

Letter of Support for Gisborne District Council's Application to the Waka Kotahi Fund Streets for People

Tēnā koe

Sport Gisborne Tairāwhiti are committed to increasing holistic opportunities for our tamariki, rangatahi and whānau to access quality play, sport and active recreation experiences.

We fully support Gisborne District Council's application to Waka Kotahi's Streets for People Fund to create a healthier future by putting people and place at the heart of our streets. The places we live, learn, work and play have a direct impact on our health and well-being with our streets allowing the space for our tamariki and rangatahi to practice, learn and develop the life skills they need to be active for life.

Sport Gisborne Tairāwhiti collaborates with Gisborne District Council across many strategic functions and community projects including community facilities, parks and recreation and play initiatives.

In particular, we are currently collaborating with Gisborne District Council on a Sport New Zealand initiative called the **Neighbourhood Play Systems Blueprint**. This play sufficiency analysis is a comprehensive assessment of the high deprivation neighbourhood footprint surrounding Cobham School and identifies tactical urbanism opportunities for creating playful neighbourhoods through tamariki codesigned play initiatives.

The Blueprint is a radical approach to urban design in that it places the key stakeholder, our tamariki, at the centre of a co-design process. As a tamariki-led framework, the Blueprint recognises and elevates young people as valued contributors to society, giving them the space to participate, assume agency and take responsibility for factors that affect their daily lives. Through co-design practices with the tamariki of Cobham School in the suburb of Elgin, the key barriers and opportunities to play in their neighbourhood have been identified and shaped into a Te-Ao Māori framework that has the potential to dismantle the systems of play inequity in Elgin and Tairāwhiti.

The projects identified in Gisborne District Council's application to the Streets for People Fund will help to activate the walking and cycling initiatives identified in the Elgin Neighbourhood Play System Blueprint in order to create a safe, accessible and equitable active transport network for our tamariki, rangatahi and whānau to live, learn, work and play.

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