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## Council services closer to the community

A range of Council services will soon be available at the Darfield and Leeston Service Centre, making it easier for Selwyn residents to access services from the Council.

Selwyn District Council Chief Executive David Ward says Selwyn is growing rapidly and that there is an increasing demand from residents for Council services to be available at service centres outside Rolleston.

"People can pay rates, register their dogs and access some services at their local library and service centre currently. We will now also have Council staff visiting our service centres regularly so that people can easily access our professional advisory services like building and resource consent services, and also get help for service requests on roading, rubbish, animal control and other issues," he says.

From Monday 30 September, the Council will be offering the following services in Darfield:

- On Monday 30 September, Monday 14 October and every second Monday after this, Assets staff will be available who can assist with questions on roading, water, wastewater, rubbish and recycling and parks issues
- On Tuesday 1 October, Tuesday 15 October and every second Tuesday after this, Community Services staff will be available. They can help with advice to community groups, Community Response Teams and Neighbourhood Support Groups and community committees
- On Wednesday 2 October, Wednesday 16 October and every second Wednesday after this, staff from the Council's Environmental Services team will be available to help with resource and building consent enquiries and district planning issues

Council will be offering the following services in Leeston:

- On Tuesday 8 October, Tuesday 22 October and every second Tuesday after this, Assets staff will be available who can assist with questions on roading, water, wastewater, rubbish and recycling and parks issues
- On Wednesday 9 October, Wednesday 23 October and every second Wednesday after this, Community Services staff will be available. They can help with advice to community and sports groups, Community Response Teams and Neighbourhood Support Groups and community committees
- On Thursday 10 October, Thursday 24 October and every second Thursday after this, staff from the Council's Environmental Services team will be available to help with resource and building consent enquiries and district planning issues

Council staff will be available to see residents during normal opening hours at the service centres, and appointments will not be required. If a request needs to be referred to another staff member, the customer should hear back from the Council within a couple of working days.

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