



Media Release
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Consultation starts on plans to guide Malvern and Ellesmere's development

Selwyn District Council is working to develop area plans for Malvern and Ellesmere and is inviting people living in these areas to be part of planning for the future of their community.

Area plans will provide a 15 year framework for sustainable growth and development.

"They will look at how townships within Ellesmere and Malvern could develop and where housing, businesses, open space, community facilities and infrastructure could be located in the future," says Selwyn Mayor Kelvin Coe.

The plans will also look at what's special about different towns and needs to be retained and how nearby towns work together, for example by identifying what services people would like in their township and what services they are prepared to travel to use.

Local meetings where people can share their thoughts about these issues are being held at:

- Dunsandel Rugby Clubrooms – Wednesday 5 August, 6.30-8.30pm
- Leeston Library meeting room – Thursday 6 August, 6.30-8.30pm
- Leeston Library meeting room – Sunday 9 August, 1-3pm
- Tawera Memorial Hall, Springfield – Tuesday 11 August, 6.30-8.30pm
- Darfield Recreation Centre – Wednesday 12 August, 6.30-8.30pm
- Glentunnel Community Centre – Tuesday 18 August, 6.30-8.30pm
- Darfield Recreation Centre – Sunday 23 August, 1-3pm

Mayor Coe says that once developed, the Area Plans will inform the upcoming District Plan review as well as identifying other projects that may be needed in local townships.

People can also comment on how they would like to see towns in Malvern and Ellesmere develop in the future online at www.selwyn.govt.nz/areaplans or by emailing areaplans@selwyn.govt.nz. Comments are open until **Friday 28 August 2015**.

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