What the community panel have to say about

neighbourhoods

and the question

What should Council prioritise when making decisions for investing in neighbourhoods to support the current and future needs of our community?

Put people first!

The overall message from the community panel is that the needs of (and the benefits to) the community should be put ahead of other things, like budgets and technical and political concerns and requirements.

The top factors that the community panel think are important for building and upgrading neighbourhood facilities are, if the project:

* will benefit the community, including if it will improve general health and mental health.
* has the support of the community.
* pays attention to the needs of the community now, as well as in the future.
* is environmentally friendly.
* is accessible to the most vulnerable people in the community (this includes thinking about disability needs and also transport options, location, costs, language etc.).

Share more information with us!

The community panel think that what we have in our neighbourhoods is good, but also give us:

* more information about the facilities and services that are available to the community.
* better signage on buildings and facilities so we know what they are.
* safer paths and streets.
* opening hours at certain facilities that can also support people who work during regular business hours.
* more information about how decisions are made to build or upgrade things.
* information about how the community can give feedback, ask questions or participate in conversations or the decision process.

The community panel would also like Council to prioritise projects that are achievable and be more flexible and thoughtful in the way that it prioritises short-term and long-term projects as community needs and desires will change over time.