



Media Release
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Consultation opens on Lincoln and Rolleston changes

Consultation on proposed changes to encourage more businesses to locate in central Rolleston and Lincoln is now open.

The proposed changes are being progressed as actions under the Land Use Recovery Plan, which identifies the location of residential and business activities within greater Christchurch. The Plan has been developed in response to the Canterbury earthquakes to assist recovery and rebuild.

Both Lincoln and Rolleston are expected to continue to grow in the future. Rolleston's population will grow from around 13,000 now to reach 20,000 in 2030 and Lincoln's population will increase from 5,000 to over 10,000 in the same timeframe.

One of the Council's objectives in its Selwyn 2031 - District Development Strategy is to encourage more businesses to locate in Selwyn so people have better access to local services. Currently over 70% of local residents' expenditure on shopping is spent outside Selwyn.

The changes proposed to the District Plan identify the central areas of both Lincoln and Rolleston town centres as Key Activity Centres – which are focal points for commercial, community and service activity. The Key Activity Centre provisions will enable more shops and businesses to locate in Rolleston and Lincoln to provide people with a wider range of shops, places to eat and local services and create more local jobs.

The changes will help implement the ideas set out in the adopted Rolleston Town Centre Masterplan and the draft Lincoln Town Centre Plan, which builds on the recent Lincoln Opportunities Study and will be released for public consultation soon.

The Key Activity Centres have been divided into precincts to allow different activities to locate in areas they are considered most suitable in. The different precincts allow some activities to establish more easily than others so not all types of activities would be permitted in some precincts. Where an activity is not permitted it may still be able to establish if a resource consent is granted. The consent process would consider the effects of the proposed activity and whether these would be compatible with the surrounding area.

Existing shops and properties within the Key Activity Centres can continue to operate as normal as the activity rules only apply if the type of activities at a property changed or if a site is redeveloped.

As well as the Key Activity Centres being created, changes are proposed to provide more industrial land in Rolleston, in line with the Land Use Recovery Plan. This land lies to the north of the existing Izone development along Hoskyns Road. An area has also been identified for large format retail, trade retail and office activities near the intersection of Hoskyns Road and Jones Road.

Drop in sessions where people can ask questions about the changes are planned at:

- Rolleston Council Headquarters – on Tuesday 22 September, 6.30-8.30pm and Sunday 27 September, 2-4pm
- Lincoln Event Centre – on Thursday 24 September, 6.30-8.30pm and Sunday 27 September, 10am-12pm

A flyover video will be available from tomorrow at www.selwyn.govt.nz showing an artist's impression of how Rolleston Reserve could look in the future if part of the reserve is developed into a space for community facilities, shops and a playground. The video will also be available to be viewed at the Council offices in Rolleston.

Consultation on the changes is open until 5pm Friday 9 October. To make a submission and find out more visit www.selwyn.govt.nz or a Selwyn library.

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