

Draft Spatial Plan for the Key Urban Areas of Dargaville, Maungatūroto and Kaiwaka

Meeting: Council Briefing
Date of meeting: 6 May 2020
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Purpose/Ngā whāinga

To firstly, obtain direction from Council on any necessary amendments to the Draft Spatial Plan for the Key Urban Areas of Dargaville, Maungatūroto and Kaiwaka; and secondly, obtain support from Council for the adoption of the Final Spatial Plan without further consultation.

Context/Horopaki

Kaipara District Council has been working with AR & Associates and their partners Resilio Studio on the Draft Spatial Plan for the Key Urban Areas of Dargaville, Maungatūroto and Kaiwaka, since June 2019. The purpose of the Spatial Plan is to inform our district planning, infrastructure, financial and economic strategies, with the aim of supporting sustainable development and managing growth in these key areas. The Draft Spatial Plan before Council today is the result of extensive internal and external engagement, bringing together Mana Whenua values, community and stakeholder aspirations, technical assessment and scientific data. Close to its final stage, the Draft Plan now requires Council direction on its content and whether there is any further need for consultation on the Spatial Plan.

Discussion/Ngā kōrerorero

In terms of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity 2016 it is expected that local authorities undertake spatial planning to guide and provide for growth in its area. The Operative Kaipara District Plan provides for a Land Use and Development Strategy (Chapter 3) but this chapter was not developed into an implementation strategy and is somewhat redundant.

AR & Associates were appointed to undertake spatial planning for the Key Urban Areas of Dargaville, Maungatūroto and Kaiwaka. Council was briefed on the Project Plan and its execution on 1 August 2019, and 5 September 2019. Several engagement events were undertaken to obtain Mana Whenua, Community and stakeholder input and views.

On 26 September 2019 the alternative proposals were reported to Council and the alternative growth patterns for the three key urban areas were released for public comments and feedback. On 4 March 2020 the Council was briefed on the outcomes of the consultation process and the preferred option for each area.

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The Elected Members' comments obtained during the meeting on 4 March 2020 were considered and some amendments to the Draft Spatial Plan were suggested. Ongoing discussions with the Infrastructure Group is to assist the strategic alignment of the Spatial Plan with the Infrastructure and Financial Strategies and ultimately with the LTP and future Annual Plans. As State Highway One plays a vital role in the development of Kaipara, further discussions are also being held to better align the Spatial Plan with the Northern Corridor planning and to influence decisions on highway planning.

The final Draft Spatial Plan is attached for discussion. Council's direction on whether formal consultation on the Final Spatial Plan is necessary is also required. The intention is to make any amendments suggested following this briefing and then bring a final document to the May Council Meeting for adoption.

The Draft Spatial Plan contains additional information, included from the discussions held with Elected Members on 4 March 2020 and as a result of final technical and engagement feedback assessment. Combined this information has led to:

- An overview and how to use the Spatial Plan section;
- An identification of issues that need to be considered for each urban centre;
- Description of extended engagement processes;
- Design Principles that will align with future Urban Design Guidelines (a project currently in progress);
- Detailed recommendations for each urban centre;
- Alignment of Spatial Plan to requirements of National Policy Statements and Regional Policy Statement;
- Future Housing Yield Assessment i.e. number of houses that could be built to meet population projections;
- Identification of site-specific neighbourhoods for each urban centre;
- Implementation Plan; and
- Appendices.

Direction is sought on whether Council wishes to adopt the Final Spatial Plan at the next Council Meeting without the need for formal consultation. The spatial planning for Dargaville, Maungatūroto, Kaiwaka has involved extensive participatory process and may not require any more consultation, if Elected Members are satisfied this is the best way forward.

Next steps/E whaiake nei

The Elected Members' views on consultation and the content of the Draft Spatial Plan for the Key Urban Areas of Dargaville, Maungatūroto and Kaiwaka will be addressed and the Final Spatial Plan presented to Council for adoption at the May Council Meeting.

Attachments/Ngā tapiritanga

	Title
A	Dargaville Maungatūroto Kaiwaka Kaipara Spatial Plan