



Media release

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Consultation to be undertaken on Plan Changes

Selwyn District Council has this week endorsed a consultation process on proposed plan changes affecting Rolleston and Lincoln which will now be reviewed by the Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery.

The proposed changes are being progressed 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 Council will be sending a package containing proposed changes to the Selwyn District Plan and a recommended consultation process on these changes to the Minister for review. Once these have been approved by the Minister, a local consultation process can start. The planned consultation includes public notification of the proposed changes with an opportunity for public submissions. It is hoped consultation will occur in early 2015.

“Both Lincoln and Rolleston are expected to grow rapidly in the future,” says Selwyn District Council’s Strategy and Policy Team Leader Cameron Wood. “Rolleston’s population will grow from around 12,000 now to reach 20,000 in 2030 and Lincoln’s population will increase from 5,000 to over 10,000 in the same timeframe.”

“The changes proposed to the District Plan are designed to enable more shops and businesses to locate in Rolleston and Lincoln which will provide people with a wider range of shops, places to eat and local services and will help to create more local jobs,” he says.

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

The development of key activity centres in central Rolleston and Lincoln will be consulted on. Key activity centres are focal points for commercial, community and service activity.

The development of the key activity centres will help to implement the changes consulted on through the Rolleston Town Centre Masterplan last year. Within the Rolleston key activity centre, precinct areas have also been identified. In the precinct plan, a core retail area is identified along the eastern side of Rolleston Drive between the Warehouse, the New World supermarket and the north eastern portion of Rolleston Reserve which has been identified as a location for a new library, playground and some commercial activity. This zoning would enable this area to become Rolleston’s town centre hub shopping area. The rest of the reserve would remain as open space. A large format retail area is proposed for the area around where Countdown is located. The areas to the east of Kidman Street between Rolleston Drive and Tennyson Street are identified as able to be used for office space or educational or recreation activities. Other areas inside the Rolleston key activity centre could be used for retail or business activities.

In Lincoln the key activity centre would cover the area along Gerald Street between the New World site and the Liffey Stream, and would include some properties behind the main street. The eastern and western end of the key activity centre would be zoned for business

and retail activities. The area between the two business/ retail areas along Gerald Street is proposed to be zoned as transitional living, which would allow both residential and low impact business activities to occur. These proposed changes largely reflect the existing activities established in these areas.

The Council is also proposing to rezone a 32 hectare area next to Hoskyns Road on the north-western edge of Izone to a Business 2 zoning which would allow for industrial activity at the site. Up to four hectares of land is also identified to be rezoned as large format retail within a separate property on the corner of Hoskyns Road and State Highway 1.

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