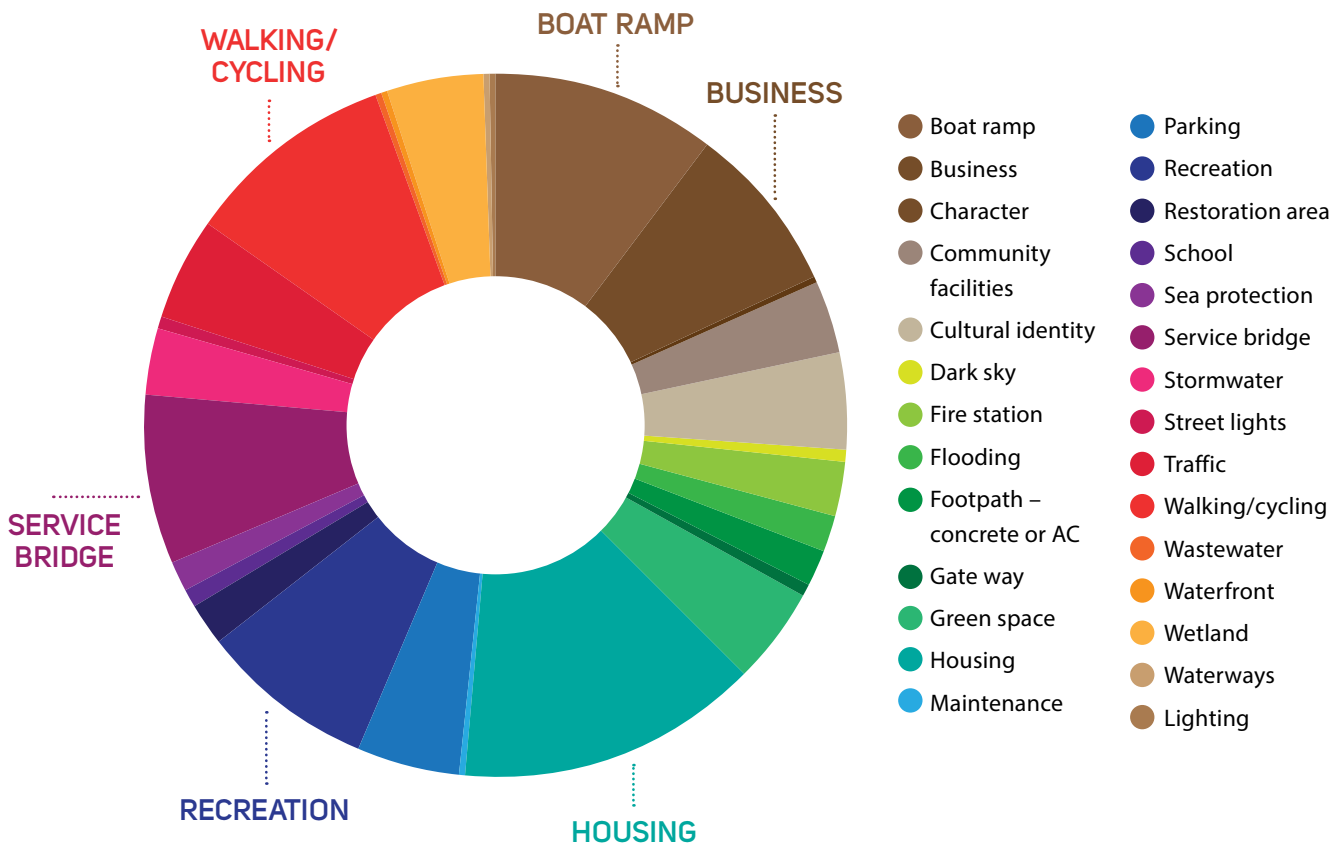
ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

OVERVIEW

- **Infrastructure and Facilities:** Feedback focused on improving and providing new facilities such as a boat ramps, local businesses, community facilities, and green spaces. Respondents also discussed the need for better infrastructure planning, including parking, wider roads, and improvements to stormwater and wastewater infrastructure.
- **Environmental Concerns:** Respondents expressed concerns about the impact of development on the environment, including wetlands, habitats, and water quality.
- **Housing and Development:** Feedback highlighted the importance of providing a variety of housing options, addressing affordability, considering retirement and accessible housing, managing housing density and development, and involving the community in housing decisions.

- **Traffic and Transportation:** Respondents discussed traffic congestion, parking, pedestrian safety, speed limits, and alternative transportation options.
- **Walking and Cycling:** Feedback emphasised the need for new and improved walking and cycling paths, ensuring connectivity between different areas, prioritising safety and accessibility, and incorporating paths into recreational facilities.
- **Recreation:** Respondents suggested creating new and improved recreational facilities, such as playgrounds and more sports facilities such as netball and basketball courts.
- **Sewage and Stormwater:** Feedback focused on the need to upgrade infrastructure, improve wastewater and stormwater management, and address the impact of sewage and stormwater on the environment.

Below is a graph that identifies the key topics which we received feedback on during the engagement.



SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK

BOAT RAMP

- Mixed opinions: There were a mixture of opinions on the boat ramp. Many residents expressed support for a new boat ramp, with some suggesting specific locations other than Waterfront Park such as Rabbit Island, the Leisure Park and Grossi Point. There was also opposition to the boat ramp expressed, with comments like "Don't need a boat ramp" and "it will destroy the character and amenity of the area".
- A number of residents expressed concerns about the impact of a boat ramp on family-friendly spaces and suggested keeping the waterfront area free of boat ramps and associated vehicles to maintain space for families.
- Some comments highlighted the importance of a boat ramp for groups like the Sea Scouts and the need for safe boat launching.

In summary, there is a mix of support and opposition for a new boat ramp in Māpua. While many residents are in favour of a new boat ramp, others express concerns about the impact of a boat ramp at the waterfront on families and public spaces. The importance of a boat ramp for specific groups like the Sea Scouts was also highlighted in the feedback.

BUSINESS

- Retail and commercial spaces: Residents expressed interest in having more diverse retail options, such as more village shops and clothing stores, as well as revitalising the shopping center.
- Co-working spaces: Some respondents suggested creating co-working spaces in the area, particularly near the waterfront.
- Mixed-use development: Several comments mentioned the need for and potential for mixed-use development in specific locations, such as Aranui Road and the waterfront.
- Respondents expressed the need for more commercial land for local businesses and the creation of a business hub or district.
- Medical centre: Several comments mentioned the need for finding a site for expanding the current facility or relocating it to a different location.

- Home-based businesses: Some residents suggested allowing people to work from home and run their businesses from residential properties.
- Concerns about wharf development: A few comments expressed concerns about commercial development at the wharf and the need for more parking.

The feedback highlights the desire for a variety of local business development initiatives, including more retail spaces, co-working spaces, mixed-use development, and support for home-based businesses. Additionally, there are concerns about commercial development at the wharf and the need to provide for more parking.

COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

- Relocation of facilities: Respondents suggested relocating certain facilities, such as the fire station and school, to different areas.
- Respondents mentioned the need for better facilities for the Sea Scouts, including improved access to the sea, boat storage, and a new home near the proposed boat ramp.
- Additional community facilities: Suggestions for new community facilities included a rescue craft, a police station, more seating and BBQ's and a fast ferry from Māpua to Nelson.
- Playgrounds: Many comments suggested adding or improving playgrounds and play equipment in various locations, such as Waterfront Park and Aranui Park.
- Sports facilities: Respondents expressed interest in additional sports facilities, such as basketball, netball, and volleyball courts, as well as sports fields. Various comments proposed alternative recreational facilities for example a "Skate park at Waterfront park".

In summary, the feedback highlights various suggestions for improving community facilities in Māpua, including relocating certain facilities, providing better facilities for the Sea Scouts, and adding new recreation facilities including playgrounds and sports facilities.



CULTURAL IDENTITY

- Several comments highlighted the cultural and archaeological significance of Grossi Point, particularly for Māori.
- Respondents emphasised the importance of recognising and including both the European and Māori cultural identities of Māpua.
- Cultural displays and information: Many comments suggested a desire to create cultural display boards, interpretive panels, and other means of sharing information about the area's cultural history both European and Māori.

The feedback highlights the importance of recognising and celebrating the cultural identity of Māpua, with a focus on the significance of Grossi Point, and the creation of cultural displays and information sharing of both European and Māori history.

RESERVES AND OPEN SPACE

- Several comments focused on improvements at Grossi Point, including a suggestion of a bird viewing platform, new toilet block and enhancing Grossi Point to support activities such as swimming and picnicking.
- Many comments emphasised the importance of improving and protecting existing green spaces and creating new open spaces.
- Comments highlighted the need for family-friendly green spaces and the importance of maintaining and enhancing existing spaces for recreational purposes.
- Respondents highlighted the importance of preserving green spaces and considering environmental factors in housing development e.g., "keep Māpua Rural" and "allow development to consider for climate change".
- Respondents expressed concerns about the loss of green spaces due to development and urban sprawl.
- Some respondents suggested undertaking environmental restoration projects for examples "Environmental restoration project - Māpua camping ground" and "Community restoration project at Seaton Valley Stream".

In summary, the feedback highlights the importance of maintaining and improving existing green spaces and creating more recreation areas in Māpua.

WALKING AND CYCLING

- Many comments suggested creating new walkways and cycle paths, as well as improving existing ones in various locations for example; "Walkway extension along estuary edge to QEII Land", and a "Boardwalk to connect Toru Street with Moreland Place Reserve".
- Safety and accessibility: Respondents expressed concerns about the safety of footpaths and crossings, particularly for children, and the need for full pedestrian access on certain roads.
- Boardwalks and coastal connections: A few comments proposed creating a boardwalk around the wharf buildings and improving coastal walkways through boardwalk connections.
- Respondents emphasised the importance of establishing walking and cycling connections between different areas, such as Rabbit Island, Aranui Road, and the estuary.

In summary, the feedback highlights the importance of creating new and improved walking and cycling paths, ensuring connectivity between different areas and enhancing boardwalks and coastal connections in Māpua.

HOUSING

- Housing variety and affordability: Many comments emphasised the need for a variety of housing types, including smaller units, townhouses, and eco-housing, as well as affordable options.
- Retirement and accessible housing: Several respondents suggested a requirement for the development of a retirement village and accessible housing options for older residents.
- Some comments expressed concerns about overdevelopment, urban sprawl, and the need for better infrastructure planning.
- Subdivision and location concerns: Several comments focused on specific areas for housing development, with some respondents opposing further development in certain locations for example "no housing in Seaton valley".
- Some respondents emphasised the importance of involving the community in housing development decisions and preserving the character of Māpua.

In summary, the feedback highlights the importance of providing a variety of housing options, addressing affordability, considering retirement and accessible housing, managing housing density and development and involving the community in housing decisions in Māpua.



THREE WATERS INFRASTRUCTURE

- Respondents expressed concerns about the impact of sewage and stormwater on the environment.
- Several comments mentioned the need to upgrade stormwater infrastructure, such as pipes and drainage systems and the need for better infrastructure planning.
- Mixed opinions on a service bridge: Many comments showed support for constructing a bridge to Rabbit Island for walking and cycling and servicing infrastructure. A number of comments also expressed opposition to constructing a bridge between Māpua and Rabbit Island.

In summary, the feedback highlights the importance of upgrading stormwater infrastructure, managing stormwater effectively in the context of development, and considering stormwater management in the planning of infrastructure and recreational facilities in Māpua. While some respondents support the idea and suggest specific bridge types, others expressed concerns about the environmental impact or oppose the idea altogether.

PARKING AND TRAFFIC

- Additional parking spaces: Many comments suggested the need for more parking spaces in various locations, such as near the sports grounds, and the wharf.
- Some respondents proposed ideas for managing parking, such as charged parking at Kite Park (council owned land), and park-and-ride options.
- Safety and accessibility: Several comments emphasised the importance of safe and accessible parking, particularly for patients at the Māpua Health Centre and for residents in certain areas.
- Congestion: Several comments expressed concerns about traffic congestion in town, the waterfront and around school areas. Residents mentioned the need for better infrastructure planning, including parking and wider roads, to address traffic issues.
- Crossings and pedestrian safety: Respondents highlighted the need for better crossings and pedestrian safety measures, particularly near schools and busy intersections.

- Speed limits and traffic calming: Some comments mentioned the need to reduce speed limits on certain roads and implement traffic calming measures.
- Respondents suggested promoting alternative transportation options, such as cycling and walking, and improving related infrastructure.

In summary, the feedback highlights the need for additional parking spaces, improved parking management, safe and accessible parking options, and alternative parking solutions in Māpua. It also highlighted concerns about traffic congestion, pedestrian safety, and speed limits.

OTHER

- Several comments mentioned the importance of protecting and enhancing habitats, such as wetlands and the Seaton Valley Stream and emphasising ecological buffers along the edges of the Seaton Valley Stream and Waimea Estuary.
- Community restoration projects: Some feedback suggested community restoration projects to address the degradation of waterways and habitats due to historical farming practices and other factors.
- Protecting the night sky: Several comments expressed concerns about the impact of streetlights on the night sky, with some suggesting no more streetlights be added to protect the night sky.
- Fire station relocation: Several comments suggested that the fire station needs to be moved to a more accessible or central location.
- Respondents emphasised the importance of preserving the flood plain and expressed concerns about land value and maintenance issues related to flood-prone areas for example; "*Preserve Flood Plain*", "*Land value will drop due to the likelihood of flooding risks*" and "*high maintenance flood prone land, should be 'retired' to wetlands*".
- Flooding vulnerability: Some comments mentioned specific areas that are vulnerable to flooding, such as the lower portion of Langford Drive.

