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Please type in the space below each question, and use as much space as you require for each answer.

Please email your responses back to info@sustainablewaikato.org.nz not later than **Monday, September 5th 2016**.

1. Have you personally been involved in any group, organisation or activities that relate to sustainability? Please give details and outcomes.

In 2011 I was appointed to the Hauraki Gulf Forum. During this time the Hauraki Gulf Forum identified difficult and complex issues of continued environmental decline within the Hauraki Gulf. Marine spatial planning was identified as international best practice to address these issues and for the past three almost four years I have been a member of the Mana Whenua Marine Spatial Plan group working in collaboration with local networks, users and other stakeholders from Mangawhai to Waihi. Fourteen representatives from those networks were brought together in the Sea Change Tai Timu Tai Pari working group referred to as SWG. These people hold a wealth of knowledge on the Hauraki Gulf and have different ideas on how the marine spaces should be used. It's all about improving the gulf, its ecology, its economy and wellbeing of its communities. A collaborative marine spatial planning process supports people to contribute to a desired vision for the Gulf, one that considers things like which activities might take place and where, what areas and values are important and how to safeguard them and options and possible compromises to meet future needs. The Hauraki Gulf is one of Aotearoa, New Zealand's most valued taonga.

2. Please rank, in order of (1) to (7), what you consider to be the most pressing needs for sustainability today, (1) being the most pressing and (7) the least. Please also add one of your own ideas.

Adapting to the impacts of climate change	Rank: 1
Reducing our contribution to climate change	Rank: 1
Sustainable economic growth	Rank: 2
Sustainable transport options	Rank: 3
Sustainable urban design	Rank: 4
Water quality in our rivers and lakes	Rank: 5
<u>Other (enter here):</u>	Rank:

You may comment on your ranking if you wish: 3Walking, cycling, affordable electric cars, solar/wind power/wood burners

3. In your view, what is the most effective thing Council could do to improve wellbeing for those of lower socioeconomic status in our city?

The role of Local Government in promoting wellbeing is supporting a better life for its citizens and helping to build strong resilient communities. It is unacceptable that wellbeing is considered first and foremost a health issue to be dealt with by health professionals. Local Government planning, transport, recreation and housing are important for improving wellbeing so partnerships with health and education, business and local community organisations including iwi have the ability to effect change in the wellbeing of our communities.

4. What do you see as future priorities for transport in Hamilton City and what benefits do you believe these changes will bring?

Increased use of public transport. Less vehicles on the roads, less greenhouse emissions. No parking fees. I enjoy riding in buses for all the reasons I've just outlined. Road Safety is a priority. Integrated transport initiatives to provide new and improved existing infrastructure for walking, cycling and public transport. Southern Links roading projects including land purchase in preparation for future requirements to connect the city.

5. What sustainable water management strategies do you think Council should implement?

Asset renewal projects. Water supply –water mains, hydrants and meters. Renewal of wastewater assets, including pump station and treatment plant assets. Storm water asset renewals.

Projects to meet our levels of service-Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade Water Treatment Plant upgrade. Water demand management to minimise network water loss within the city.

6. Do you see the Council as having responsibility towards managing native biodiversity within the city? If yes, what policies would you like to see in place to support this? If no, please explain.

Yes council has a responsibility towards managing native biodiversity within the city. The Gully Restoration Strategy addresses some of the biodiversity work to restore fauna and flora. Thanks to the groups and organisations and residents whose homes back onto gullies who have been restoring biodiversity back to native vegetation and bringing back birdlife. Policies serve as a guideline to inform people how to do things and I think encouraging people to understand and become actively involved in these kind of projects a tremendous way to work together to save our planet and to have fun doing it.

7. What strategies do you think Council should employ to minimise the City's waste?

Council is already aiming to reduce the amount of waste produced by residential properties by investigating alternative options to divert recyclable materials from black bags waste streams and continuing education programmes, providing grants for promotion of waste minimisation and investigating alternative containers.

8. How can Hamilton celebrate cultural diversity while helping to strengthen cross cultural ties?

Ask the diverse cultural communities what they want. Council should facilitate and support the process.

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- 9. Do you think Council has a role in supporting businesses, schools, families and individuals to make more sustainable choices? If no, why not and if yes what ideas do you have to support this?**

The heart of Local Government business is supporting a better life for its citizens and helping build resilient communities.

- 10. Do you think Council has a responsibility to have policies to mitigate climate change and manage its impacts? Could you please give some examples?**

I believe Hamilton Council has a responsibility to have policies to mitigate climate change. Education and advisory programmes. Sustainable urban planning and growth strategies. Active transport strategies, promoting affordable electric cars, next Mayors car should be an electric car or an electric bicycle. Encourage more cycling and walking to mention a few.

- 11. Suppose that your Council is considering a proposal for economic development. The development would increase regional GDP and create a significant number of jobs. It would also add significant pollution to waterways and further degrade their ecosystems. Would you support the proposal or not? What is your reasoning?**

The proposal would never be accepted or approved by any council.