

# Variation to the proposed district plan being prepared



The Council is preparing changes to its housing intensification rules in the Proposed Selwyn District Plan, with public consultation expected in August this year.

New building intensification rules recently introduced by Government require all Tier 1 Councils - including Selwyn - to prepare and notify a variation to their district plans by 20 August 2022. The variation must include new rules and policies that enable medium density and intensification in relevant residential zones, Council’s Planning Manager Ben Rhodes says.

### The variation will cover:

- the introduction of a new Medium Density Residential Zone that will be applied to relevant residential zones in Rolleston, Lincoln and Prebbleton
- additional land for residential development in Rolleston, including certain private plan change requests currently being processed by the Council.

The government rules require councils to vary private plan changes that were notified before the new legislation come into effect (20 December 2021). These will be notified at the same time as the variation to the proposed plan, Mr Rhodes says.

Based on legal advice and information available to date, each private plan change request will be affected differently.

Once a draft of the variation is developed, it will go to the Council for approval and then be notified for public consultation. Public consultation will begin by 20 August 2022 at the latest.

“To enable the variation process to be completed, including the new hearings, there will be a delay on when the Proposed Plan becomes operative, as well as the affected private plan changes”, says Mr Rhodes.

The Proposed District Plan was notified at the end of 2020 and was expected to become operative at the end of 2022. With the variation it is now expected that the Proposed District Plan will become operative in early 2024.

It’s important to note, no appeals will be possible on decisions relating to matters covered by the variation. This follows the new legislation that introduces a new planning process which Tier 1 councils must use to implement intensification policies more quickly.

For more information visit Council website at [selwyn.govt.nz/dprvariation](https://selwyn.govt.nz/dprvariation).

## Building consents increasing

A slowdown in applications and hard work from the Council consents team has seen the average number of working days to process an application falling.

At the end of February the average number of working days to process an application was 22 days.

However, with numbers increasing again and March traditionally seeing high numbers of applications the Council is reminding applicants:

- Expect to see and plan for delays – we are likely to see timeframes extend out again
- Make sure your application meet our criteria
- Remember to use the professional partnership programme (PPP) partner if you’re an approved partner.

The increase in applications will put our consent team under further pressure, so we need your help to manage the workload and we will be taking a firmer approach as well.

Applications not meeting the criteria on our website, or which are for a subdivision that doesn’t have s223, will not be accepted. You can find the criteria at [Selwyn.govt.nz/building](https://selwyn.govt.nz/building) in the information required section under ‘applying for approvals’.

Consents can be fast-tracked for applications under our PPP. This programme is for approved designers and agents with applications that meet specific criteria.

Our PPP has had a slow uptake since we launched in in May 2021 and we are encouraging more designers and companies to embrace this fast track option. If you want to find out more visit our website on how to become a partner and help get your consents fast-tracked.

These challenges aren’t unique to us; it’s countrywide. So please be patient and stay in touch. We are doing our best to keep up.

You can contact us if you have major concerns or want to discuss ways that we can work together better. Our aim is to achieve good outcomes for everyone and minimise impact on your business.

## Another chance on offer to blaze a trail into work

Another chance to be a trailblazer is on offer with the Council looking for more young people to support into work.

Applications are now open for the fourth round of the Council’s Trailblazers internship programme, a collaboration by the Council and Youth Pathways, with support from the Ministry of Social Development, that is helping people who are unemployed or working less than 30 hours a week gain work skills.

The internship programme aimed at young people aged 18-24 began in October and has already seen half of the interns gain jobs.

Over six weeks, up to 10 interns are able to try out different jobs within the Council and gain practical experience in their areas of interest. They also receive mentoring and support from Youth Pathways coordinators who tailor the course to support members in becoming work ready and on areas such as mental and cultural wellbeing and learning their strengths.

Interns try out roles such as Duty Manager, Event Manager, Recreation Assistant, Library/Customer Service Assistant and Programme Coordinator, and complete an additional 20 hours of practical experience in their area of interest.

One member gained a job during the current intake after being supported to apply by mentors on the course and helped with job interview techniques and practice questions.

**Applications are open until 30 March for the intake beginning 16 May. For more information or to apply visit [selwyn.govt.nz/trailblazers](https://selwyn.govt.nz/trailblazers).**



## Leeston Cycle Club racing ahead with community funding

Council support has helped keep the Leeston Cycle Club racing ahead.

The club runs its annual racing season from September to March with weekly races every Thursday evening around the Leeston area.

New road rules introduced by Waka Kotahi in 2021 to improve safety meant the club was facing a hefty bill of over \$3000 to provide the signage required to race, Club President Mark Booth says.

The club was able to borrow signage from the Pegasus cycle club last year, but that wasn’t a long-term option.

Fortunately, the Council was able to help with a grant of \$3283 from the Council’s Selwyn Community Fund helping it buy the signage needed to keep the races going.

“That money for the signs was just beautiful. We couldn’t have asked for better.”

The fund was created to support Selwyn groups and organisations that contribute to community wellbeing, aiming to increase opportunities for physical activity, participation and community as well as drawing people to Selwyn.

Leeston Cycle club fitted the brief well. Its philosophy of creating a family friendly environment to support people into keeping fit and active and having has seen membership rise by 50% this year.

The club’s Thursday evening races include social, youth and development rides along with opportunities for the more competitive.

It also provides opportunities for volunteers and cyclists draws from all over including many who cycle from Christchurch to take part in the races.

Having the signs will allow the club to continue running the races for years to come, Mr Booth says.

“It helped us immensely. We can use them every year, so we’re really appreciative.”

**To find out more about the Selwyn Community Fund or to apply, visit [selwyn.govt.nz/selwyn-community-fund](https://selwyn.govt.nz/selwyn-community-fund).**





Notices

ALCOHOL NOTICES

Wine Divine Limited has applied for the renewal of an off licence. Objections to this application are open until 21 March. SJTP Limited (Liquorland Lincoln) has applied for the renewal of an off licence. Objections to this application are open until 23 March. Akshan Enterprises Limited (Super Liquor Leeston) has applied for the renewal of an off licence. Objections to this application are open until 24 March.

PRIVATE PLAN CHANGE REQUEST 67 (WEST MELTON): NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL DECISION

Selwyn District Council resolved to accept the Commissioner’s recommendation to approve GW Wilfield Ltd’s request to rezone approximately 33ha of Rural Inner Plains land in West Melton to Living West Melton (WM South) zone and to insert

a new Outline Development Plan to guide the development. The location to which this request relates is land on the southern side of West Melton along Weedons Ross Road. This Council decision has legal effect from the day of the public notice (9 March 2022) and the Operative Selwyn District Plan is deemed amended in accordance with this decision. The full text of the decision can be read online at selwyn.govt.nz/ pc67, at the Council’s Rolleston Headquarters or online at Council libraries and service centres. Anyone who made a submission on Private Plan Change Request 67 may appeal to the Environment Court against the Council’s decision. Appeals must reach the Court by 5pm Tuesday 26 April 2022. A copy of any appeals must also be served on the Council.

Meetings

Public Forums: Council, Community Board and local committee meetings are open to the public. Time is available at the start of meetings for people to speak on matters of concern. Please notify Therese Davel or Bernadette Ryan if you wish to speak at the Council meeting at least five days before the meeting. Township, Hall and Reserve Committees: To list or make changes to meeting details, email meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz or phone 347 2800 or 318 8338 by 9am Wednesday the week before publication.

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS

- Council Meeting\* Wednesday 9 March 1pm via Zoom
- Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee Monday 14 March 4pm-6pm via Teams/Zoom
- Council Meeting\* Wednesday 23 March 1pm via Zoom
- Malvern Community Board Monday 28 March 4pm via Zoom

\* Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Coalgate Township Committee Tuesday 22 March 7.30pm Coalgate Fire Station
- Dunsandel Community Committee Monday 21 March 7.30pm Dunsandel Community Centre
- Glentunnel Community Committee Monday 28 March 7.30pm Glentunnel Community Centre

- Kimberley Reserve & Hall Committee Tuesday 8 March 7.30pm Kimberley Hall
- Kirwee Community Committee Monday 21 March 7.30pm Kirwee Hall
- Springston Community Committee Wednesday 16 March 7.30pm Errol Tweedy Pavilion, Springston Reserve
- Whitecliffs Township Committee Monday 14 March 7.30pm Glentunnel Community Centre

On the Roads

Tennyson Street Rolleston Drive Intersection Upgrade  
Tennyson Street is closed from south of 75 Tennyson Street (the Police Station) to 78 Tennyson Street and Rolleston Drive is one-way westbound for the upgrade of the Tennyson Street and Rolleston Drive intersection. Detours are in place.

Darfield Kirwee Wastewater Pipeline project  
Burnham Road is closed to northbound traffic north of the Burnham School Road intersection to State Highway 1 from 10 January to 26 April. A detour will be in place.

Aylesbury Road between SH1 and Two Chain Road is reduced to one-way only. Traffic will be able to enter from SH1 and move north past the one-way site. The one-way system will be in place until late April. Aylesbury Road between Wards Road and Miles Road also remains closed as pipeline project works continue.

For updates on road closures and on the project visit selwyn.govt.nz/darfieldkirweewastewater.

Weedons Ross Road seal widening  
Weedons Ross Road will be one-way open to traffic travelling south (towards Rolleston), through the work area for the duration of the project to widen the road. The work area is currently from Kingsdowne Drove to Johnsons Road and will move south as sections are completed. A detour is in place.

Pre-seal repairs are taking place on Hororata Dunsandel Road between McWhas Road and Burgess Road, Coaltrack Road between Beattys Road and James Street, Malvern Hills Road between SH72 and Bush Gully Road, Grange Road between Telegraph Road and Highfield Road, and Kivers Road between Grange Road and Ayelsbury Road. Repairs are also taking place on Telegraph Road between Essendon Road and Bealey Road and between Courtenay Road and Highfield Road.

Repairs are taking place on Andrew’s Bridge, Mt White. A culvert is being built on Algidus Road between Coleridge Road and Coleridge Intake Road.

Traffic management is in place for these works. Please take care around work sites and follow site signage. Follow the QR code with this story for a map of these works, or view our road closures map at selwyn.govt.nz/roadclosures.



DRIVE Start the licence journey drive.govt.nz

Event Guide

RED SETTING PROTOCOLS ARE IN PLACE. VACCINE PASSES REQUIRED FOR THOSE OVER 12 YEARS AND THREE MONTHS OLD FOR ALL FACILITIES AND FOR BOOKED OR TICKETED EVENTS. CAPACITY LIMITS ARE IN PLACE.

Thursday 10 March

Selwyn Library at Glentunnel Glentunnel Community Centre, 2.30–4pm

We are bringing the library to you with the Edge Connector Vehicle. Choose some new reading material, and try out painting rock labels for your vegetable garden. Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent. Free. Bookings not required.

Saturday 12 March

NICU Cuddle Hearts Project Leeston Library, 10.30am–12.30pm

Join Lisa Paget to make special Cuddle Hearts bound for premature babies and their mums at the Neonatal ICU at Christchurch Hospital. The hearts are made from pure cotton and are a great comfort to both baby and mum. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events. Bring a machine or use a library machine (limited availability). Suitable for 15+ years, must be able to use a sewing machine.

Saturday 12 March

Make your own wacky scarecrow Darfield Library, 1.30–3.30pm

Would you like a garden friend to scare away pesky birds eating your fruit and veges? Join Creative Junk and make a small scarecrow or bring the whole family and create a big one together! Free. Bookings required selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

Saturday 12 March

Rekindle: Botanical Ink Making Castle Hill Community Hall, 1.30–4pm

Make two different inks using foraged local plants and/or food scraps, carve your own pens from bamboo, and experiment with different inks. Please bring two small jars for your ink, and pen and paper if you wish to take notes. This workshop is for adults only. \$5 per person for Selwyn Libraries members, \$10 non-library members. Payment can be made in-library beforehand or applied to library card. Payment is not required to secure the booking. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

Sunday 13 March

Elgregoe - It's a Magic Time of the Year! Te Ara Ātea, 1.45–3pm

You're sure to be amazed with Elgregoe the Magician as he performs astonishing and delightful tricks celebrating the autumnal season! Free. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

Monday 14 March

Science On Ice 3 – Creatures beneath the sea (Days of Ice) Lincoln Library, 3.30–4.30pm

Discover our favourite icy continent through this five-part Science on Ice series! Create your own Antarctic creature using artist light pads, try quizzes, and journey with Sonny Ngatai as he explores Antarctica and learns about animal life on the continent. Free. Bookings essential, one booking per family bubble please. Book or find more sessions and times at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

FOR INFORMATION ON LISTING A COMMUNITY EVENT VISIT SELWYN.GOV.T.NZ/COUNCILCALL.