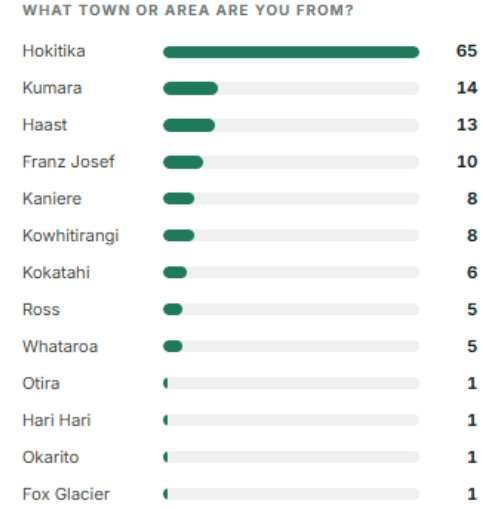
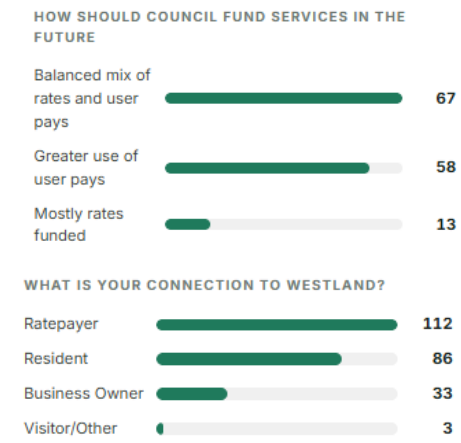


Westland District Council Engagement Report 2026 Summary



Who took part
138 Responses



Roading and Footpaths
Current Spend \$4.3M 23.5% of budget

Spend less Today Spend more

Leans towards Spending more +1.7%
+\$0.40 of \$100

Roads, bridges, footpaths, and related infrastructure connect communities across the Westland District. These services support safe travel for residents, school buses, emergency services, freight operators and local businesses.

Roading infrastructure
93 answers

Spend more	47%
Keep same	41%
Spend less	12%

Footpaths
90 answers

Spend more	43%
Keep same	37%
Spend less	20%

Public Facilities
Current Spend \$3.7M 20.1% of budget

Spend less Today Spend more

Leans towards spending less -0.9%
-\$0.18 of \$100

Public facilities provide important spaces and services that contribute to community wellbeing, recreation, learning, and social connection. These include the library, museum, swimming pools, public toilets and other shared facilities. They support residents of all ages while also enhancing the experience of visitors to the district

Hokitika Museum
91 answers

Spend less	63%
Keep same	31%
Spend more	7%

Hokitika Library
92 answers

Keep same	51%
Spend less	33%
Spend more	16%

Swimming Pool
87 answers

Keep same	56%
Spend less	22%
Spend more	22%

Cemeteries
84 answers

Keep same	71%
Spend less	25%
Spend more	4%

Public Toilets
86 answers

Keep same	57%
Spend less	26%
Spend more	17%

Regulatory and Compliance
Current Spend \$3.2M 17.7% of budget

Spend less Today Spend more

Leans towards spending less -3.6%
-\$0.64 of \$100

Regulatory and compliance services help keep our communities safe, healthy, and well-managed. This includes building and resource consents, environmental health, alcohol licensing, animal control, and monitoring activities to ensure people, businesses, and developments meet legal and environmental requirements.

Community Halls
Current Spend \$1.7M- 9.4% of budget

Spend less Today Spend more

Leans towards spending less -2.5%
-\$0.23 of \$100

Community halls are important gathering spaces that support local events, meetings, celebrations, emergency response, and community activities. They help bring people together, particularly in smaller rural communities, and provide flexible spaces for a wide range of community groups and organisations.

Parks and Reserves
Current Spend \$1.4M- 7.4% of budget

Spend less Today Spend more

Leans towards spending more +0.1%
+\$0.01 of \$100

Parks, reserves, playgrounds, gardens, and open spaces provide places for recreation, relaxation, and community activities. These areas contribute to the district's natural character, support healthy lifestyles, and create attractive spaces for residents and visitors to enjoy.

Economic Development
Current Spend \$1.1M 6.2% of budget

Spend less Today Spend more

Leans towards spending less -1.7%
-\$0.11 of \$100

Economic development activities support a strong, resilient, and diverse local economy that creates opportunities for businesses, workers, and communities across Westland District. This includes supporting local businesses, attracting investment, encouraging employment opportunities, and promoting Westland as a visitor destination. Tourism is one part of this work, helping generate economic activity and support local jobs.

isite
82 answers

Spend less	61%
Keep same	34%
Spend more	5%

Wilderness Trail
84 answers

Keep same	57%
Spend less	29%
Spend more	14%

Community Grants
84 answers

Keep same	51%
Spend less	33%
Spend more	15%

Community Development Officers
82 answers

Spend less	62%
Keep same	32%
Spend more	6%

Tourism
83 answers

Spend less	48%
Keep same	35%
Spend more	17%

How acceptable the options were

If Council opted for increasing fees and charges, which of the following would you consider most acceptable for an increase?

Very acceptable Acceptable Unacceptable Very unacceptable

Food licensing	+45
Resource consents	+12
Building consents	+4
Pool entry fees	0
Dog registration	-27

Net score is the share at the top of the scale minus the share at the bottom, out of 138 who rated these.

Would you support the introduction of paid parking in selected locations?

Very acceptable Acceptable Unacceptable Very unacceptable

Tourist destinations	+54
Franz Josef Township	-9
Hokitika Township	-12
Fox Glacier Township	-19

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