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Consultation on Rolleston's Development

Consultation is now open on plans for Rolleston's development over the next twenty years. The consultation covers the development of the Rolleston Town Centre and Foster Recreation Park.

Over the next 30 years it is expected that Rolleston will grow from around 8,000- 9,000 people now to between 18,000 - 22,000 people.

With growth comes the opportunity to develop the town centre and a main street, attract people to shop and work in the town and to provide new facilities, parks and public places for people to enjoy.

This project includes the following proposals:

- Developing **Tennyson Street** as a two-sided shopping street which would become Rolleston's main street. It would be home to a range of shops and would have benches and attractive tree planting
- Developing **a new library, community and technology centre** which would include multi-use spaces which could be used for performances, events, exhibitions, meetings, a business hub, a youth space and a wide range of other activities
- Creating **a new Town Square** next to the library, community and technology centre. It would be a meeting place for locals and visitors, and a place for holding events and staging performances
- Enhancing **Rolleston Reserve** with a playground and water feature. The location of a new shopping area and the new library, community and technology centre, the town Square and shopping along Tennyson Street would bring more people to this area and encourage people to visit the Reserve
- Introducing landscaping and pedestrian crossings, traffic lights and on-street parking to **Rolleston Drive**
- Developing **Foster Recreation Park** as the largest sport and recreation park in Selwyn. The park will be able to be used by a range of sports codes for games and training, and by the community for walking and cycling, recreation and community events. The park will also include a children's play area.

Projects to implement the proposed plan will be staged over the next 20 years. Individual projects still need to be fully costed and a plan developed to fund these which could include using money from development contributions, rates and other funding sources like grants. Further consultation on projects and the cost to ratepayers will be carried out before any of these projects proceed.

Copies of plans, the summary document called 'Your Town – Your Future', and submission forms are available online at www.selwyn.govt.nz/haveyoursay and from Selwyn libraries.

Drop in sessions are being held at the following times where people can find out more about the Town Centre and Foster Park development and talk with Council staff about the plans. These are being held on:

- Thursday 26 September - 4-8 at the Council Headquarters, Rolleston
- Wednesday 16 October - 5-8pm at the Council Headquarters, Rolleston
- Sunday 20 October - 1.30-4.30pm at Rolleston Community Centre.

The Selwyn Youth Council is also holding a **Conversation Café** with free pizza and spot prizes of iTunes vouchers. The café is a chance for young people from across Selwyn to talk about how they would like to see Rolleston develop in the future. It will be held on Wednesday 25 September from 7–8.30pm at the Selwyn District Council Offices in Rolleston.