

Current progress on Future Development Strategy

Council is developing a Future Development Strategy ("FDS"), which is required to be in place to inform the 2024 Long Term Plan ("LTP"). The strategy will specify where and how sufficient development capacity will be provided to meet future growth needs over the next 30 years.

Progress to date

Spatial mapping work has identified: 1) "No go areas"- areas that should not be considered for future urban development and "Go carefully areas"- areas where additional consideration is required if urban development is contemplated. Following this analysis, consideration of the 2018 Spatial Plan and initial engagement with stakeholders on the FDS (along with PC9), Council identified broad FDS opportunity/ investigation areas. From these investigation areas four broad growth scenarios were identified to test:

- Ngongotahā Growth Node Scenario
- Multi-nodal Intensification Scenario
- State Highway 36 Growth Corridor Scenario
- Eastside Growth Focus Scenario

We are in the process of refining these scenarios with input from targeted stakeholders and in response to technical information, including for example, development capacity analysis.

Current Engagement

Engagements has involved the following stakeholders over the past three months (October – December):

Mana Whenua Groups & Collectives

TALT, Eastside Tatau Pounamu Collective, Te Tatau o Te Arawa, Peka Lands Trust, Rotoiti 15 Trust, Te Arawa Group Holdings, Taheke 8C, Ngati Rangiteaorere and the Pukeroa Oruawhata Trust.

Businesses and Associations

Hayes International, Patchell Group, Metlife, Volobuild, Business Chamber, Geothermal Association, Hotel association, TelferYoung, NZHL, Cetogenix Limited, Red Stag, Smartgrowth, Scion, Transpower, Firstgas, Soho Group, Federated Farmers and Rotorua Airport.

Government Departments & Agencies

BoPRC, MoE, MHUD, MfE, KO and Waka Kotahi

Following these targeted engagements, we will be assessing scenarios and developing a preferred scenario, which will inform a draft FDS.

Next Steps

In February next year we will be workshopping the FDS work with Council and then work towards public engagement in April/ May on a draft FDS through a special consultative procedure (SCP).