

# Kaipara Sub-Regional Spatial Plan

**Meeting:** Council Briefing  
**Date of meeting:** 03 June 2020  
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## Purpose/Ngā whāinga

To inform Council on the Kaipara Sub-Regional spatial planning and to obtain direction from Council that public consultation on the draft Sub-Regional Spatial Plan is the preferred methodology.

## Context/Horopaki

The sub-regional spatial planning for the villages and settlements of the Kaipara District is being conducted to support a district wide approach to sustainable development. Understanding community values and aspirations for Kaipara's smaller villages and settlements and the relationship and function of the Kaipara's urban centres to the villages and settlements is integral to building economic viability, climate resilience, cultural and social wellbeing. Combining the urban centre and sub-regional spatial planning will provide Council with a comprehensive picture on how to better plan for Kaipara's urban, rural and coastal communities in a coordinated manner.

## Discussion/Ngā kōrerorero

Kaipara District Council is required to indicate the physical strategic direction for development in its District Plan and in terms of the National Policy Statement on Urban Capacity.

Spatial Planning for the Key Urban Areas (Dargaville, Maungatūroto, Kaiwaka and Mangawhai) is nearing conclusion. Other strategic studies to assess Outstanding Landscapes, Outstanding Natural Features and Significant Natural Areas are reaching finality or have been finalised. Background studies such as these and others on, for example, geotechnical hazards, land-use capacity (soil types), natural hazards caused by sea-level rise and inundation, underpin the spatial planning work. The Kaipara Kick-start project and the need to support opportunities identified as part of this project will also inform the Spatial Plan.

In order to coordinate the spatial planning framework in the Kaipara District, a Sub-Regional Spatial Plan for the whole of the Kaipara District needs to be 'stitched' together, comparable with the Auckland Plan 2050, Whangarei Sustainable Futures 30/50 and Far North 2100.

AR & Associates have been contracted to undertake Sub-Regional spatial planning to understand connections between our urban centres, towns and villages and to ensure future needs of their resident communities are met. **Attachment A** outlines the approach to this work.

The project has commenced and engagement with communities and Mana Whenua has started, although disrupted by Covid-19 lock-down. The project however progressed, albeit at a slower pace, with telephone and skype meetings with interested parties. The first Draft document has been compiled and is provided at **Attachments B and C**.

The project has reached the Stage of Options Development as well as testing and evaluation through consultation. The Draft document has to be socialised with the public to assess the proposals and to fill any gaps that may appear due to the limitations of the initial consultation.

The report is divided into several topics with the first containing the background, Mana Whenua Design principles against which proposals are tested, the analysis of the settlement functions and then the building blocks that make the District what it is.

The middle topic deals with the spatial planning of the rural settlements following the Spatial Plans for Dargaville, Maungatūroto, Kaiwaka and Mangawhai to address those settlements' potential.

These include:

- North Kaipara
- Central Kaipara and the West Coast
- Kaipara Harbour and the East Coast
- Poutō Peninsula and Wairoa River Flats.

This is the section which requires in detail consultation and feedback from the communities as well as statutory bodies.

### **Next steps/E whaiake nei**

- Internal technical assessment of services and infrastructure provided in the sub-region.
- Consult with interested and affected parties through the website and public media.
- Draft document will be distributed for comments, inputs and corrections to interested parties and affected parties.

### **Attachments/Ngā tapiritanga**

	Title
A	Kaipara District Spatial Plan Project Plan
B	Kaipara Sub Regional Spatial Plan Draft Part 1 and 2
C	Kaipara Sub Regional Spatial Plan Draft Part 3-5