



Selwyn District Council Media release  
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## **Council decisions – Wednesday 3 November 2021**

### **Community History Fund established**

The Council has agreed to set up an interim fund to protect the district's history while a strategic heritage plan is developed.

Under the Long-Term Plan 2021-2031 the Council agreed to work with mana whenua and heritage groups to develop a strategic heritage plan.

Funding from the interim Selwyn Community History Fund is intended to support kaitiaki (guardians, conservators, and protectors), communities and community groups and their heritage activities during the period the Plan will be developed.

It will support protecting, promoting and celebrating Selwyn's history and making it more accessible for residents and visitors.

The Council also agreed to establish the Selwyn Community History Committee to oversee the development of the heritage plan.

Council Group Manager Community Services and Facilities Denise Kidd says it is the start of a process to make real change in the way heritage is supported in Selwyn.

"We have many hard working, passionate groups in the Selwyn community who are dedicated to preserving our heritage and what has made us who we are as a community today. The Council has supported these groups individually over the years through various funds, but this partnership process will bring these groups together with a vision to preserve our past together."

### **Darfield Plan Change agreed**

The Council has accepted Private Plan Change 63, to rezone an area on the north eastern edge of Darfield for housing.

The Council accepted the application on the recommendation of an independent hearing commissioner, following consultation and a public hearing.

The application is to rezone around 60.6 hectares for residential homes and a retirement village.

The area is divided into two sections, the first is proposed for the development of a retirement village and 103 homes with a mix of low and medium density lots. The

second section is proposed to be developed once a new wastewater connection has been completed to the Pines Wastewater Treatment Plant and could see around 347 homes built.

### **New industrial land agreed**

The Council has accepted Private Plan Change 66, to rezone an area to the east of the iPort inland port for further industrial development.

The Council accepted the application on the recommendation of an independent hearing commissioner, following consultation and a public hearing.

The plan change will see 27 hectares of land next to iPort rezoned and was supported by KiwiRail and the Lyttelton Port Company.

The Council also agreed to rules that would ensure the land can only be used for industrial purposes and within noise sensitivity rules, and that the land cannot be developed until any new overbridge of State Highway 1 from Rolleston Drive to iZone is operational and cannot access Maddisons Road.

### **Trade waste and Wastewater bylaws updated**

Changes to the Council's Trade waste and Wastewater bylaws have been agreed to simplify the two bylaws.

The bylaws have been amended following public consultation. Both bylaws have undergone minor changes. The trade waste bylaw simplifies the way low-risk premises are charged for trade waste discharges. The wastewater bylaw details who can work on drains; and to simplify the system for 'common drains' (private drains with multiple connections).

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