

Kaipara District Spatial Plan – Ngā Wawata – 2050 – Our Aspirations

Meeting: Council Briefing
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Purpose/Ngā whāinga

To provide the full Kaipara District Spatial Plan - Ngā Wawata 2050 - Our Aspirations for discussion before submitting this to Council for adoption at the December council meeting.

Context/Horopaki

Council was given an update of the pre-consultation document at the briefing of 3 June 2020 and then a report on the feedback received after consultation on 7 October 2020. The attached report is the final report (with a place holder for the Mangawhai Spatial Plan dealt with under a separate briefing item) for discussion before the full report with all the relevant Spatial matters that form the Kaipara District Spatial Plan is submitted to Council for adoption in December.

Discussion/Ngā kōrerorero

The Kaipara District has been experiencing significant growth during the past few years. However, not all growth has been occurring in a managed or strategic fashion. This is one of the key reasons why it is important to have a spatial plan for our district.

Broadly speaking, one of the key benefits of this spatial planning process is that it will create a 30-year strategy that sets the strategic direction for aligning the co-ordination of decision making, infrastructure services and investment within our communities. It also provides a visual illustration of the intended future location, form and mix of residential, rural and business areas, along with the critical transport and infrastructure required to service our communities.

Spatial Planning for the Key Urban Areas (Dargaville, Maungatūroto, Kaiwaka and Mangawhai) has been concluded (or will be during this briefing) for adoption in December, and the smaller settlements have also been finalised. 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 this spatial planning work. The Kaipara Kick-start projects and the water storage project which support opportunities identified as part of this project also inform the Spatial Plan.

In order to co-ordinate the spatial planning framework in the Kaipara District, a District wide Spatial Plan for the whole of the district needed to be 'stitched' together, comparable with the Auckland Plan 2050 and the Whangarei Growth Strategy Sustainable Futures 30/50.

AR & Associates have been contracted to undertake District wide spatial planning to understand connections between our urban centres, towns and villages and to ensure future needs of their resident communities are met. The four attachments to this report provide all of the parts as identified below.

Part A - Overview of the Kaipara District (Attachment A – chapters 1-3, Attachment B – chapters 4-7)

This part links the Kaipara Kickstart project to the Spatial Plan and states the following objectives for the project:

- Understanding the dynamics, drivers and infrastructure needed to support connected development and coordinated functions between Kaipara's settlements, villages and towns.

- Management of natural resources including the mountains, lakes, wetlands, soils, coastal edges, waterways, native forests and the Kaipara Moana (Harbour) and how people should act when they are in these special places.
- Developing a sustainable approach to how all rural and coastal land will be managed for cultural, commercial, conservation and community-based activities.
- Work with Kaipara's Mana Whenua/tangata whenua and communities to ensure they are informed of the project, provide genuine input through the process and have buy-in and ownership of the outcomes.

The role of the Spatial plan will be to direct development towards particular areas and will guide the Infrastructure Strategy to provide services including transport infrastructure in the right places at the agreed standard with the results financed through future long-term plans. It will also provide part of the evidence base for our District Plan review. It will remain a living document that reacts to changes that may happen and not anticipated during the implementation of the District wide Spatial Plan. Design principles against which the proposals were tested are briefly discussed.

This Part also deals with relationships with organisations and institutions outside of the Council's direct responsibilities but have a spatial influence of development in the district. These relations refer to Mana Whenua, transport, economy, regional infrastructure as well as National Policy Statements and Standards, which all have a spatial influence in the district.

Part B - Kaipara District Communities (Attachment C – chapters 1-4, Attachment D – chapters 5-6)

This part references the proposals for the Key Urban Areas of Mangawhai, Dargaville, Maungatūroto and Kaiwaka. (Mangawhai will be included when adopted by Council).

A significant portion of the Kaipara District District Spatial Plan - Ngā Wawata 2050 is then devoted to the smaller communities in the rural and coastal areas according to the sub-regions of:

- North Kaipara;
- Central Kaipara and West Coast;
- Poutō Peninsula;
- Kaipara Harbour and East Coast.

Many of the proposals were derived from consultation or feedback received from Mana Whenua and/or the local communities, notwithstanding the issues experienced during Covid 19, which restricted the ability to have face to face consultation.

The Conservation Estate managed by the Department of Conservation as well as the tourist potential and Transport requirements outside of the settlement communities is identified due to its spatial development potential.

Part C - Overview of Engagement (Attachment D)

This overview summarises the methodology of consultation and the outcomes developed through the consultation period.

Part D – Appendices (Attachment D)

Additional information of value regarding the Department of Conservation has been included.

Next steps/E whaiake nei

Based on feedback received and the finalisation of the Draft Kaipara District Spatial Plan - Ngā Wawata 2050, Council is requested to consider the document together with the Mangawhai Spatial Plan, with the direction that it be completed and submitted to the Council meeting on 16 December 2020 for adoption. The finalised Kaipara District Spatial Plan - Ngā Wawata 2050 will then guide future infrastructure and investment decisions and will assist with providing the strategic direction for the Kaipara District Plan review, which has commenced.

Attachments/Ngā tapiritanga

	Title
A	Part A Kaipara District Spatial Plan – Ngā Wawata –2050 – Our Aspirations (Chapters 1-3)

B	Part A Kaipara District Spatial Plan – Ngā Wawata –2050 – Our Aspirations (Chapters 4-7)
C	Part B Kaipara District Spatial Plan – Ngā Wawata –2050 – Our Aspirations (Chapters 1-4)
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