

Ellesmere 2031

Area Plan

Stage 1 consultation

Summary of submissions and drop-in session feedback

September 2015





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Stage 1 Consultation Summary of Submissions & Feedback from Drop in Sessions

Stage 1 consultation for the Ellesmere Area Plan ran from Monday the 27th of July to Friday the 28th of August. A key aspect of Stage 1 consultation was face to face '*Drop in Sessions*' hosted at a number of venues throughout the Ellesmere area. The '*Drop in Sessions*' were informal, interactive and hands on consultation events where the community could share their thoughts and ideas on local issues that are of concern and interest to them. Key issues and themes that the consultation sought feedback on included:

Communities & Township Character – Questions asked included the following:

- What do people like about your township and the wider area?
- What natural values and qualities define the character of your township and the wider area? Which of these are important to retain as your township develops?
- Are there sufficient areas or services for recreation and/or community events and gatherings in your township? Where should they go?

Growth & Development – Questions asked included the following:

- Do you think your township should grow, and if so, where should/could it grow?
- Is additional land for businesses, housing or open space/recreation needed?
- What are the constraints limiting business from locating in your town?

Transport & Infrastructure – Questions asked included the following:

- Are there sufficient transport connections (i.e. footpaths, cycleways, and roads) within your township?
- Are the connections with adjoining townships and communities adequate? If not, to what extent should better connections be provided?
- Do you have any comments to make about other infrastructure issues, such as water supply and wastewater?

In addition to the '*Drop in Sessions*', the community was also able to provide feedback by posting in submission forms, lodging submission via email or through the Council's website, or by scheduling a meeting with Council staff.

The feedback received from Stage 1 consultation will complement the technical information that is being gathered and will help to form the basis for the Draft Area Plan and township specific growth strategies currently being developed. It is important to note that the information contained in this Summary of Submissions document will assist the Council in making decisions on the development of the Ellesmere Area Plan **but is not a final decision on where growth will or will not occur, or on what services may or may not be provided**. Those decisions will be made subsequent to receiving submissions on a Draft of the Ellesmere Area Plan, which is anticipated to be publicly notified in late February 2016. It is anticipated that a final Area Plan will be adopted by the Council towards the end of June 2016.

A detailed summary of submissions is available on Council's website at www.selwyn.govt.nz/areaplans or by requesting a copy from the contact details provided below. The summary of submissions document, along with other information about the Area Plans can also be viewed online at any Council library or service centre. Council staff are also available to discuss any queries you may have. Queries can be directed to:

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STAGE 1 CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

DOYLESTON

Communities and Township Character (see also Figure 2 – Leeston/ Doyleston Summary of Submissions)

- Doyleston has a good village feel and is well served by Jacks service centre and shop. The park is excellent.
- The town is fractured with some development occurring on the east side of Leeston Road which is removed from the town

Growth & Development (see also Figure 2 – Leeston & Doyleston Summary of Submissions)

- Additional growth is needed of rural residential sections of approx 5000m².
- Smaller sections along Petticoat Lane and Railway Terrace with rural residential sections either side of Osbourne Park along Drain Road.
- Doyleston needs to be allowed to grow. The town needs more population. The village used to have tennis clubs and netball and these activities dropped off with a changing demographic.
- Current zoning greatly restricts growth. Allow market demand to provide growth.
- Make the land available and set development levies to allow the town to have residential along the existing streets and rural residential along Drain Road.

Transport (see also Figure 2 – Leeston & Doyleston Summary of Submissions)

- Infrastructure is improved with reticulated sewer and water. Transport links are great

DUNSANDEL

Communities and Township Character (see also Figure 1 – Dunsandel Summary of Submissions)

- Strong sense of rural community
- The town has a small number of iconic buildings that give it character
- Dunsandel provides a rural service centre not only for those living in the township but the rich rural surrounds

- Any development of the commercial area along the main south road could be encouraged to be in keeping with such design e.g. a restricted complementary colour palate and design templates.
- The landscaping on either side of the main south road should be further developed and enhanced to create a visually aesthetic Township
- The development of the "residential" east side of the township could be designed with quality of living in mind i.e. focused around the amenities available at the domain and community center facilities with safe pedestrian and cycle access to the facilities.

Growth & Development (see also Figure 1 – Dunsandel Summary of Submissions)

- With the future anticipated growth of the Selwyn District and the arrival of CPW irrigation there needs to be more focus on the future growth of the Dunsandel township
- The commercial area could be focused to the West of SH1, expanded north along SH1 to include the Tavern and West along the triangle area formed by Dunsandel Hororata Road and Browns Road.
- There is limited demand for business growth. Any new business growth should be accommodated within the existing B1 and B2 zoned land which tends to be inappropriately utilised at the moment.
- Expansion of the commercial zone to accommodate growth in the dairy and farming sectors in the surrounding areas and any future residential growth.
- A limited amount of residential growth within the township to accommodate the predicted growth
- We need to have some provision for low cost retirement type housing somewhere in the township.
- Some provision for land to allow motel, camping site type accommodation
- The residential area developed on the east side of SH1 focusing on the land around and between the sports centre and future community centre and Dunsandel School
- Allow rural residential growth to occur on land fronting onto Tramway Road.
- There should be a range of section sizes available, but small sections and medium density housing is precluded by the lack of reticulated sewerage with the minimum section size currently set at 850m² for Living 1

Transport (see also Figure 1 – Dunsandel Summary of Submissions)

- More dedicated parking in the town centre
- The vehicle crossing point should be shifted back to the Hororata Rd and that lights should be installed.
- A safer crossing (pedestrian and cars) needs to be looked at, at the intersection of Main South Road and Browns Rd.
- Parking is totally inadequate at the moment with little thought to families wanting to stop and let the kids out for a run or picnic. With Browns Rd crossing closed it

would enable the extension of the car parking opposite the Store right down to opposite the Stop Shop.

- A cycleway/footpath round Tramway Rd, Irvines Rd connecting to Leeston/Dunsandel Rd.
- Widen Hororata Dunsandel Road and put in a footpath/bike path
- Provide for better connections (walking, cycling and vehicle) to new developments.
- Speed bumps to slow traffic down on Highfield Drive
- Design of a safer crossing outside the Dunsandel Primary School.
- The creation of safe walk and cycle ways in and around the residential area of the township to the East of the Main South Road.
- Providing a recreational cycle route and safe access to the school, sports centre and future community centre.
- The extension of the bus network to include the Dunsandel Township.
- A car parking area at the south end of town, similar to the one located at the north end of town would be useful.
- There are insufficient transport connections in the town in the form of walking tracks and cycling tracks.
- Create a walking track around the perimeter of any land rezoned on Tramway Road which could link up with the landscaped strip along the railway line

5 Waters/Infrastructure (see also Figure 1 – Dunsandel Summary of Submissions)

- The town lacks a reticulated sewer system which is an impediment to growth.
- Growth in Dunsandel is necessary, to make reticulation viable, but growth appears to be prevented due to lack of a reticulated scheme (a ‘chicken and egg’ scenario)

Recreation, Reserves & Open Space (see also Figure 1 – Dunsandel Summary of Submissions)

- We need to look at whether we have enough centralised recreational and public space for community needs put aside.
- Need a play area on the north side of SH1
- Expansion of amenities should be focused in and around the current sports centre and future community centre and Dunsandel School
- A designated recycling depot at the Domain possibly would be helpful

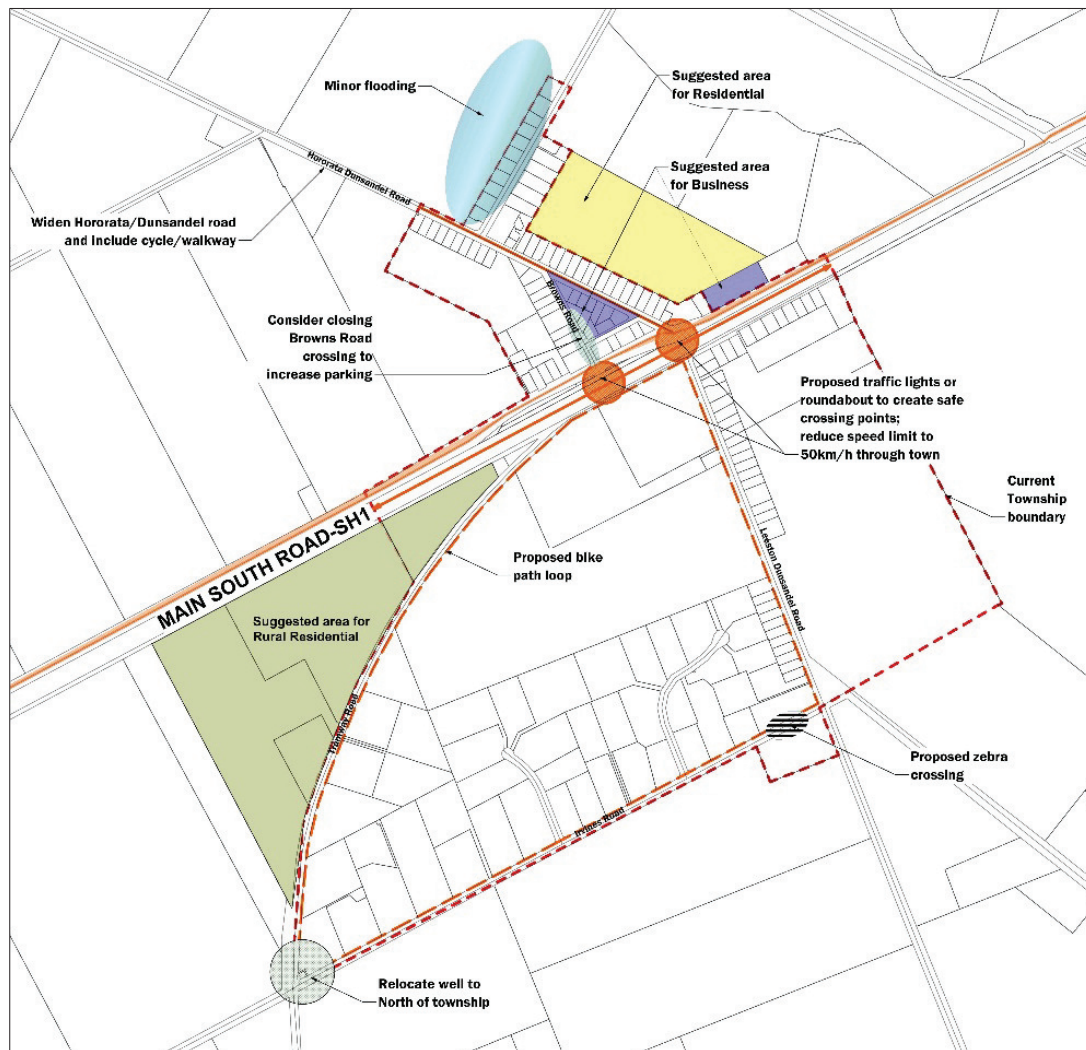


Figure 1: Dunsandel Summary of Submissions

LEESTON

Communities and Township Character (see also Figure 2 Leeston/Doyleston Summary of Submissions)

- Need more community feel
- Protect High Street Character (verandahs)
- Please keep us up to spec like other bigger towns and will encourage people to join us
- “We have a strong community connection in Leeston. The library is great- but there needs to be better transport options into the city. I think we also need a restaurant or more bistros.”
- Keep it a rural image/character

Growth & Development (see also Figure 2 Leeston/Doyleston Summary of Submissions)

- Higher density residential either side of Anderson Square
- Maintain larger section sizes than the likes of Rolleston and Lincoln to provide choice within District
- We need a mixed type of sections big and small for old and young
- Keep business area compact

Transport (see also Figure 2 Leeston/Doyleston Summary of Submissions)

- Cycleway/walkway between Leeston & Doyleston (following old rail alignment)
- Upgrade footpaths so that they are smooth and facilitate movement by people with limited mobility and pushchairs
- Street Upgrades for D’Arcy, Pennington & Pultney Streets
- Parking in Main Street needs addressing - staff park all day opposite where they work. They should be encouraged to park back of work property or Station Street/Selwyn Street,
- Leeston is the perfect sized town for biking and walking but there is little to encourage this.
- Disappointed at the lack of walkways in new subdivisions..
- We need more frequent and affordable buses. The price and the time it takes to reach the city isn’t worth it.”
- A cycleway circling Leeston would be great. So many people walk around the block and either walk on the road or get wet shoes’
- Parking around the swimming pool is not adequate
- Footpaths on both sides of roads – everywhere
- Walk and cycle paths a priority

Recreation, Reserves & Open Space (see also Figure 2 Leeston/Doyleston Summary of Submissions)

- Potential dog park next to the A&P Showgrounds

Community Infrastructure (see also Figure 2 Leeston/Doyleston Summary of Submissions)

- Improved public toilets at east end of Anderson Square
- Community hall urgent

General (see also Figure 2 Leeston/Doyleston Summary of Submissions)

- Build relationships with neighbouring towns
- Be mindful of keeping people safe

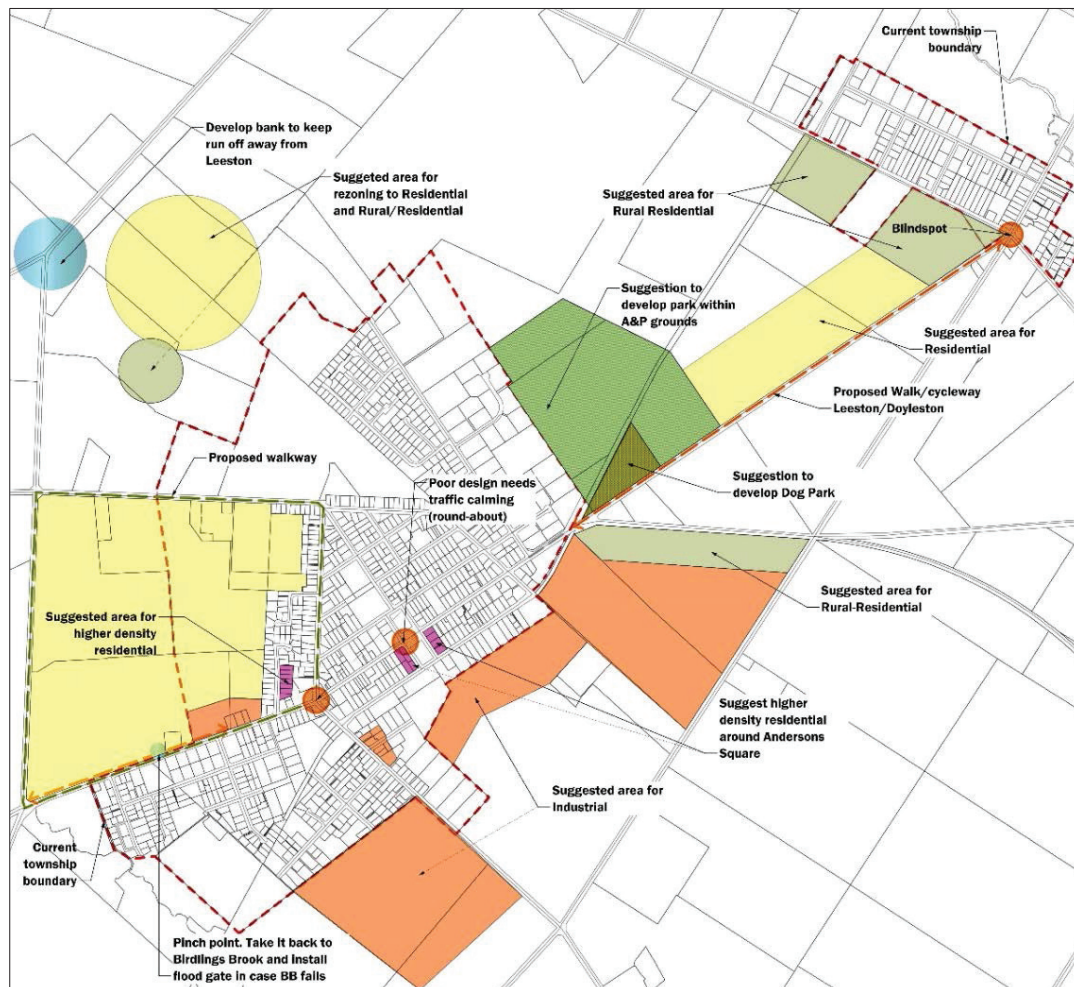


Figure 2: Leeston & Doyleston Summary of Submissions

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General

- Capital works improvements - such as interpretation panels and formalising track network surrounding the township

SOUTHBRIDGE

Communities and Township Character (see also Figure 3 Southbridge Summary of Submissions)

- Get businesses to ensure their properties meet a presentable standard as some are currently untidy messes that detract from our community's character.

- It would be nice to have a plan in place to make our town centre look better e.g. underground horizontal infrastructure.
- Needs to stay as a village
- Likes quiet rural view but understand younger people don't share the older traditions of a small town.
- Towncentre needs improving - traffic calming, planting, seating, parking (but not at expense of loss of functionality)

Growth & Development (see also Figure 3 Southbridge Summary of Submissions)

- More residential housing around the 1000m² range would be good but it's still important to provide a range of property sizes and densities.
- Residential growth in Southbridge should be encouraged as this will help to support what business, school, fire brigade and sports clubs we still retain and to encourage the likes of a dairy to come back.
- More support to encourage some growth for our town from the council and a plan on how this will be done
- Elite soils need to be protected
- Tennis courts need to become medium density housing
- Provision for higher density housing such as compact units with common land as part of it.
- Don't support development of land for residential purposes
- In-fill housing supported as spreading out would not improve town situation but would increase demands on sewage, roading.
- See no improvement in the town over the next 15 years
- Like having half acre section with good soils for garden

Transport (see also Figure 3 Southbridge Summary of Submissions)

- Better lighting on some streets.
- It would be good to see a cycle way between Leeston and Southbridge; this could be incorporated with the partially developed Cemetery Pit Reserve on Southbridge Leeston Rd
- Walking/cycling track around the village
- Park and ride at either Leeston or Lincoln
- Bus service in town needs to be integrated with the Christchurch service
- A walkway linking Southbridge, Leeston and Lake Ellesmere
- Broad Street surface abandoned after sewer pipes were laid. Street is dangerous with cars almost bottoming out on edges of road.

5 Waters/Infrastructure (see also Figure 3 Southbridge Summary of Submissions)

- Flood control needs resolving

Recreation, Reserves & Open Space (see also Figure 3 Southbridge Summary of Submissions)

- Removal of Silver Birch trees on street frontages would be nice as these make a mess and can cause health concerns.
- Playgrounds are boring compared to others.
- Support or continued support for our current facilities as to keep them functioning and good condition eg Town hall, pool, sports clubs
- Swimming pool is poorly managed. Not open enough times or long enough and does not meet customers needs.
- Move the tennis courts to land adjacent to the rugby grounds.
- Leave the tennis courts where they are. Make them a Council Reserve to help with their management and upkeep

General (see also Figure 3 Southbridge Summary of Submissions)

- No shops for necessities. A café, not up to much, fish and chips shop 7 butchery.
- No infrastructure for retirees like access to transport, entertainment, shops, medical, aged care.
- So many activities gone ie Scouts, guides, church groups.
- No employment so people must travel, distance can wear thin after a time & people move on.

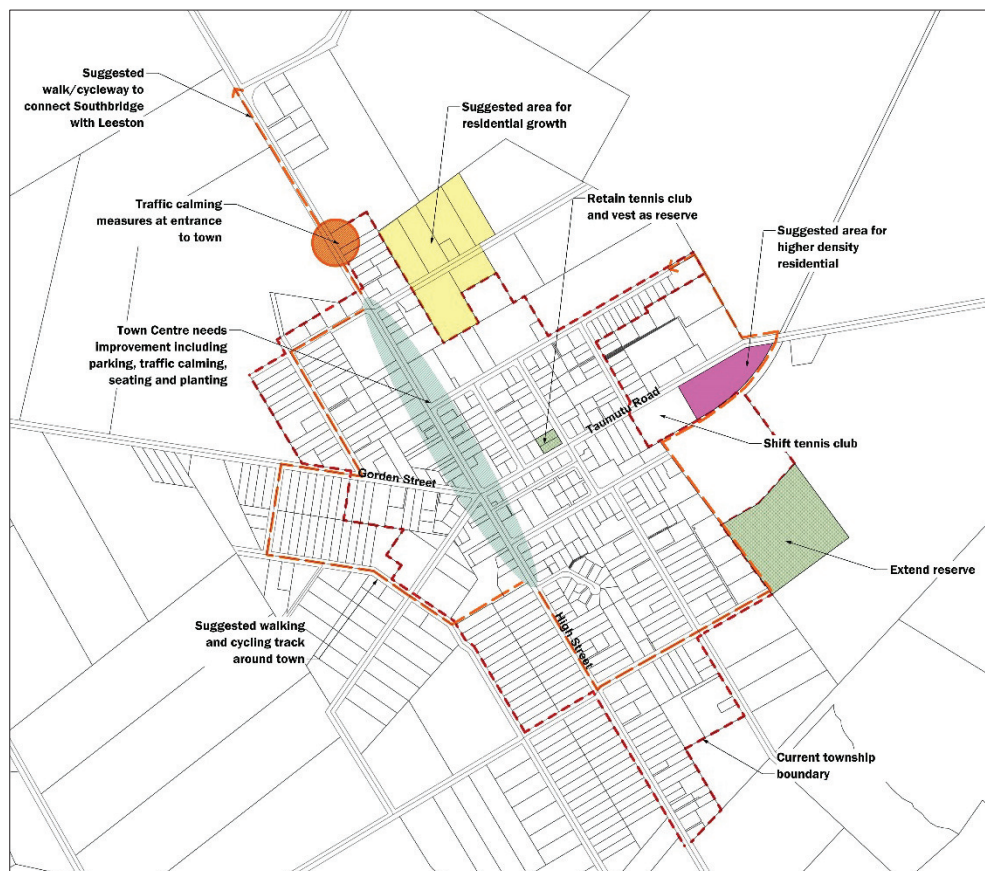


Figure 3: Southbridge Summary of Submissions

SELWYN VILLAGE

Growth & Development

- Recognise Selwyn township as a low density 'Special Character Area' or Existing Development Area

TIMBERYARD POINT

Recreation, Reserves & Open Space

- Improve facilities at Timberyard Point