

8.1 HAVELOCK NORTH STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT AREA

8.1.1 INTRODUCTION

The Havelock North environment is fundamentally defined by the physical characteristics of the landscape and benefits from its natural setting on the lower flanks of Te Mata Peak. The Havelock North environment is an attractive and thriving area with many attributes that give the area a unique character and a special ambience. In particular, the area is known for its vineyards, olive groves, orchards, educational facilities and for its specialty owner-operated businesses and recreational, entertainment and tourism activities.

The attractiveness of this area has led to a high level of development over a sustained period of time. Most of the District's more recent residential growth has been channelled to Havelock North to meet the level of demand and also due to its location off the Heretaunga Plains. This growth has largely been reflected in a range of urban and peri-urban subdivisions.

8.1.2 CONTEXT

The Havelock North Strategic Management Area is situated at the eastern edge of the Heretaunga Plains of Hawke's Bay and the Village Centre is 5 kilometres from the centre of Hastings City. The extent of the Havelock North Strategic Management Area is shown in Appendix 6.

Included in the Hastings SMA environment are the following Environments:

8.1.2.1 Havelock North Village Centre

Havelock North Village Centre is defined by its concentric roading pattern which intersects in the heart of the Village. The Village Centre has a compact form, memorable character and a strong sense of place. It is the centre of community life for the area and is continuously changing and growing. It is important that the Village Centre remains compact and that any development will contribute positively to its character and sense of place. The Village Centre is defined by 4 zones: the Retail Zone, Business Zone, Mixed Use Zone and Industrial Zone.

8.1.2.2 The Havelock North Residential Environment

There is a transitional area between the commercial centre and the residential area where there is a mix of activities in places. Older parts of Havelock North have a distinctive character while the newer parts, such as Arataki, are less distinct given they are more recently established and the landscaping is yet to mature.

The long established residential environments are characterised by tree-lined streets, landscaped gardens, elevated and spacious sites, some with panoramic views over the Heretaunga Plains, to the sheltered valleys nestled in the hills, and to the lower and flatter areas on the edge of the Heretaunga Plains. The age of the settlement, public reserves and attractive natural setting give the residential environment a character unique to the District. Havelock North residents take pride in the character and amenity of the Residential Environment. In this environment there are two zones: the Havelock North General Residential Zone and the Havelock North Character Residential Zone. Further to these zones, part of Toop Street [and Breadalbane Avenue](#) has been identified as exhibiting special character warranting additional attention and protection and has been included as an overlay to the Character Zone.

~~The Havelock North Deferred Residential Zone is applied to land which has been identified as appropriate for future residential use through the Heretaunga Plains Urban Development Strategy and where Council has commenced investigations into structure planning in order to support residential~~

development of the area. The purpose of the Deferred Residential Zoning is to ensure a continuity of land supply in the major settlement areas of the District and to signal Councils intentions to provide for urban growth in these areas in the short to medium term.

8.1.2.3 The Iona Neighbourhoods Environment

The Iona Growth Area is considered a special environment because it comprises several unique landscape features - the Bull Hill, the ridge landforms and a set of ponds and wetland areas with associated planting and bird life. The area is also partially covered by the Havelock foothills rural character landscape area (RCL6) which is valued for its cultural patterns of land use rather than its natural landscape values. The rural character landscape areas are not considered unique or significant natural landscapes on a District wide level and there are several other areas in the District that comprise similar qualities primarily centred around rural settlement areas. The land is located on the south-west outskirts of Havelock North at the toe of the Havelock Hills. The Iona Growth Area is therefore ideally positioned for providing additional land for Havelock North in a manner that avoids the versatile soils of the Heretaunga Plains and retains the special environment features referred to above.

The Iona Growth Area covers 55 hectares of varying landscapes. As such it has been broken into three distinctive neighbourhoods discussed below. The neighbourhoods are shown in Appendix 13A Figure 1.

Bull Hill Neighbourhood (Appendix 13A Figure 1)

The Bull Hill Neighbourhood is located on the lower slopes of the Iona Growth Area. Its positioning on the lower Havelock hills and gentle sloping land allow for greater levels of intensification residential density than the other neighbourhoods within the growth areas. Development of the Bull Hill Neighbourhood aims to create a neighbourhood character that is reflective of an attractive a gracious suburban residential environment with tree lined streets and a focal point reserve.

Iona Terraces Neighbourhood (Appendix 13A Figure 1)

The Iona Terraces Neighbourhood contains the land immediately to the south of Iona Road, encompassing the slopes immediately above the road and the edge of the Bull Hill Neighbourhood. The sloping land within this area will make high density development difficult to attain. As such a lower density of development is provided for which will ensure high levels of landscaping and open character. Iona Terraces Middle Ridge will be developed to ensure a terraced hillside neighbourhood with expansive views that complements the existing landform which gives this area a feeling of spaciousness and rural character while still achieving an efficient use of residential land.

Iona Plateau Neighbourhood (Appendix 13A Figure 1)

This neighbourhood is located on the upper slopes of the Iona Growth Area, it will be prominent from large parts of the Hastings Area. As such careful consideration shall be given to the positioning of buildings within the neighbourhood to ensure development occurs in a manner that is sympathetic to its surrounding environment, and also to protect existing view shafts. The neighbourhood will be characterised by larger lots with treed scarps and valleys that is complementary and creates a transition into to the surrounding rural residential environment.

8.1.2.4 The Havelock Hills Rural Environment

The outskirts of Havelock North are positioned on the foothills of Te Mata Peak, known locally as the 'Havelock Hills'. The Havelock Hills, particularly the Te Mata locality, has a special character due to a combination of attributes and its small and geographically distinct area. These attributes are potentially under threat from inappropriate use and development, including urban development.

Te Mata Peak is an integral part of the character of the Havelock North SMA. It is the most significant landscape icon in Hawke’s Bay, having District, Regional and National significance, and the most prominent landmark in the eastern Heretaunga Plains providing a distinctive silhouette skyline. It is a source of identity for both Hastings and Havelock North residents and tangata whenua with mana whenua. It is intended that the Havelock North SMA will ensure the protection and integrity of this landscape for future generations to enjoy.

The attributes of the Havelock Hills Rural environment which distinguish the area from the surrounding district are: clear geographical boundaries to the east, west and south; soils which are particularly suitable for high quality grapes for high quality wine (albeit some of these soils also are desirable for pip and stone fruit production); the natural and dominating landform of the Te Mata spur; the cultural landscape, in particular several buildings of heritage character; and the visual amenity created by viticultural development.

This area has been the subject of competing demands for the development of its natural resources. Its location on the lower slopes of Te Mata Peak, have made it a desirable place for rural-residential occupation, while its soils and aspect have allowed its development as a centre for viticulture.

In addition to the competing land uses, the area abuts the Havelock North urban area and on these boundaries there is the potential for urban-rural interface issues to impact on productive land uses. The area is also associated with the early settlement of Havelock North and coastal Hawke’s Bay, and a significant number of notable heritage buildings exist within the locality. The Havelock North SMA intends to ensure that the special character of the Havelock Hills area is recognised and that new development is sympathetic to these distinctive characteristics. The Havelock North Hills Environment comprises the Havelock North Rural Residential Zone and the Te Mata Special Character Zone.

8.1.3 ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

- HSMAAO1** The Havelock North environment has a strong sense of place which is defined by its unique landscape, soil and heritage qualities.
- HSMAAO2** A place where buildings and land development are compatible with the environment in which they are situated and where trees and vegetation are abundant.
- HSMAAO3** A resilient and vibrant place, where there is a diverse range of urban and rural activities where cottage industries and tourism enterprises can prosper.

8.1.4 OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

OBJECTIVE HNSMAO1 To ensure that the characteristics which make the Havelock North environment distinctive and memorable are identified, retained and enhanced.

POLICY HNSMAP1 *Identify the qualities of the Havelock North environment that contribute to its special landscape character and ensure that they are protected through the Objectives, Policies and Rules for the Havelock North Zones.*

Explanation

There are a number of qualities which contribute to the character and amenity of the Havelock North environment. With the compact and lively Village Centre at the heart of the community; the dramatic backdrop of Te Mata Peak; the undulating, hilly landscape and elevated ridges and sheltered

valleys, to the lower, flatter areas on the perimeter of the Heretaunga Plains; and an abundance of trees and vegetation.

These attributes provide for a wide variety of residential and rural environments and combine to give the area a strong sense of place and memorable character. The community has an appreciation of these qualities and what gives Havelock North its distinctive sense of place.

The Havelock North SMA intends to ensure that the special character of the Havelock North area including both urban and rural environments is recognised and that new development is sympathetic to these distinctive characteristics. Achieving this aim will maintain the much valued characteristics of the Havelock North environment.

**OBJECTIVE
HNSMAO2**

To have an environment that provides for a variety of activities, promotes good quality urban design and promotes sustainable development practices.

POLICY HNSMAP2

Ensure that buildings and land use activities in the Havelock North environment be of a purpose and scale that is compatible with good urban design and sustainability principles.

Explanation

Due to the desirability of the Havelock North environment to work and live in, competing land uses and land uses establishing in areas where they are incompatible with the predominant activities in the area can occur. There is a need to sustainably manage the diversity of land uses and associated buildings to ensure that the landscape character and amenity of the areas are maintained and that adverse effects associated with activities are avoided.

POLICY HNSMAP3

To ensure that land subdivision patterns are compatible and appropriate for the character of the environment, the land subdivision rules shall reflect the Objectives and Policies for Havelock North environment.

Explanation

The Rules for subdivision need to support the Objectives and Policies of the Havelock North environment in terms of sustainable management of the area's natural and physical resources and the need to avoid or mitigate significant adverse effects on the special landscape character of the Zones.

POLICY HNSMAP4

Control access and egress to ensure the safe and efficient movement of traffic to and from the District Roding Network.

Explanation

Traffic entering or leaving the roading network, which is associated with activities in the Te Mata area, may cause traffic safety conflicts. Appropriate Standards for access and egress are included in the District Plan to ensure that the safety and efficiency of the roading network is maintained.

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POLICY HNSMAP5

Monitor the effects of land use activities to determine the ongoing appropriateness and necessity of development and Performance Standards

included in the Hastings District Plan to avoid, remedy or mitigate adverse effects on the environment.

Explanation

Council wishes to regulate activities only where there are actual adverse effects associated with them. To ensure that only minimal controls are imposed, Council will monitor adverse effects of land use activities and will address these effects in the most appropriate manner. These methods will be regulatory and non-regulatory in nature.

**OBJECTIVE
HNSMAO3**

THE VILLAGE CENTRE

To create a well-connected Havelock North Village Centre with a compact form, memorable character, and a strong sense of place.

POLICY HNSMAP6

Ensure that Havelock North Village Centre is a vibrant, functional, attractive and convenient place, with a memorable character; a place that offers a variety of choice, enhances pedestrian experience and promotes quality urban design so that it will be a desirable place to be for the local community and visitors.

Explanation

There is an appreciation by the community of the characteristics and what is unique to Havelock North Village Centre. It has a strong sense of place which is primarily defined by the ‘village atmosphere’. The physical characteristics of the ‘atmosphere’ are its compact form and concentric roading pattern which create a clear focus for the Centre. It has convenient parking and spacious pedestrian areas and it is a short walk from one part of the Village Centre to another.

**OBJECTIVE
HNSMAO4**

THE HAVELOCK HILLS

- (a) The distinctive landscape qualities of the Havelock hills area are maintained and enhanced and new development is sympathetic to these distinctive qualities.**
- (b) Low density rural residential living within close proximity to urban areas is provided in a manner that protects the future use of the finite soil resource of the Heretaunga Plains and is sympathetic to the landscape context.**
- (c) The landscape qualities, soil resource and heritage buildings that contribute to the special character of the Te Mata environment are maintained and protected.**

POLICY HNSMAP7

Provide for the establishment of a range of activities within the Havelock North Hills Environment, while ensuring that these activities maintain the character and amenity of the area.

Explanation

The Havelock North area has been, and continues to be, subject to sustained development pressure and is subject to competing demands for the development of its natural resources. Its soils and aspect have enabled its development as a centre for viticulture. The area’s location of the lower slopes of Te Mata Peak, with its distinctive topography and soils has made it a desirable place to live and work and for recreation and entertainment. The area encapsulates commercial, residential, lifestyle and rural environments.

The constant development pressure and competing land uses need managing to ensure that the area's special qualities which make it desirable are maintained for the benefit of future generations.

**OBJECTIVE
HNSMA05**

RESIDENTIAL ENVIRONMENT

Adequate infrastructure will be in place before intensification of housing occurs.

POLICY HNSMAP8

Greenfield residential development or intensification of residential development within an existing urban environment require, as a prerequisite, the provision of adequate community or on-site infrastructure including sewage collection, treatment and disposal, water supply, stormwater collection and roading.

Explanation

Development which is inadequately serviced is likely to generate adverse environmental and social effects. The complexity and scale of infrastructure required will depend largely on the intensity, scale and location of development. For example, development close to the Village Centre should provide a full range of community utility infrastructure, whereas further residential housing at rural settlements may be self-sufficient in terms of one or more infrastructural components such as on-site wastewater disposal or tanked water supply.

**OBJECTIVE
HNSMA06**

The diverse range of housing demands, preferences and lifestyles in Havelock North are met and residential use is compatible with the surrounding environment.

POLICY HNSMAP9

The attractive open space character of the residential areas of Havelock North are maintained and enhanced by ensuring that development is compatible in scale to surrounding activities and structures and has generous on-site landscaping, screening and street planting.

Explanation

Havelock North is largely characterised by its landscape character, in particular its vegetation and streetscape amenity. New development needs to be consistent with this character and must include adequate provision for street trees and on-site landscaping to be consistent with the rest of Havelock North.

**OBJECTIVE
HMSMA07**

To contain development within the Havelock SMA urban boundaries.

POLICY HNSMAP10

Minimise development pressure on the Heretaunga Plains by ensuring provisions for land use activity within the Havelock SMA are aligned with the Hawke's Bay Regional Policy Statement and are appropriately implemented.

Explanation

The Hawke's Bay Regional Policy Statement leads the direction for development growth in the District until 2045. The strategy states that the versatile soils of the Heretaunga Plains must be protected from urban encroachment for the future wellbeing of our District. One of the challenges arising from this objective is that urban development and growth must be

contained within current urban limits. Therefore, District Plan provisions need to be aligned with this position and be able to appropriately accommodate urban growth. Ad hoc development must be avoided.

Significant and uncoordinated expansion of business activity outside the identified Village Centre Zone could threaten its role as a community focal point, thereby eroding sense of community and place. This Plan therefore encourages and promotes the intensification of land use activity, and actively discourages expansion beyond the current Village Centre Zone boundaries. A policy of consolidation within the existing zones is also consistent with the Hawke's Bay Regional Policy Statement.

**OBJECTIVE
HNSMAO8**

The Iona Growth Area will provide a place that adds value to Havelock North providing an opportunity to create innovative residential land development responses to this unique environment.

POLICY HNSMAP11

The Iona Growth Area will provide an attractive residential development which will cater for a range of property sizes and building types. Development will efficiently utilise the gentle sloping land and be lower in density as the topography increases in height and prominence.

Explanation

The Iona Growth Area contains around 55 hectares of land which stretches from the lower slopes of the Havelock Hills to the upper catchment. It also contains an existing gully which lends itself to a high quality nature reserve with native trees, birdlife and recreational tracks. The natural topography of the growth area lends itself to being able to create higher density development on the lower slopes, while decreasing density, and allowing for greater levels of openness on the upper catchment where the landforms and gradients make higher density developments less practical.

POLICY HNSMAP12

Promote a high quality urban environment, where environmental and amenity values are protected.

Explanation

The Council is a signatory to the New Zealand Urban Design Protocol and has a responsibility to ensure that all development is aligned with best practice urban design. The New Zealand Urban Design Protocol released by the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) in March 2005 defines urban design as "the design of the buildings, places, spaces and networks that make up our towns and cities, and the way people use them." Urban design is also an important method to achieve many higher order, Resource Management Act-based objectives and policies, including the Sustainable Management Strategies of the District Plan (contained in Part A) and translates into urban design focussed standards and assessment criteria. Furthermore, the Havelock North SMA identifies areas with particular character and heritage values. These areas are the subject of special character zones, areas and/or development controls designed to protect and maintain their particular qualities. Differences in character and amenity are identified when classifying zones or areas for higher density residential development.

**OBJECTIVE
HNSMAO9**

To promote the efficient use of the land resource within the Breadalbane and Iona Special Character Zones to ensure that development capacity of at least 390 to 400 dwellings can be met.

POLICY HNSMAP13

To collectively make provision within the Breadalbane and Iona Special Character Zones for development capacity housing yield of at least 390 to 400 dwellings.

Explanation:

The Iona Growth area which incorporates the Breadalbane and Iona Special Character Zones is subject to a Resource Management Direction. Included in the Direction notice is an expectation from the Environment Minister that sufficient development capacity be provided so that a housing yield of at least 390-400 dwellings for the overall area is achieved. To ensure this is achieved this requires the identification of certain neighbourhoods where higher densities can be achieved within the environmental constraints that exist i.e. topography and amenity values. The Bull Hill Neighbourhood has the least environmental constraints and therefore provides opportunities for medium density housing typologies. It will need to be developed efficiently to provide for variety while also enabling the overall yield to be achieved.

8.1.5 METHODS

These Methods will implement the Objectives and Policies of the SMA. These Methods are relevant to all Zones within the SMA. Methods that are unique to a zone will be included in the Zone section itself.

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Te Mata Special Character Zone (Section 8.4): Includes Standards to mitigate the effects of activities on the environment, and to manage the effects at the interface between adjoining land uses.

Outstanding Natural Features and Landscapes: Sites are identified in Appendix 43 of the District Plan, and on the relevant Planning Maps. Rules are introduced to manage the effects of activities within these areas, and/or establish Performance Standards and Terms against which any Resource Consent or District Plan change carried out in an identified Landscape Area will be assessed against.

Havelock North Residential Environment: (Section 8.2): This section of the District Plan contains the objective, policies, rules and performance standards relating to the residential zones of Havelock North – Havelock North Character Residential Zone,– the Havelock North General Residential Zone and the Havelock North Deferred Residential Zone. The purpose of this section is to manage the residential environment to ensure quality urban development that retains existing character and that is undertaken in accordance with sustainable development practices.

Iona Neighbourhoods Environment: (Section 8.3): This section of the District Plan contains the objectives, policies, rules and performance standards relating to the Iona Neighbourhood zones. The purpose of this section is to provide for a mixed range of quality urban

development that is sympathetic to existing landforms and provides an appropriate transition to the surrounding Rural Residential Zone.

Havelock North Rural Residential Zone (Section 8.34): This section of the District Plan contains the objectives, policies, rules and performance standards for development in the rural residential environment of Havelock North. These provisions seek to manage the effects of development in this area.

Havelock North Village Centre (Section 8.5): This section of the District Plan contains the objectives, policies, rules and performance standards to manage the effects of development within the commercial centre of Havelock North. Key issues are ensuring high quality urban design and directing activities to specific zones within the commercial area that are appropriate in terms of the effects of the activities.

Rules for Land Subdivision and Development (Section 30.1): This will require proposed subdivisions to have regard to the landscape implications on land identified as an Outstanding Natural Feature and Landscape or in a Significant Landscape Character Area (as applicable). The Council will also have regard to the specific landscape character of the locality and the ability of the proposal to be integrated with the identified character and landscape values.

Rules for the adjoining Havelock North Residential Zones (Section 8.1): Introduces provision for buffer strips to separate incompatible activities. This will establish greater separation distances between residential dwellings in the urban zones and activities in the Te Mata Special Character Zone.

Conservation Lots: These Rules provide for the creation of a separate title containing a heritage item identified in Appendix 47, 48, or 49 of the District Plan in return for the legal and physical protection in perpetuity of the nominated heritage item.

Urban Strategy (Section 2.4): This section identifies the role of the Havelock North Lifestyle Zone as a key component of the Council's wider Urban Development Strategy.

Natural Landscapes & Features (Section 17.1), Heritage Items and Notable Trees (Section 18.1), and Waahi Tapu (Section 16.1): Each of these sections identifies sites and localities which contain sensitive landscape, natural, historic or cultural features which lifestyle activity will have to have regard to Subdivision and Land Development (Section 30): This section establishes minimum subdivision sizes, and those criteria required to be addressed by Council for any proposed subdivision and or amalgamation of land for sites to be utilised for low density residential activity.

**HERETAUNGA PLAINS
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
STRATEGY (2010)**

An urban growth strategy that identifies where new development areas should locate over the next 30 years, where urban growth will happen and what the desired densities are. Its particular relevance to the Havelock North Village Centre is its objective for residential intensification (higher density housing on 'brownfield' sites) focused in

	and around town and suburban centres, particularly those with high public amenity.
OUTSTANDING LANDSCAPES - LANDSCAPE ASSESSMENT OF HASTINGS DISTRICT	This report provides a comprehensive assessment and evaluation of the Hastings District landscape, and provides the basis of the areas identified in the District Plan as Outstanding Natural Features and Landscapes, and Significant Landscape Character Areas. It provides a useful reference document for addressing landscape issues.
GOOD PRACTICE LANDSCAPE DESIGN GUIDE FOR SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT 2005	This document provides design guidelines for building development, earthworks and subdivision in the rural landscape. The design guidelines illustrate possible design solutions to protect and enhance the qualities of Hastings District's rural landscape.
SUBDIVISION AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT IN HASTINGS DISTRICT BEST PRACTICE DESIGN GUIDE 2011	This document provides guidance to ensure that new subdivisions and the upgrading and retrofitting of infrastructure enhances the quality of Hastings District. It sets out the best practice design principles and illustrates their application un subdivision and infrastructure planning and design.
HAWKE'S BAY REGIONAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN	The HBRRMP includes objectives and policies to safeguard the versatile land of the Heretaunga Plains including objectives on urban form and, in the case of Havelock North, identifies future greenfield growth areas and provides for intensification of housing in appropriate locations.
PROVISION OF INFORMATION INCLUDING:	<u>Land Information Memorandum or Project Information Memorandum</u> When Council is requested to supply a LIM or PIM relating to a site(s) located within the Te Mata Special Character Zone, a statement will be included that the area is a productive rural area, and that residents live in an environment where agricultural management practices such as agrichemical spraying, use of farm machinery, the seasonal operation of bird scarers, and night harvesting occur.
INDUSTRY CODES OF PRACTICE	The following Codes of Practice are relevant in the Te Mata Special Character area and could be used as guidelines for setting conditions for Resource Consents, where appropriate. <i>NZS 8409:1999 Code of Practice for the Management of Agrichemicals.</i>
BUILDING ACT 2004 AND SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS	The Building Act provisions will ensure that building work and the use of buildings are safe and sanitary and have means of escape from fire.
UTILISING THE PERMITTED BASELINE ARGUMENT	Although wineries are a Permitted Activity in the Te Mata Special Character Zone (Section 8.4) and subject to a specific maximum floor area, it is not appropriate to use wineries for a permitted baseline comparison for other buildings with no vertical integration relationship to a particular site; and Although visitor accommodation is a Permitted activity in the Te Mata Special Character Zone (Section 8.4), it is not appropriate to use them for a Permitted baseline comparison for supplementary residential buildings.

MONITORING AND INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

This will include consultation with tangata whenua as Kaitiaki over the Hastings District’s resources.

PARKING MANAGEMENT STUDIES

These establish an integrated regime for the management of the public car parking resource in Havelock North Village Centre. The strategy endeavours to provide a mix of long and short term parking, conveniently located within the Village. The 2010 Havelock North Parking Study has identified a plentiful supply of both on and off site car parking in the Village Centre and recommended that Council change from its approach to minimum parking requirements and instead adopt a strategy which limits on-site parking by way of exemptions for developments which lie inside the Retail Zone. This strategy would introduce some flexibility to parking provision to enable more efficient use of this very limited commercial land resource. In addition, charging and enforcement regimes are designed to ensure the availability and turnover of parking spaces in a manner that matches demand for the resource.

ASSISTANCE TO INVESTORS

The Council recognises that changes toward larger land holdings in the Retail and Mixed Use Zone is a significant component in achieving comprehensive development. Council may assist developers and entrepreneurs towards the redevelopment of areas.

PLANNING AND URBAN DESIGN STUDIES

Planning and Design Studies play an important part in enhancing the urban environment. The following documents and studies have provided much of the basis to the place-based planning approach for Havelock North Village Centre:

HAVELOCK NORTH VILLAGE CENTRE: FRAMEWORK FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT 2008

The Framework has established the overall direction for development in Havelock North town centre. It provides details about the various character areas of the Village Centre, and recommends courses of action to achieve the desired outcomes for future development.

HASTINGS URBAN ISSUES & URBAN DESIGN FRAMEWORK (2010)

The framework provides guidance for the development of new strategies and policies for the Havelock North Village Centre environment and helps define current and future Council projects. Its particular relevance to the Havelock North Village Centre is the development of responses to preventing urban sprawl - the identification of the best locations for residential intensification which includes Havelock North Village Centre, and provides direction on design requirements.

This Report further includes recommendations for the development of residential housing within Havelock North, as part of the shift towards adopting best practice urban design principles. It also suggests locations for green spaces and public amenity improvements in the central City.

HAVELOCK NORTH INTEGRATED

The report assesses the transportation effects that more intensive development may bring to Havelock North Village Centre and provides

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recommendations to mitigate transportation effects that include pedestrian, public transport, vehicular and cycling responses.

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HAVELOCK NORTH INTEGRATED TRANSPORTATION ASSESSMENT, 2011

The report assesses the transportation effects that more intensive development may bring to Havelock North Village Centre and provides recommendations to mitigate transportation effects that include pedestrian, public transport, vehicular and cycling responses.

SUBDIVISION AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT IN HASTINGS DISTRICT BEST PRACTICE DESIGN GUIDE

This Guide ensures that new subdivisions and the upgrading /retrofitting of infrastructure enhance the quality of the Hastings District. A design process and guidelines on best practice subdivision and infrastructure design is demonstrated to help developers, subdivision designers, landowners and anyone wishing to undertake development within Hastings District.

HAVELOCK NORTH VILLAGE: CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS (2010)

This report supports the Framework by providing a detailed assessment of the Village Centre from a safety perspective and identifies the areas of low to high risk of crime, and recommends actions to help achieve aims of the Framework.

**HAVELOCK NORTH
SECURITY PATROL**

The Hastings District Council will, subject to funding through its Annual Plan, continue to provide security patrols in the Havelock North commercial zones. This will operate in co-operation with the New Zealand Police, to improve the safety and attractiveness of commercial areas, particularly during evening hours.

**COUNCIL'S LONG TERM
PLAN AND HASTINGS
DISTRICT ANNUAL PLAN**

Allocation of funds for Council-initiated works for the provision of public parking, infrastructure, roading and traffic management systems, and the landscaping of streets and public spaces.

DESIGN PANEL

A design panel of specialists appointed by the Council may consider and comment on developments within the Havelock North Village Centre. The Design Panel will work with a number of set criteria, and assess each development within the context of its environment. The Design

Panels comments may also be considered as part of the assessment of any Resource Consent application.

**HAVELOCK NORTH
BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**

Council, in conjunction with Havelock North Business Association, promotes the Business Zone as an area suitable for high value industry and clean technology.

**HASTINGS DISTRICT
COUNCIL RESIDENTIAL
FENCING GUIDE**

This Guide provides advice on how to choose appropriate fences for the residential environment in terms of designing for amenity and safety.