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District Plan Changes adopted

Changes to the Selwyn District Plan will be made to provide additional business and residential land in Rolleston and Lincoln.

The Minister for Earthquake Recovery recently approved a number of changes to the Selwyn District Plan which will rezone areas of Lincoln and Rolleston and amend some district plan rules for residential areas.

The changes are being made as actions under the Land Use Recovery Plan. The Land Use Recovery Plan identifies the location of residential and business activities within greater Christchurch.

“The changes made to the Selwyn District Plan are consistent with the strategic planning work the Council has undertaken with the community in recent years,” says Tim Harris, Selwyn District Council Planning Manager.

One of the changes to the Selwyn District Plan will see 122 hectares of land owned by Rolleston Industrial Development Ltd (RIDL) on the corner of Hoskyns Road and State Highway One rezoned from rural to Business 2A - an industrial zoning. The land is across the road from Izone Industrial Park.

Another change to the District Plan approved by the Minister will see a 3,600m² area south of Lincoln New World rezoned so it can be used for medium density residential housing (such as townhouses) and mixed use activities. This would allow for a neighbourhood centre containing local shops as well as residential housing.

In Rolleston's eastern and south-western outskirts, a number of greenfield priority areas will be rezoned to allow for additional residential housing development. Additional changes have been made to implement Council's adopted Rural Residential Strategy 2014.

Changes will also be made to district plan rules to allow the maximum area of residential buildings on sections to increase from 35% to 40% of the site area. Further changes will be made to district plan rules relating to medium density housing provisions to better manage the design of units and provide for rear service lane access in certain circumstances.

The changes to the district plan will be notified on 13 December and will take effect from that date.

Last month, the Council endorsed a consultation process on a number of other proposed plan changes affecting Rolleston and Lincoln which has been sent to the Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery for review.

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