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Getting closer to the new Selwyn District Plan

Selwyn District Council is on track to have its future District Plan ready for formal public consultation early next year.

With local government elections coming up in October, the Council's District Plan Committee, which has been making decisions on the direction of the new District Plan, held its final meeting for the year last week.

"It's timely to give everyone interested in the review of our current District Plan an update on where we are at and what to expect next," says Tim Harris, Council's Group Manager Environmental and Regulatory Services.

There are some areas of the current Plan that still need further targeted consultation with stakeholders and landowners. But most of the proposed detailed policies and rules for the Proposed Plan have now been drafted and consulted on.

"We would like to thank everyone who's provided feedback and helped shaped the future District Plan so far.

"Our whole approach for the review of the current Plan has been to engage with people at an early stage of the review. This has helped us to hear from as many people as possible about what they think needs to be put in place in the new District Plan so that it works for them and the district."

Following last year's initial public consultation on the general direction of the future Plan, the Council has done a lot of targeted consultation with affected landowners and stakeholders on more detailed draft rules and policies across a range of topics relevant to business, rural or residential communities.

"Anyone wanting to have a further say on the future District Plan and to see the detailed draft provisions will have the opportunity when the plan is notified," Mr Harris says.

"At this stage the draft provisions are still subject to change as staff work on refining them and getting them ready for the incoming Council to endorse early next year. Following the endorsement, the Proposed Plan will be notified for consultation," Mr Harris says.

It's expected that the Proposed District Plan will be notified for formal public consultation in early 2020 and be fully in place, subject to any Environment Court appeals, in mid-2022.

In the meantime, to find out more about the future District Plan, all reports developed during the review can be found on the Council's website at www.selwyn.govt.nz/dprsj. For more background material developed during and following the initial public consultation last year, check out the Council's engagement hub at www.selwyn.govt.nz/districtplanreview.

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