



Media Release

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Selwyn 2031 helps plan for our future

Selwyn has a new framework for the future with the adoption of Selwyn 2031 by the Council this week.

Selwyn Mayor Kelvin Coe says that the strategy will provide a long term view of how Selwyn will develop in the future which will help the Council to plan and deliver services.

“Selwyn 2031 looks at a range of issues across the district and outlines a series of future actions to address these. It is an important document that will help guide Council’s decision making as our district grows and develops – and ensure that Selwyn continues to prosper and people who live here continue to enjoy a high quality of life.”

Selwyn’s population is expected to grow from around 50,000 now to over 74,000 by 2031. The strategic directions set out in Selwyn 2031 will help guide future development and assist Council to plan for the future and provide services for residents.

Consultation on Selwyn 2031 – Development Strategy was undertaken between April and June 2014. 55 submissions were received on the strategy and around 113 people attended public meetings on the strategy.

One of the key proposals in the strategy is to develop area plans for Malvern and Ellesmere. In the draft document the area plans were only to cover Darfield and Leeston but the scope of the plans has been widened to cover the wider ward area as a result of submissions. The plans will be developed in consultation with local communities and will look at where shops, businesses and community facilities could be located in these wards in the future. Work on these plans will start in the coming months.

Selwyn 2031 includes a township network framework which shows how different towns would relate to each other in Selwyn and what services they would provide to residents. A focus for the strategy is also on encouraging self-sufficiency within Selwyn so that more businesses and services are available locally so people don’t have to travel to Christchurch. Both of these concepts were supported by submitters to the draft strategy. Encouraging local businesses and services to establish in Selwyn will be an aim of local area plans and is already an objective in many other localised plans such as the Rolleston Town Centre Masterplan.

The strategy also reflects existing development patterns with most future growth continuing to occur in Rolleston, Lincoln, West Melton and Prebbleton, where the demand for property has been the highest. The Council will continue to work on developing design guidelines and standards to ensure that the standard of subdivisions is high and that there is a greater range of housing choice for Selwyn residents, including options for smaller and more

compact housing as the demand for this type of home will rise as the population ages. Community conversations to gather information on people's views on what type of housing is needed in Selwyn have already begun.

The Council also plans to continue to work with government agencies and community organisations to improve the provision of community facilities, schools and support services for Selwyn residents.

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