

District Plan Review – August 2021 Update

Meeting: Council Briefing
Date of meeting: 4 August, 2021
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Purpose | Ngā whāinga

To present the final district plan review 'discussion documents' to Elected Members and to outline the planned consultation and engagement activities during August and September.

Context | Horopaki

The District Plan review is a significant, multi-year project, which is an opportunity to reconsider all matters contained within the Operative (2013) District Plan and to 'test' whether existing plan provisions are still fit for purpose and remain the most appropriate for our district. This review is an opportunity to ensure that the new district plan enables economic and residential growth, whilst protecting and enhancing the things that make Kaipara unique and special.

The development of this suite of discussion documents will mark the first round of public engagement on the district plan review.

Discussion | Ngā kōrerorero

Staff have now produced 14 discussion documents as well as 14 'summary' discussion documents, which will form the basis of public engagement during August and September. The full discussion documents will be available on council's district plan review website from 16 August for those who want to explore a particular topic in more detail. The full versions also form the first stage of our section 32 (options analysis) work.

Attached to this report (**Attachment A**) are all 14 summary discussion documents compiled into a single document. We have also attached one 'designed' version of a summary document at **Attachment B**. We've also compiled all the full (non-proofed) versions into a single document and that is attached at **Attachment C**. Lastly, we have also attached one 'designed' full version at **Attachment D**.

The intention is that all summary and full versions of the discussion documents will be proofed/designed before Wednesday 4th August and copies of all designed documents will be available at the briefing.

Communication and engagement

The public release of these discussion documents will mark the first phase of community/public engagement on the district plan review (which will culminate with the notification of the new district plan late next year). These documents present the high-level issues for the district and outline some suggested changes required for the new district plan. While there is no significant detail in these documents, it is still important for the community to be able to engage with Council and provide feedback on the discussion documents.

Engagement on the discussion documents will 'officially' begin on Monday 16th August (when they go live on the district plan review webpage – there will also be a link provided for public feedback) and will run until Friday 10th September. Prior to going live, we are planning on a media release as well as potentially some radio advertising to inform the community of the discussion documents. Staff will also be engaging with our Iwi partners prior to going live so they can inform their hapu/whanua.

During engagement, we will promote the discussion documents on Councils normal communication and social media platforms, including the Kaipara Kōrero and People's Panel. We are also planning two discussion document webinars as well as three drop-in sessions at Kaipara libraries (Mangawhai, Dargaville and Maungaturoto). The intention of these sessions is to raise awareness of the discussion documents and to generate feedback.

Next steps | E whaiake nei

- Community engagement on the discussion documents is scheduled to commence on Monday 16th August and run through to Friday 10th September.
- Briefings/workshops on the Draft District Plan will also commence in September.
- Staff will capture all key themes from the engagement, which will be used to inform drafting of the new district plan. Elected Members will be made aware of feedback received on the discussion documents through an engagement report.

Attachments | Ngā tapiritanga

	Title
A	Kaipara District Plan Review – Discussion Documents: summary versions (compiled into a single document)
B	Kaipara District Plan Review – Discussion Document Summary: Public Access (designed version)
C	Kaipara District Plan Review – Discussion Documents: full versions (compiled into a single document)
D	Kaipara District Plan Review – Discussion Document: General District-Wide Matters – full version (designed version)