

Appendix 2 – Summary of feedback from Community Engagement

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Napier Hastings FDS Community Engagement



This report provides an overview of the feedback provided through the community engagement on the Napier Hastings FDS:

- Hastings Workshop held on 31 October.
- The Hastings Pop-up shop comments
- Feedback from the My Voice My Choice survey

Hastings Workshop 31 October 2023 and Pop-Up Feedback

The Napier Hastings FDS workshop was held in the Hastings District Council pop-up shop in Heretaunga Street. There were around 50 invited members of the public at the workshop. The pop-up shop was open for two weeks and comments from that engagement are also included in the following points,

The purpose of the workshop was to:

- Enable people to provide feedback on the strategic objectives and the emerging options for future growth to inform the next iteration of the draft Napier Hastings FDS

The following material was provided to support the workshop participants.

- A set of draft strategic objectives that will guide our planning.
- Initial technical assessments of issues and growth options.
- A series of emerging options to provide for future growth.



Ngā Whāinga Strategic Objectives

The first exercise involved identifying the draft strategic objectives that people most aligned with. They were given three markers and asked to identify their no.1 to no.3. The results were as follows:

Ngā Whāinga Strategic Objectives	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3
Mana whenua and councils work in a genuine Te Tiriti partnership to achieve shared goals for urban development.	0	1	4
We have a compact urban form, focused around consolidated and intensified urban centres in Napier and Hastings.	4	2	1
Our communities and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of climate change and risks from natural hazards.	4	4	3
We have a diverse range of housing choices that meet people’s needs in neighbourhoods that are safe and healthy .	7	5	2
We have a strong economy and businesses can grow in appropriate locations.	3	5	3
The highly productive land of the Heretaunga Plains is protected for productive uses.	4	2	1
Our communities and business areas are well connected and accessible , particularly by public and active transport.	0	2	2
We have sufficient land for housing and business to meet demand.	3	6	1
Te Taiao/our natural environment is protected and enhanced , including our water bodies, indigenous biodiversity and outstanding landscapes.	5	0	2
Our infrastructure is planned and designed to efficiently support development .	6	4	6
Urban growth and infrastructure investment supports equitable and social outcomes .	1	1	3

Overall, the most mentioned strategic objectives were:

- We have a **diverse range of housing choices** that meet people’s needs in neighbourhoods that are **safe and healthy**
- Our **infrastructure** is planned and designed to **efficiently support development**.
- We have **sufficient land** for housing and business to meet demand

- Our communities and infrastructure are **resilient to the effects of climate change** and risks from natural hazards.
- We have a **strong economy** and businesses can grow in appropriate locations

Maps

The second exercise was to provide feedback on the emerging growth options.

The first option discussed was **Potential Growth on Higher Ground**

Every comment is noted, if a comment is repeated it was provided twice or more.

Te Awanga/ Parkhill

Overall, the inclusion of this area was supported. The comments related to Te Awanga / Parkhill were:

- Like it
- Yes!
- Like it – Tuki Tuki Te Awanga
- High ground, good commuting distance, close to schools, provides for growing community, has existing services.
- High growth area, 16-minute village concept, has existing services.
- Support the Parkhill/Te Awanga – should be a satellite.
- Southern extension of Tuki Tuki special character
- Growth on higher ground is essential to protect productive land.
- Haumoana/TA foothills – no more housing developments on high class soils
- Like it!
- Parkhill Road and surrounding hill country
- Te Awanga area above Parkhill Road and bounding Tukituki Rd
- Parkhill Road for Te Awanga
- How are you accounting for coastal erosion when building in Haumoana and Te Awanga? Counter-productive.

Te Mata/Arataki

Overall, support for this area was mixed. The comments related to Te Mata/Arataki were:

- Te Mata Peak – don't like it.
- Yes! Te Mata Road, Endsleigh Road, Mutiny Hill
- Te Mata Road Arataki
- More intensification Te Mata Road and Brookvale North
- Arataki okay but must provide local shops.
- We would like high ground growth Endsleigh Rd and Te Mata Rd. Makes sense: more resilient, close to town, obvious place to grow, protects good land.

Havelock North

Overall, the inclusion of this area was supported. The comments related to Havelock North were:

- Havelock North Hills – push as far as possible, east and west.
- Like it! Havelock South, Longlands Hills
- Havelock North hills
- Endsleigh Road, Havelock hills /slopes
- Havelock North hills – lower to protect upper hills.
- Yes River Road – protect cropping flats.
- Havelock North along Karamu Stream (development area)

Poraiti/Puketapu

Overall, support for this area was mixed. The comments related to Poraiti/Puketapu were:

- Like it! Puketapu and Puketitiri Road
- Poraiti – like it!
- Yes Puketapu – proximity to Taradale township, potential to retain rural aspect.
- Puketapu Hills – existing community
- More development in Poraiti and Puketitiri Road areas, and Springfield Road
- Springfield Road hill development
- No! Duh!
- No! Grape country?
- Puketapu/Poraiti – I like it, continue with opening up future stages.
- Mission Estate residential opportunity outside vineyard areas

Bay View

Overall, support for this area was mixed. There were only two responses that directly relate to this area. The comments related to Bayview were:

- Bay View Hills – no storm or flood damage historically
- Seafield yes

Omahu

The inclusion of this area was supported by the one response related to it. The comment related to Omahu was:

- Omahu Hill development

General comments

Other general comments included:

- Will this bypass the “safe” land for more wealthy residents?
- Cost to supply utilities.
- Need to consider the isolation of communities during natural disasters.
- Sections suitable for smaller home developments
- Intergenerational family living
- Quality environment with good ecological balance
- Allow more rural residential subdivision on hills near productive plains.

- Support new rural settlement e.g., growth of Maraekakaho, Ōtāne, Haumoana on the hill.
- Allow more houses to be built on hills. Safer places for horticulturists to live near orchards. The yards etc. which are on the plains can be protected.
- Hastings District Council needs to release land in the HDC regional area to the NCC for further expansion in the hills.

The second option discussed was **Potential “Satellite town” development area.**

Maraekakaho

Overall, the inclusion of this area was supported. The comments related to Maraekakaho were:

- I like it.
- Growth into Maraekakaho area
- Maraekakaho, yes
- Maraekakaho, for (depending on size)
- Maraekakaho, like it
- Generally, yes, but skyline kept intact and not compromised.
- Satellite Maraekakaho Hills
- Maraekakaho, 1.5-hectare blocks. Being able to subdivide to smaller blocks therefore more intensification.
- Maraekakaho Road. Businesses can grow in appropriate locations. Fringe rural land properly assessed and zoned accurately.
- Like it!
- Maraekakaho, on the hills

Pakipaki

Overall, the inclusion of this area was supported. The comments related to Pakipaki were:

- Yes Pakipaki – Mutiny Hills
- Yes Pakipaki – Mutiny Hills
- Consider the economic viability of building “satellite towns” in low socio-economic areas such as Pakipaki.
- Enfield

Te Awanga

Overall, the inclusion of this area was supported. The comments related to Te Awanga were:

- Is Te Awanga a subdivision or a satellite town? How aspirational is it?
- New satellite town in the Te Awanga area
- Te Awanga like - location perfect, no hazards, supports a great community and lets it grow, existing schools there and embraces three communities.
- Haumoana/Te Awanga and Puketapu but don't spread further on to productive land.
- Te Awanga local urban/rural community hubs I like.
- Clive, Te Awanga, Haumoana - Like it
- Satellite towns no.
- Te Awanga, I like urban rural developments that cater for lifestyle options.
- Subdivisions that have a good mix of sizes in them to cater for all.

Bay View

- Move it - build Bay View on the hills.

General comments

- Urban edge expansion particularly on compromised soil e.g., Former packhouse site Napier Road, Te Mata Mushrooms, Brookvale
- Commercial and industrial development to Ellwood Road
- Pakowhai Road Triangle
- Satellite towns need good connectivity to CBDs, private and public transport.
- Don't build over good growing areas.

The third option discussed was **Potential Intensification areas.**

Hastings

Overall, the inclusion of this area was supported. The comments related to Hastings were:

- Intensification around Hastings CBD and existing amenity
- Expand Irongate industrial area.
- Reduce the commercial precincts and intensify. Replace core with residential.
- Hastings for walkable city, existing infrastructure
- Can't have one size fits all solution for Hastings.
- Whakatu - strong obvious industrial growth
- For it but with quality designed multi dwellings and not three houses squeezed on one section
- Inner city apartments in Hastings to replace (and get rid of) empty shops, some of which need knocking down.
- Hastings is full.

- Support intensification Hastings.

Flaxmere

Overall, the inclusion of this area was supported. The comments related to Flaxmere were:

- New intensification supported if improves community outcomes.
- Good design needed in Flaxmere.
- Flaxmere

Havelock North

Overall, the inclusion of this area was supported. The comments related to Havelock North were:

- Intensify areas within 1km of village centre.
- Allow residential development on rural productive land on Havelock Road between Havelock and Hastings
- More intensification Te Mata Road and Havelock North
- Brookvale Road, Te Mata Mushrooms
- Growth area - Havelock foothills, Middle Road upper side. No further Brookvale sides.
- Intensification of Havelock Village Centre
- For Iona. Residential and commercial (local shopping) and better connectivity both public and cycleways
- Havelock North Village and outer areas

Napier

Overall, the inclusion of this area was supported with caveats around risk. The comments related to Napier were:

- Intensification on under used rail line route
- I agree to some extent with Taradale. I highly disagree with Napier Central in particular as it is not a climate stable area. Likewise, Riverbend Rd is a flood risk. Better to intensify in more sensible areas.
- We have to stop intensifying in low lying areas, especially near the coast. That includes Haumoana & Te Awanga as well as Central.
- Napier & Riverbend Rd.

General comments

Other general comments included:

- Limit industrial development on highly productive soils.
- Intensify inner city limit urban edge expansion.

- Quality intensification with good services, shops, cafes, parks
- Quality urban development does not infill.
- In intensified areas, will there be enough room for small gardens or for outside activities?
- Inner city living
- Are houses going to be jammed into subdivisions? Will people still have privacy and space?
- Be mindful of the residents. These new buildings may cause negative impacts on the residents.
- How will you account for quality of life if everyone is packed into upwards residential?
- Intensification of existing urban areas using strong design & regulatory practice in place.
- Growth of industry on fringe land on plains. Test carefully for the ground & zone correctly.
- In general intensification yes, with strongly enforced design principles.

- No urban ghettos
- Intensify city centres to advance goals of climate resilience. Investigate the city centres and improve quality of life for HB residents.
- Support higher rise housing - lifts.
- Get rid of the minimum size of Rural Residential Zoned land.
- 250m² is 250m², not <150m²
- Consider different approaches to site layout (more European approach), Designs included on post it notes\
- Smaller 'urban' development. Eco villages, small house footprint, more land footprint, natural drainage options, wildlife areas, multi age living
- Remember Intensification opportunities around fringe on commercial centres.
- Intensification and different housing density options needed.

The final exercise was an open floor to make **general comments and share any ideas.**

For residential development the feedback included:

- Improve infrastructure.
- Bring more people into the area.
- Further expansion at Irongate will be needed really soon!
- Need to move the racecourse somewhere else so that can be developed.
- Long term future growth at Whakatu - 20+ years
- In light of the potential destruction caused by earthquake legislation, designed urban precincts should be retained along with new builds.
- Small eco developments, small own your own small houses as opposed to obscene retirement villages that are not owned.
- Residential/commercial development between Havelock North Road and Crosses/Ada from Hastings to Havelock North

- Life of compromised land Te Mata Mushrooms
- Napier lacks resilience. Retreat and turn it into a waterways style settlement e.g., Pauanui.
- Get an opinion from the public (only in affected areas) and include all socio-economic groups.
- Communicate more with other Councils in region such as CHB.
- Should this Regional Plan not be linked with the other Regions in Hawkes Bay? By populating places like Waipawa more it creates more jobs
- Make sure existing settlement infrastructure is well maintained.
- Expand airport?
- Need a mall urgent.
- We should build a mall.

- Make schools bigger or add more to compensate for the predicted increase of people.

Industrial

For industrial development the feedback included:

- Do we drive industry into areas based on type? What are the consequences of that for the two councils and their populations?
- Industrial zones based on similar industries. Tension between Napier and Hastings
- Continue separation of industry/commerce from housing. Put industry on rail line.

- Be more considerate towards lower socioeconomic groups.
- Support the community, what about the people themselves?

Public Transport

Public transport feedback included:

- More rail links in and out of Hawke's Bay Airport, Napier, Hastings and length of New Zealand
- Huge improvement on public transport
- Make sure to consider sustainability, people far from education or work need better ways of transport than just cars.
- Make better connections between Napier/Hastings not just relying on cars.

- Avoid ribbon industrial development like Omahu Road. Find areas of low value soil for industrial development
- Industrial land - focus on where trade waste line runs.
- Industrial moving around to SH50 from Omahu Rd towards Mere Road
- Where are we best placed to promote industrial growth in Napier? Awatoto, Ahuriri?

Environment/Sustainability

Environment feedback included:

- What will happen in the middle of the 30-year strategy if we have another disaster like Gabrielle?

- Invest in more sustainable transport and ensure that development allows for bikers and pedestrians.
- It'd be great to see public transport at the heart of the plans. Bus routes (times that are fast, convenient, cheaper than the car) Why are we not using rail from Napier to Hastings?
- Rail for public transport links in lieu of just freight. Railway stations redeveloped along route.
- Passenger Rail CHB, HDC, NCC KiwiRail
- How is the environment going to be affected by all this change and/or building production?
- Are ecological significant areas safe?

- Think sustainable when building new developments - subdivisions are an unsustainable use of land.

- Areas for low impact off grid development - no infrastructure requirement
- Environmental conservation as part of this growth

Flood zones/Cyclone Gabrielle/Resilience

Flood zones and resilience feedback included:

- Don't build in or near high-risk areas.
- Don't put cemeteries in flood areas.
- Don't put dumps in flood zones.
- Never waste a crisis (think Gabrielle)
- What are you doing with the red zoned houses after the floods?
- Are you going to demolish abandoned houses, or charge a tax on them?

- Please ensure dumps are not placed in flood areas.
- Take areas vulnerable to floods into consideration. We do not want new housing torn down.
- Haumoana dump flooded, what's stopping others?
- There has been no mention of tsunami as a natural hazard. Coastal areas are very vulnerable to 'when' this happens. More planning for existing communities needs to be done to evacuate.

Napier Hastings FDS Community Engagement – Survey Results October – November 2023

The Napier Hastings FDS survey ran for a month from October to November 2023. The following is a summary of the feedback received.

Who we heard from:

Fifty-seven people completed the My Voice My Choice survey online.

- Of those
 - Twenty live in Havelock North
 - Fifteen in Hastings
 - Twelve in Napier
 - Three in Haumoana
 - One in Te Awanaga
 - One in Maraekakaho
 - One in Clive
 - And three from other areas
- Twenty-eight are aged between 35 – 54, seventeen are aged between 55-75, nine between 25 – 35, three were over 75.
- Forty-four are New Zealand European, five other European, five are Māori, two Chinese, one Indian, one Southeast Asian.
- Twenty-nine male and twenty-six female.

Areas people raised for consideration.

- In response to a participants' suggestions
 - The School Road in Clive is now included for analysis.
 - the Hastings racecourse and stock yards was raised by two participants, this is being considered by the FDS team.

Other general comments included:

- We have to stop intensifying low lying areas near the coast.
- Intensification without better roading infrastructure is a bad idea.
- We should be transitioning to medium-density urban areas. While maintaining an agreed level of public green space and preventing urban sprawl and encroachment into highly productive and native areas.
- Not enough weight is given to natural hazard risk for intensification in Napier.

- We can't keep building over our most fertile soils.
- HBRC needs to be held accountable for providing infrastructure for safe and resilient housing areas.
- The plan looks good.
- There is not enough community housing other than Flaxmere.

Emerging scenarios - greenfield expansion

When asked about potential greenfield expansion opportunities the most frequently mentioned issues were:

- Protecting highly productive land (7)
- Considering and managing flood risk (5)
- A preference for intensification to make the most of existing infrastructure and protect soils (2)

Emerging scenarios - growth on higher ground

When asked about potential growth on higher ground the most frequently mentioned issues were:

- Comments about the need for good roading, transport and connectivity (4)
- Looking after the natural environment, rural feel, and cultural values (2)
- Investing in good waters infrastructure (2)
- Intensify first (2)
- The safety from flooding that higher ground provides (1)
- Getting community agreement (1)
- Making sure that community housing and affordability are part of the solution (2)

Emerging scenarios - growth of potential satellite town development

When asked about potential satellite town development areas the most frequently mentioned issues were:

- Concern around staying away from flood prone areas (3)
- Concern that this approach represented sprawl and would be costly and intensifying existing urban areas a better idea (3)
- Concern that this would effect productive land (4)
- Some stated that this would be ok, using a phased approach, intensify first and then phase in satellite areas (2)
- Four respondents clearly stated they did not support Meeanee Road as an option (4)

Potential other areas

The survey asked for any ideas on new areas that were not considered in the current options. Of those mentioned

- Clive School Road is now part of assessment.
- Other areas suggested, like Meeanee, have already been assessed and discarded for technical reasons, or the city centre, which is already part of the intensification approach.
- No new areas that have not been considered and either form part of current response or discarded for technical reasons were raised.

Achieving FDS Objectives

People were then asked to comment on whether the emerging options would achieve the project objectives. These are some of the most frequently mentioned issues were:

- A need to provide transport options for people, including public transport, that keeps communities connected (4)
- Make sure that the planning is completed in context of climate change (3)
- Cyclone Gabrielle and ensuring any changes are resilient to future events (4)
- Creating communities that have good access to community amenities (5)

People also noted that the following things need to be considered, many of which are covered by the outcomes:

- Delivering housing diversity
- Achieving social outcomes
- Avoiding urban heating

Next Steps

1. April 2024 - Further discussions with the FDS Joint Committee on the draft growth options, to settle on a preferred scenario from the range of indicative scenarios mentioned above
2. April - June 2024 - Preparing the Draft Future Development Strategy for consultation.
3. June 2024 - Approval of the Draft Future Development Strategy for public consultation.
4. July 2024 - Public consultation on the Draft Future Development Strategy.
5. August - October 2024 - Hearings, deliberations and adoption of the final Future Development Strategy.