

## Item 2: Draft Blue Green Network Plan Update

**SESSION TYPE:** Briefing

### **PURPOSE/DESIRED OUTCOME:**

The purpose of this workshop is to update the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board on the public feedback received on the Blue Green Network Plan and to inform of next steps for the plan.

### **DATE/START TIME:**

Thursday, 2 April 2026 at 11.45am

### **TIME BREAKDOWN:**

Presentation: 15 minutes

Questions: 15 minutes

### **PRESENTERS:**

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26 March 2026

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

A	Blue Green Network Community Feedback Presentation
B	Link to Draft Blue Green Network Plan Let's Talk Page and Submissions <a href="#">Blue Green Network Plan   Let's Talk Queenstown Lakes District Council</a>

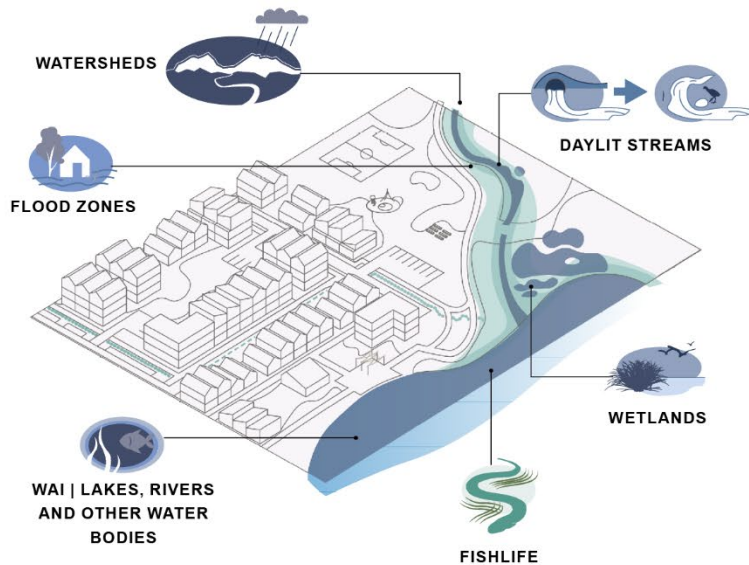
# Draft Blue Green Network Plan

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our open  
space network.

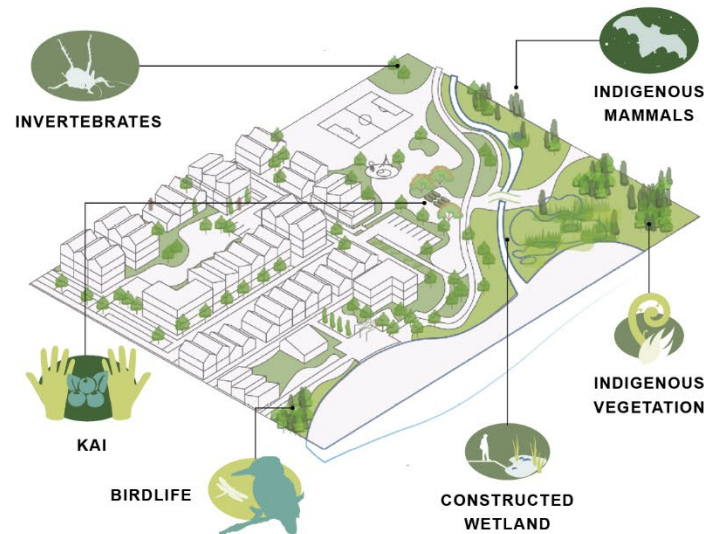


# Planning for and protecting blue/green elements

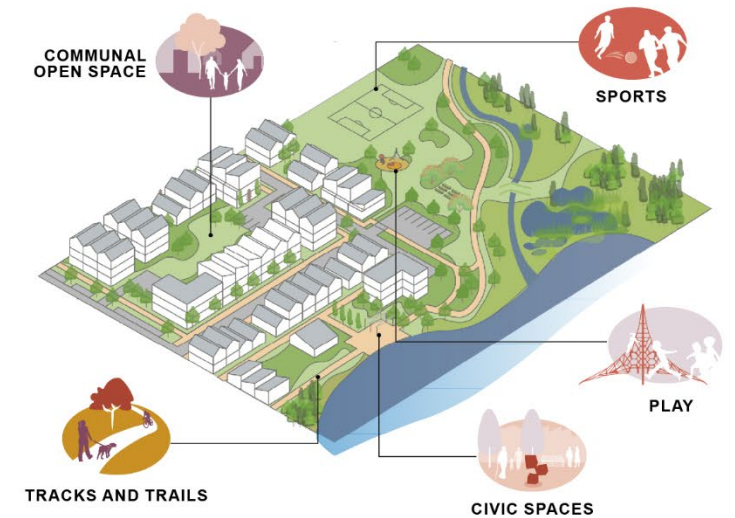
## BLUE COMPONENTS



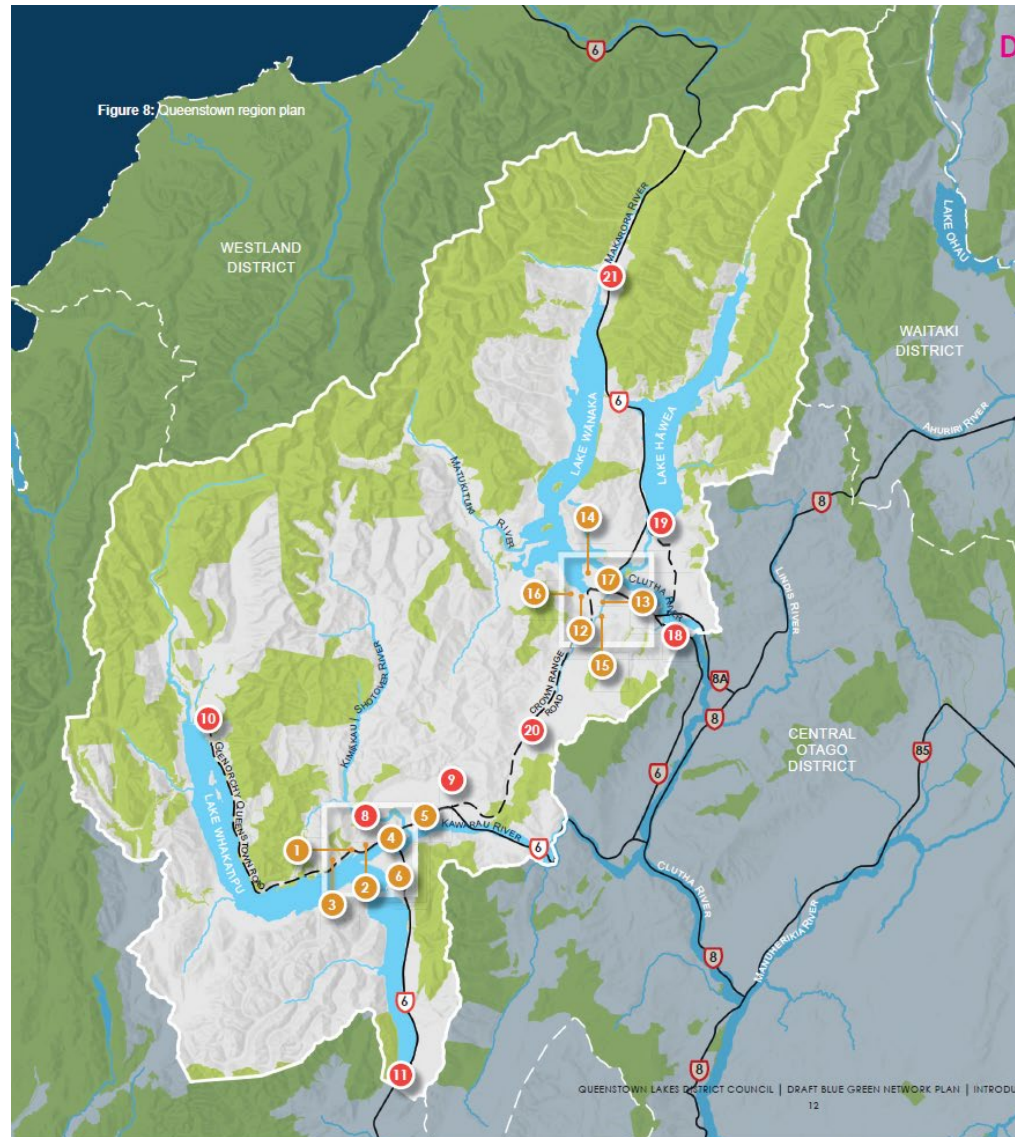
## GREEN COMPONENTS



## COMMUNITY COMPONENTS



# Geographic Scope



# Public Engagement

Public engagement on the draft Blue Green Network Plan took place from 22 September 2025 to 12 December 2025, and included:

An online feedback form on Let's Talk

A summary of the draft Plan made available in Council's offices and Queenstown Library

Presentations to developers

Stakeholder engagement sessions

## KEY ENGAGEMENT STATISTICS



**1,900**

project page visits on Let's Talk



**1,270**

total documents downloaded



**412**

downloads of the draft plan



**75**

feedback submissions

## WHO SUBMITTED?

Local residents

Community associations

Heath NZ Te Whatu Ora

Developers

Federated Farmers

Local environmental organisations

Local trails trusts

Protect our Winters



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# A summary of what we heard

The overwhelming majority of submitters supported the draft Blue Green Network Plan and many even shared a desire for even more elements to be protected or enhanced.

## WHAT IS YOUR POSITION ON THE DRAFT BLUE GREEN NETWORK PLAN?



**80%**

I support the draft Blue Green Network Plan

**8%**

I oppose the draft Blue Green Network Plan

**12%**

I am neutral to the draft Blue Green Network Plan

## LOCAL BLUE GREEN PLANS THAT RECEIVED FEEDBACK:

Te Pūtahi-Ladies Mile	●●●●●●●●
Albert Town	●●●●●
Wānaka West-Wānaka South	●●●●●
Te Tapuae Southern Corridor	●●●●●
Lake Hāwea	●●●●●
Wānaka North	●●●●●
Frankton	●●●●●
Arthurs Point	●●
Arrowtown	●●
Cardrona	●●
Wānaka-Three Parks	●
Fernhill-Sunshine Bay	●
Glenorchy	●
Kelvin Heights	●
Luggate	●
Queenstown-Queenstown Hill	●

# Key Themes – In support

- > BGN important for residents and wider communities
- > Useful tool for locals and visitors to use
- > Provides a plan for Communities to coordinate efforts to protect and enhance BGN
- > Support shared for nature and it's importance for mental and physical health, climate change resilience and connectivity

# Key Themes – Suggested improvements

- > Further protection for lakes and rivers, especially water quality
- > More parks, trails and native planting generally.
- > Strengthen efforts to halt biodiversity loss
- > Provide for and protect food resilience were suggested
- > Mapping and improvement of stormwater infrastructure
- > More protection for open space around Lake Hāwea
- > More active travel elements, Hanley's Farm and Frankton
- > Safe road crossing points over SH6 at Te Pūtahi Ladies Mile

# Key Themes – Other Thoughts

- > Need stronger tools to implement changes across the blue/green network
- > Pore mapping of waterways and aquifers
- > Inclusion of food growing areas including on public land,
- > Protection of trees
- > Addition or correction of trails in and around Luggate, Frankton, Albert Town, and up Ben Lomond
- > More reserves and connections within Cardrona and Wānaka South.
- > Extending the Blue Green Network to encompass other land parcels including LINZ or private land, and into rural areas.

# Changes made

- > Maps updated to include additional trails and features in Frankton, Lake Hayes, Shotover Country, Cardrona, and Albert Town
- > New opportunities like the removal of willows near Sugar Lane
- > Upgrades to the play area in Luggate
- > Improvements to existing reserve areas in Cardrona and the south of Wānaka
- > Wording will be strengthened in future updates to the plan to 'make space for water'

# Next Steps

- > The final Blue Green Network Plan will be presented to Council
- > Continue engaging with communities and landowners to realise opportunities identified in the plan.
- > Maps in the Blue Green Network Plan are intended to be regularly updated so they remain relevant and progress can be monitored.
- > The Plan is designed to be a guiding document that evolves as development occurs in PDAs and settlement areas, providing an up-to-date overview of what needs to be protected, maintained, or provided for in these areas.
- > The document will inform Council planning for future spatial planning and structure plans and will enable Council to communicate to developers and landowners.