

# Kaihu Valley Trail: Petition response

**Meeting:** Kaipara District Council  
**Date of meeting:** 25 November 2020  
**Reporting officer:** Joanne Reid, Programme Manager

## Purpose/Ngā whāinga

To report back on the Kaihu Valley Trail petition received by Council at the Wednesday 28 October Council Meeting.

## Recommendation/Ngā tūtohunga

That the Kaipara District Council:

- a) Notes that the proposed route of the Kaihu Valley Trail has not been finalised
- b) Notes that council staff will engage further with affected landowners and the community regarding the route of the Kaihu Valley Trail.

## Discussion/Ngā kōrerorero

Kaipara District Council received a presentation from Mr. Bryce Wyatt (lead petitioner) and acknowledged a petition objecting to the route of the proposed Kaihu Valley Trail, at the October Council meeting. The petition presented is located at Attachment A.

It is normal practise under the current petitions policy for the petition to be presented formally to Council and for the Council to request the Chief Executive investigate and respond to the petition. This report provides the response.

The Kaihu Valley Trail project has been a project that Kaipara District Council (KDC) has had interest in for some time, however, has been unable to provide the funding for. Recently, KDC has been fortunate to receive up to \$4m from the Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) towards the project. Council agreed to the funding agreement from the Provincial Development Unit at the October Council meeting.

Internally, a programme team has been created with a project manager appointed to this project. The proposed Kaihu Valley Trail route is not finalised and it is recognised that further engagement with the impacted landowners and the broader community will occur to understand concerns related to the route and possible mitigation strategies.

This project falls under the terms of reference of the newly established Externally-Funded Projects Committee and all future decision-making on the Kaihu Valley Trail project will be undertaken by this committee.

## Significance and engagement/Hirahira me ngā whakapāpā

The decisions or matters of this report do not trigger the significance criteria outlined in Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, and the public will be informed via agenda on the website.

## Next steps/E whaiake nei

The lead petitioner will be informed of this response.

## Attachments/Ngā tapiritanga

	Title
A	Petition presented on 28 October 2020

