

VISIONARY PLAN FOR ROLLESTON CITY

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Selwyn District Council has approved a visionary plan which will turn the town of Rolleston (15km southwest of Christchurch) into a lifestyle city over the next 70 years.

"Rolleston has grown by 270% since 2001 and could hit 20,000 by 2041 to 50,000 by 2075 – which is a small city," said Council planner and project manager, Cameron Wood. "The structure plan aims to steer that growth in the best way possible."

The plan's vision for making Rolleston one of the most desirable places to live in New Zealand includes:

1. A revamped Town Centre with more shops, a Civic and Cultural Precinct, attractive open space, foot and bike access, and more homes.
2. Neighbourhood centres with local shops and services.
3. A mix of housing for varied ages, lifestyles and family sizes.
4. Over 11,000 new homes in the next 70 years, stretching the town's area by an additional 880 hectares.
5. New community facilities, such as new schools, an extended library, an art gallery and more.
6. A 30-hectare Recreation Precinct for indoor and outdoor sports with pools, courts, playing fields, clubrooms, as well as dog and community parks - and a new high school.
7. A 100-hectare District Park with a range of activities such as gardens, ponds, picnic areas, walking and cycling tracks and sports and entertainment areas.
8. Green corridors for walking and cycling between the Town Centre, District Park, Recreation Precinct and High School.
9. More bus routes linking Rolleston, Lincoln and Christchurch.
10. Efficient and sustainable water, waste and stormwater services.

Selwyn's Mayor, Kelvin Coe, said: "This was a significant day for both the Council and Rolleston and provides a way forward to develop Rolleston into a fantastic place for people to live, work and

play. The opportunities outlined in the plan will be challenging to implement but will reap huge rewards in the long run!"

Cameron Wood said "This is a great example for New Zealand of a plan that tries to integrate an existing township with a substantial amount of new growth in the future. What we have come up with is exciting and aspirational. The Council is looking forward to getting started with the implementation of the plan!"

The Structure Plan was developed by the Selwyn District Council, AECOM and Boffa Miskell. The document is now on the Selwyn District Council's website www.selwyn.govt.nz.

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