

## **Engagement Summary: New footpaths for First View Avenue, Cherrie Road and Wakelin Road, Beachlands proposal**

In August 2026, we sought feedback on proposed new footpaths along First View Avenue, Cherrie Road and Wakelin Road in Beachlands.

The proposal was initiated to give the community a safer and more comfortable route to walk, as there is currently no footpath on either side of these roads and people must share the road with vehicles.

We received seven submissions from local residents. Feedback was overall positive, with residents broadly supportive of the safety intent while raising a number of local concerns about specific parts of the proposal.

### **Project outcome**

We would like to thank everyone who took the time to share their feedback and local knowledge about First View Avenue, Cherrie Road and Wakelin Road.

After considering the feedback received, we plan to proceed with the proposed footpath improvements, with the following change: the footpath along Wakelin Road will be removed from the project.

All other items in the original proposal, including the footpaths on First View Avenue and Cherrie Road, the new pram ramps, driveway reinstatements and broken yellow lines, will proceed as proposed. The construction is expected to be completed by the end of the 2026-2027 financial year.

We will be in touch with affected residents and businesses closer the construction date.

### **What people told us about the proposal**

Some residents welcomed the plan and the safer walking it will provide. The concerns raised, and our responses, are set out below.

#### **Wakelin Road footpath**

Feedback on the proposed footpath along Wakelin Road was strongly opposed. Residents told us that people walking, including dog walkers, mostly head straight to the reserve rather than along the road, which sees very little foot traffic.

Residents also suggested that a footpath connecting Second and Third View Avenue on Cherrie Road, and improved footpath access down to Sunkist Beach, would better reflect where people actually walk in the area.

**Response:** Having considered this feedback, the footpath on Wakelin Road will be removed from this project. A request for a footpath on the section of Cherrie Road between Second View Avenue and Third View Avenue has been added to the Community Initiated Programme for future consideration, alongside requests relating to the reserve.

#### **Trees and verge conditions**

Residents raised concerns about an established tree close to the proposed footpath alignment, including the impact on its root system and the risk from falling seed cones.

**Response:** The footpath has been designed to minimise impact on tree roots. An arborist has assessed the tree and confirmed it does not pose any greater risk than other trees along the route. Both sides of the road were considered during design, and the western side was chosen to retain the existing vegetation and character of the street. Footpaths commonly run beneath established trees, which provide shade and shelter for people walking.

#### **Visibility at the Puriri Road / First View Avenue intersection**

Residents raised concerns about overgrown vegetation and an existing security light affecting visibility for turning drivers and pedestrians at this intersection.

**Response:** This is a local intersection carrying low traffic volumes, and there have been no police-reported crashes here in the past five years, indicating the current risk is relatively low. The new broken yellow lines (no stopping at all times) proposed as part of this project will further improve visibility here. We will continue to monitor the intersection and consider further changes if needed. We'd like to note the security light is not owned or maintained by Auckland Council.

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First View Avenue, Cherrie Road and Wakelin Road project team