

Considering Options for the Featherston Master Plan

Why am I reading this?

The Council is drawing up a Master Plan on Featherston's future needs and it needs your input. Feedback closes on 5pm Friday August 19.

Context

Featherston is growing fast. Our population forecasts suggest the town will receive another 1730 people within the next 30 years – that's 940 new homes needed. A Master Plan helps ensure there is enough housing for this growth, and sufficient infrastructure, in a sympathetic manner to the town's character and sense of community. It avoids ad hoc planning. Having already spoken to community groups and agencies, we are now doing informal consultation with the public and have two options for them to consider. The preferred option will then be developed in more detail to form the Featherston Master Plan.

Key Factors

To reach our goals, we need to consider a number of factors including:

- The town's economic health and rejuvenation of the main street
- A sense of inclusion for Māori
- Road safety
- Connection to amenities and recreational opportunities such as the Wairarapa Moana trail and Five Towns Trail Network
- Infrastructure networks

See overleaf for the two options

How can I have a say?

- Find us at one of the drop in sessions we are organising – details coming on our website, Facebook and Instagram
- Go to our website page, where you'll find the Foundation Discussion Document and other information
- Do the survey on our website page
- Write to us at spatial-planning@swdc.govt.nz. Feedback closes 5pm Friday August 19.



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Concept Option One

Intensify around the existing train station and main street

- Aims to make better use of existing urban land around public transport and in the town

Concept Option Two

Move the train station close to the main street and intensify

- Aims to bring more foot traffic and energy to the town centre
- More density options to provide housing choice for the community
- Would incur extra cost to relocate the station

Both concept options 1 and 2 identify the opportunity for development to be enhanced around the Featherston rail and train services.

In both cases, minimum section sizes would be reduced. At present they are 500 square metres. In the orange (medium density) areas, the minimum shrinks to 200sqm; in the yellow (general density) areas, it reduces to 300sqm. There would still be options on the fringes for lifestyle-type properties (2000-4000sqm). The purple area is mixed use - which has no lot size restrictions - and the red area is the town centre focused solely on commercial activities.

Both options will increase the potential for more dwellings. However, Option 2 may enable the most number of additional dwellings.

Where can I find out more?

Our webpage (<https://swdc.govt.nz/featherston-master-plan/>) has all the info you need, including:

- The Discussion Document
- An economic report by Mike Cullen, UrbaCity
- A survey
- Hard copies of the survey and Discussion Document will be available from our three libraries.

**Remember - get your feedback
in by 5pm Friday August 19**

