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### **Consultation opens on Draft Parking Strategy**

Public consultation on the Selwyn District Council's Draft Parking Strategy has begun.

The draft strategy sets out a number of parking management options for the different parts of the Selwyn district, particularly in larger town centres such as Rolleston and Lincoln. It provides for both private and public parking, and links with the Council's other transport strategies.

Council Environmental Services Manager Tim Harris says it's vital that the Council carefully considers how it guides and manages parking in the future.

"We have a diverse and growing district - and with that growth comes the demand to manage parking that works for growing residential communities and an expanding business sector, as well as our rural areas," Mr Harris says. "This strategy is about ensuring that our parking system provides safe, efficient access to services and destinations, and allows our townships to thrive."

Although the Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2009 provides for the issuing of infringement notices, the Council has not gone down this road to date, and has taken an educational approach when people break parking rules. The draft strategy could activate this provision in the bylaw if it's found that there is a need for it.

"Residents have become accustomed to having no parking enforcement, which is something the Council would prefer to retain," Mr Harris says. "Although the draft strategy is about managing the district's parking in an equitable and coherent way, particularly in our town centres where there is high demand, Council could consider stronger rules or enforcement as a way to properly regulate parking in the district if that's what residents believe is necessary - they can tell us what they think through the public consultation phase," Mr Harris says.

Other parking management issues considered in the draft strategy include avoiding parking on high-speed rural roads, managing parking across town centres so that parking is within a short distance of destinations, limiting non-residential parking in residential areas, and ensuring on-street parking in busy areas doesn't compromise other transport networks or access.

The need for the Draft Parking Strategy is a signal of the impact of growth in the Selwyn district. Over the past 10 years the district's population has grown from 38,000 to more than 62,000 (about 55%), making Selwyn the third largest territorial authority in the South Island. Alongside this, the economy has grown and use of

motor vehicles has increased, with vehicles travelling about 385 million kilometres on Selwyn roads every year.

The Council is inviting residents to provide their feedback on the Draft Parking Strategy from Friday 9 November 2018 to 5pm on Friday 7 December 2018.

For more information visit <https://yoursay.selwyn.govt.nz/draft-parking-strategy>