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Residents share their ideas for the future of their townships

Ellesmere and Malvern residents have made a range of suggestions through initial consultation on local area plans about how their townships could be developed in the future.

Selwyn District Council is working to develop area plans for Malvern and Ellesmere and undertook consultation in July and August to gather comments from local residents on how they would like their townships to develop and what they liked about where they lived.

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.

53 submissions were received during the consultation. Seven drop in sessions took place as part of the consultation at Leeston, Dunsandel, Springfield, Darfield and Glentunnel. Around 70 people attended these sessions.

From submissions and drop in sessions residents made a wide range of suggestions for the future of local townships. Some of these suggestions included providing for more growth to occur in Doyleston and Southbridge, allowing for business growth in Dunsandel along with improving parking in the town and improving walking and cycling options in Leeston. In Malvern towns keeping the rural character of Coalgate was mentioned as being important, and providing more medium density and large section options in Darfield and more housing options for Glentunnel were suggested. Sheffield residents wanted improved crossing points in the township and Springfield locals suggested additional tourist information in the town.

A complete list of submissions and feedback is available at www.selwyn.govt.nz/areaplans.

"We would like to thank local residents who made submissions or attended the drop in sessions for their comments," says Acting Selwyn Mayor Sarah Walters.

Councillor Walters says that Council staff are now working on gathering additional technical information to help inform Area Plans for Ellesmere and Malvern and will look at that information as well as community feedback to develop the draft plans.

Draft Area Plans for Ellesmere and Malvern are expected to be released for public consultation in late February 2016.

The Area Plans will inform the upcoming District Plan review as well as identifying other projects that may be needed in Malvern and Ellesmere townships.

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