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Council Briefing *Hui Whakamōhio*

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3 [Apologies - Te hunga kāore i tae](#)

An apology has been received from Councillor O'Brien.

4 Presentations - *Whakaaturanga*

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4.1 *Waste Levy & WMMP Proposal*

Hone Patrick and Eliot Fenton will speak to the presentation.

Please Note: The powerpoint presentation slides will be available next week.

4.1 Waste Levy & WMMP Proposal(Cont.)

Statement of proposal

Amendment to section 6.3.4 of the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2021

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4.1 Waste Levy & WMMP Proposal(Cont.)



Statement of Proposal Draft

Statement of Proposal

Amendment to the section 6.3.4 of the Waste Management and Minimisation Action Plan

The statement of proposal is made for the purpose of Sections 83 and 87 under the Local Government Act 2002.

The statement of proposal includes:

- The Amendment to the section 6.3.2 of the Whakatāne District Council Waste Management and Minimisation Action Plan.

Summary of information

Kōrero Mai

Have your say

by [DAY] [DATE] [MONTH] 2026

Online: www.whakatane.govt.nz

By post: Whakatāne District Council, 14 Commerce Street, Private Bag 1002, Whakatāne.

By email: submissions@whakatane.govt.nz

Or deliver your submission in person to the Civic Building Reception, 14 Commerce Street, Whakatāne.

If you would like to speak to your submission, please indicate this and provide your contact details. We will be in touch to let you know the date and time for verbal submissions.

Following the closing of submissions on [DATE] [MONTH] 2026, all submissions will be reviewed by Elected Members. Verbal submissions will be heard, and all submissions formally considered at a Council meeting on Thursday, [DATE] [MONTH] 2026. This meeting is open to both submitters and the public to attend.

4.1 Waste Levy & WMMP Proposal(Cont.)



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Important dates:

Consultation timeline

DATE 2026 Consultation period begins

DATE 2026 Closing date for submissions

DATE 2026 Public hearing and deliberations

DATE 2026 Decision of Council

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Waste Management and Minimisation Action Plan 2001

Background

The Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) sets out how the Council believes the District can achieve effective and efficient waste management and minimisation, and is a requirement of Council under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008. Whakatāne District Council adopted their current WMMP in 2021 and need to review it every six years. The next review will take place as part of the legislatively required Waste Assessment, expected to take place during 2026, with an update to the WMMP in 2027 presuming the review concludes a new WMMP is necessary. The legislation enables councils to use various tools to influence, promote and implement measures to manage and minimise waste.

The WMMP includes an action plan, which sets out how the desired outcomes for waste management and minimisation can be achieved. The action plan includes how specific actions will be funded and, in particular, which actions will be funded using Council's disposal levy funds. The waste disposal levy is charged on all waste sent to landfills in New Zealand, and half of the amount collected is provided to councils; with distribution made on a population basis. The WMA requires that the disposal levy funds are spent by councils in accordance with their WMMPs, and on actions that support waste minimisation.

Since 2021, the disposal levy has been increased and expanded to a wider range of disposal facilities. This means that the total amount of disposal levy collected has been progressively increasing, and

4.1 Waste Levy & WMMP Proposal(Cont.)



Statement of Proposal Draft

similarly the portion paid out to councils has also increased. With Council's current WMMP adopted around the time that the increases and expansions to the disposal levy began, the action plan was not able to fully reflect the scope of these changes.

Because the Council kerbside recycling collection service allows materials to be recovered, keeping waste out of landfills and is a service that much of the community can access, staff have identified that the disposal levy funds paid to Council could be allocated to funding a portion of this service if desired and indicated as such in the WMMP action plan. Any use of the disposal levy funding towards the cost of providing the kerbside recycling collection service would correspondingly reduce the associated targeted rates which currently fund the service entirely.

The WMA provides for councils to make changes to their WMMPs during the period the Plan is active; provided that the changes consider the waste hierarchy, prevent nuisance, have regard to the New Zealand Waste Strategy, and use the special consultative procedure described in the Local Government Act. Given that WMMPs often have a duration of six years or more, it is unsurprising that amendments may be required during this time. This proposed amendment to the WMMP is considered to meet all the requirements of the WMA.

Key changes we are proposing

1. Addition of "Waste Levy Funding" - Council would like to add "Waste Levy Funding" to table 7 – section 6.3.4 "*Collection and Services Ngā Kohikohinga me ngā Ratonga Para*" on page 24 under the activity of "*Continue existing services and procure new contracts as required*" as an **additional** funding method to targeted rates under "*Timeframe and funding*".

Why are council proposing this change?

This amendment to the WMMP action plan is proposed to enable some of Council's disposal levy funds to be allocated to the kerbside recycling service, which would correspondingly reduce the extent to which the service needs to be funded by targeted rates. This amendment has been identified as an option to achieve cost reductions in Council's budgets, without a negative impact on the service or other competing priorities for the disposal levy funds.

If you would like to know more about this, please follow the link to our FAQs.

4.2 Floodwall Integration Design

4.2 *Floodwall Integration Design*

Leny Woolsey, Vanessa Fergusson & Ian Morton will speak to the presentation.

4.2 Floodwall Integration Design(Cont.)

Floodwall Integration Programme

Concept Design – post engagement workshop (INTERACTIVE)

8 April 2026

Leny Woolsey, Vanessa Fergusson, Ian Morton



4.2 Floodwall Integration Design(Cont.)

Agenda / Purpose



Agenda

1. Discuss engagement , process and high level feedback (informed design updates)
2. INTERACTIVE : Table updated baseline designs (incorporates engagement feedback)
3. INTERACTIVE : Consider any additional options (based on engagement feedback)

Purpose

1. Receive direction ahead of council meeting on 16 Apr 26 on baseline option / additional options
2. Staff will incorporate feedback from councillors into council paper.



Summary of engagement feedback



iSite and surrounds

- Simple ramp to access iSite terrace from roadside
- Additional access ramps (wharf side), with seating options

iSite Building

- Do the minimum, leave any fit-out to a tenant

Temporary park

- Do the minimum
- Incorporate grass – cooler
- Like lighting / tables and food trucks
- Make area for young children / elderly

Wharf & surrounds

- Additional seating on riverside
- Provide provision for containers to support other operators

In total received 260 pieces of feedback through pre-engagement, public engagement and online submissions



4.2 Floodwall Integration Design(Cont.)

iSite and surrounds (updated baseline design)



Post Engagement Baseline – iSite and Surrounds



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|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1. RETAIN EXISTING CONCRETE RAMP | 10. ROCK STEPPING STONES |
| 2. EXISTING PATH RETAINED | 11. TIMBER OR RUBBER STEPPING STONES |
| 3. EXISTING STAIRS RETAINED | 12. HARDWOOD TIMBER RAMPS (1:21) |
| 4. ISITE SHADE STRUCTURE RETAINED, EXTEND PAVED AREA | 13. NEW TIMBER RAMP |
| 5. REMOVE EXISTING BOLLARDS | 14. EXISTING LOWER TERRACE RETAINED |
| 6. 1:2 PLANTED EMBANKMENT ALLOW GEOCELL STABILISATION AND COIR MATTING 200MM TOP SOIL | 15. EXISTING WATER ACCESS RETAINED |
| 7. 600MM HIGH, PAINTED HDG STEEL RETAINING WALL | 16. FLOODWALL RETAINED |
| 8. ASPHALT RAMP (1:21) | 17. RIMURĒHIA KUPENGA |
| 9. EXISTING TREES RETAINED | 18. EXISTING CONCRETE PATH RETAINED |
| | 19. RETAIN EXISTING PATH |

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Incorporated

- Simple ramp / stairs (roadside)
- Walkway / seating – riverside

Additional options (not included)

- Additional wharf path improvements (\$250K)



4.2 Floodwall Integration Design(Cont.)

iSite building (no change to baseline design)



**ISITE
BUILDING**

BASELINE CONCEPT DESIGN
ISITE BUILDING

In the baseline design, the former i-site building would be refreshed with new exterior paint, updated vinyl graphics and new signage.



- KEY**
- 1 Paint exterior walls and doors
 - 2 Replace vinyl printed graphics applied to the large glazed windows
 - 3 New updated signage to improve wayfinding

Incorporated

- No additions added

Additional options (not included)

- n/a



4.2 Floodwall Integration Design(Cont.)

Temporary Park (updated baseline design)



Post Engagement Baseline – Temporary Park



1. CONCRETE OR STONE PAVING
2. CATENARY LIGHTING
3. MODULAR SEATING AND TEMPORARY PLANTERS
4. RETAIN EXISTING SURFACE
5. BOUNDARY WITH NEIGHBOURING PROPERTY
6. MACROCAPA BALANCE BEAMS HEIGHT 600MM
7. WET POUR PLAYMATTAS SURFACING AND UNDERLAY WITH FITNESS ELEMENTS
8. 600MM NEW LAWN OVER EXISTING SUBGRADE
9. EXISTING PAVING RETAINED

Incorporated

- Simplified – do minimum
- Added grass
- Added mix activities – younger children / elderly

Additional options (not included)

- Retain Plunket building (\$190,000)
- Water feature (\$720,000)
- Shade structure (\$60,000)
- Containers - if don't keep plunket (\$8500 each)

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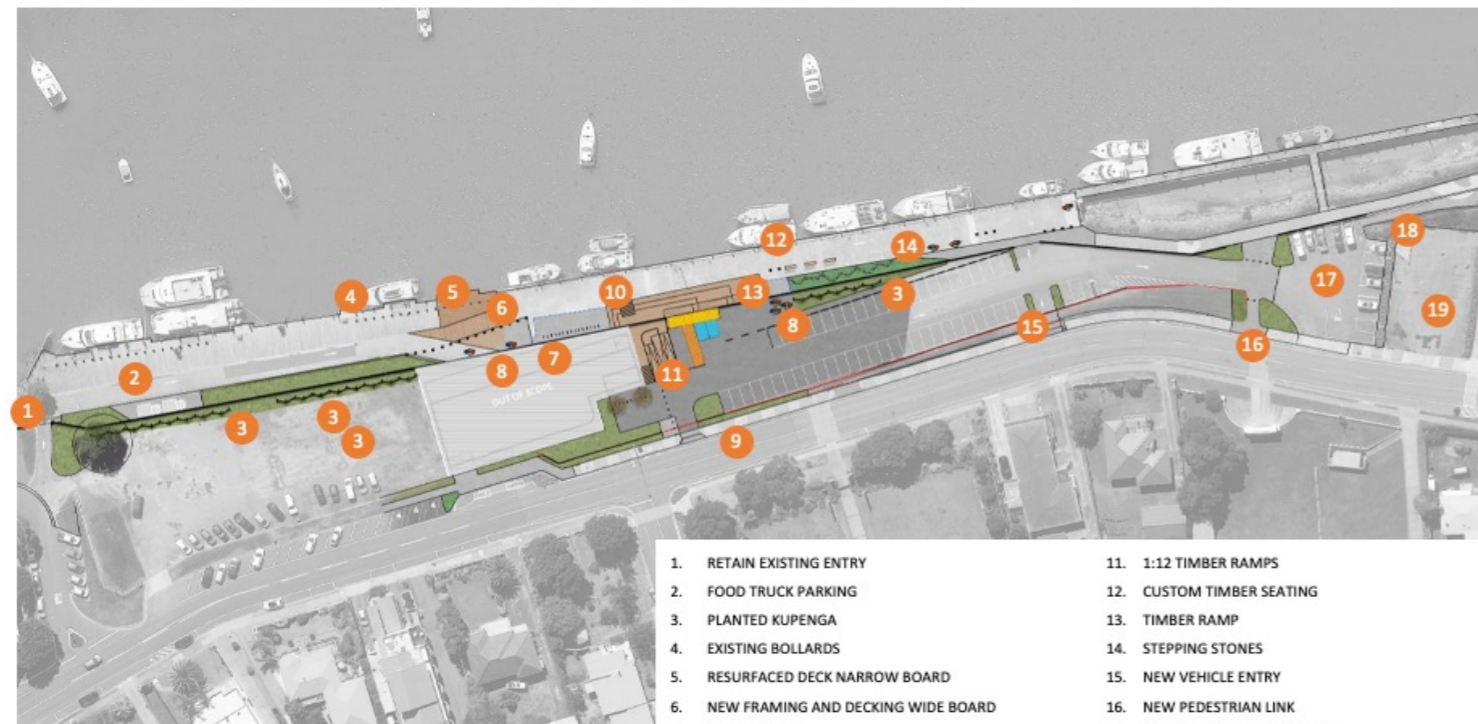


4.2 Floodwall Integration Design(Cont.)

Wharf and Surrounds (updated baseline design)



Post Engagement Baseline – Wharf & Surrounds



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|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. RETAIN EXISTING ENTRY | 11. 1:12 TIMBER RAMPS |
| 2. FOOD TRUCK PARKING | 12. CUSTOM TIMBER SEATING |
| 3. PLANTED KUPENGA | 13. TIMBER RAMP |
| 4. EXISTING BOLLARDS | 14. STEPPING STONES |
| 5. RESURFACED DECK NARROW BOARD | 15. NEW VEHICLE ENTRY |
| 6. NEW FRAMING AND DECKING WIDE BOARD | 16. NEW PEDESTRIAN LINK |
| 7. CYCLE RACKS | 17. RETAIN EXISTING SURFACING |
| 8. BESPOKE MODULAR SEATING & PLANTERS | 18. RETAIN EXISTING PLANTING |
| 9. RETAIN EXISTING PATH | 19. RETAIN EXISTING PARKING |
| 10. TIMBER STEPS | |

Incorporated

- Increased seating – wharf
- Container space

Additional options (not included)

- Basketball court (95,000)
- Soft play area (\$150,000)
- Decking to support commercial annex (\$310,000)
- Weigh station move (\$140,000)
- Bollards to restrict vehicles (\$3,000)
- Refurbished quay St path (\$100,000)



4.2.1 Appendices: Summary of Feedback

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4.2.1 Appendices: Summary of Feedback(Cont.)

Floodwall Integration Programme – Summary feedback received

[Please note, the full pack of individual submissions will be included with the Council paper on 16 April 2026]

1.1.1 *iSite and Surrounds (high level feedback & changes proposed)*

Through the engagement process, there was general support for 'Option 2' as this was deemed to be a simpler approach for accessing the upper terrace from the road side and provided better integration on the riverside. The design team confirmed that Option 2 could be delivered within the same budget envelope as option 1 (baseline option – matched \$7.5M funding).

One additional change to the original 'option 2' was to investigate grass vs low level planting to allow for seating on the grass area. The design team confirmed this change within the updated design.

1.1.2 *iSite and Surrounds (high level feedback & changes proposed)*

Through the engagement process, there was general support for the baseline option, the majority of people did not believe any fit-out for the building should be funded by council, with this being a future tenant cost.

As a result of the feedback, our we have remained with the original baseline option for the iSite building itself.

1.1.3 *Short-Term Recreational Space (high level feedback & changes proposed)*

Of all the concept design areas, the corner of Quay Street and The Strand provided the most variety in the feedback, key aspects of feedback on this site have been summarised below :

- Do the minimum, especially due to the temporary nature of this (5-7 years)
- Consider shade, include grass (cooler)
- Make this an area for young children and over 65 age group

As a result of the feedback, the design team have made minor adjustments to the 'baseline option' to allow for this feedback, whilst minimising the investment in this area.

1.1.4 *The Wharf and surrounds (high level feedback & changes proposed)*

Through the engagement process, there was general support for Option 1 (baseline) with some modifications, including :

- Additional seating on the riverside
- Move dingy ramp towards Maatutua reserve
- Include simple bike-rack
- Add additional screening at NAGHL block (roadside)
- Include containers (as shown on Option 2)

The design team have reviewed how these options could be included in the design, whilst maintaining the overall cost envelope of \$7.5M (as per the baseline).

As a result of the feedback, our updated baseline option for the Wharf and surrounds is captured below.

4.2.1 Appendices: Summary of Feedback(Cont.)

1.1.4.1 *Engagement and Community Views : iSite and surrounds*

Key themes from pre- engagement (4, 5 March 2026) :

- Support for simple path from roadside to upper terrace, the winding path was not supported as this was seen to be complex (support for option 2)
- Support for increased access at riverfront (support for option 2)
- Support for increased seating at river side, as this separated out cyclists from those sitting
- Consider grass areas on road side to allow for seating
- Police highlighted the need for good lighting, robust materials and CCTV
- Some feedback to separate cyclists from walkers through this area
- The need for non-slip materials
- Shade was seen as important for this area

Key themes from public engagement (16-25 March 2026) :

- Support simpler access, riverside and town side
- One of the few places people can enjoy the awa
- Use planted trees (shade) and grass where possible, natural feel
- Like seating option on river where cyclists are separated (Option 2)
- Any accessibility ramps need to be wide
- Old iSite is disconnected from town currently
- At upper level terrace – shared seating – public & tenant

Key themes from online submission forms (11-27 March 2026) :

- Strong support for :
 - o Simplifying access from town side with a simplified ramp (35%)
 - o New accessible stairs from town side (27%)
- 20% of respondents (12 people) advised that we should not be spending ratepayers money on this & we should do nothing.
- 8% of responses suggested we should do the minimum only to minimise any rates increases.
- Great opportunity to attract people to this end of town and provide a connection between the town and awa (currently not achieved)
- Solution should focus on natural landscape and grass
- Great place for a café / restaurant

Other points to note from engagement / submissions submission forms (March 2026) :

- Additional \$250k for option 3 is a low investment – do it now and do it right
- Amphitheatre seating would be good for events

4.2.1 Appendices: Summary of Feedback(Cont.)

- Allow for external power to terrace for events
- Wooden surfaces can be difficult for scooters and roller blades
- Could use space here for Whakaari memorial
- Separate cyclists from pedestrians (waterfront)
- Need to recognise Otowhaki – sculpture / link to heritage hikoi
- Consider moving large boats (in front of this space) make it a place for kids to swim in the awa – much safer than the boat ramp
- Need to consider ongoing maintenance costs

1.1.4.2 Engagement and Community Views : iSite Building

Key themes from pre- engagement (4, 5 March 2026) :

- No fitout, tenant should fund
- Community expecting this to be a food & beverage option – discussed for many years

Key themes from public engagement (16-25 March 2026) :

- Strong support for café / restaurant
- Some believed iSite should move back to this purpose built space
- Suggestion for art and craft centre
- If this is converted to a café/restaurant locals will use it more
- Adding another food & beverage option will impact existing local businesses
- Do not think fit out design is appropriate (not enough toilets / dry storage / chiller storage / cleaners facilities)
- Should respect impacted food & beverage operators (i.e. Gibbo's) and offer to them first

Key themes from online submission forms (11-27 March 2026) :

- Strong support for :
 - o Fitting out building (48%)
 - o Replacing sails (27%)
 - o Note : little support for vinyl decal (7%) / replacing bricks (17%)
- 20% of respondents (12 people) advised that we should not be spending ratepayers money on this & we should do nothing.
- 8% of responses suggested we should do the minimum only to minimise any rates increases.
- Prime spot in town , need to activate this space
- Fit out should be the minimum level (done to a reasonable standard)

Other points to note from engagement / submissions submission forms (March 2026) :

- Toilets should be re-furbished

4.2.1 Appendices: Summary of Feedback(Cont.)

- Any art on outside of building should link with art trail
- Food trucks and tenants can work well – reference Smokin goose / Ohope Tavern
- If this is a food & beverage option – should be affordable, to attract as many people as possible (i.e. Gibbo's / Mata brewery)
- Should put in place some strict branding guidelines, implementing this across all council owned buildings – Whakatāne character
- For sails – consider nets, link to Otowhaki
- If this becomes a food and beverage option – consider noise for local residents

1.1.4.3 *Engagement and Community Views : Short Term Recreational Space (Corner Quay Street and The Strand)*

Key themes from pre- engagement (4, 5 March 2026) :

- Night markets – good idea – vibrancy
- Police suggested good lighting, robust materials, low level landscaping
- Prefer lawn – cooler
- Food trucks are good option for events only – not permanent
- Consider artwork, especially on back wall
- If retain plunket – could use as bike hire, art gallery
- Concern from residents on adjoining wall & structural integrity after demolition
- Don't want teenagers / ball games
- Need to consider shade

Key themes from public engagement (16-25 March 2026) :

- Spend the minimum
- Want trees, grass, natural space
- Space for events would be great, including light festival
- Whakatane has enough playgrounds, if doing anything if needs to be different from what already have (i.e. mini golf, trampoline)
- Consider splash park for younger kids (like Tauranga), used to be a fountain there
- Consider bright colours – attract people
- Consider parking if this space is activated.

Key themes from online submission forms (11-27 March 2026) :

- Strong support for :
 - o Food trucks / tables / modular seats (42%)
 - o Retaining Plunket building (40%)
 - o Shade structure (32%)
 - o Catenary lighting (25%)

4.2.1 Appendices: Summary of Feedback(Cont.)

- 20% of respondents (12 people) advised that we should not be spending ratepayers money on this & we should do nothing.
- 8% of responses suggested we should do the minimum only to minimise any rates increases.
- Grass and trees, should be simple and as natural as possible
- Solution should be simple, attractive and flexible
- Night market, live music, events (Note : Atea has Friday night market – need to ensure not competition, as that is working well)
- Need entertainment for kids (mini slide, nature playground)

Other points to note from engagement / submissions submission forms (March 2026) :

- Consider older people (20% population are over 65), include exercise equipment like in Asia
- Kids and traffic don't mix
- Develop now, don't spend ratepayers money
- Consider traffic calming on Quay street, mixed use street
- If Plunket building kept, consider to keep permanently. Note : This will impede future development.
- Plunket building - This could be a community space as opposed to commercial building (local art, Halo)
- If food trucks here – charge more, never enough seating when there is an event
- Add movie screen to large wall
- Consider containers / pods for community groups (local artists / Halo etc)
- If there is a container, keep Plunket – can have bean bags

1.1.4.4 Engagement and Community Views : The Wharf Surrounds

Key themes from pre- engagement (4, 5 March 2026) :

- Needs to remain a commercial wharf with truck access for ice etc for boats
- Should allow for people to sit/eat on riverfront
- Most dingy users bring their boats on the back of ute, move this down to far end (near Mataatua reserve)
- Prefer option 2 or 3, can do carparking later (if needed)
- Suggest bike parking in this area
- Weigh station at SFC would be good for club / public
- This is where council should invest – key area for the town, more commercial activities at wharf would be good
- Containers could be used for iceman and gibbo's potentially

Key themes from public engagement (16-25 March 2026) :

- Having fish and chips and iceman provide more public value than SFC

4.2.1 Appendices: Summary of Feedback(Cont.)

- Need seating at the wharf side
- Should access be restricted for vehicles – bollards ? Currently accessway is blocked during whitebait season
- Can add half basketball court / area for kids next to Mataatua reserve
- If cannot afford options 2,3 , just put in more seating / tables on waterfront

Key themes from online submission forms (11-27 March 2026) :

- Strong support for :
 - o Potential commercial development (33%)
 - o Nature playground (28%)
 - o New coastal / eco planting (28%)
 - o Rimurēhia Kupenga (sculpture / planting) (27%)
 - o Viewing deck and terraced seating (27%)
 - o Modular seating (27%)
 - o Refurbished Quay St footpath (27%)
- 20% of respondents (12 people) advised that we should not be spending ratepayers money on this & we should do nothing.
- 8% of responses suggested we should do the minimum only to minimise any rates increases.
- Weigh station should stay where it is, more practical for boat trailers
- Include as much natural features – grass, trees (for shade) and riparian
- Need more food paces on the wharf – either do commercial development or containers
- Option 3 (commercial development) will deliver the greatest benefit for future generations
- Need to activate this space – see Taupo / Auckland
- Need to incorporate Whakatāne unique character & strengthen cultural linkage
- Food trucks may be better in this area
- Need to put in bollards to restrict access to the wharf
- Park area should cater for older kids – young kids are well provisioned for in this area

Other points to note from engagement / submissions submission forms (March 2026) :

- Current swimming at this location is unsafe, need to consider having something down by old isite – diving / bombing area
- Need to separate pedestrians / cyclists at this busy area
- If doing containers – need to understand the commercial viability, also need to ensure containers are not tacky
- Could put in memorial seating at this area
- Consider community / cultural hub for containers
- Consider Olympians wall of fame
- Need to separate SFC from public – not seen as just SFC area

4.2.1 Appendices: Summary of Feedback(Cont.)

- There needs to be greater transparency around the harbour fund