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Consultation Opens on District Development Strategy

Consultation has now opened on Selwyn 2031 – Draft District Development Strategy.

Selwyn Mayor Kelvin Coe says that the strategy looks at a range of issues across the district including where new commercial and residential land is needed, and what facilities, infrastructure and services are needed in urban and rural areas to ensure the district remains prosperous and people are able to continue to enjoy a high quality of life in a strong and resilient community.

Six public meetings on the draft 2031 strategy will be held at:

- Leeston Library on Monday 28 April, at 7pm.
- Darfield Service Centre on Tuesday 29 April, at 7pm.
- Dunsandel Rugby Club on Wednesday 30 April, at 7pm.
- Springfield, Tawera Memorial Hall on Monday 5 May, at 7pm.
- Glentunnel Hall on Tuesday 6 May, at 7pm.
- Rolleston Community Centre on Thursday 8 May, at 7pm.

Selwyn's population is expected to grow from around 45,000 now to over 74,000 by 2031. The strategic directions set out in Selwyn 2031 will help guide future development and assist the Council in planning and delivering services.

The strategy includes a number of proposals which include developing area plans for Darfield and Leeston which would identify where shops, businesses and community facilities could be located in the future. It also includes a township network framework which shows how different towns would relate to each other in Selwyn and what services they would provide to residents. A focus for the strategy is also on encouraging self-sufficiency within Selwyn so that more businesses and services are available locally so people don't have to travel to Christchurch.

The strategy also reflects existing development patterns with most future growth continuing to occur in Rolleston, Lincoln, West Melton and Prebbleton, where the demand for property has been the highest. The Council would continue to work on developing design guidelines and standards to ensure that the standard of subdivisions is high and that there is a greater range of housing choice for Selwyn residents, including options for smaller and more compact housing as the demand for this type of home will rise as the population ages.

The Council also plans to continue to work with government agencies and community organisations to improve the provision of community facilities, schools and support services

for Selwyn residents.

The Selwyn 2031 - Draft District Development Strategy, a summary document and submission forms can be viewed online at www.selwyn.govt.nz/haveyoursay. Copies are also available from Council libraries and services centres. Submissions close on 6 June.

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