

Community Engagement Policy 2024

(Significance & Engagement Policy)

Summary of feedback

To support deliberations 20-23 May 2024

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1.1 Summary of feedback received

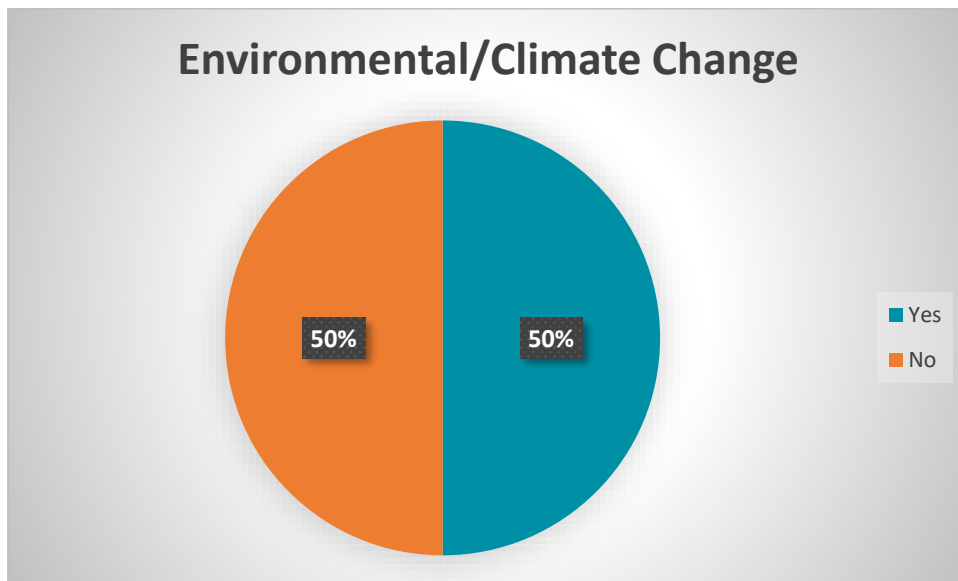
Public consultation on the Draft Community Engagement Policy was undertaken from 27 March to 28 April 2024.

- 2 submissions received on time.
- 0 submitters indicated they wanted to be heard on their submission form.

1.2 Environmental/Climate Change Impact

Based on the question “We are proposing to consider the environmental/climate change impact when assessing the significance of a proposal. Do you agree with this?”

Agree	1
Disagree	1
Total	2



1.2.1 Comments in Support

Where no specific comment has been made, the submission is noted.

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Kate White	Absolutely, as much as we might wish climate change won't have an impact – it is real and we need to be considering it – along other environmental impacts, in all council decision making. This is no-brainer!	

1.2.2 Comments NOT in Support

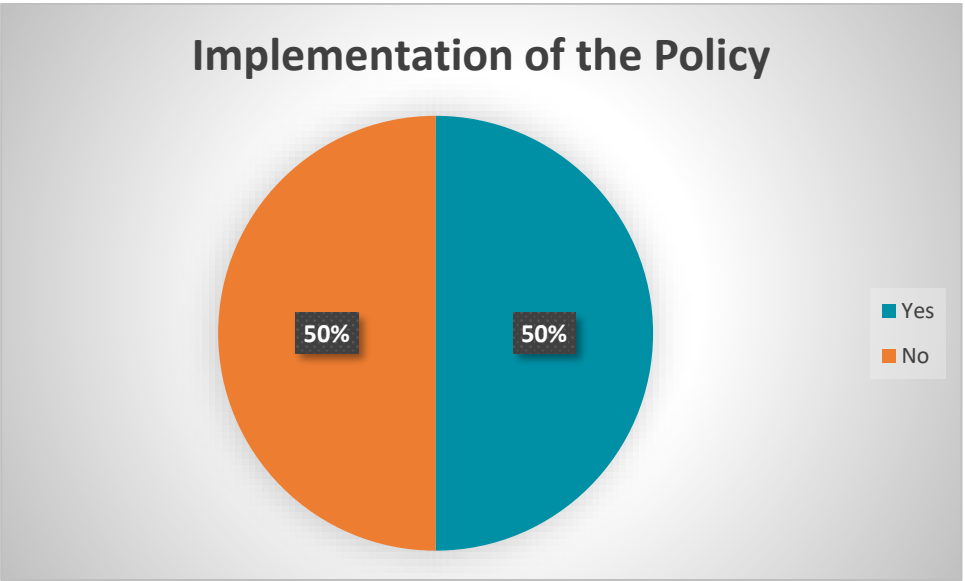
Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Ron Smith	Climate change has been happening for billions of years. Time we forgot about it as it is only giving financial gain to a lot of people and a burden on others	Council adopted its Climate Resilience Plan in August 2022, which acknowledges climate change as a global issue in which we all need to play our part. The proposal to include an environmental/climate change criteria in the Community Engagement Policy reflects objective 2.3 of the Climate Resilience Plan to “ensure that Council plans, strategies, policies and bylaws are fit for the future when viewed through a climate change lens”.

1.3 Implementation of the Policy

Based on the following statement and question:

“Do you agree with the proposed section on implementation of the policy?”

Agree	1
Disagree	1
Total	2



1.3.1 Comments in Support

Where no specific comment has been made, the submission is noted.

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Kate White	Increasing transparency around implementation of the policy is an excellent idea.	

1.3.2 Comments NOT in Support

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Ron Smith	This is only making more regulations. Can you come up with a strategy that when you implement something you get rid of something.	The implementation section is proposed in order to keep Council accountable for its own implementation of the policy.

1.4 Strategic Assets

Based on the following statement and question:

“Do you think the following buildings should be considered as strategic assets?”

	Yes	No	Support in percentage
EA Networks Centre	2	0	100%
Te Whare Whakatare	1	1	50%
Ashburton Art Gallery & Museum	1	1	50%

1.4.1 Comments in Support

Where no specific comment has been made, the submission is noted.

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Ron Smith	EA is a good asset as it gets used.	
Kate White	These three assets are crucial if Council is to deliver on key outcomes that are important to the well-being of the community.	

1.4.2 Comments NOT in Support

Where no specific comment has been made, the submission is noted.

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Ron Smith	- Don't know what the other word (meaning Te Whare Whakatare) is. - Art Gallery is a white elephant.	

1.5 Should other assets be considered strategic?

Based on the question “Are there any other assets you think should be considered strategic?”

Yes	0
No	1
Total	1

No comments were received on this topic.

1.6 Other Proposed Changes

Based on the question “Do you agree with our other proposed changes?”

Agree	1
Disagree	0
Total	1

1.6.1 Comments in Support

Where no specific comment has been made, the submission is noted.

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Kate White	- The changes all make sense. I am particularly pleased about 2 elements: - The proposal for te reo words being used & defined. It will be good to see local dialect used consistently. (I note that some signs in Te Kete Tuhiinga/ Library use the Kai Tahu dialect, some do not). - Inclusion of consideration of wider Mana whenua values. On all proposals we need Mana Whenua guidance/ input. We are missing out if we don't have them at the table. - Relating to this - a key indigenous value is to think seven generations ahead, Māori talk about making decisions for their mokopuna's mokopuna. This future focus brought into decision making is necessary and I'm pleased that's now included in section 4.5.	

1.6.2 Comments NOT in Support

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
		No comments have been received on this topic.

1.7 Feedback on Policy received through Long-Term Plan Consultation

1.7.1 Comments NOT in Support

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Contributor 1361	I see that the EANC is going to be added to the councils asset register. Most of this was community fund raising - I assume the councils input will be the only sum they supplied, not the communities funding?	The purpose of the Strategic Assets schedule included in the Community Engagement Policy is to ensure that any decisions regarding those assets that meet a particular trigger are appropriately considered and/or consulted on. Council fully owns the EA Networks Centre.
Selwyn Price	Strengthening the Community Engagement Policy is to be applauded, but as always the proof is in the delivery.	