



DISTRICT COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL

DRAFT TOWN CONCEPT PLANS FOR CAMBRIDGE, TE AWAMUTU & KIHIKIHI, PIRONGIA AND OHAUPO AND DRAFT ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY

Prepared pursuant to sections 82, 83, 87 and 89 of the Local Government Act 2002.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

The Town Concept Plans and the Environment Strategy are key components of the Waipa 2050 Project, and Council proposes to confirm these documents in February 2010.

1) Town Concept Plans

Draft Town Concept Plans have been prepared for Te Awamutu and Kihikihi, Cambridge, Ohaupo and Pirongia. The Draft Plans have been developed based on the direction and approach signalled in the District Growth Strategy.

The purpose of the Town Concept Plans is to provide a blueprint for future sustainable growth and development that builds on and strengthens the existing qualities of each town.

In each Plan the following matters are covered:

- identification of elements of existing character
- description of desired future character
- identification of key entrances and enhancement opportunities
- proposed strategic road connections and cycle and walkway connections
- areas for future growth and proposed types of activities (e.g. retailing, industrial and residential)
- potential locations for compact development (Te Awamutu and Kihikihi and Cambridge)
- definition of town centres and proposals for enhancing town centres
- concepts for public spaces such as road reserves
- an outline of the proposed density of buildings in Town Centre and residential areas and illustration of proposed building forms
- an overview of the structure plan requirements for new growth areas
- proposed concepts for defined opportunity sites.

The Town Concept Plans will support the preparation of the District Plan and will assist Council in prioritising infrastructure spending and town improvements.

2) Environment Strategy

The Draft Environment Strategy has been developed based on feedback obtained from the community outcomes process and the District Growth Strategy. The overriding direction from both processes has been a desire for the District to develop in a more sustainable manner. The purpose of the Environment Strategy is to give direction on how this aspiration can be achieved.

The strategy has been developed based on 4 main themes:

- Council and Community Leadership and Action
- Sustainable Rural Environment and Land Use
- Heritage and Culture
- Sustainable Communities

The Draft Strategy takes each theme area and identifies goals, issues and potential actions. The goals and actions in the Strategy are intended to promote greater collaboration between Council, other agencies and the community. The Strategy itself is intended to provide guidance and direction on how this could be achieved. For the Council the Draft Strategy reflects the continuation of work currently underway, as well as signalling the need and opportunity for change in other areas.

The formation of a stakeholder group is identified as a mechanism to assist joint and co-ordinated implementation.

The final Strategy will assist the Council in the formation of the new District Plan.

OPEN DAYS AND PUBLIC MEETINGS

Open Days will be held to provide an opportunity for residents, ratepayers and other interested parties to find out more about the draft Town Concept Plans and the draft Environment Strategy. The details are as follows:

Open Days

EVENT	VENUE	DATE	TIME
Ohaupo Public Open Day	Memorial Hall Ohaupo	2 November	6pm – 8pm
Cambridge Public Open Day	Town Hall Cambridge	4 November	3pm – 6pm
Pirongia Public Open Day	Methodist Church Pirongia	9 November	6pm – 8pm
Te Awamutu Public Open Day	Waipa District Council 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu	12 November	2pm – 5pm

Community Board Meetings

The draft Town Concept Plans and draft Environment Strategy will be presented to the Community Boards so that they are able to prepare a submission for Council's consideration. These meetings are open to the public.

EVENT	VENUE	DATE	TIME
Cambridge Community Board Public Meeting	Waipa District Council 23 Wilson Street, Cambridge	4 November	7.30pm
Te Awamutu Community Board Public Meeting	Waipa District Council 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu	10 November	7pm

SUBMISSIONS AND PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The Council welcomes public input on the Draft Town Concept Plans and the Draft Environment Strategy.

The Draft Town Concept Plans and Draft Environment Strategy will be available for public comment on 19th October 2009. Submissions, which must be in writing, must be received at Council offices by 5pm on 20th November 2009. Council will acknowledge in writing each submission received. It is proposed that the submissions will be heard by the Strategic Planning and Development Committee of Council on 8th December 2009. Submitters wishing to be heard in support of their submission must clearly state this in their submission. All submitters wishing to be heard will be given notice of the hearing location and time.

Availability: Copies of the Draft Town Concept Plans and Draft Environment Strategy and submission forms will be available from:

Te Awamutu Council Offices, 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu, Phone: (07) 872 0030, Freephone: 0800 924 723

Council Library, Roche Street, Te Awamutu

Cambridge Council Offices, 23 Wilson Street, Cambridge, Phone: (07) 823 3800

Council Library, 23 Wilson Street, Cambridge

Website: www.waipa2050.co.nz

Submissions can be made as follows:

- 1) mail to Waipa District Council, Private Bag 2402, Te Awamutu 3840
- 2) email to info@waipa2050.co.nz
- 3) fax to (07) 872 0033
- 4) deliver to Waipa District Council Offices, 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu or 23 Wilson Street, Cambridge.

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