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Have your say on Malvern and Ellesmere's future development

The Council is inviting submissions on draft Area Plans for Malvern and Ellesmere.

"The Area Plans will guide the growth of townships in Ellesmere and Malvern through to 2031," says Andrew Mactier, Strategy and Policy Planner.

"The plans include options for where residential and business development could occur, if needed, and future Council infrastructure and services projects that may be needed in different townships."

Although the plan does not rezone any land, it will inform the District Plan Review, which starts this year, along with other Council plans and privately initiated plan changes.

The draft Area Plans were prepared following a series of community drop in sessions and consultation on held in August 2015. As part of this consultation people were also able to make suggestions about how they wanted townships in Ellesmere and Malvern to develop online and through comment forms.

Some of the ideas included in the Area Plans the Council would like people's comments on include:

- carrying out town centre studies in Leeston, Darfield, Springfield and Southbridge looking at issues such as transport, beautification, accessibility of community facilities and business land
- working with KiwiRail and the NZ Transport Agency to look at issues relating to the State Highway and railway line in Dunsandel, Sheffield and Kirwee
- in Darfield and Leeston, looking at intensification opportunities close to the town centre to provide more housing options such as social housing and housing for older people, and also the feasibility of establishing a walking/cycling link between McHugh's Forest Park and the town along the rail corridor.

People can find out more by picking up a copy of the draft Area Plans from Council library/service centres or read it online at www.selwyn.govt.nz/areaplans. The Council is also holding drop-in sessions where people can find out more about the plans and talk to staff. These sessions are at:

- Dunsandel Rugby Clubrooms - Wednesday 18 May, 6.30pm
- Leeston Library Meeting Room - Sunday 22 May, 1pm
- Southbridge Hall - Thursday 26 May, 6.30pm
- Darfield Recreation Centre - Sunday 29 May, 1pm
- Glentunnel Hall - Monday 30 May, 6.30pm
- Springfield Hall - Wednesday 1 June, 6.30pm
- Darfield Recreation Centre - Thursday 2 June, 6.30pm

Submissions are open until 12 noon on **Monday 13 June** 2016. Submissions can be made online at www.selwyn.govt.nz/areaplans. Submission forms can also be picked up from a Council library or service centre.

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