

## FDS divergence: important information

On October 23, the Future Development Strategy Joint Committee recommended to the partner councils, (Hastings District Council, Napier City Council and Hawke's Bay Regional Council,) that the Draft Napier Hastings Future Development Strategy (FDS) be adopted for public notification and submission.

### Middle Rd

The recommendation of the committee included one amendment to the strategy proposed by the consultants and technical advisory group. This was the exclusion of Middle Road sites Hn3a and Hn3b from the strategy. For the following reasons:

- *These areas are not required to provide sufficient development capacity to meet demand (including the 20 per cent competitiveness margin)*
- *Hn3a and Hn3b are Highly Productive land areas (including 'Land Use Capability' level 1 and 2)*
- *These areas are not included in the Heretaunga Plains Urban Development Strategy (except as a reserve area in the case of Hn3a)*
- *It would be contrary to the objectives of the FDS to include these areas.*

The minutes of the joint committee meeting can be found here: [www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/FDS-minutes](http://www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/FDS-minutes).

The draft recommendations were then considered by all partner councils in November. Which unanimously agreed to accept the joint committee's amendment to remove the Middle Rd sites Hn3a and Hn3b from the draft strategy. Those two sites have subsequently been removed from the draft.

### Riverbend Rd

The Hawke's Bay Regional Council additionally recommended that the Riverbend Road site Nc4b also be excluded from the strategy, for the following reason:

- *Area Nc4b is subject to severe flooding risk.*

The recommendation differs to that of the Hastings District Council and Napier City Council. To address this, the partner councils agreed that the strategy be notified for public input, with this divergence noted via this covering note, and that the divergence will be considered by the independent panel to be appointed to hear submissions.

For more detail, links to the minutes of each council meeting can be found below by clicking on the minutes next to the relevant meeting date. Note: these minutes will be uploaded as soon as they have been prepared and may not be available at the beginning of the consultation period:

HBRC: (13 Nov): <https://hawkesbay.infocouncil.biz/>

HDC: (19 Nov): <https://hastings.infocouncil.biz/>

NCC: (19 Nov): <https://napier.infocouncil.biz/>

The public is strongly encouraged to provide input on all matters in the draft Napier Hastings Future Development Strategy, including the divergence, to inform the decisions that will finalise the plan.