

South Wairarapa Spatial Plan and Long Term Plan Hui

Local councils are responsible for promoting the social, cultural, economic and environmental wellbeing of our communities. We need to think smartly and engage with our community to help us identify and shape the key issues for our district, for now and into the future.

South Wairarapa District Council is developing a Spatial Plan to set the blueprint on how we want the district to be in 30 years' time. The Spatial Plan presents the Council's vision and strategic drivers for the district in a diagram and map form. It also sets out the important activities that will help us achieve our vision for the district.

To be effective, the Spatial Plan must identify the big issues facing our district so we can shape, direct and protect the district's future and community wellbeing as the district grows. This includes issues concerning the environment, communities and people, our culture, heritage and history, and our future economy.

The Spatial Plan is supported by the Wairarapa Combined District Plan which contains the land-use policies and rules for the Wairarapa region. The District Plan fits within a framework of local, regional and national plans and policies that govern resource management and land use in New Zealand. A diagram describing this framework is included at the end of this document.

We started work on the Spatial Plan last year and early feedback about iwi leadership and involvement in planning identified the following needs:

- For more iwi partnerships in projects and decision-making
- To promote local Māori history and culture including place names
- For more Māori design and te reo in Council documents
- For self-sufficient Papakāinga.

An indicative draft Spatial Plan map used in this early consultation is included in this document.

The Council is also now updating its Long Term Plan (LTP), which we are required to do every 3 years. The LTP sets our strategic direction for the district for the next 10 years, the services we will provide and the activities and projects we will carry out across our various functions. These functions include our governance and advocacy role; public protection and planning services; economic, cultural and community development; roading; water supply, wastewater and stormwater; and council facilities and amenities.

The LTP sets out the budgets we will need to pay for these services, how much we expect to charge for rates and how much we will borrow. It also includes key strategies and policies for our infrastructure, finances and how we will engage with our community.

To put it simply, the Spatial Plan sets the destination and the LTP describes the pathways we will take in following 10 years to reach where we want to be in 30 years' time. In this way, the Spatial Plan is directional and the LTP and District Plans are implementation plans.

We are still at the early stages of our work on these two plans. We are looking to work closely with Māori in the district to inform the development of these plans, including what Māori need from these plans to be successful and how we can shape the district together for the future of whānau, communities and the natural environment.

We're also out and about asking our community "what's on top?" to help us understand community priorities as we develop these plans.



For the SWDC Māori Standing Committee hui on the 28th, our key questions are:

- What do you WANT to see in our district in the next 10, 20 and 30 years?
 - E.g. things we want to promote and protect
- What do you NOT WANT to see in our district in the next 10, 20 and 30 years?
 - E.g. things we want to prevent or phase out
- What would you like to explore more with the council over that time period?
 - E.g. ideas we aren't sure about yet, or problems we would like to solve together.

Be specific and think about what the Māori standing committee and council can influence.

This is an initial discussion – over the coming six months we can kōrero with our whānau about these questions, the LTP and spatial plan, and how we work positively with the councils in our district.

Indicative Draft Spatial Plan Map

