

FOCUS ON PAIHIA – FIRST COMMUNITY WORKSHOP 17.6.09

Approximately 125 individual responses

HAPPY

ENVIRONMENTAL

Topic	Votes
Scenery/views/beauty/environment/location	62
Beaches/sea/ocean	37
Climate/weather	23
Peace	5
Village Green/open space	4
Size	2
No traffic lights	2
Easy parking, treaty grounds, recent development, fixing erosion, fishing, island song project	All 1

SOCIAL

Topic	Votes
People/community/friendly/welcoming	39
Lifestyle	14
Sailing club	4
Summer atmosphere	3
Access	3
Good for kids, charm, entertainment, walk everywhere, school, Lighthouse closing, living on waterfront, visitors, international feel	All 1

ECONOMIC

Topic	Votes
Tourist activities/destination	6
Restaurants, customers, opportunities	All 1

CULTURAL

Topic	Votes
Williams House/retention of old buildings	3
Stone Church	1

OTHER

- Potential

SAD

ENVIRONMENTAL

Topic	Votes
General appearance (including architecture, town centre, state of beaches, lack of green spaces, wharf & waterfront)	36
The Mall	11
Parking	6
Cleanliness	5
Erosion	4
Traffic	4
Facilities on land	2
Recycling, sea life, commercial fishing, marine reserve, land to develop, environmental neglect, crossing & noise	All 1

SOCIAL

Topic	Votes
Vandalism/crime/lack of police presence/security	11
Youth activities	5
Public transport	2
Community facilities	2
Town lacks 'soul'	2
Crowds, biking ot school, free camping, cycle/walkways	All 1

ECONOMIC

Topic	Votes
Seasonal	9
Lack of shops	5
Costs/rent/landlords	4
Jobs in winter, current economy, hours, cranky shop people, rates, commercialism, wharf monopoly, promotion, opportunities & provisions over winter	All 1

CULTURE

Topic	Votes
Lack of communities sense of togetherness/one voice	16
Local Maori input	1
Local community art work	1

OTHER

- Planning and progress (lack of) – 6 votes
- Council support – 5 votes
- No change - 4 votes
- Weather – 2 votes
- Not on weather maps, abstinence, below potential, point of difference – all 1 vote

Couple of comments

- Landlords (often absentee) charge exorbitant rents, discouraging new tenants, particularly in retail area
- Awful architecture/ugly buildings on ridgelines etc, town centre bad buildings.

MAD

ENVIRONMENTAL

Topic	Votes
General appearance (including town centre, beaches, development, signage, being built out & wharf)	21
Parking	19
Infrastructure & utilities	18
Mall	16
Road on waterfront, traffic and pedestrian crossing (in summer)	13
Litter and lack of recycling	11
Dirty harbour	2
Fire station position, water quality, disappearing wildlife, no reserves	All 1

SOCIAL

Topic	Votes
Crime/violence/vandalism/boy racers/lack of police/drunk youth/drink driving	23
Disjointed community/not together/lack of one voice	14
People standing in way of progress, cycle land, noise and lack of youth facilities	All 2
Lack of facilities, safe recreational space, ethics, youth seen as bad, attractions and building rules for self development	All 1

ECONOMIC

Topic	Votes
Rent/landlords	5
Cost of living/over pricing	4
Rates (and spend in area doesn't match)	4
Seasonal, night life, promotion (lack of), large companies taking over, monopolies	All 2
Regulations, empty shops, closing over winter, unlicensed tourist operators, setting up small business	All 1

CULTURE

Topic	Votes
History not recognised	2

OTHER

- Planning (lack of) – 8 votes
- Council support –7 votes
- No change, hiking tracks, reputation of high school, no walkways Puketona, lagging behind, lack of vision, FNHL – all 1 vote

Couple of comments

- Why we lag so far behind inferior locations in NZ, absolutely no cohesion
- Cheap, garish shop fronts, dirty, uneven footpaths and public areas
- Expenditure by Council doesn't match the tourism generated funds.