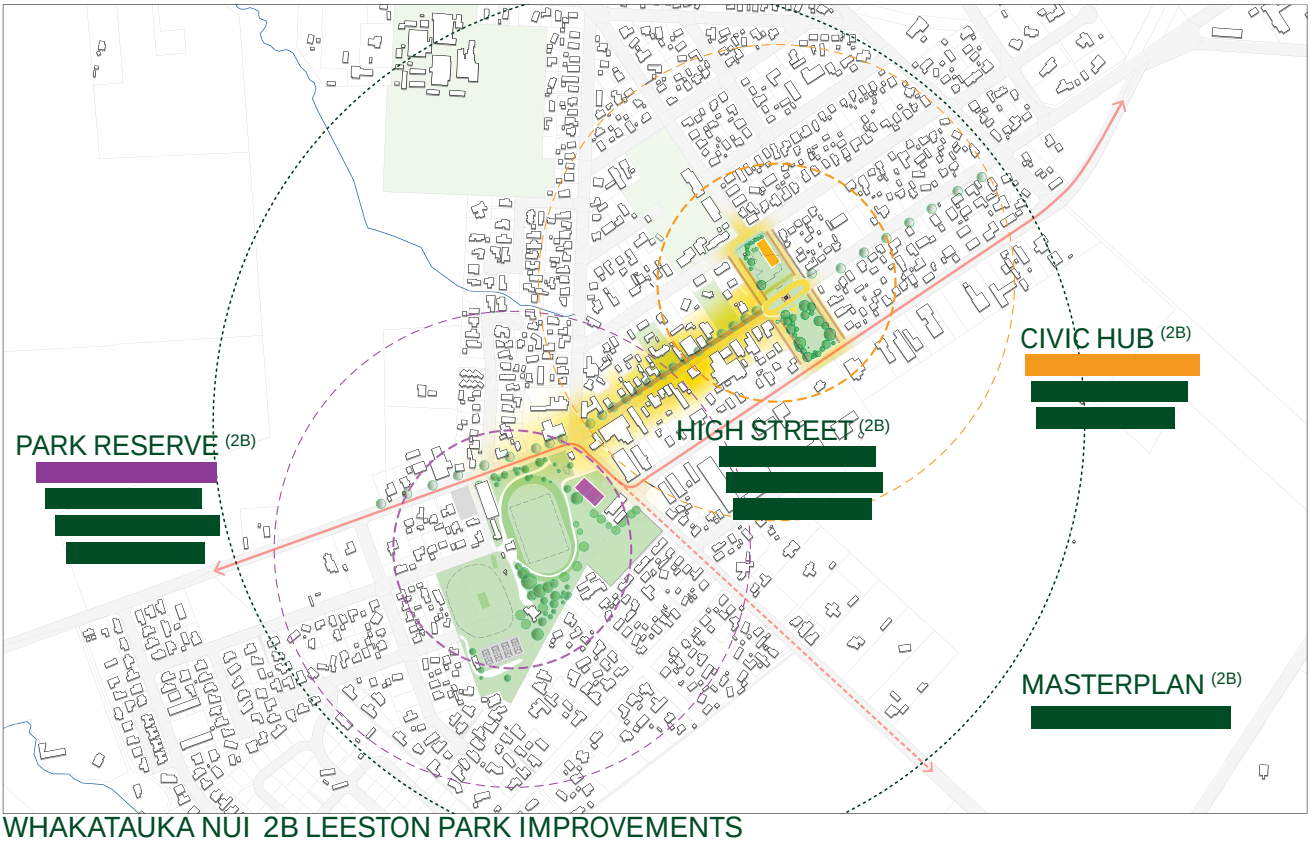
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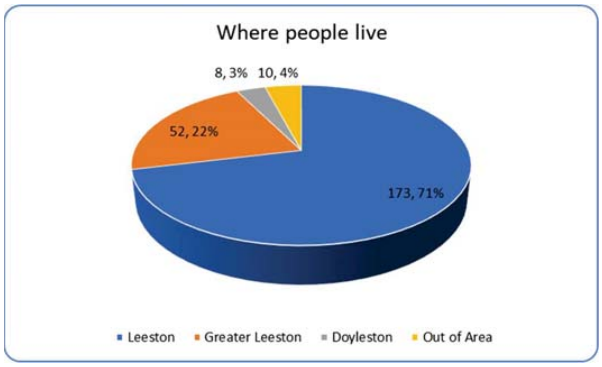
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Community Centre / Library

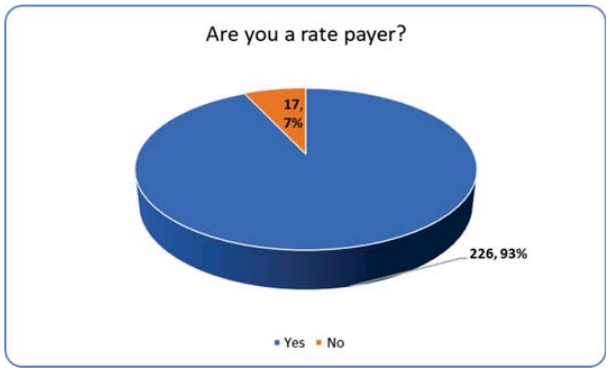
Where people live

Leeston	173
Greater Leeston	52
Doyleston	8
Out of Area	10
	243



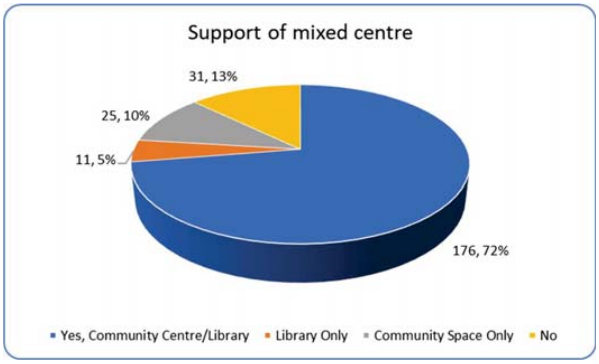
Are you a rate payer?

	Are you a rate payer
Yes	226
No	17
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Support of Mixed Community Centre

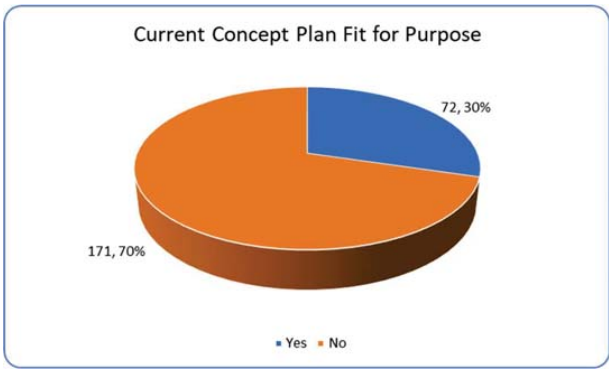
	Support new mixed Community Centre
Yes, Community Centre/Library	176
Library Only	11
Community Space Only	25
No	31
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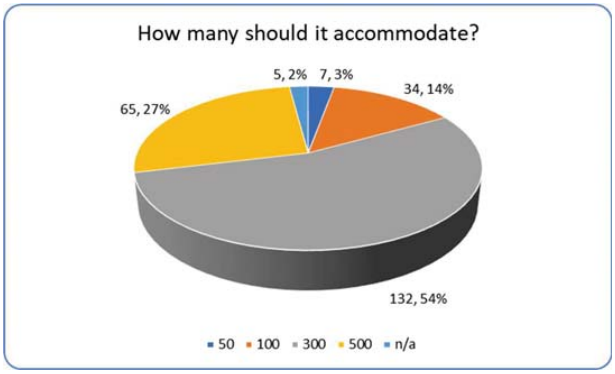
Is the current proposal fit for purpose?

	Current Proposal fit for purpose
Yes	72
No	171
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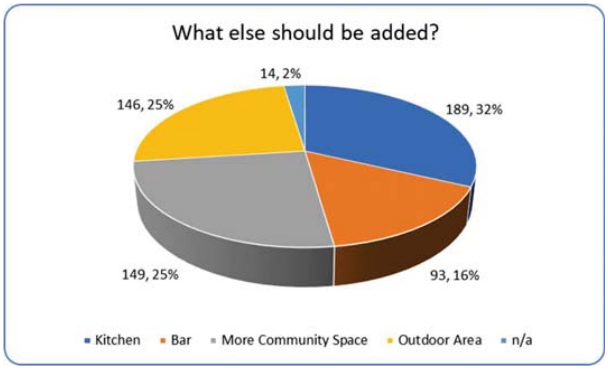
How many does the centre need to accommodate?

	How many people does it need to accommodate
50	7
100	34
300	132
500	65
n/a	5
	243



What else should be added to the Concept Plan?

	Following to be added to Concept Plan
Kitchen	189
Bar	93
More Community Space	149
Outdoor Area	146
n/a	14



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What else would you like included in the Concept plan?

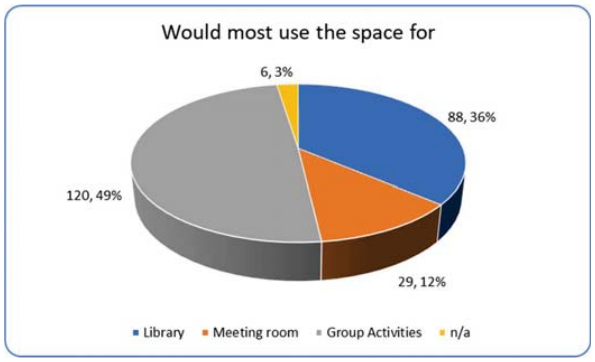
(free response answers)

Sports ***22***
Courts, facilities (16)
Changing rooms & toilets with external access (3)
Linked to Rugby Rooms (3)
Media / Auditorium ***19***
Auditorium / stage (4) – including portable staging
AV, Projector, Sound system, Wireless Wifi, Media Room, Whiteboard, Hot desks (15)
Flexible room sizes ***11***
Kitchen etc ***5***
Commercial kitchen (2) – particularly if it is going to be an evacuation centre
Tables / Crockery / Cutlery (1)
Coffee Shop (2)
Children ***4***
Play areas / interactive spaces (3)
Youth Centre (1)
Swimming pool ***3***
Fitness ***2***
Gym and fitness areas
Exercise space
Bilingual or English name ***2***
Picnic Area ***1***
Room for more than 500 ***1***
Lock up storage areas ***1***
Men's tool shed ***1***
Community Garden ***1***
Separation between children & adults ***1***
Parking ***1***

2 people asked if it was going to be a civil defence emergency evacuation centre.
3 people asked where the medical centre was
1 suggested pulling down the rugby rooms and rebuilding beside the community centre.

What would you most use the space for?

	What would you use space for most
Library	88
Meeting room	29
Group Activities	120
n/a	6
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What else would you use the space for?

(free response answers)

Functions ***45***
- Public meetings
- Social events
- Community events
- Meetings
- Conferences

Group Activities ***21***
- Clubs
- Group Activities
- Smaller group rooms
- Aged groups

Sports activities ***15***

Children's Activities ***6***
- Holiday activities
- Safe hang out
- Youth centre / activities
- Games room
- Quiet study space

Concerts / Drama / Dances ***5***

Exercise / Fitness ***4***
- Baby Gym

Education ***3***
- Courses
- Education
- Workshops

Kitchen / Cooking meals ***2***

Business ***2***
- Meetings
- Remote working

Movies ***1***

Fundraisers ***1***

Civil defence ***1***

Polling ***1***

Blood donations ***1***

Swimming ***1***

Medical ***1***

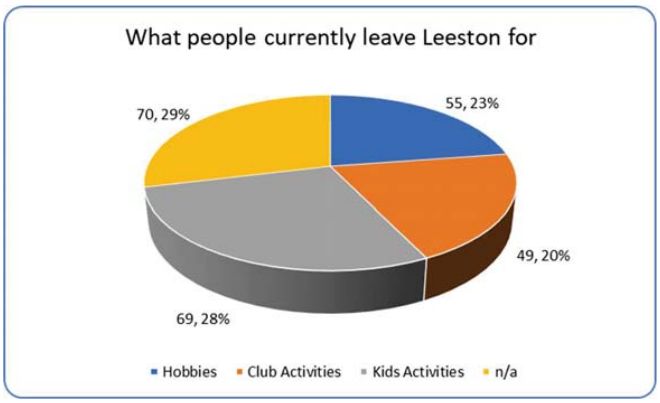
Bar / Café ***1***

Library ***1***

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What activities do you currently leave Leeston for?

	Current Activities Leave Leeston For
Hobbies	55
Club Activities	49
Kids Activities	69
n/a	70
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What other activities do you leave Leeston for?

(free response answers)

Sports ***26***
Basketball, Rugby league, Disc golf, training, soccer, badminton, cycling, indoor bowls, skate park, table tennis.

Swimming ***12***

Club activities ***10***

Cultural ***10***
Concerts, theatre, dancing, art classes, music practice

Kids activities ***9***

Exercise ***6***

Functions ***4***

Meetings ***4***

Hobbies ***3***

Most things ***2***

Events ***2***

Education ***1***

Social events ***1***

Movies ***1***

Large all weather community events ***1***

Voluntary work ***1***

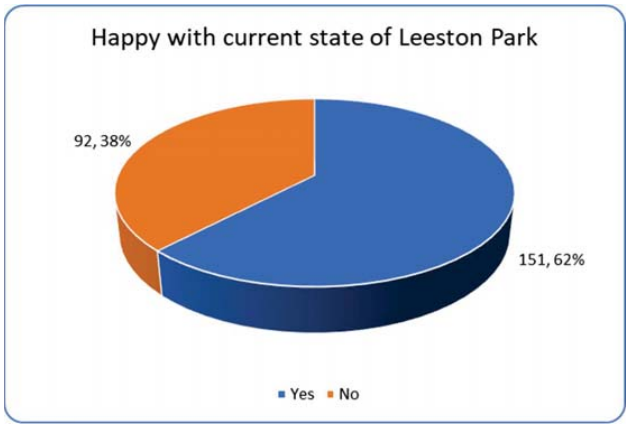
Youth group ***1***

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Leeston Park

Are you happy with the current state of Leeston Park?

	Are you happy with current state of Park
Yes	151
No	92
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Comments on state of Leeston Park

(free response answers)

Park

Tired / Untidy / Unexciting / Needs refreshed 23
Old / outdated 11
Toilets need upgraded 9
Better maintenance needed / watering 6
Not big enough 4
More rubbish bins needed 4
More planted areas needed / trees 3
More seating needed 3
Not fenced well enough 3
Picnic areas needed 3
More sealed parking needed 2
Needs better ease of access / disabled access 2
Add a basketball hoop 2
Better lighting needed 2
Drinking fountain 2
Well cared for 2
Would like to see fitness classes there 1
More sports grounds needed 1
Paved walkways needed 1
Not suitable for mixed ages 1
Needs more cameras 1
Needs to be an open space 1

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Playground / Skatepark
Dated / Needs improved / not great 10
Not suitable for young children / not safe 3
Skate park is horrific 3
Not enough playground equipment / more swings 2
Put the tractor back 2
Untidy 1

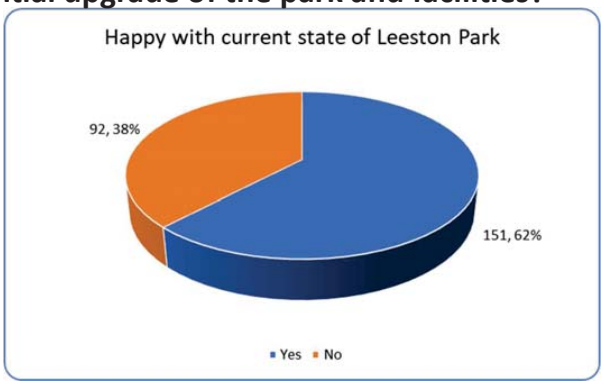
Facilities
Club rooms are old cold / rundown / eyesore 4
Rugby rooms are a shame 2
Stands need upgraded 1
Wind protection needed on the courts 1
More facilities for indoor sports needed 1

Whole area
More shade needed 1
Pavilion needed for netball and cricket 1
Rifle club building needs upgraded 1
Need to separate older and younger children 1

Other
Need another playground in Clausen Ave area 1

Do you support a substantial upgrade of the park and facilities?

	Support substantial upgrade of park & facilities
Yes	209
No	34
	243



Comments on Park Upgrade

(free response answers)

Rugby Club Rooms

Upgrade the Rugby Club Rooms 9
Sports hub should be part of the development 6

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Short sighted and naieve not to include Rugby Club, other sports and community center

Council should take over the Rugby Club 2
Not sure rate payer should pay for Rugby Club upgrade – not relevant to many now.....1
Rugby Club should form a Public Trust to upgrade building 1

Toilets
Need upgraded 8
Budget for toilet upgrade excessive / affordable upgrade 2

Play Ground
Needs updated, upgraded / larger.....5
More picnic tables / seating 3
Fenced play area / too close to road / no cars – not safe 2
More shade 1
Playground for kids 1
Bigger swings for older kids 1

Skate Park
Need skate park 2
Involve school students in painting scenes 1

Park
Upgrade needed as Leeston grows for future generations 7
Future proof it
Don't exclude cars from oval / park 5
Cars parking round oval watching is what Leeston is about
Sad to loose oval parking but understand reason
More lighting and cameras 4
Timeframe for upgrade too long 6
Upgrade over 5 years
Car parking 4
Great to make it a nicer space / its underwhelming 10
Like it to be a place to look forward to going
Needs to be a better place for elderly to walk around
It's ugly and boring
Must be fit for purpose
Include a botanical garden with an aviary
Want area for kids to be outside, meet friends, enjoy outdoor activities
Better drainage and irrigation 3
Artificial turf
Multi use space for sports activities 7
Basketball courts
Pavillion for netball, cricket, other sports
Fitness track around the outside
Disc Golf Course
Great new practice cricket area

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Change corner from Holly St 1
Stop pushing paper and do something 1
A lot of unused space on far fields 1
If the Community Centre is used would warrant an upgrade later 1
Area needs to prove to be popular before its upgraded 1
More options for hobbies & events 6
More than just Rugby
More children / family facilities and activities
Make community revolve around it
Used for the community
More diverse activities catered for
Better seating 1
It's adequate now / OK 3
Substantial upgrade not required
Won't happen – Rolleston gets all the money 1
Happy to pay most expensive option 1
More sports grounds 1
Swimming pool 1
Gym 1
Separate club rooms 1
Fear current users will be pushed out by upgrade 1
Upgrade netball courts 1
Signage 1

Landscaping
More shade 1
Keep landscaping & trees to a minimum to reduce maintenance 1
More low native planting; less grass 1
More trees 1
No more trees – Fire Brigade 1
Good they keep bark renewed 1
Concrete over the gravel paths 1

Other Comments
Need a community center with a range of experiences for kids, youths, adults 1
RSA is a historic building. Upgrade and give own toilet and carpark 1
It's council's responsibility to work with the Rugby Club & provide one community centre with various rooms for various sports and activities 2
A sports community hall
Maintenance will only be sustainable if it is one building 1
Just upgrade the current library 1
We've survived with the current facilities 1
Use communities near by 1
We're behind other towns, we need a hugh upgrade 1
Talk to users, not consultants 3
Have several community meetings first to assess needs and wants

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Other Suggestions

(free response answers)

Combine Community Centre & Rugby Club ***.....8***
Incorporate into a sports hub
Repurposed Rugby Club site
Demolish RC and incorporate into a new building
Council take over RC for a better building site
Park needs a master plan for both community and sports facilities
Building overlooking park along Leeston Road in conjunction with Rugby Stadium
Upgrade Rugby Club rooms for community use
Rugby Club and medical centre need to be attached ***.....3***
Health Hub to be added in future
Use Lakeside Memorial Hall for upgrade of library & medical centre ***.....1***
Incorporate Hospital Facilities ***.....1***
Build sports centre with Rugby Club ***.....5***
Upgrade Rugby Club rooms
Spend money on Rugby Club
Sports programmes
Save / Reduce cost of Community Centre/Library & invest in Rugby Club/Sports Hub ***.....2***
Reduce scale – make it more affordable
Indoor Sports Centre / Sports Facility ***.....5***
Full sized courts & room for observers
Indoor sports centre attached to the college
Rugby, netball, squash, badminton and room to grow
Look after sporting people
Triangle shape not suitable / needs rethought ***.....9***
Don't spend millions on an eyesore not utilized
Building should represent Leeston, not Rolleston
Why do Maori have a say in the shape – it's a multicultural settlement
Community centre (concept plan) bigger ***.....2***
Local halls underutilized, no more ***.....5***
Live within means using existing halls
Why aren't current halls and hire costs advertised
Create something for future generations ***.....5***
Important to Leeston
Inclusive of all users
Safe place for teens
Community space better than current for future generations
Present facilities ideal & well used (library/community room) ***.....5***
Spend $5 million on upgrading Library & Medical Centre
Parking ***.....4***
Already at rugby club rooms and easily accessible
Concern about sufficient parking for numbers on concept plan
Don't build car park – encroaching on green space, stopping more usable playing fields
Parking should be hidden from street

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Kitchen ***6***
If it's going to be a civil defence centre needs viable kitchen
Increasing need for Civil Defence centre
Semi commercial kitchen
Option 4 ..... ***7***
Look at other examples around the country
Use existing
Tweak existing
Build next to Park ***1***
Library and Community Centre must open to park ***1***
Library same size as it is now ***1***
Library smaller on concept plan ***2***
Too much library to detriment of Community Space
Don't need new library ***3***
Swimming pool / Covered pool ***3***
Place for adult learning ***1***
Community garden, cooking class
Strengthen existing library – remove Medical Centre (relocate) – Put Community Centre there ***1***
Develop spaces already there / outdoor spaces already there ***2***
More sports facilities in park ***1***
Location by Heavy Bypass ***5***
Traffic flow on Heavy Bypass route
Safety for children going to library
Safety for elderly on scooters
Parking
More activities for kids ***2***
Projects for older kids
Concern that skate park will stay ***1***
Signage / Naming ***5***
English First
English & Maori
Community should choose name
Rugby Club upgrade should be done before new complex is built ***1***
Fully upgrade Fix Leeston Community Centre and Park ***2***
Fix library & medical centre and Rugby Club building
RSA ***2***
Move to Heritage Park
Move to where Band Hall is
Medical Centre ***3***
Fix medical centre
Where will it go
Outgrowing current building & aging population
Education .....
Nature / Environment programmes
Should be sized for same as Leeston is currently – not very large ***1***
Stop wasting rates – spend on footpaths, roads ***1***

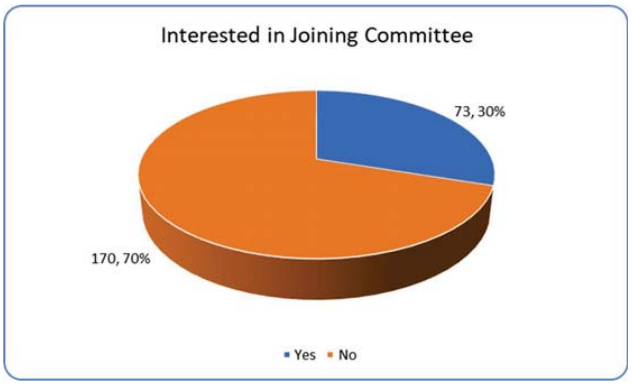
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Include: Café, Up to date Noticeboard 2
Only build if population is minimum of 3,000 and guarantee 1,500 unique local residents and 1,500 non-resident visitors 1
What will happen with the old Library 1
Listen to locals / Community Consultation 7
Take Rugby Club & Sports users into consideration
Liaise with Rugby Club re park revamp as sports centre
Keep community regularly notified
Stop spending money in Rolleston rather than local
Broader consensus and planning of the whole area
Community needs bigger picture – is Community Centre Priority?, Sports facilities need tending, medical centre, Ellesmere hospital

Want to join committee

Yes	73
No	170
	243

14 of those you said yes did not Provide name or contact details



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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
First name: Amanda **Last name:** Perkin

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Prefered method of contact Email

Do you wish to attend a Council hearing to present your feedback in person?

○ Yes

◉ I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Feedback

1. Public Transport

We're asking for your feedback on how Council should go forward with our public transport upgrades and programmes. In our region, Environment Canterbury provides public transport services (Metro buses) in the Greater Christchurch area. Selwyn District Council (like other local councils) is responsible for providing public transport infrastructure such as bus stops, shelters, and Park and Ride facilities.

You told us you want to see better access to public transport, particularly for our young and elderly residents.

So we want to hear from you - should we:

Delay building new Park and Ride facilities at Lincoln and Rolleston, and upgrading public transport infrastructure until the next Long-Term Plan when funding options might be more clear.

Project cost:
None
Estimated impact on rates:
To be determined
Funding:
To be determined

Please add any comments you may have
There is already a well used park and ride in Rolleston this money should be spent on other communities

3. Malvern Recreation and Sports Facility

Malvern has no indoor sports courts and demand for these is increasing rapidly. We're planning to build a new recreation and sports facility to meet that demand. It would be developed alongside existing and future facilities in the area to create a central hub for Malvern.

We want to hear from you - should we:

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Build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield that includes one indoor court.

Project cost:
Year 3: $7.07 million (minus $1.10 million already included in the last Long-Term Plan. Total left to fund is $5.97 million)
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$11.67
Funding:
Rates: 57%
Development contributions: 43% *

Our
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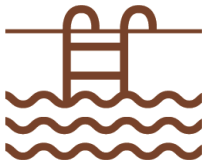
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new facilities are needed within Darfield

Matters for Community Guidance

We're looking for your guidance on a series of other decisions around the way we support our economy, invest in new technology and the future of the Sheffield Memorial Pool.

Sheffield Memorial Pool

The Sheffield Memorial Pool is used by less people than our other community pools and is 10 minutes' drive from the newly upgraded Darfield Pool. The pool will require $1 million in upgrades to keep open, or $290,000 to close. We're proposing to close the pool.



Do you support the closure of Sheffield Community Pool?

No
Any comments?
This is complete and utter negligence of the Council. Small communities like Sheffield deserve to have facilities such as a pool. With rising costs it is not acceptable to assume that us the residents should have to travel to such facilities. Rolleston pool is over crowded at the best of times. As someone who uses the pool for rehabilitation it is extremely difficult to be able to travel long distances atleast a hour round trip to do so. This pool is a War Memorial the pool itself is the memorial not the wall. I am deeply offended that council is considering closing such an asset to our community as my husband is a currently servicing member of the NZDF. The meaning of these memorials such as our Sheffield pool are vital.

Economic Development

We are proposing to play a more active role in our district's economic development. We have budgeted $9 million over 10 years to support the Economic Development Strategy that we have co-designed with Selwyn businesses.



Do you support the continued development of an economic development strategy?

Yes
Any comments?

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Digital Solutions



We are proposing to explore the most effective technologies that could assist us to do our best work for the community. We've budgeted $1.3million a year to do this, with the costs to be reconfirmed through each annual plan as the work progresses.

Do you support the Council investing in better technology solutions to improve our services to the community?

Yes
Any comments?

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2. Waihora Whata Rau - community facility and reserves upgrade Leeston

After consulting with the community, in the last Long-Term Plan we proposed a new community facility for Leeston, called Whata Rau, which would be built alongside the park, providing a 'hub' for Ellesmere where residents can gather, play, and learn.

2a. Whata Rau - new community facility

After consulting with Ellesmere residents during the last Long-Term Plan, we agreed to build a new library and community centre called Whata Rau, next to Leeston Park. This project would provide more community spaces that are needed in the area, and provide a solution for the existing Leeston library and service centre: the current facility is earthquake prone and needs significant repairs or to be replaced.

Increased construction costs and land remediation issues mean the costs to build Whata Rau have increased. Given this new information we want to hear from you - should we:

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Build Whata Rau next to Leeston Park using a more standard design that can be easily repeated for other buildings. This building would have the same sized floor space as option 2 and include a cultural narrative in the design.

Project cost:
Year 1: 15.21m
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$42.01
Funding:
Rates: 80.5%
Development contributions: 19.5% *
2024/25
2025/26
2026/27
2027/28
2028/29
2029/30
2030/31
2031/32
2032/33
2033/34

Please add any comments you may have

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2b. Leeston Park improvements

We planned to upgrade Leeston Park as part of the project to build a new community facility. Since agreeing to do that, we have completed a master plan for redeveloping the park over the next 15 years.

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Carry out the landscape improvements to extend the playing fields; replace and upgrade the playground equipment, footpaths, toilet block, lighting and irrigation; and seal the carpark.

Project cost:
Years 1-10: $3.4m
Estimated impact on rates :
Included in current rates
Funding:
Rates: 71.4%
Development contributions: 28.6% *

Our budgeted option

Please add any comments you may have

Attached Documents

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To: Selwyn District Council

Re: Submission on the Future of Sheffield Memorial Pool

Dear Council Members

I am writing as a concerned member of the Sheffield Waddington Community to express my concern on the future of the Sheffield Memorial Pool, a critical community and war memorial asset.

Essential Community Asset

The Sheffield Memorial Pool serves as a central hub for health, recreation, and community engagement. It is crucial for teaching swimming, ensuring safety, and fostering community bonds. It is not viable always for us to travel for varying reasons including the cost of living, as someone living with a life injury expecting myself to travel for rehabilitation is not acceptable nor should anyone in our community need to.

Responsibility and Maintenance

Since the Council assumed ownership from the community, there has been a significant responsibility to maintain this facility adequately. Unfortunately, necessary maintenance has been deferred, leading to severe structural issues. Addressing these issues incrementally over the past 10-15 years would have prevented the current costly predicament.

Preservation of War Memorial

The pool is also a war memorial, honouring those who served. If there is consideration of decommissioning the pool, a dedicated memorial garden incorporating the existing memorial wall should be developed. This would serve as a place of reflection and remembrance, maintaining the legacy of our veterans. My husband is a current serving member of the NZDF the preservation of these memorials are important to us the residents and we deserve better .

Proposals for Alternative Solutions

Given the structural and financial challenges, we urge the Council to explore alternative solutions that include working on a collaborate approach with the wider community. It's crucial that we find sustainable ways to keep a recreational facility within our community.

Conclusion

As stewards of our community 's assets and heritage, it is imperative that the Council takes decisive action to preserve the Sheffield Memorial Pool and its war memorial site. As a community , we are ready to assist in finding viable solutions to ensure these assets continue to benefit our community.

Please consider maintaining the pool for the 2024/25 season to allow ample time for community consultation and planning. Our community values this facility deeply, and it is crucial that its future is shaped by those who use and cherish it most. Thank you for considering this urgent matter.

Yours sincerely,

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Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
First name: [REDACTED] **Last name:** [REDACTED]

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Do not build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield.

Project cost:
None
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
None
Funding:
None

Please add any comments you may have

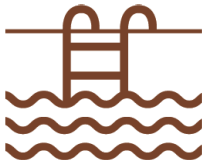
Given LEC needs to be assessed for EQ strengthening, all facilities should be reviewed and actions required prioirtitsed.

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Matters for Community Guidance

We're looking for your guidance on a series of other decisions around the way we support our economy, invest in new technology and the future of the Sheffield Memorial Pool.

Sheffield Memorial Pool



The Sheffield Memorial Pool is used by less people than our other community pools and is 10 minutes' drive from the newly upgraded Darfield Pool. The pool will require $1 million in upgrades to keep open, or $290,000 to close. We're proposing to close the pool.

Do you support the closure of Sheffield Community Pool?

Yes

Any comments?

Economic Development



We are proposing to play a more active role in our district's economic development. We have budgeted $9 million over 10 years to support the Economic Development Strategy that we have co-designed with Selwyn businesses.

Do you support the continued development of an economic development strategy?

No

Any comments?

See attachment

Digital Solutions



We are proposing to explore the most effective technologies that could assist us to do our best work for the community. We've budgeted $1.3million a year to do this, with the costs to be reconfirmed through each annual plan as the work progresses.

Do you support the Council investing in better technology solutions to improve our services to the community?

Yes

Any comments?

See attachment

Council should not develop the software, nor be a leader in this. Fast follower is fine when someone else has sorted any issues.

Policy Changes

What is your view on the proposed changes to the Significance and Engagement Policy and financial policies

outlined on pages 54-55 of the consultation document?

You can read the specific pages in the consultation document by clicking here.

Please provide your comments in the box below.

I am very concerned at the business model and associated financial model and financing choices Council propose - please see my attachment with detailed feedback.

Other comments

You can provide comments on any other matters in our draft Long-Term Plan, including the projects in the Keeping Your Community Informed section on pages 44-51 of the consultation document.

You can read the specific pages in the consultation document by clicking here.

Please provide your comments in the box below.

I am concerned about investment in Lincoln, primarily roading given some years of deferrals, massive growth and an unclear infrastructure development plan

I am concerned with the state of our roads and levels proposed for capital investment, district-wide.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at a public hearing in the council chambers?

2. Waihora Whata Rau - community facility and reserves upgrade Leeston

After consulting with the community, in the last Long-Term Plan we proposed a new community facility for Leeston, called Whata Rau, which would be built alongside the park, providing a 'hub' for Ellesmere where residents can gather, play, and learn.

2a. Whata Rau - new community facility

After consulting with Ellesmere residents during the last Long-Term Plan, we agreed to build a new library and community centre called Whata Rau, next to Leeston Park. This project would provide more community spaces that are needed in the area, and provide a solution for the existing Leeston library and service centre: the current facility is earthquake prone and needs significant repairs or to be replaced.

Increased construction costs and land remediation issues mean the costs to build Whata Rau have increased. Given this new information we want to hear from you - should we:

**Development contributions are collected as developments get underway. This means funds are not always available when a project starts. In the beginning, a project will be loan funded and when development contributions are paid to Council, they are used to help pay back the loan. Impact on rates for options 2, 3 and 4 take into account development contributions. Development contributions do not apply to option 1.*

Do not build Whata Rau. Carry out necessary repairs to the existing Leeston Library & Service Centre building so that it can continue to be used for a limited time instead. *The existing building is earthquake prone and will*

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likely need further significant upgrades to be used from 2035 onwards.

Project cost:
Year 1: $3.05m
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$10.46
Funding:
Rates: 100%

Please add any comments you may have

All community facilities should be assessed together includeing LEC EQ strengthening if required, then a decsion made on which facilities should be remediated, closed or rebuilt.

It may be that actially Leeston should have a new facility, but it is unclear how the community can give feedback without all the context.

2b. Leeston Park improvements

We planned to upgrade Leeston Park as part of the project to build a new community facility. Since agreeing to do that, we have completed a master plan for redeveloping the park over the next 15 years.

We want to hear from you - should we:

**Development contributions are collected as developments get underway. This means funds are not always available when a project starts. In the beginning, a project will be loan funded and when development contributions are paid to Council, they are used to help pay back the loan. Impact on rates for options 2 and 3 take into account development contributions. Development contributions do not apply to option 1.*

Do nothing. Use the existing park facilities and remove or replace old and unsafe items in the park.

Project cost:
Year 1: $143,000
Estimated impact on rates:
Included in our current rates
Funding:
Rates: 100%

Please add any comments you may have
Unfortunatley, other basic services are needed - sewage, water, transport

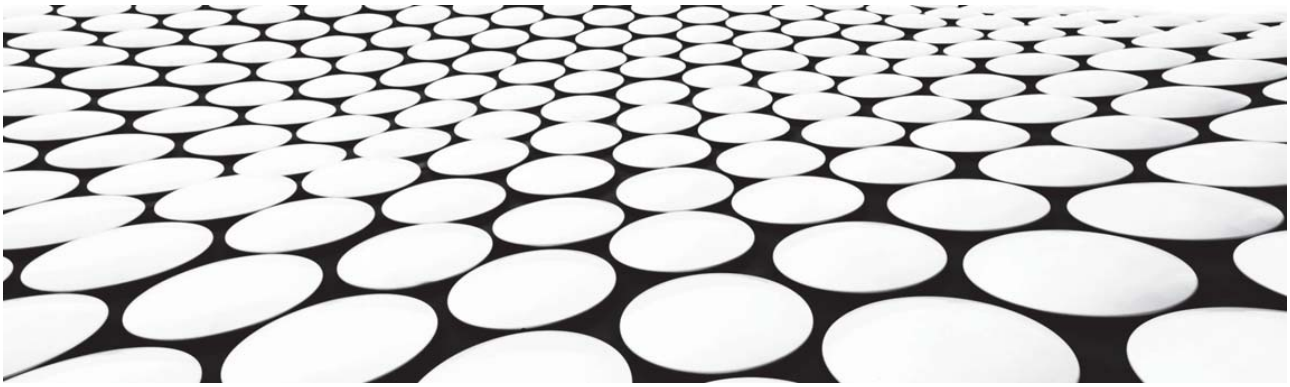
Attached Documents

Link	File
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2024 SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL – LTP FEEDBACK

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FEEDBACK TO 2024 LTP

- Lincoln investment
- Road / Transport investment levels
- Financial situation
- SDC Big Decisions

Information is presented in good faith to provide constructive feedback. Given the lack of familiarity with the data and fact-base, and the multiple sources from which it is drawn, any errors, omissions, or mis-statements are unintentional and will be reviewed if advised.



Summary Page 1 / 4 – Lincoln Investment

The Consultation Document and social media communications focus on community assets ahead of other basic infrastructure needs and the financial model, which makes it seem that with an upfront rates burst, everything else is all OK!

My feedback: It is not.

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Council seems to have a recurring pattern of deferring core work and not investing sufficiently in Lincoln.

Given its growth and size as the 2nd largest rates base, delaying even these basics is just making the affordability gap and community discontent worse.

Council has understated Lincoln's growth assumptions. Just ~85% of one approved completed subdivision would account for the 10-year dwelling growth you have assumed.

Gerald St works are critical yet have been deferred since 2016. Springs Road is dire now, even before PC69 hits.

I am concerned at the relationship that council has with our town.



Summary Page 2 / 4
– Lincoln + Transport Investment

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Council has budgeted $13.6M in 2026/7 to assess the LEC space & seismic condition. We assume LEC does not meet EQ code.

The LTP does not seem to include a remediation budget. Will the second largest ratepayer group (Lincoln) be able to count on having a safe emergency response go-to facility in the event of EQ / Alpine Fault rupture or other disaster?

Why is this not a Big Decision?

Surely, resolving this risk comes ahead of the proposed adjacent Meijer road and park which is included in the plan? These two should be de-prioritised behind having a safe LEC and making safe the existing road network around Lincoln.

Waka Kotahi NZTA has announced a $60m road development within CCC to cope with Lincoln traffic growth but our council makes no commentary and apparent action in the LTP for impending further Springs Road congestion, and safety works along Springs adjacent to Lincoln.

Only 50% of Roading, but 76% of Facilities are in better than adequate condition. A flat - declining transport capital spend appears not in line with capacity growth and remediation needs. Whilst OPEX does increase there is a slashed LOS budget.

The Risk Register highlights a Significant Risk that Council may not listen to the community, with mitigation assessment and action via the LTP. From a Lincoln pov, please mitigate the basic - level road risks as a high priority (e.g. Gerald, Springs, Ellesmere etc) and the LEC in the LTP.

~$ 6300

*Debt for every child and every adult**

Summary Page 3 / 4 – Financial Model Concerns

* Own analysis of SDC data

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1. I do not think that Council has sufficiently and simply explained the critical financial consequences of the proposed broad focus of activity and the financial choices Council proposes. Nor has it provided a comprehensive activity plan with funding all set out in one place. The financial choices are Big Decisions:
   - Individual average rates increase of ~75% over the LTP – (one must interpret a graph on Page 56)
   - Rates increases decrease over time – doesn't seem right with inflationary times, and past history?
   - Intention to create a massive debt burden of $634M, underwritten by rate payers – how will this be spent?
   - It appears that the financial model defers costs - is this correct?
     - Council has chosen not to fully cover depreciation – where will funds come from for renewal– from more loans? Or from Developer Contributions that are already targeted at respective developments and community assets, plus loan repayments?
     - There is an enormous increase in spend post the LTP, is this a consequence of the funding strategy?
   - Council intends to undertake asset sales and an insurance coverage review, but no detail has been given to enable feedback.
2. I calculated that by 2030, every single woman, man and child will have a debt to underwrite of ~ $6300, only ~$550 less than my 2023 calculation for Auckland which has publicised financial challenges and actions to mitigate. This is not palatable nor plausible for us.
3. The proposed transport spend given population growth and current road condition may lead to a major negative road network state – having a Wellington water type crisis in roading will negatively contribute to community wellbeing.
4. Council has not shown an undertaking to initiate internal austerity measures, nor materially reduced scope of work, nor project prioritisation based on agreed criteria to ensure a balanced fundable portfolio across the district. Nice to have projects like the Arthurs Pass cycle trail should be deprioritised and funding reassigned to underfunded basics, or to reduce debt levels.
5. I am concerned that the financial model and reliance on growth is not suitable for a highly weighted greenfields development and high service wellness model without other funding or reduction in service levels. Further, Councils model may push us and future citizens into a financial crevasse.
   - Council seems to be trying to do too much, and seems to be using deferred expense and vast loans to close the rates gap
   - Council cannot rely on continuous strong growth to cover debt and costs – as dwindling dwelling building consents demonstrate
   - Council should shift from an apparent activity driven funding model to agreeing service levels for assets and services with the community, prioritising the investments and determining required budget. By iterating this work appropriate levels of service and cost to the community would be confirmed.

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Investment Proposal	Feedback	Rational
BD 1- Public Transport	Qualified Support	Support Option 1 BUT, subject to robust research into demand / potential use being qualified and quantified. If this is a Make-It and They Will Come approach - Council should STOP, and require data first to support a project. Project seems plausible
BD 2 - Whata Rau	HOLD pending LEC, subject to meeting all safety requirements	Council has not included for discusssion that the LEC requires funding for EQ strengthening assessment but there does not seem to be a budget should strengthening be required. Why is this delayed to 2026/7? How will this be managed? A decision on new, refurbishing or closure of any community facility needs to be made with an understanding of all facilities and gaps in condition and service provision then a Go /NOGO made with all information. Piecemeal decision making could result in major unplanned costs.
BD 3 - Leeston Park	Option 1	STOP - Cannot justify in fiscal climate, LEC roading and Park should STOP and be targeted for LEC remediation if required, and other roading around Lincoln
BD 3 - Malvern Community Hall	Option 1, subject suitable alternative available	Given the district-wide use and being Lincolns significant community facility, Council needs to address LEC EQ condition and any remediation as a priority
Sheffied Memorial Pool	Close	Support, even though reasonable cost. Council Hub concept should be extended beyond pools to include Community Halls with good road and public transport connectivity.
Economic Development	No support beyond current levels	Duplication of central government potentially. Not a non-discretionary service of a Council, delivery of growth targets such as job growth can be tied back to ongoing growth of the region, making proof of value of investment too subjective
Enhancing Customer Experience through Digital	Support	However, new complex IT can fail / go overbudget and under deliver. Council should not develop nor partner the development of its own solution, should not be a first / leader in this space. Councils are not funded to be IT engineers and developers. Given the tight fiscal situation, council at best should be a fast follower with this tech.

Summary Page 4 / 4 –
Big Decision Feedback

COUNCIL BIG DECISIONS FEEDBACK

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THIS SECTION CONTAINS MY QUESTIONS TO COUNCIL, REFERENCES AND DATA TABLES

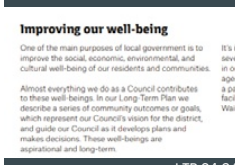
- Data Sources:
  - Current Annual Report
  - LTP 24 Consultation Paper
  - Infrastructure Strategy
  - Transport AMP
  - Transport Capex – Full List
  - Matt Collins Traffic RMA Paper to Council November 2021
  - SDC Building Data
- Subject Areas:
  - Wellness psychological model – Maslow, adapted
  - Growth analysis
  - Transport concerns
  - Financials

MASLOW pyramid – the elements of wellbeing

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COUNCIL HAS DEFINED A VERY BROAD ASPIRATION FOCUSED ON WELL-BEING.

THIS ROLE REACHES ACROSS MOST OF THE MASLOW HIERACHY OF NEEDS



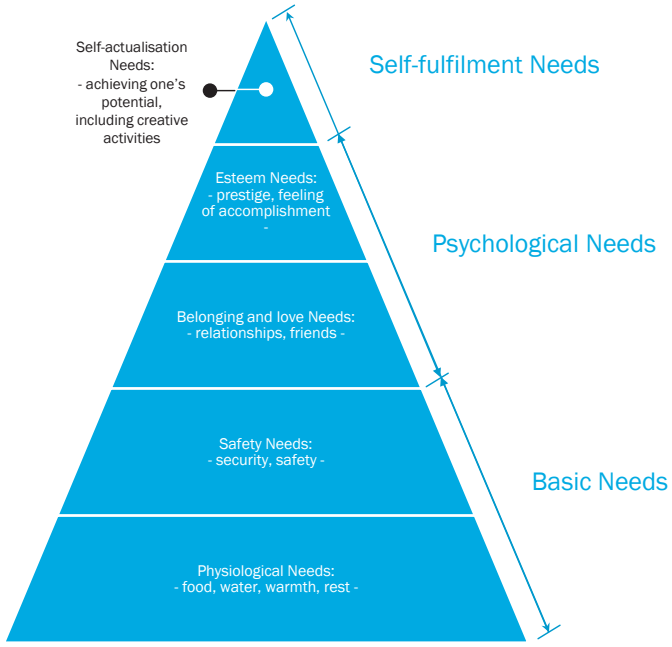
Improving our well-being

One of the main purposes of local government is to improve the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of our residents and communities.

Almost everything we do as a Council contributes to these well-beings. In our Long-Term Plan we describe a series of community outcomes or goals, which represent our Council's vision for the district, and guide our Council as it develops plans and makes decisions. These well-beings are aspirational and long-term.

It's important to note that our Council is just one of several organisations that contribute to well-being in our community. Government and non-government agencies, along with many other groups, also have a part to play, but we play a role in advocating, facilitating, and supporting these across Waikirikiri Selwyn.

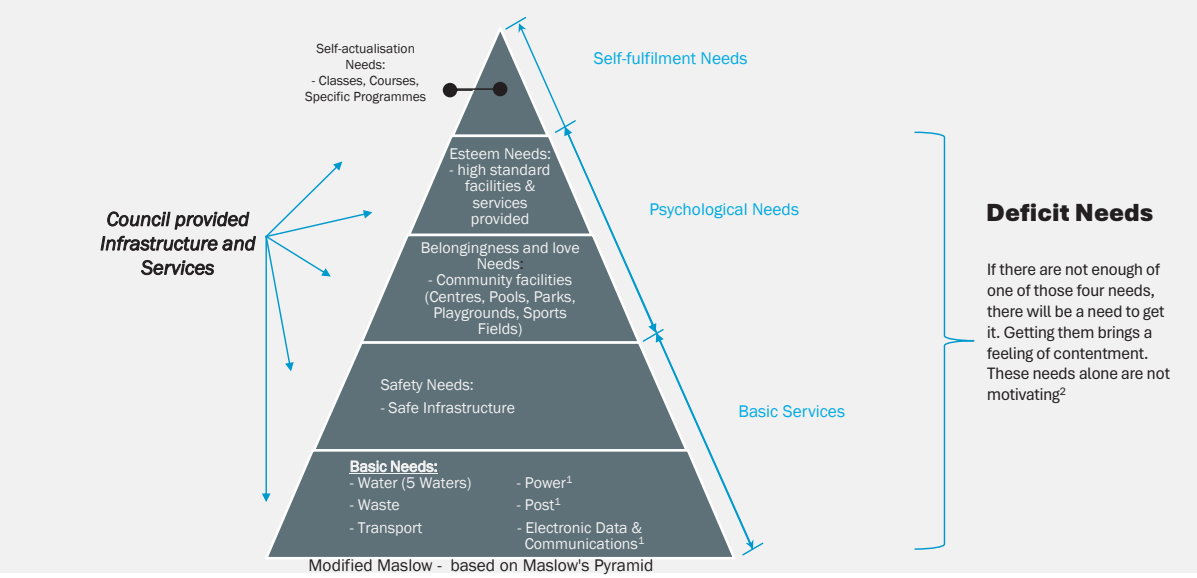
LTP 24-34 Consultation Document



** "...Maslow was an American psychologist who created Maslow's hierarchy of needs, a theory of psychological health predicated on fulfilling innate human needs in priority...The first four levels are known as deficit needs or D-needs... This means that if there are not enough of one of those four needs, there will be a need to get it. Getting them brings a feeling of contentment. These needs alone are not motivating". https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abraham_Maslow

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MATCHING COUNCIL SERVICES TO THESE NEEDS SHOWS A VERY BROAD FOCUS

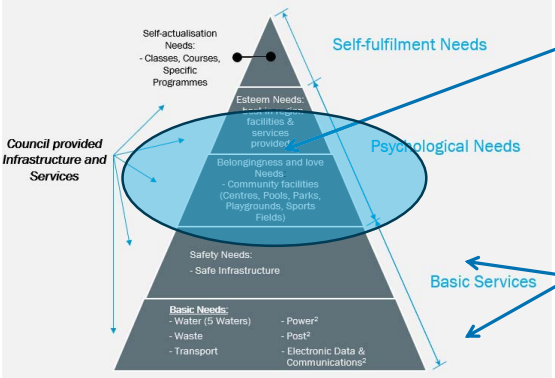


Modified Maslow - based on Maslow's Pyramid

1. Outside SDC scope 2 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abraham_Maslow

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THIS FOCUS SEEMS TO BE DEMANDING A VORACIOUS FUNDING LEVEL AND SOME POTENTIAL DUPLICATION OF OTHER PROVIDERS' SERVICES[1]



Apparent Council LTP consultation scope

Lincoln Community are asking for "basics" support – road safety, pedestrian safe crossings & cycle lanes, a safe budget

COUNCIL SEEMS TO HAVE CHOSEN TO FOCUS THE LTP CONSULTATION AT THE EXPENSE OF SOME BASIC SERVICES IMPROVEMENTS

THE PLAN SHOWS SOME REDUCTION IN SERVICE INVESTMENT & HENCE SERVICE LEVELS OVER THE STRATEGY PERIOD

THE PLAN SHOWS A MASSIVE INVESTMENT IN UPGRADES BUT AFTER THE STRATEGY PERIOD

THE PLAN CONTINUES LIMITED INVESTMENT IN LINCOLN DESPITE IT BEING THE NUMBER 2 TOWNSHIP

THE PLAN INTENDS FOR COUNCIL ASSET SALES BUT THIS IS NOT EXPLAINED IN THE CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

THE PLAN DOES NOT APPEAR TO ACKNOWLEDGE MATERIAL AUSTERITY OR EFFICIENCY MEASURES WITHIN COUNCIL OPERATIONS DESPITE RATE PAYERS EXPERIENCING FINANCIAL STRESS

THE PLAN FUNDING APPEARS ONLY REACHABLE BY CREATING DEBT LEVELS APPROACHING THE PER CAPITA AUCKLAND COUNCIL DEBT

1. Well-being Note, Page 8 –Council is one of several organisations…
2. Outside SDC scope

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COUNCIL MUST ADDRESS THE SUPPORT IT PROVIDES LINCOLN A REVISED INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY IS REQUIRED

SPRINGS ROAD WILL BE AT CAPACITY AS NEW SUBDIVISIONS COME ONLINE

NO PLANS FOR SPRINGS ROAD CAPACITY EXPANSION ARE DETAILED IN THE LTP EITHER NORTH OR SOUTH OF LINCOLN, NOR ADDRESSING CURRENT SAFETY ISSUES SOUTH OF LINCOLN

THIS EMERGING GROWTH CAPACITY ISSUE AND INTERSECTION SAFETY ISSUES WERE HIGHLIGHTED TO COUNCIL BACK IN 2021[7]

- A number of road safety investments have been tabled in the LTP at intersections on Springs Road (Lincoln – Prebbleton)[6] This is good news but is not sufficient. Road capacity seems untouched and even during current low volume school holiday traffic, there are significant delays along Springs.
- Some works have been proposed for Ellesmere and Edwards roads but is silent on Springs road surrounding Lincoln – why is this and why is council silent on the current poor and risky road condition?
- It is not visible that Council has budgeted in the LTP for investments on Springs Road south of Lincoln as advised to do so by the Councils own expert[7.] Please explain why this is not being included in the LTP when risks have been identified and concurred to by Council and a major subdivision development will occur during the LTP period dramatically increasing heavy truck and other vehicle traffic.
- Springs Road / Verdeco intersection
  - I note that median strips have been installed on Newtons Road at the Weedons / Newtons intersection, so safety is being addressed "west of Shands". Dawsons Road has received a Rural intersection upgrade this year, but Council continues to deny remediation of Verdeco - Springs semi-rural intersection in Lincoln.
- Given the Springs Road capacity concerns are well known, what plans will Council put in place to address current and proposed capacity? Please include in the LTP.

6. Transport Capex – Full List
7. Matt Collins Traffic RMA Paper to Council November 2021

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COUNCIL IS EMBARKING ON WHAT COULD BE A HIGH-RISK FINANCIAL PLAN FOR RATE-PAYERS & THIS REQUIRES OPEN DISCUSSION

COUNCIL PROPOSES TO INCREASE DEBT TO 220% OF REVENUE OR $634M

DEBT REPAYMENT RELIES ON DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS[8]

DEVELOPMENT ULTIMATELY RELIES ON POPULATION GROWTH AND IS UNCERTAIN

DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS ARE ALSO TARGETED AT SUPPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

WHAT ASSET CLASSES DOES COUNCIL INTEND TO SELL?

Debt per capita Comparison: *Auckland Council vs. proposed SDC debt*

	Debt	Population	Date	Debt per every person	Debt per household
Auckland	$11.9B	1.739300M	June 30, 23	$6,842	
SDC	$0.634B	0.100772M	2030	$6,291	$17,997

Note: 1. Auckland Debt ex AC website, Auckland Population Stats NZ
2. SDC Debt ex LTP documents, population and household counts from Transport AMP 2030 P22,24

- The proposed debt level is close to Auckland on a per capita basis, yet Selwyn lacks both the population scale and the relative level of individual wealth compared to Auckland for example. How does the Funding Agency decide whether the borrowing limit is acceptable for specific jurisdictions?
- Loan repayment seems to have to share developer contributions which seems a possible double count and needs clarification
- Asset sales are tabled for potential action in the documents. What is the anticipated scale and timing? What asset classes are intended?
- What is the intent of the insurance review? Is this to reduce insurance cover? What is the project brief?
- The debt curve shows debt going over the debt limit, will this impact banking covenants? What are the implications? Will the principle be paid back as well as interest?
- With a similar debt per capita position, Auckland Council has embarked on austerity and cost saving. It does not look like Council has considered such measures. Councillor Miller called this concern out as reported in the Selwyn Times April 3.
- An activity centred budget does not seem appropriate given the intended debt levels. What does Council plan to do to drive efficiency and effectiveness?

8. LTP Consulting Doc P29 Digital, P 56 Print

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COUNCIL MUST ACTUALLY SUPPORT LINCOLN. (TO SIMILAR LEVELS ACHIEVED FOR ROLLESTON). LIMITED PREVIOUS INVESTMENT MAKES THE GAP AT LINCOLN EVEN GREATER, MADE POTENTIALLY WORSE BY APPARENT UNDER-ESTIMATION OF GROWTH

COUNCIL'S GROWTH PROJECTION FOR LINCOLN IS TOO LOW

BEYOND PLAN GROWTH WILL EXACERBATE EXISTING COMMUNITY STRESS WITH ROADS AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES' WHICH ARE ALREADY AT POOR SERVICE LEVELS

GERALD STREET, SPRINGS ROAD ARE HIGH RISK TODAY

Growth: *SDC LTP Growth Demand*

Lincoln

	2022	2024	2034	2034 - 2024
Population	9180	10438	13978	3540
Households	3501	3889	5213	1324
Dwellings	3773	4201	5661	1460

Note: PC69 approved sections: 1710
Assuming 1 house per lot, this subdivision alone will deliver greater growth than SDC forecast
Growth Data SDC Transport AMP

- Just one subdivision being only ~85% completed will meet the SDC growth estimates over the 2024 – 2034 period.
- Lower growth data seems likely to support drive an SDC focus away from Lincoln to other areas, creating further local Lincoln stress.

- Gerald Street town centre development has been delayed and pushed back for 8 years and is not confirmed but only listed in this LTP[3].
  This 2016 deferred work must be committed in the LTP
  - Traffic congestion and vehicle / pedestrian & cyclist risks are real
  - Road condition is unsatisfactory
  - The town has outgrown its rural town centre capacity and utility, it also detracts from growth which the council financials are predicated on
- Critical asset the Lincoln Events Centre (LEC), gets $13.6M funding to assess the space & be assessed for EQ strengthening in the LTP 26 / 27 proposed budget[4]. Other communities require new facilities due to EQ issues, but why is Lincoln back-staged again when significantly more people may be at risk? A proposed new alternate access road to the LEC should not proceed and funding should be reassigned to investigate and remedy this potential safety item.
- Even Cycling and Tourist areas have received newer Public Toilet facilities than Lincoln (New facilities at Rail Trail – Nellis Road, Hororata Domain, Lake Lyndon), - should we be grateful that Council is allocating funds for Lincoln with new toilets in the plan? The proposes Arthurs Pass cycle route is discretionary and should be deprioiritised / not proceed.
- The LTP Infrastructure Strategy shows limited transport capital projects in Lincoln either completed or underway over the last 3 years[5]

3. Infrastructure Strategy P7
4. Infrastructure Strategy P 68
5. Infrastructure Strategy List of Projects P 23-24

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WHY IS THERE A NEED TO FRONT-LOAD RATES INCREASES? WHAT DRIVES THE LOWER INCREASES IN OUT-YEARS. THIS SEEMS WISHFUL BASED ON COUNCILS' BROAD FOCUS AMBITION AND ACTIVITY PLANS?

COUNCIL DOES NOT DISCLOSE THE IMPACT OF RATE RISES ON INDIVIDUAL RATES UNTIL PAGE 56 OF THE CONSULTATION DOCUMENT, THIS SHOULD BE INCLUDED UPFRONT IN THE PAGE 18 "UNDERSTAND YOUR RATES"

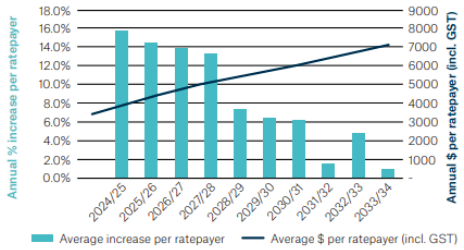
IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT RATES INCREASES WOULD DROP – PLEASE EXPLAIN

THIS IS NOT A WARRANTY T&C DOCUMENT, COUNCIL NEEDS TO BE UPFRONT ABOUT THE INDIVIDUAL IMPACT

Rates levels and limit

The Council is forecasting average rate increases per ratepayer of 8.5% per year over the next 10 years, with the majority of the increase occurring in years 1-3. Legislation requires councils to set a limit on rate increases. We have set a limit that the average rate increase per ratepayer will not exceed 16% in the first four years of the plan and 10% for the remaining six years.

These are average increases per ratepayer, and the actual increase for individual ratepayer may exceed these amounts. The forecast average rate increase per ratepayer and the average rates per ratepayer over the next 10 years are shown in the chart below.

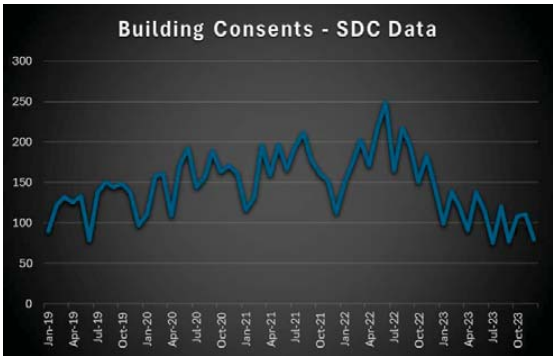


LTP Consultation Doc –P56

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VOLATILE BUILDING CONSENT DATA[9] SHOWS THE RISKS IN RELYING ON HISTORIC DEVELOPMENT TRENDS AS A GUIDE TO THE FUTURE

VOLATILITY AND SCALE OF NEW BUILDING CONSENTS INDICATES A NEED FOR CONSERVATIVE ASSUMPTIONS IN LOAN REPAYMENTS BASED ON DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS



Given the stated reliance on Development contributions for repayment of debt, has a conservative view been taken on the amount of development likely to occur in future, (consents YE 23 were ~30% of the peak), in order to repay debt without impacting rates further?

9. SDC Quality Team April 2024, Personal Data Request for New Dwelling Consents and CCC

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GIVEN THE CRITICAL ROLE OF ROADING IN OUR LIVES, COUNCIL LIKELY RISKS COMMUNITY STRESS, SAFETY ISSUES AND NEGATIVE REACTION WITH ITS APPROACH TO TRANSPORT IN THE LTP

ONLY 50% OF OUR ROADS ARE AT BETTER THAN "ADEQUATE" SERVICE LEVEL AT PRESENT[10]

FUTURE LEVEL OF SERVICE BUDGET HAS BEEN SLASHED, SO CONDITIONS WILL SEEMINGLY WORSEN[11]

SAFE AND EFFICIENT TRANSPORT IS A HYGIENE FACTOR, AND A REASONABLE SERVICE LEVEL SHOULD BE PRIORITISED ABOVE DISCRETIONARY SPEND

A high-level summary of asset condition information is provided in the following table.

Activity	Asset Condition	Very good	Good	Moderate/ Adequate	Poor	Very Poor	Unknown
Five Waters (Drinking Water, Wastewater, Stormwater, Land Drainage, Water Races)		44%	30%	11%	1%	1%	13%
Drinking Water		32%	58%	4%	1%	1%	4%
Wastewater		59%	35%	0%	3%	1%	2%
Stormwater		63%	14%	7.5%	0.3%	0.01%	15.2%
Land Drainage		30%	28%	38%	0%	0.3%	3.7%
Water Races		38%	17%	8%	0.6%	0.4%	36%
Transportation		10%	40%	43%	5%	2%	-
Community Facilities		2.5%	51.9%	39.5%	5.3%	0.8%	-
Facilities		37.8%	37.8%	20.7%	3%	0.6%	-
Open Spaces		2%	52%	40%	5%	1%	-
Resource Recovery and Waste		0%	90%	5%	5%	0%	

- Transport has the lowest asset condition yet is a core critical Basic Needs service. The community assumes that Council is looking after their interests and maintaining the basic assets (water, transport, waste etc) and so steers the discussion to nice-to-have facilities.
- Council needs to be open about the condition of assets and why funds are being allocated as they are. The community can then make an informed decision about the Big Decisions in the LTP.
- Council Facilities have a high condition
- Whilst Transport OPEX does increase, low asset condition and an apparent cut in capital Level of Service budgets seems like a potential major issue looming for Transport. Please explain.

Selwyn District Infrastructure Strategy 2024-2

Capital expenditure ($000's)

	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31	31/32	32/33	33/34	34/35 – 38/39	39/40 – 43/44	44/45 – 48/49	49/50 – 53/54	Total
Transportation	63,927	55,986	64,154	53,820	57,481	59,103	62,859	64,523	66,268	70,280	475,335	619,363	828,417	1,095,585	3,637,101
Level of Service	20,959	6,020	6,768	7,679	9,506	13,025	7,394	5,148	5,671	21,283	47,401	54,529	61,657	68,785	335,826
Growth	28,182	30,798	40,239	29,615	30,219	28,082	34,569	37,652	38,011	23,246	215,939	248,411	280,883	313,355	1,385,681
Renewal	14,786	13,168	17,157	16,526	17,256	17,996	20,905	21,723	22,586	25,751	211,995	316,423	485,877	713,445	1,915,594

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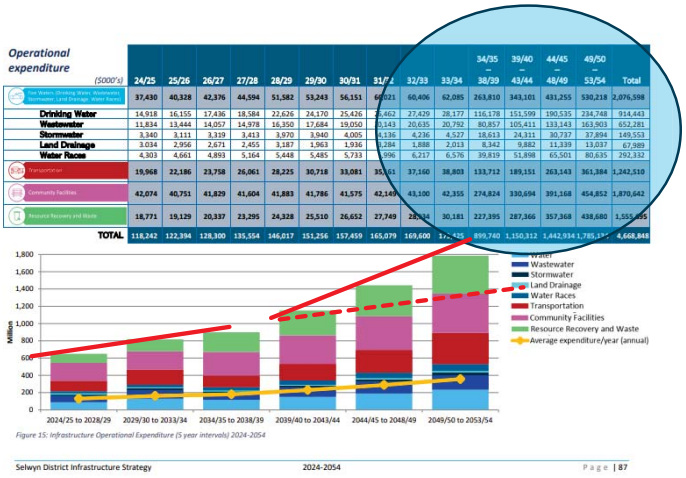
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RATE OF SPEND ESCALATES SHARPLY POST THE LTP PERIOD
IS EARLIER ASSET EXPENDITURE OR RENEWALS BEING DEFERRED? IF SO, WHAT?

CAPITAL ASSET EXPENDITURE RAMPS UP MASSIVELY POST LTP PERIOD

OUTSIDE OF MAINTAINING NEW ASSETS, IS COUNCIL DEFERRING EXPENDITURE TO OUTSIDE THE 2024 – 2034 LTP PERIOD?

WHAT IS BEING DEFERRED?



Operational expenditure ($000's)	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31	31/32	32/33	33/34	34/35 to 38/39	39/40 to 43/44	44/45 to 48/49	49/50 to 53/54	Total
Water (Drinking Water, Wastewater, Stormwater, Land Drainage, Water Races)	37,430	40,328	42,376	44,594	51,582	53,243	56,151	60,021	60,406	62,085	263,810	343,101	431,255	530,218	2,076,598
Drinking Water	14,918	16,155	17,436	18,584	22,626	24,170	25,426	26,462	27,429	28,177	116,178	151,599	190,535	234,748	914,443
Wastewater	11,834	13,444	14,057	14,978	16,350	17,684	19,050	20,143	20,635	20,792	80,857	105,411	133,143	163,903	652,281
Stormwater	3,340	3,111	3,319	3,413	3,970	3,940	4,095	4,136	4,236	4,527	18,613	24,311	30,737	37,894	149,553
Land Drainage	3,034	2,956	2,671	2,455	3,187	1,963	1,936	1,284	1,888	2,013	8,342	9,882	11,339	13,037	67,989
Water Races	4,303	4,661	4,893	5,164	5,448	5,485	5,733	6,996	6,217	6,576	39,819	51,898	65,501	80,635	292,332
Transportation	19,968	22,186	23,758	26,061	28,225	30,718	33,081	35,161	37,160	38,803	133,712	189,151	263,143	361,384	1,242,510
Community Facilities	42,074	40,751	41,829	41,604	41,883	41,786	41,575	42,149	43,100	42,355	274,824	330,694	391,168	454,852	1,870,642
Resource Recovery and Waste	18,771	19,129	20,337	23,295	24,328	25,510	26,652	27,749	28,774	30,181	227,395	287,366	357,368	438,680	1,555,385
TOTAL	118,242	122,394	128,300	135,554	146,017	151,256	157,459	165,079	169,600	173,425	899,740	1,150,312	1,442,934	1,785,137	4,668,848

Figure 15: Infrastructure Operational Expenditure (5 year intervals) 2024-2054

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COUNCIL APPROACH TO LINCOLN IS CONCERNING

COUNCIL DECLINED TO HOLD A DROP-IN CENTRE AT LINCOLN UNTIL COMPLAINTS WERE RECEIVED. THEN TWO WERE SCHEDULED. IS THIS IS A CONTINUATION OF THE TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION CONCERN WHEN IT COMES TO THE LINCOLN COMMUNITY?

COUNCIL HAS LISTED A SIGNIFICANT RISK OF LACK OF ALIGNMENT OF COUNCILLORS WITH THE COMMUNITY & STAFF, MITIGATION IS MANDATED[13]

1. Council seems to be indifferent to Lincoln community.

I was told that no LTP drop-in centre was being held at Lincoln this year as the issues were outside of Lincoln this year. I was informed that if I was interested, I would need to go to another centre to meet with council. In response to complaints, two drop-ins were scheduled.

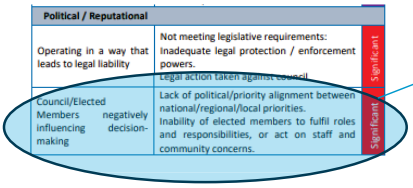
This is a lack of fair and balanced representation for the community, who collectively are the second largest population group within SDC yet receive low service and investment relative to population size and rates contributions.

This seeming "West of Shands" focus with a history of deferred works, was reinforced by comments from an official during the Monday April 15th Drop-in at the LEC and reported in Lincoln Voice FB page.

It is seems that a policy change is required when Councillors declare conflicts of interest e.g. With Lincoln related affairs. They should substitute another representative to push for the requirements of this community given the above. The implications of this also seem clear.

It would seem that Lincoln may well be better represented in a Super City.

2. Risk Register - What are the remedial assessments and actions given that Council is not hearing our transport and development concerns. As an impacted community member I request mitigation be actioned.



Political / Reputational		
Operating in a way that leads to legal liability	Not meeting legislative requirements: Inadequate legal protection / enforcement powers. Legal action taken against council	Significant
Council/Elected Members negatively influencing decision-making	Lack of political/priority alignment between national/regional/local priorities. Inability of elected members to fulfil roles and responsibilities, or act on staff and community concerns.	Significant

Risk priority rating		
Risk score	Level of risk	Risk response
15-25	Extreme	Requires immediate assessment of actions
8-12	Significant	Requires remedial assessments and action via the annual planning process
4-6	Moderate	Adress via new procedures and/or modification of existing practices and training
1-3	Low	No formal requirement for further action, unless escalation of risk is possible

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
First name: Mathew **Last name:** Walsh

☐ Withhold my details
Organisation: Squash New Zealand

Prefered method of contact Email

Do you wish to attend a Council hearing to present your feedback in person?

◉ Yes

○ I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Additional requirements for hearing:

Feedback

3. Malvern Recreation and Sports Facility

Malvern has no indoor sports courts and demand for these is increasing rapidly. We're planning to build a new recreation and sports facility to meet that demand. It would be developed alongside existing and future facilities in the area to create a central hub for Malvern.

We want to hear from you - should we:

**Development contributions are collected as developments get underway. This means funds are not always available when a project starts. In the beginning, a project will be loan funded and when development contributions are paid to Council, they are used to help pay back the loan. Impact on rates for options 2 and 3 take into account development contributions. Development contributions do not apply to option 1.*

Build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield that includes one indoor court.

Project cost:
Year 3: $7.07 million (minus $1.10 million already included in the last Long-Term Plan. Total left to fund is $5.97 million)
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$11.67
Funding:
Rates: 57%
Development contributions: 43% *

Our budgeted option

Please add any comments you may have

Other comments

You can provide comments on any other matters in our draft Long-Term Plan, including the projects in the Keeping Your Community Informed section on pages 44-51 of the consultation document.

You can read the specific pages in the consultation document by clicking here.

Please provide your comments in the box below.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the Selwyn District Council Long-term Plan 2024-2034. We would love to speak at a public hearing if possible, please let me know the details about this and if it is possible to do it remotely.

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The proposal outlines the need for a new squash facility in Rolleston to address the growing demand for squash courts in the community. Despite the increasing popularity of squash, current facilities do not meet the needs of residents, resulting in current players having to travel significant distances and limited access for new participants.

We request support from Selwyn District Council to support the investigation and planning for a new facility:

$60,000 in budget in FY25 to go towards undertaking a Feasibility Study and Business Case

$40,000 in budget in FY26 to go towards undertaking Concept Design

$250,000 in budget in FY26-27 to go towards undertaking Detailed Design and Consenting

$2,500,000 in budget in FY28-29 to go towards Construction

We anticipate the total construction cost will be in excess of $3.5M and possibly as high as $5.5M thus completion of the project as preliminary conceived will require funding partnerships beyond what we are requesting Selwyn District Council might provide.

Please see our attached document for the full proposal.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at a public hearing in the council chambers?

2. Waihora Whata Rau - community facility and reserves upgrade Leeston

After consulting with the community, in the last Long-Term Plan we proposed a new community facility for Leeston, called Whata Rau, which would be built alongside the park, providing a ‘hub’ for Ellesmere where residents can gather, play, and learn.

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2a. Whata Rau - new community facility

After consulting with Ellesmere residents during the last Long-Term Plan, we agreed to build a new library and community centre called Whata Rau, next to Leeston Park. This project would provide more community spaces that are needed in the area, and provide a solution for the existing Leeston library and service centre: the current facility is earthquake prone and needs significant repairs or to be replaced.

Increased construction costs and land remediation issues mean the costs to build Whata Rau have increased. Given this new information we want to hear from you - should we:

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Build Whata Rau next to Leeston Park as agreed in our 2021-31 Long-Term Plan, but with additional sports courts and/or bigger community meeting spaces.

Project cost:
Year 1: 19.24m
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$53.14
Funding:
Rates: 80.5%
Development contributions: 19.5% *
2024/25
2025/26
2026/27
2027/28
2028/29
2029/30
2030/31
2031/32
2032/33
2033/34

Please add any comments you may have

2b. Leeston Park improvements

We planned to upgrade Leeston Park as part of the project to build a new community facility. Since agreeing to do that, we have completed a master plan for redeveloping the park over the next 15 years.

We want to hear from you - should we:

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Carry out the landscape improvements to extend the playing fields; replace and upgrade the playground equipment, footpaths, toilet block, lighting and irrigation; and seal the carpark.

Project cost:
Years 1-10: $3.4m
Estimated impact on rates :
Included in current rates

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Funding:
Rates: 71.4%
Development contributions: 28.6% *

Our budgeted option

Please add any comments you may have

Attached Documents

Link	File
	Squash Canterbury and Squash NZ - Selwyn DC LTP FINAL

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Have Your Say

Selwyn District Council – Long-term Plan 2024-2034

1. Executive Summary

1.1. Introduction

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1.2. Need

The 2022 Squash New Zealand Facilities Strategy identifies the need to for provide squash courts for the growing population of Selwyn as one of its top national priorities. This along with the rising interest in squash, the accessibility of squash as a sport, the shortage of facilities in the Selwyn District and the associated health benefits provide a compelling case for the development of additional squash provision in the District.

1.3. Why Squash?

1. Cultural diversity: Squash is played in 185 countries and in NZ by people of all descent. Squash brings together diverse cultures.
2. Squash offers a holistic workout that enhances cardiovascular health, muscle strength, agility, and endurance, aligning with global health recommendations.
3. Its adaptable nature makes squash accessible to individuals of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds, fostering inclusivity in sports participation.
4. Squash facilities provide opportunities for social interaction, teamwork, and fair play, promoting community cohesion and mental well-being.

5. Squash encourages lifelong engagement, offering challenges and rewards for players of all ages, contributing to active aging and social connectivity.
6. With avenues for both recreational play and competitive engagement, squash supports goal-setting, competition and skill improvement, enriching the overall sporting experience.
7. Squash can be played in all weather conditions with facilities able to be utilised over 365 days of the year.

1.4. Proposed Location

The proposed location for a new squash facility in Rolleston is based on its predicted population growth, demographic composition, absence of current squash amenities, central position within the District, potential economic advantages, and opportunities for collaborative partnerships in facility development.

We have identified two potential options for development in Rolleston:

1. A new multisport squash and recreation facility adjacent to the Rolleston Community Centre
2. A new squash facility at Rolleston College (Horoeka Haemata)

Further planning and investigation will be required to identify the preferred option.

1.5. Facility Design and Features

The design of the squash facility in Rolleston will be guided by a number of core principles:

1. Partnership: Collaboration with Iwi and local stakeholders will inform the design process, ensuring the facility meets diverse community needs and fosters a sense of ownership and engagement.
2. Multi-use: The facility will be designed to accommodate various activities beyond squash, maximizing its utility and appeal to a broad audience, including other sports, fitness classes, social events, and educational programs.
3. Community Hub: Serving as a vibrant hub for recreational and social activities, the facility will foster connections, promote well-being, and enhance the overall quality of life for residents.
4. Sustainability: The design will incorporate sustainable practices to minimize environmental impact, such as energy-efficient systems, water conservation measures, and the use of eco-friendly materials. As well as choosing a location that offers sustainable transport options for participants.
5. Accessibility: The facility will prioritize accessibility for all members of the community, including individuals with disabilities, ensuring equal opportunities for participation and engagement in squash and other activities.

1.6. Funding and Partnerships

Funding for the project will be sourced from a combination of council investment, community fundraising efforts, and potential partnerships with private investors and sports organizations.

1.7. Timeline and Implementation

The proposed timeline includes phases for planning, design, approvals, construction, and a grand opening, with a commitment to close collaboration with the Selwyn District Council, stakeholders, and the community throughout the process.

1.8. Conclusion

The development of a new squash facility in Rolleston represents a strategic investment in the health, well-being, and vitality of the community. We urge the Selwyn District Council to support this proposal and allocate the necessary resources for its successful implementation.

2. Background information

2.1. Squash as a sport for Selwyn

Squash is a sport that not only engages individuals but also enriches entire communities through its diverse range of benefits. Here's why squash courts would be a valuable asset for Selwyn and Rolleston:

1. Cultural diversity: Squash is played in 185 countries by more than 20 million people including commonwealth and former English colonised countries, Pacific Island nations, Europe, USA, Canada, South Africa, Egypt, India, Pakistan, Australia, and China. With 30% of Selwyn's population having arrived in New Zealand in the past 20 years, many of these ethnicities form a growing demographic of Selwyn's diverse cultural community. About 10% of Selwyn's 60,000 people have immigrated here from other countries. As experienced in other Districts in New Zealand, Squash will bring together these diverse cultures.
2. Health and Well-being Benefits: Squash is often referenced as the world's healthiest sport across a broad range of criteria (Forbes Magazine). It offers a comprehensive workout, promoting physical fitness, cardiovascular health, and mental well-being. The sport's fast-paced nature, combined with its accessibility for all ages and skill levels, makes it an enjoyable and effective way to stay active year-round in any weather.
3. Accessibility: Squash stands out as a sport that celebrates diversity and inclusivity, providing equal opportunities for individuals of all ages, genders, and skill levels to participate, enjoy, and excel. Its non-contact nature and flexible format allow for solo play or games with 2, 3, or 4 players, accommodating various preferences and abilities. With modified game types available, squash caters to both leisurely enjoyment and competitive engagement, ensuring accessibility for all. Interclub competitions epitomise squash's intergenerational and gender-neutral appeal, where a junior as young as 11 may challenge a senior player over 60. These events often feature mixed-gender matches, reflecting squash's commitment to inclusivity and fair play across age groups and skill levels.
4. Social Inclusion and Personal Development: Squash serves as a platform for social inclusion, personal growth, and skill development. It encourages the development of social skills, self-confidence, and mental well-being, while providing opportunities for individuals to engage in meaningful physical activity. Squash facilities also serve as community hubs, bringing people together and fostering a sense of belonging.
5. International Pathways and Olympics: Squash offers international pathways for aspiring athletes, with various professional and amateur tournaments worldwide. Additionally, squash is a Commonwealth Games sport and will be included in the Olympics from 2028, providing opportunities for community members to engage with the sport at a global level and inspiring future generations of athletes.

2.2. Squash Facilities in New Zealand

Squash facilities in New Zealand serve as vital hubs for fostering community engagement, promoting physical activity, and nurturing talent in the sport. With over 300 facilities and 750 courts spread across the country, these venues provide spaces for players of all ages and skill levels to participate in squash, from casual recreational play to competitive tournaments. However, many of these facilities face challenges such as aging infrastructure, limited resources for maintenance, and fluctuating membership numbers, which can impact their overall condition and sustainability.

Surveys have shown that greater than 70% of affiliated squash facilities are over 40 years old and more than 60% are rated at average or lesser condition. It also highlighted that squash is under-delivering in the provision of warm, clean, quality courts. Where Courts have been significantly upgraded or rebuilt in Christchurch (largely as a result of the

2010/2011 Earthquakes), there have been large increases in playing numbers, including in the younger age groups. This demonstrates the importance of modern, purpose-built facilities and the high latent demand for squash.

Recognizing the importance of addressing these challenges and ensuring the continued growth and viability of squash facilities nationwide, Squash New Zealand developed a National Facility Strategy in 2022. This is a comprehensive plan aimed at addressing the development, maintenance, and enhancement of squash facilities throughout the country. By providing a strategic framework for decision-making, the Facilities Strategy seeks to support the long-term sustainability and success of squash facilities across New Zealand.

The relevance of this Facilities Strategy extends to the Selwyn District, where the growing ethnically diverse and relatively young population and increasing demand for recreational opportunities highlight the need for modern, well-maintained community facilities. The strategy highlights 14 National Squash Facility Priorities based on the impact they could have.

Investigation into the need for additional squash courts in the Selwyn District to cater for the high forecast population growth was identified as one of these priorities.

2.3. Squash focus on tamariki and rangatahi

Squash New Zealand and Squash Canterbury, are deeply committed to fostering youth participation in our communities, recognising the importance of instilling a love for sport from an early age. This is particularly pertinent in Selwyn District where, according to the 2018 census, 46% of the population was aged <20 years old. Some reasons that squash is the ideal activity for our tamariki and rangatahi are:

1. Squash encourages active lifestyles and regular physical activity, promoting lifelong health and well-being among tamariki and rangatahi.
2. The sport offers a unique blend of cardiovascular exercise, strength training, and mental stimulation, contributing to overall fitness and cognitive development.
3. Squash fosters resilience and determination as young players learn to overcome challenges and setbacks on the court.
4. Through participation in squash, tamariki and rangatahi develop important life skills such as goal-setting, time management, and sportsmanship.
5. Squash provides a supportive and inclusive community environment where children and youth can build friendships and social connections that extend beyond the court.
6. As they progress in squash, tamariki and rangatahi have opportunities to represent their schools, clubs, and regions in interclub competitions and tournaments, fostering a sense of pride and accomplishment.

We have implemented initiatives tailored to introduce tamariki and rangatahi to squash, providing them with avenues to engage and flourish in our sport including:

1. School Activation Programmes: These programmes aim to provide in curriculum lessons for numeracy and literacy through physical education and squash.
2. Coach / Activator Development: Creation of school modules specifically to upskill teachers in the coaching and deliver of squash.
3. Junior Programmes in clubs: Supporting clubs to appoint junior convenors who will grow junior programmes and participation within their clubs.
4. Skills and pathways: Developing resources where players can digitally track their skills and progress and supporting clubs to set up their own development pathways in partnership with local schools and parents.



2.4. New Zealand and Canterbury Youth Squash Development

Youth development is a key priority for Squash NZ and for Squash Canterbury. Within Canterbury, we are focussed on supporting coaches who are running programmes in secondary schools. These programmes have been particularly successful at Christchurch Boys High and Saint Bede's College by introducing a significant number of rangatahi to squash.

For 2024 and 2025, our focus is on expanding those programmes to a number of other schools commencing with Hoon Hay and Hornby High Schools. We have agreed with Sport Canterbury to use our approved Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa funding in these schools in order to target rangatahi who have not had the opportunity to play squash previously. To support the establishment of a squash facility in Rolleston, we will expand these programmes to schools in the Selwyn District.

We are also working closely with Squash NZ to build a larger network of coaches across the Canterbury District as this will enable us to meet predicted growth in demand and to ensure that all tamariki and rangatahi receive high quality and appropriate coaching. This will also allow us to rollout a squash school holiday programme in 2025.

Squash Canterbury supports a range of competition opportunities for tamaraiki and rangatahi. This includes weekly Junior Interclub and regular tournaments. These competition events provided opportunities for both fun and development. Depending on their own goals, tamariki and rangatahi are able to progress to Canterbury, New Zealand, and International level representative events and teams.

3. Current state of Squash in New Zealand, Canterbury, and Selwyn

Squash as a sport has 19,121 affiliated members and 100,000 people playing squash in New Zealand and has grown over the last seven years. The primary growth in our sport has come from a 36% growth in leisure players over that same period of time.

In the Squash Canterbury District, in 2021 there were 2,256 affiliated squash players and 1,261 casual participants with membership having grown by approximately 20% since 2014 (1.4%/year), well above the national average.

Currently in the Selwyn district we have four squash facilities, one that is run by an affiliated club – Malvern Squash Club and three that are not affiliated – Arthurs Pass Squash Courts, Lincoln Squash Club and Leeston Rugby Club.

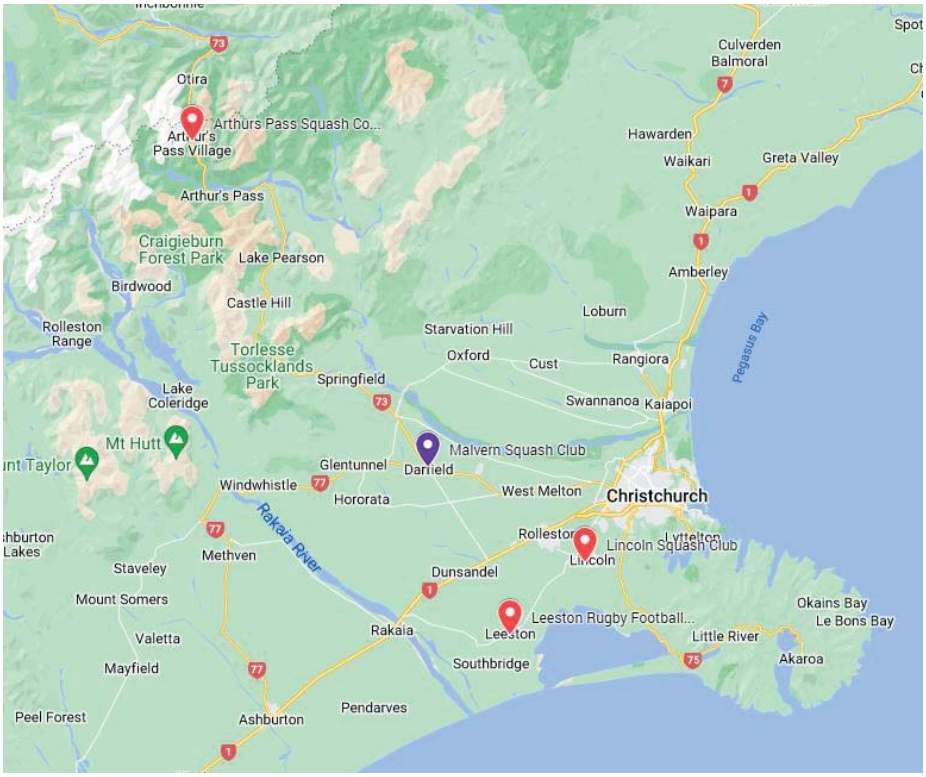
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With the National Strategy only able to survey affiliated clubs, we only have more in-depth information on Malvern Squash Club which in 2021 had 44 members and average quality facilities.

As only one of these facilities is managed and operated by an affiliated club, there is a significant risk that these courts could be lost to the community because the owners may decide to use them for something else. This has already happened to the squash courts in Lincoln, where there used to be four, but two were converted by the university into alternative facilities (a spin cycle studio and a climbing wall).

Between these four facilities there are a total of seven squash courts:

Facility	Type	Courts	Distance to Rolleston
Malvern Squash Club	Multi-sport	2 standard	29km
Leeston Rugby Club	Multi-sport	2 standard	24km
Lincoln Squash Club	University Facility	2 standard	10km
Arthurs Pass Squash Courts	Stand-alone	1 standard	120km



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3.1. Need from the community

Squash New Zealand and Squash Canterbury have been working in partnership with the Rolleston Squash Facility Development Group, a group of passionate squash players mostly based in Rolleston who currently need to travel extensively to the above clubs to be able to participate.

This group have conducted an informal petition that has received 336 signatures in support of the development of a new squash facility. They have also submitted their own submission as part of the Long-term Plan process which we support and complements ours.

A couple of the highlights from the petition included these comments:

Stephen Gardner "Our family has just shifted out to Rolleston, like many others over the past few years. It would be great if there was a facility out here as our kids will be keen to play in a few years' time. I play competitively and it's a big drive into Christchurch to play, not to mention the carbon footprint associated with it. A modern facility would be a great community asset!"

Jennifer Barnden "Husband and I play squash, having to travel out of Rolleston weekly. Having a squash court in Rolleston would be awesome"

3.2. Identified need in Rolleston

The National Strategy analysed squash participation levels across the country including population per court, members per court and members per population. In this analysis, Auckland has been removed due to its population and number of courts being so different to the rest of the country, so any national analysis excludes Auckland.

1. The Canterbury District has a higher proportion of people per court (7,011 to 5,635) and significantly higher people per affiliated court (11,136 to 7,551) when compared to the national average. **This shows us that there are under supply of courts in the Canterbury District.**
2. The Canterbury District has a similar number of members per court (33 to 34) and slightly lower number of all players per court (36 to 38) when compared to the national average. **This shows us that with the number of courts in the district that we have roughly the right number of players.**

	Total Courts	2023 population	People/ court	Aff. Courts	People/Aff. Court	Affiliated members	Members/ court	All Players/ court
Canterbury	108	757,230	7,011	68	11,136	2,256	33	36
National	611	3,443,220	5,635	456	7,551	15,080	33	38

3. The Canterbury District has significantly lower number of squash players per population (0.46% to 0.70%) and affiliated squash players per population (0.30% to 0.44%) when compared to the national average. **This shows us that we should have a far higher number of squash players and people participating in squash in the Canterbury District.**

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4. The National Strategy provides guidelines for squash court provision to be one affiliated squash court for every 7,500 people, noting for urban areas to aim for one affiliated court for every 8,500 people.
5. Urban areas are generally considered to be areas with a population of over 5,000, so for Selwyn, Rolleston, Lincoln and Prebbleton fall into this classification, so for the purpose of this analysis, we will use this Urban ratio to consider the whole Selwyn District as it is more conservative than the rural ratio.
6. The Selwyn District currently has much higher population per court (10,500 to 5,635) and population per affiliated court (36,750 to 6,412) when compared to the national average and much higher than the recommended guidelines of one affiliated court per 8,500 people. **This shows us that the Selwyn District has a significant shortfall in the provision of squash courts even when considering all available courts as opposed to just affiliated courts.**
7. By 2048 it is projected that the Selwyn District will have a much higher population per court (15,214 to 6,403) and population per affiliated court (53,250 to 7,285) when compared to the national average and much higher than the recommended guidelines of one affiliated court per 8,500 people. **This shows us that with the projected growth in the Selwyn District and the fact that there are currently no planned new squash courts that there will be an even greater shortfall in the provision of squash courts by 2048.**
8. When considering the National Strategy provision guidelines for squash court provision Selwyn is currently 6.6 affiliated courts short and this shortfall is projected to grow to 10.5 courts short by 2048. **This shows us that we need to start planning immediately for how we address this shortfall in squash courts and the facility size in Rolleston needs to be in excess of 6 courts now with a plan to expand to 10 courts over the coming decades.**

	Selwyn		Christchurch		National	
	2023	2048	2023	2048	2023	2048
Population	73,500	106,500	402,400	463,500	3,443,220	3,912,280
Courts	7	7	35	35	611	611
Affiliated courts	2	2	28	28	537	537
Pop per court	10,500	15,214	11,497	13,243	5,635	6,403
Pop per affiliated court	36,750	53,250	14,371	16,554	6,412	7,285
Recommended people per affiliated court	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500
Recommended courts	8.6	12.5	47.3	54.5	405.1	460.3
Shortage (all courts)	**1.6**	**5.5**	**12.3**	**19.5**	**-205.9**	**-150.7**
Shortage (affiliated courts)	**6.6**	**10.5**	**19.3**	**26.5**	**56.4**	**-76.7**

9. When considering the population in the Selwyn District and where current squash courts are located, most urban centres are close to or over the recommended number of squash courts, except for Rolleston. **This shows that Rolleston is the location in most need of additional squash courts in the Selwyn District.**

Selwyn District	2023 Population	Number of Squash Courts	Recommended Courts for population	Shortfall/ oversupply
Rolleston	29,600	0	3.5	-3.5
Lincoln	10,250	2	1.2	0.8
Prebbleton	5,280	0	0.6	-0.6
Darfield	3,150	2	0.4	1.6
West Melton	2,450	0	0.3	-0.3
Leeston	2,430	2	0.3	1.7

3.2.1. Need conclusion

1. This research shows that there is a very clear need for additional squash facilities in the Selwyn District and particularly in Rolleston.
2. Due to its central location, the location of population growth and where existing squash courts are located. Rolleston is the preferred location for additional provision of squash courts.
3. The Selwyn District with its project growth has the greatest shortfall in squash courts available to its population across New Zealand.
4. If we were to increase the supply of courts, given these severe shortfalls, with additional courts, local participation will likely rise rapidly.

4. Proposal

4.1. Purpose

Given Squash NZ and Squash Canterbury are already working with the non-affiliated court facilities in the Selwyn District to address some of the shortfall, the purpose of this submission is to outline the need for additional squash court provision in the Selwyn District and to identify options for how Squash New Zealand and Squash Canterbury can address this shortage, particularly in Rolleston, in partnership with Selwyn District Council.

4.2. Request

Our request is for financial support to help with the planning to determine the preferred option and support the generation of sufficient capital to build a facility.

1. We request that Selwyn District Council allocates $**60,000 in budget in FY25** to go towards undertaking a Feasibility Study and Business Case. This work generally costs in the region of $60,000 - $100,000. If Selwyn District Council is able to invest $60,000 towards this work, then Squash New Zealand is prepared to contribute $10,000 towards this and Sport Canterbury has indicated that they would also contribute financially.
2. We request that Selwyn District Council allocates **$40,000 in budget in FY26** to go towards undertaking Concept Design. If Selwyn District Council contributes $40,000 to this work then we will look to raise the remaining funding required either from Squash NZ or from grant funding.
3. We request that Selwyn District Council allocates **$250,000 in budget in FY26-27** to go towards undertaking Detailed Design and Consenting. If Selwyn District Council contributes $200,000 to this work then we will look to raise the remaining funding required from grant funding.
4. We request that Selwyn District Council allocates **$2,500,000 in budget in FY28-29 t**o go towards Construction. If Selwyn District Council contributes $2,500,000 to this work then we will look to raise the remaining funding required from grant funding.

		Budget required		
	Financial Years	**Total cost**	**Request from Council**	**Contribution from others**
Needs Assessment	Complete	$0	$0	$0
Feasibility	FY25	$40 - 70k	$45k	$10k
Business Case	FY25	$20 - 30k	$15k	$10k
Concept Design	FY26	$40 - 60k	$40k	$20k

Design and consent	FY26-27	$300 - 500k	$200k	$100k
Construction	FY28-29	$3.5 - 5m	$2.5m	$1.5m
Total		**$3.9 - $5.7m**	**$2.8m**	**$1.64m**

4.3. Funding

With the overall capital build likely being in the range of $3.5 - $5.7m based on other similar builds that have happened recently, we anticipate that the contribution from Selwyn District Council will likely need to be roughly 60 – 70% of the total project cost with the upfront planning work likely requiring a higher proportion to be funded by Council.

We want to be very realistic about this ask as we know that the funding landscape currently is limited, with most major funders having limited resources and more and more applications for those resources every year.

The reality is that the traditional thinking for funding a facility of one third Council, one third sector funders, one third private is outdated and with Central Government no longer putting capital funding into local projects that Local Councils will generally have to fund a much higher proportion of the capital required for new community facilities.

This does give Council's a much greater say however in the outcomes they want from these facilities they are investing into.

We anticipate being able to raise $1 – 1,5m from various trusts and funders if we are able to secure initial funding from Selwyn District Council.

4.4. Options

We want to emphasise that we have started to consider several options to address the identified needs, with some smaller measures being identified such as working with unaffiliated clubs to become affiliated, supporting clubs in Christchurch and possibly developing courts at Lincoln University. However, due to the size of the need identified, we suggest that the development of additional squash courts in Rolleston is the only practical option to ensure that the community in the Selwyn District has the same ability to play squash as the rest of the country.

We are only at the initial investigation stage of this project and therefore all the figures provided in these options are provisional and based on other recent projects. Also, a lot of the assumptions made regarding these potential options still require extensive engagement and consultation with the key stakeholders such as Selwyn District Council, Lincoln University, and the local and Canterbury Squash community.

Squash New Zealand, Squash Canterbury and the Rolleston Squash Facility Development Group (RSFDG) want to work in partnership with Selwyn District Council to further investigate these options and would like to request financial assistance to appoint a specialist consultant to undertake this work.

4.4.1.Option 1

Build a new multisport squash and recreation facility adjacent to the Rolleston Community Centre

After an initial consultation with staff at Selwyn District Council, the land at 96 Rolleston Drive, adjacent to the Rolleston Community Centre was identified as a possible location for a new multisport capable squash facility.

With the existing Community Centre onsite, there is the ability to look at extending the community centre to cater for the squash courts and potentially sharing existing facilities such as toilets and car parking.

This is also the location of the youth hub, a central source of services and programmes targeted at rangatahi youth (12 to 24 years old) in the District. Conceived as a space where youth can go to receive targeted programmes and non-judgemental, confidential youth services from qualified agencies, a co-located squash facility could become a strong functional physical outlet for youth interested in physical fitness, collaboration, teamwork and mental health.

Co-locating squash courts with an existing facility offers a multitude of benefits that extend beyond squash itself such as:

1. Maximized Facility Utilisation: By integrating squash into the Community Centre, the facility can cater to a broader range of recreational activities and attract a more diverse audience. This increased utilisation enhances the facility's value proposition and contributes to its long-term sustainability.
2. Programming: Locating these facilities together could lead to joint programming and cross-promotion with other activities offered at the facility.
3. Enhanced Community Impact: A combined facility could become a community hub that encourages social interaction, cultural exchange, and community development.
4. Cost-Efficient Infrastructure Development: Building squash courts as an extension of an existing facility can be a cost-efficient approach compared to constructing a standalone facility. Utilising shared amenities, such as parking, toilets, and administrative spaces, reduces construction costs and streamlines operational expenses.



Devoy Centre, Tauranga, an eight-court facility overlaid on the potential location for a new squash facility in Rolleston.

Steps required:

1. Undertake detailed feasibility study to determine preferred site, capital and operational viability, funding options. This would include determining whether attaching to the existing community centre is possible.
2. Engage with Selwyn District Council to begin process of Landowner Approval and securing a lease.
3. Develop business case and concept design for preferred option.
4. Set up new club that will own and run facility once developed.
5. Secure funding for design and consent stage of development.
6. Engage planner to begin resource consent process.
7. Engage an architect and/or project management company to deliver project including working with Council.
8. Undertake detailed design and apply for building consent.
9. Secure funding for construction.
10. Engage construction company (if not included in previous stage) to undertake construction.

Example

The QE2 Park multi-sport facility in Brighton was a great example of squash working well with a number of other sports. The 6 squash courts were built under the main stands and operated for many years alongside the main stadium, swimming and dive pools, water features, gymnasium and other sports related facilities.

Not only did the co-location allow shared use of key services and infrastructure, but it also created a large uplift in demand for squash as many members of the public saw the sport and combined it with their swimming and other activities at the park. Unfortunately, when the Christchurch City Council demolished QE2 it did not have the funds to replace all facilities on the site and the squash courts were lost to the public. Members of the public often comment to Squash Canterbury that QE2 was where they had their first experience of squash.

4.4.2. Option 2

Build a new squash facility at or co-located with Rolleston College (Horoeka Haemata)

The new second campus for Rolleston College-Horoeka Haemata is slated to be built in the next 3-5 years but is currently on hold pending a Government review. Rolleston already has five primary schools (some of them large) and is planning for a high school student population of 3500 and once reached will be the largest in the country.

The second campus will be built on the Lincoln side of Rolleston. This is just 6 km from the Lincoln University campus (whereas downtown Rolleston is about 10 km). If a state-of-the-art squash development facility was to be built, not just a squash club or a multi-sport recreation centre, a very broad partnership could be envisioned that could include the sports science department within the Department of Tourism, Sport and Society at Lincoln University.

This would put Selwyn District on the map for producing world class squash athletes (fits with the Olympic games announcement, recent success at the Commonwealth games, and the vision of bringing the NZ Open to Christchurch beginning in March 2025). Since Auckland, Hamilton, or Wellington do not have International level facilities, the Christchurch area, already with the modern Christchurch club 8-court facility attached to a larger bar and restaurant facility and Richmond club redevelopment that is just beginning, is poised with its international Airport to become the New Zealand link to the world Professional Squash Association (PSA) Australasian PSA circuit.

In 2025 and 2026, Christchurch will host the NZ open, a PSA Silver level tournament with men's women's prize money of approximately $100,000 which will bring about half of the world's top 20 men's and women's players to Christchurch. This event will be held in the Issac Theatre Royal.

Steps required:

1. Engage with Rolleston College – Horoeka Haemata to determine interest in the development of squash courts on school land.
2. Undertake detailed feasibility study to determine preferred site, capital and operational viability, funding options.
3. Engage with Rolleston College to begin process of securing a lease.
4. Develop business case and concept design for preferred option.
5. Set up new club that will own and run facility once developed.
6. Secure funding for design and consent stage of development.
7. Engage planner to begin resource consent process.
8. Engage an architect and/or project management company to deliver project including working with Council.
9. Undertake detailed design and apply for building consent.
10. Secure funding for construction.
11. Engage construction company (if not included in previous stage) to undertake construction.

Example
The Devoy Centre in Tauranga is a shining example of this kind of partnership. With 7 glass-back courts including 2 full-size doubles courts with moveable walls and an International all glass exhibition court, this facility was conceived by a leadership team that included former world champion New Zealander Dame Susan Devoy.

Juniors (under 19yrs) are a primary focus of this facility making up about 40% of the membership. Co-located with the high school using land leased from Tauranga Boys' College at no charge, in return for court access, this facility is a centre for youth development for the Tauranga region. The relationship extends beyond real estate and squash is now an integral part of the college curriculum.

The building is architecturally designed on a single level allowing for a very interactive and dynamic atmosphere for both members and guests. Natural lighting is a strong feature along with contemporary furniture and fixings.
Facility overview

- Purpose-built squash complex incorporating a gym
- 6 x glass-back courts with ASB walls and fully sprung floors
- Ability to move the internal walls on 3 courts to create 2 full-sized doubles courts)
- Dedicated exhibition court and re-locatable gallery seating allowing up to 250 spectators
- Shared gym facilities (with Tauranga Boys College) adjacent to squash facilities
- On-site fully equipped pro-shop stocking squash equipment
- 150m2 fully enclosed deck leading through large sliding doors into social area
- Central office, bar and café area can be managed by one person
- Members have electronic tag access to playing facilities
- Court access managed by online booking system through any device

The membership and participation numbers have grown significantly since the centre was first opened in 2011 from 220 to 600 now. This growth as meant that the club has had to introduce a waiting list policy because of the demand.

With the Rolleston College second campus development currently on hold and under review, there is an opportunity to reach out to Education New Zealand (Mō mātou) to discuss a partnership between Squash NZ, Squash Canterbury, Rolleston College-Horoeka Haemata, Lincoln University, and Selwyn District Council.

5. Summary

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the Selwyn District Council Long-term Plan 2024-2034. The proposal outlines the need for a new squash facility in Rolleston to address the growing demand for squash courts in the community. Despite the increasing popularity of squash, current facilities do not meet the needs of residents in the greater Selwyn District and particularly Rolleston.

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The 2022 Squash New Zealand Facilities Strategy identifies the need to for provide squash courts for the growing population of Selwyn and Rolleston as one of its top national priorities. This along with the rising interest in squash, the multicultural demographics of Rolleston, and the associated social and health benefits to the community and its youth provide a compelling case for the development of additional squash provision in the District.

So far, we have identified two potential options for development in Rolleston; a new multisport squash and recreation facility adjacent to the Rolleston Community Centre, and a new squash facility at Rolleston College (Horoeka Haemata). Further planning and investigation will be required to identify additional options and the preferred option. We anticipate a series of consultations and collaboration with local Iwi and stakeholders will inform the design process, ensuring the facility meets diverse community needs and fosters a sense of ownership and engagement.

It is likely that the best option would be designed to accommodate various activities beyond squash, maximizing its utility and appeal to a broad audience, including other sports, fitness classes, social events, and educational programs. Given the costs, we recognize this will take a funding partnership that would likely involve a combination of council investment, community fundraising efforts, and potential partnerships with private investors, sports organizations and government grant. The ideal timeline for development would be as soon a practical but 4-5 years is more likely.

The development of a new squash facility in Rolleston represents a strategic investment in the health, well-being, and vitality of the community. We urge the Selwyn District Council to support this proposal and allocate the necessary resources for beginning the formal planning and consultation processes and to partner with Squash NZ, Squash Canterbury and the local squash community to see it through to a successful conclusion.

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

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Prefered method of contact Email

Do you wish to attend a Council hearing to present your feedback in person?

◉ Yes

○ I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Additional requirements for hearing:

Feedback

Other comments

You can provide comments on any other matters in our draft Long-Term Plan, including the projects in the Keeping Your Community Informed section on pages 44-51 of the consultation document.

You can read the specific pages in the consultation document by clicking here.

Please provide your comments in the box below.

The Canterbury Track Cycling Club requests that the Council consider including the development of a track cycling facility within its future recreation and sport park developments (as part of planning for further community facilities and infrastructure). Club members have completed an independent feasibility study over the past couple of years to identify what would be best to replace the aging outdoor velodrome at Denton Park and support the ongoing need and development of this sporting opportunity for the residents of Waitaha. A copy of this study has been provided to staff in Selwyn District Council for their park planning consideration. Whilst this study investigated a covered cycle track facility there is also an option to build an outdoor track similar to what has occurred in Wanganui recently. This cost $2.5 million on an existing foundation. Planning for a co-location of services enables efficiencies to be achieved with common facilities needed by all park users such as power & water, parking, toilet, changing, storage and social spaces. Within a park there is potential to create a hub of opportunities to support cycling development from learn to ride, safe recreational

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pleasure and sporting aspirations. Within a covered track facility more than 4,000 m2 of indoor sport and recreation space could be used to serve other sport and recreation needs such as gymnastics, bowling, martial arts etc.

The club is motivated to engage with Council's planning team to create innovative solutions that support the diverse needs and aspirations of our communities.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at a public hearing in the council chambers?

Attached Documents

Link	File
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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

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- The Selwyn Huts should be listed as a history site on the District Plan.
- It pre-dates the 1900s so is an archaeological site under Heritage Pouhere Taonga Act

- All homes and all people should be protected. It's inhumane and disgusting to evict the Selwyn Huts residents from their home. Review the 15 year finite term and let us stay. This also helps preserve our kiwi history!!!

- It's unfair not to include Selwyn Huts on the District Wide Rate for water and sewer. Excluding a community in the district goes against the purpose of introducing the DWR in the first place. The legal opinion from Council's own lawyers have highlighted this. We should not be discriminated against and should be treated like everyone else in the district

- Replace the reticulation system. Council have been in charge of this since 1989 and dropped the ball by not doing any maintenance and upgrades over the last 35 years. Don't use your incompetence as an excuse to make us pay or to kick us out

Thankyou Robert Thomson

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Attached Documents

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

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Additional requirements for hearing:

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Link	File
	SDC LTP Submission

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22 April 2024

Te Taumutu Rūnanga submission on the Selwyn District Council Long Term Plan 2024-34

Ngāi Te Ruahikihiki ki Taumutu are the primary kaitiaki of the Te Waihora catchment. Their takiwā also extends to the wider Selwyn District. Te Taumutu Rūnanga ('Rūnanga') is the administrative council for the hapū. In this role, the Rūnanga has a responsibility to protect the natural resources, mahinga kia, and other values of the takiwā for the benefit of those people of Ngāi Tahu descent who have customary interests in the area.

Ko ngā hau ki ētahi wāhi, ko ngā kai ki Orariki

This whakataukī refers to the year round abundance of food that was available at Orariki, the pā of Te Ruahikihiki. Sadly today however, it does not reflect the current state and condition of our taiao (environment).

The Rūnanga welcomes the opportunity to submit as partners to the Selwyn District Council ('Council') Long Term Plan 2024 -2034 (LTP).

The Rūnanga acknowledges and appreciates the developing partnership relationship with Council and the work that has been undertaken with the Rūnanga during the development of this LTP.

The Rūnanga supports the proposed funding for the 'strengthened partnership with mana whenua'. We support the continuation of the Mana Whenua Representative on Council. Noting that this appointment should be funded through the democracy budget.

The Rūnanga shares the concerns of the Council around the increasing levels of nitrates in water sources and supports the funding proposed in the LTP to investigate the centralisation of some of the water on the plains to come from one low nitrate source. While Environment Canterbury is responsible for addressing nitrate contamination, the Rūnanga would expect to see the Council taking a strong and vocal stance with its concern around the impact of nitrates in our water.

The Rūnanga supports Council's One Water Strategy and the proposed funding of a wastewater project to Taumutu that will service Ng āti Moki Marae and Fishermans Point.

The Rūnanga notes the continued work on seeking chlorination exemptions and the listing of Taumutu as an area that could be considered for an exemption. We ask that the Rūnanga is involved at the beginning of any conversation that affects the Taumutu community.

The Rūnanga notes the Council's ambition for a cycle trail from Arthur's Pass to the east coast and asks to be involved with this kaupapa, especially the trail around Te Waihora.

The Rūnanga would like to highlight that Taumutu does not have kerbside collection, one of only 4% of the district that does not receive this service.



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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

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Do you wish to attend a Council hearing to present your feedback in person?

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Additional requirements for hearing:

Feedback

1. Public Transport

We're asking for your feedback on how Council should go forward with our public transport upgrades and programmes. In our region, Environment Canterbury provides public transport services (Metro buses) in the Greater Christchurch area. Selwyn District Council (like other local councils) is responsible for providing public transport infrastructure such as bus stops, shelters, and Park and Ride facilities.

You told us you want to see better access to public transport, particularly for our young and elderly residents.

So we want to hear from you - should we:

Delay building new Park and Ride facilities at Lincoln and Rolleston, and upgrading public transport infrastructure until the next Long-Term Plan when funding options might be more clear.

Project cost:
None
Estimated impact on rates:
To be determined
Funding:
To be determined

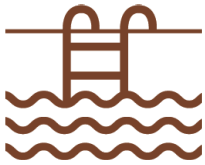
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Costs need to be kept down so I think a cheaper alternative should be considered for the Park and Rides. Keep it simple! In order to keep the costs down why not use gravel as the basis for the parking area rather than sealing it. Sealing could be considered down the track if needed, but those Wilsons car parks in the central city are gravel and are well used.

Matters for Community Guidance

We're looking for your guidance on a series of other decisions around the way we support our economy, invest in new technology and the future of the Sheffield Memorial Pool.

Sheffield Memorial Pool



The Sheffield Memorial Pool is used by less people than our other community pools and is 10 minutes' drive from the newly upgraded Darfield Pool. The pool will require $1 million in upgrades to keep open, or $290,000 to close. We're proposing to close the pool.

Do you support the closure of Sheffield Community Pool?

Yes

Any comments?

Unfortunately, whilst I like keeping communities together with such things, I think the pool needs to be closed because of the fact that SDC already has high borrowings and so we need to start saying no to things to help ratepayer pockets. 10 minutes is a very reasonable drive to Darfield - large parts of Selwyn have to drive a lot further.

Economic Development



We are proposing to play a more active role in our district's economic development. We have budgeted $9 million over 10 years to support the Economic Development Strategy that we have co-designed with Selwyn businesses.

Do you support the continued development of an economic development strategy?

No

Any comments?

SDC need to look at decreasing borrowings and not spending lots of money far and wide resulting in this constant high rate increases. One way to alternatively support our district's economic development without this budget is to just use local contractors wherever possible in all of the Council's other spending areas. Make that a policy that local Selwyn businesses and contractors must be used. Even if they may not be the cheapest option, that is one way of supporting Selwyn and we may even get a better deal in the long run - e.g. the cheapest tenders often result in budget over-runs and they come back asking for more money. Selwyn businesses will probably provide better support for their product too. Stand out by being the Council that looks after its local business this way.

Digital Solutions



We are proposing to explore the most effective technologies that could assist us to do our best work for the community. We've budgeted $1.3million a year to do this, with the costs to be reconfirmed through each annual plan as the work progresses.

Do you support the Council investing in better technology solutions to improve our services to the community?

Yes

Any comments?

I support this if it means that it will help save ratepayers money in the long run (perhaps it can result in a reduction in staff numbers?).

Policy Changes

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What is your view on the proposed changes to the Significance and Engagement Policy and financial policies outlined on pages 54-55 of the consultation document?

You can read the specific pages in the consultation document by clicking here.

Please provide your comments in the box below.

There is a mention of changing Revenue and Financing Policy to allow a provision for an annual CPI uplift. Does this mean on top of the other rate increases proposed to allow capex projects to go ahead? Ratepayers are lucky if their wages/salary increase by CPI to keep ahead of rising food costs, interest rates on mortgages…….if rates go up by CPI and another 8% or more it's going to get very difficult for families. If costs hit hard and families have to sell up and there becomes a surplus of homes on the market and people can't pay the rates on these homes it's going to get harder for SDC to actually get the cash in. Best to tighten up on project planned spend.

Development Contributions Policy – definitely include development contribution charge to assist with new community infrastructure requirements. Existing ratepayers cannot afford to fund these. The developers who are only planning these extra subdivisions to line their own pockets (and don't necessarily live in Selwyn themselves putting the money back into the economy or using Selwyn businesses) should have to contribute more out of the sale of their sections towards improving community facilities and infrastructure. It needs to be allowed to increase these more than CPI annually if needed with the rate of the cost of building etc going up. The time between receiving the development contribution and putting this towards payment of infrastructure (or debt) needs to be considered when setting the development contribution charge. It needs to cover the cost of infrastructure plus interest charge if it is more likely it will be used to reduce debt used for infrastructure.

Other comments

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Water – Selwyn District Council has a duty of care to the people of Selwyn and need to listen to this and push back to Government – not just do as the Government says. Chlorine should be removed and hopefully the new Government will change Taumata Arowai and mean that smart meters would not be required. If fluoridation for Selwyn is proposed by Central Government then Selwyn needs to consult with its residents and push back to Central Government. People can get chloride or fluorine tablets if they need it, but our water pre-chlorination did not cause any issues.

Lincoln Town Centre Plan – with the costs now being estimated at more than double the initial costing, serious changes to save money need to be considered. A safer route is need for cyclists, but why not just have one cycleway (with cyclists going both ways on it) instead of two cycleways. Keep the angle car parks in front of the shops (butcher, fish and chip shop etc) as they are great for the businesses (I think the plan suggests they stay but just mentioning it in case). People often use these parks just to pull into for a 5/10 minute stop and then they can safely back out, check the traffic and pull out. If people have to go and search for a car park in designated car park areas it is more likely that those little shops will lose business. Also those designated car parks will get full with staff and library visitors. Could leave these car parks as gravel like the Wilsons car parks in the central city (save money by

not sealing them).

In Lincoln we do need intersection upgrades to assist cars, cyclists and pedestrians. Agree this should be at the current roundabout at Springs Rd/Gerald St, West Belt/Gerald St and Edward St/James St. If this is through traffic lights at Springs Rd/Gerald St and West Belt/Gerlad St then there may not be a need for anything at Vernon Dr/Gerald St as the traffic lights could be synced to allow gaps in traffic? Or if roundabouts are cheaper at the four intersections and can be made in a cost saving manner that allows visibility all around (so nothing in the middle of the roundabout that causes visual impairment. Since this Town Centre Plan, PC69 (and possibly other Plan Changes) have been approved so there will be more cars/cyclists/pedestrians in Lincoln.

Arthurs Pass cycleway – don't do this and don't spend anything more on feasibility costs. Put this money into more important matters as we can't have our rates skyrocketing.

Council Offices – the entranceway looks absolutely fine as it is – save money and don't change it! It is also disappointing that the offices are not that old and you are already talking about adding more meeting room space and office space. Does this suggest staff numbers have gone up a lot more than planned if more office space is needed (to save costs do staff requirements need looking at). Meeting rooms; if needed use Te Ara Atea (the new library complex).

Community Funding and Recreation Funding – to help keep rates down such funding needs to be looked at. Community groups and individuals can look to do their own fundraising or get corporate sponsorship rather than applying to council. There are so many different sports options that different people enjoy so how on earth does the council expect to fund all of these? It's not inclusive to just pick and choose certain sports options to allow for in facilities. Help community groups by offering free hire of rooms/venues owned by council (rather than just giving them funding). When groups are needing to organise traffic management, train them! The council can pay for/run the required H&S courses periodically for community groups to send volunteers along to. This could help out sporting groups too (e.g. cycling groups).

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The Council needs to seriously consider spending in the area of flooding and work with ECan. The rivers need to be kept clean and dredged of weeds and silt and Lake Ellesmere (Te Waihora) needs to be opened as much as possible when required since the strong southerlies close it. Work (and rates) need to be put into flood prevention and into supporting residents if flooding occurs – make sure civil defence and emergency groups are ready for action. This is another reason for saving money in many other areas - if a flooding event or other nature disaster occurs the Council is going to need funds. We cannot afford to go into more debt.

SDC have to look at what is needed rather than what is a 'nice-to-have' for this current Long Term Plan. Keep it simple to keep the costs down and our rates down. Consider the core areas of the Council and what Councils of years ago focused on. Councils now seem to be trying to keep everybody happy by providing a much wider range of services than ever before. Ratepayers cannot afford this.

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Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$42.01
Funding:
Rates: 80.5%
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2024/25
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> Need to consider impact on rates with all these projects so best to keep things simple. I understand that repairing the old one only provides a limited time option, hence next best option is the simplified design that is a long term option. Allow for landscaping to be done by the community or community groups (to reduce cost) and keep the interior fittings simple and low cost. If possible use local contractors so that our rates go into keeping local Selwyn business alive. Also why not use second hand materials and fit-outs as much as possible to keep costs down but also to be sustainable?

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

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As stated in the Supproting Document

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Carry out the landscape improvements to extend the playing fields; replace and upgrade the playground

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equipment, footpaths, toilet block, lighting and irrigation; and seal the carpark.

Project cost:
Years 1-10: $3.4m
Estimated impact on rates :
Included in current rates
Funding:
Rates: 71.4%
Development contributions: 28.6% *

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Ellesmere Heritage Park Trust

1618 Leeston Road

Submission to the Selwyn District Council Long Term Plan 2024

Comments on:

1. **Update of activities at the museum site (Selwyn Heritage Centre)**
2. **Funding challenges**
3. **Selwyn Strategic Heritage Plan (2023-27)**

Update on activities at the museum site (Selwyn Heritage Centre)

The Ellesmere Heritage Park Trust (The Trust) are developing a Museum on Council land at 1618 Leeston Road (the ex Ellesmere County Council & Sicon works yard) the property is now known as 'The Selwyn Heritage Centre'

The Trust have a memorandum of understanding with the Ellesmere Historical Society who have a new Archival Storage facility and research room within the main building, the two organisations work well together.

The Trust has made significant developments to the Heritage displays at the Centre with an 1870's Cottage and 1870's Gaol as part of the exterior area, and featured displays within the main building at the site.

Further consented Historic buildings are being prepared for display during the next year, A very early and significant weather board shed , 'Drumroslyn Shed' has been shifted on site awaiting imminent foundations to be put in place, this building has been recognised by staff from Heritage New Zealand & an Archaeological company as a significant example of its type being made of a combination of imported & local timbers and shingles.

An 1880's Cottage on Council land at 7 Leeston and Lake Road is also to be shifted on site to foundations which will be completed soon, this has the significance that it had a Saddlery business lean-to attached to it from its beginning up to 1925, this lean-to is to be rebuilt onto the cottage once shifted to the site so as to display the actual machines and tools that were used in it in the late 1800s

The Trust has over 9000 Historic articles either on display or in storage on site that have been offered or collected. This is a major contribution to the ability to showcase the Districts Heritage and its History.
A few of these articles have been part of the displays at Te Ara Atea along with others in the district.
Council should be pleased that these articles are available from the various organised groups who are passionate of the districts heritage.

Funding challenges

While the trust is gratefully assisted by Council through the Community History fund to be able to pay for operational expenses, these have had significant increases in the past two to three years.

Rates, as you understand are increasing – with another major rise this coming year.
Insurance for the buildings, through the Council insurance scheme,
have gone from $6,000 3 years ago to $13,000 this current year .

Office costs (phone/internet/power) are required to document our collection within the eHive network.

Consumables for archival recording & labelling are always needed to do our work.

We are now looking at annual operating costs of $20,000

These costs have become untenable with the level of funding available through the Community History Fund

The Trust regularly applies for funding from lenders during major projects and has received grateful assistance from organisations such as Rata Foundation, Ellesmere Lions etc.
Local business organisations have been significantly helpful with materials and time when required, however we cannot continue to keep relying on their generosity.

Consenting costs for our projects to save our history have been a major expense.

As a guide of total funds required for building preservation and restoration projects, the Carrol Cottage project, which a number of Councillors and Staff have visited, cost in the region of $120,000 to complete.
This shows the level of commitment and passion the Trust has to preserve history.

The Trust continues to organise raffles and other self-motivated funding streams to be able to continue with our passion to 'show off' our history to rate payers and visitors alike. Increasing costs are making this more and more frustratingly difficult.

Selwyn Strategic Heritage Plan (2023-27) (The Plan)

During the investigations of the Plan, Nicola Sutton recognised the challenges faced by the Trust with being able to fund the on-going works required to produce a Professional Museum to the District.

Goal 1.6 – Options for the Selwyn Heritage ~~Park~~ Centre lease are understood and inform next steps
Actions 1.6.1 of the Adopted Plan – Look into the lease arrangements for the Selwyn Heritage ~~Park~~ Centre to understand if there are options for enabling arrangements that better support the (park's) centre's ability to attract funding for developments (2023-24)

The Trust would welcome a meeting with the appropriate staff members with regard to the Goal and Actions above as mentioned in The Plan

The trust promoted the suggestion of Council striking a $20 District Wide Rate to fund all of the groups in the Heritage & History sector. This was to be discussed as part of the 2024 – 2034 LTP and informed by Council, the Trust is one of the group that would benefit from this proposal.

The Trust has plans to develop the main building of the Selwyn Heritage Centre, but to keep our collection safe, we must ensure the temperature and moisture levels are kept within a required range. The building is currently not fit for purpose and will require a substantial sum to complete this development. We will go to funding providers where we hope to receive some of the funds, but believe the Selwyn District Council has a commitment to the community to preserve history and culture for future generations and therefore should provide a significant level of funding towards this project

The support we have received from the local community has been incredible, but in order to complete this major District Museum Project,
we need Council commitment to it. If funding levels of other major projects of this Long Term Plan reduce significantly, please commit to this project.

For the Ellesmere Heritage Park Trust

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Estimated impact on rates:
To be determined
Funding:
To be determined

Please add any comments you may have

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Do not build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield.

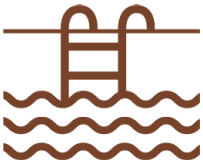
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Estimated impact on rates (per year):
None
Funding:
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Matters for Community Guidance

We're looking for your guidance on a series of other decisions around the way we support our economy, invest in new technology and the future of the Sheffield Memorial Pool.

Sheffield Memorial Pool



The Sheffield Memorial Pool is used by less people than our other community pools and is 10 minutes' drive from the newly upgraded Darfield Pool. The pool will require $1 million in upgrades to keep open, or $290,000 to close. We're proposing to close the pool.

Do you support the closure of Sheffield Community Pool?

Any comments?

Economic Development



We are proposing to play a more active role in our district's economic development. We have budgeted $9 million over 10 years to support the Economic Development Strategy that we have co-designed with Selwyn businesses.

Do you support the continued development of an economic development strategy?

Any comments?

Digital Solutions



We are proposing to explore the most effective technologies that could assist us to do our best work for the community. We've budgeted $1.3million a year to do this, with the costs to be reconfirmed through each annual plan as the work progresses.

Do you support the Council investing in better technology solutions to improve our services to the community?

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No
Any comments?

Policy Changes

What is your view on the proposed changes to the Significance and Engagement Policy and financial policies outlined on pages 54-55 of the consultation document?

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so that it can continue to be used for a limited time instead. *The existing building is earthquake prone and will likely need further significant upgrades to be used from 2035 onwards.*

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Should there be a Selwyn District Council presence inPrebbleton, the third largest township of Selwyn?

If you believe there should be, then where would the best location/s be?



Eastern Selwyn Community Spaces Plan

14 September 2016

This 2016 report talks about the importance of Community Spaces or Hubs.

The report states:- "To be effective Community Spaces need to embody'Community Development' in its entirety and be located 'Where the People Are', as well as being accessible, well designed and equipped, plus be social and activated to cater for the spectrum of community users".

A later report: - **Prebbleton Facility Needs Assessment GLG Report 2019**

states that there is a need for:- "A community facility that can be used by all for a range of different functions, with a clear intergenerational focus and the inclusion of some specialised spaces."

It also states that the building needs to be :-"Accessible for all to get to and use (walkability is really important)" and also as a Location "Where it can function as a community focal point and help support the future heart of Prebbleton" and needs "Ease of access, visibility and central location"

I believe that the Long Term Goal of Prebbleton should be to have a Community Hub close to the main street where people are; and in easy walking distance for residents (including Bupa & Somerset Rest Homes and Prebbleton Primary School children).

Youth need to also be catered for as there is no High School in Prebbleton.

It should also have indoor / outdoor spaces so residents can informally 'drop in' and socialise with others without the need to book.

It would be a place where anyone can go to enjoy the programmes which are listed in the 'What's On in Selwyn' quarterly magazine under the Libraries Programmes.

Libraries Programmes

SELWYNLIBRARIES SELWYNLIBRARIES.CO.NZ

These programmes are held at Darfield, Leeston and Lincoln Libraries and Service Centres and Te Ara Ātea. All are free, casual sessions, with no bookings required unless stated otherwise.

We are an official learning destination for Te Mātāpuna Mātātahi/Children's University. Look out for this logo in the guide and visit selwynlibraries.co.nz or canterbury.ac.nz/childrensuniversity for more information.

Adults Book Club

Book discussion groups are a fun and popular way to expand your reading subjects, meet people in your area and share your thoughts and ideas about reading.

Board Games

Love board games? Head along to our libraries to play a variety of exciting games. All ages welcome.

Children's Book Club

Share your latest reading adventures, check out the newest book arrivals, participate in an activity, and have a snack. 5–11 years.

Coding Club

Join our weekly Coding Club sessions for some hands-on coding and problem solving at Te Ara Ātea. Perfect for 9–13 years. Bookings required.

Device Drop-In: Tech Help

Our weekly device drop-in sessions are informal support groups to help you familiarise yourself with your digital device. Whether it's a tablet or mobile phone, someone will be able to help you with the basics.

Digi Hour

Do you have a passion for technology and creativity? Then we invite you to join our afterschool Digi Hour! Each week, we will delve into our library devices exploring various apps, including digital drawing and creating captivating mini-movies with stop-motion animation and more. This session offers a wonderful opportunity to enhance your skills and unleash your imagination! 8+ years. Bookings required.

English Learners

Join us at Te Ara Ātea and Lincoln Library to improve your everyday English language skills and confidence in a casual and social setting. Sessions are focused on the needs of learners — so no two classes are the same.

Genealogy Group

Whether you're new to searching family history or you're an experienced researcher looking for like-minded people, come along to our monthly drop-in Genealogy Group sessions facilitated by the Selwyn Central Historical and Genealogical Group. Learn about a new topic each month or just enjoy the company.

Homework Hangout

Are you struggling to find the right resources for a school project or assignment? Drop in and get some support from your friendly librarian, who can help you find the best information for your project. 10+ years.

JP Clinics

Visit our libraries and drop-in for a free Justice of the Peace clinic at Te Ara Ātea, Lincoln and Darfield Libraries.

LEGO® Advanced

Calling all LEGO® masters! These sessions are perfect for those who love a challenge and will make regular use of our LEGO® Education Spike Prime and BricQ Motion sets. Suitable for ages 9 years and over. Bookings required.

LEGO® Time

Come along to your local library as we bring out our LEGO® collection for you to explore and let your creativity flow. Children under 8 years must be accompanied by an adult.

Rhymetimes

Giggle and wriggle with our stories, songs, rhymes and bubbles. These Rhymetimes sessions are designed to assist with early language development while having a great time! Suitable for 1–3 year olds.

Sensory Babytimes

Share interactive songs, stories, sensory boards and bubbles. These sessions are designed to help cultivate early language and literacy, and support the development of motor skills from birth to 1 year.

Storytimes

Enjoy the magic of stories, activities and songs with our preschool Storytimes sessions. Share the joy of reading and make new friends. Aimed at 3–5 years.

Selwyn Women's Empowerment Network

Make new connections and enhance your social circle. Gain inspiration, support, and empowerment from other women within the Selwyn community.

Virtual Reality (VR) Drop-in Sessions

Join a session to test out our VR headsets. Kayak with the penguins in Antarctica, fly to the International Space Station and experience zero-gravity, complete our Beat Saber challenge, or even tour Anne Frank's house. Suitable for ages 13 and over.

Whānau Connect and Chat

This session is perfect for those who are looking for an opportunity to connect with other parents, supporters, and caregivers in a safe child-friendly environment.
Tea and coffee provided.

Writers' Groups

Writers from all genres and experience — published and non-published — are invited to share their work in a friendly and non-judgemental environment at Lincoln Library.

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So, land needs to be either purchased, acquired, or retained for this purpose.

The land and location should be tagged now.

The build or reconstruction could be at a later date and be possibly a collaborative project with the local community.

The Community Recreational Hub could then be located at the Domain or Kakaha Park where a new Community Recreational Centre similar to West Melton Community and Recreation Centre could be built ASAP.

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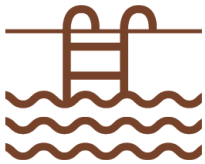
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$19.91
Funding:
Rates: 57%
Development contributions: 43% *

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Do you support the closure of Sheffield Community Pool?

No
Any comments?

Economic Development

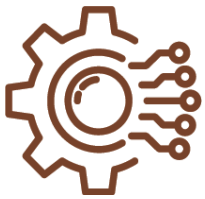


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No
Any comments?

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Yes
Any comments?

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Build Whata Rau next to Leeston Park using a more standard design that can be easily repeated for other buildings. This building would have the same sized floor space as option 2 and include a cultural narrative in the design.

Project cost:
Year 1: 15.21m
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$42.01
Funding:
Rates: 80.5%
Development contributions: 19.5% *
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Please add any comments you may have

2b. Leeston Park improvements

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We want to hear from you - should we:

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Do nothing. Use the existing park facilities and remove or replace old and unsafe items in the park.

Project cost:
Year 1: $143,000
Estimated impact on rates:
Included in our current rates
Funding:
Rates: 100%

Please add any comments you may have

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
First name: [REDACTED] **Last name:** [REDACTED]

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Prefered method of contact Email

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So we want to hear from you - should we:

Delay building new Park and Ride facilities at Lincoln and Rolleston, and upgrading public transport infrastructure until the next Long-Term Plan when funding options might be more clear.

Project cost:
None
Estimated impact on rates:
To be determined
Funding:
To be determined

Please add any comments you may have

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Do not build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield.

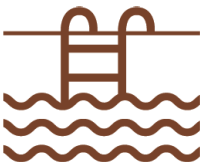
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Any comments?

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selwyn huts , if residents pay 30% of pipeline they can stay 30 years (6 lots of 5 years)and then look at gobal warming effects on there homes..

look after all people in your area.....be fair to all rate payers, theres people who wish to live there life out there with a home they put alot of love, savings and care into.

Council have know about sewer update being needed since 1989 and have left it till consent is lapsing then tell home owners to pay for it, you could have planned better and been saving over those many years for the future sewer requirements. the home owners have in last 120 years had there rights/lease renewed without a end date, why put a end date on this time different from last 24 times ..... be fair ....moral ....understanding

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Do not build Whata Rau. Carry out necessary repairs to the existing Leeston Library & Service Centre building so that it can continue to be used for a limited time instead. *The existing building is earthquake prone and will*

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likely need further significant upgrades to be used from 2035 onwards.

Project cost:
Year 1: $3.05m
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$10.46
Funding:
Rates: 100%

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Project cost:
Year 1: $143,000
Estimated impact on rates:
Included in our current rates
Funding:
Rates: 100%

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
First name: Roz **Last name:** Scobie

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Estimated impact on rates:
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Funding:
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Funding:
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Submission Date: 02/05/2024
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So we want to hear from you - should we:

Build three new Park and Ride facilities at Lincoln and Rolleston, and upgrade public transport infrastructure, without NZTA Waka Kotahi co-funding.

Project cost:
Years 1–3: $4.2 million
Years 4–10: $11.6 million
Estimated impact on rates:
Years 1–3: $14.41
Years 4–10: $39.83
Funding:
Rates: 100%

Please add any comments you may have

It is quite possible central government will not fund these improvements and park and ride seems to be the best way to service a large area without buses needing to travel extended routes.

Please also include cycle storage facilities for those that do not want a motor vehicle stored all day. There is some pressure to have cycle facilities that are protected from rain partly because women are put off by wet seats. Experienced women cyclists use a shower cap for keeping their seat dry or covering a wet seat so somewhere to safely lock a bike is maybe all that is required. Cycling up to 3 kilometres to a bus is not onerous so does allow a central bus stop to service a lrge part of the towns they are proposed for.

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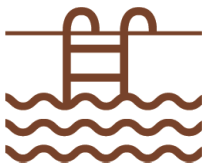
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These types of facilities are essential to enable people to have active lifestyles. Active lifestyles make a big difference to personal health so are part of the long term improvements in health we should be striving for.

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Yes

Any comments?

The policy seems to be targetting innovative businesses. There is a place for businesses that are not busy innovating but just carrying out essential services so do not just look at cutting edge businesses.

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Any comments?

Policy Changes

What is your view on the proposed changes to the Significance and Engagement Policy and financial policies outlined on pages 54-55 of the consultation document?

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Please provide your comments in the box below.

The revision of the Development Contributions Policy is a good idea. It has been reported that each new house inherits close to $100,000 of infrastructure so this should be paid for.

The Climate change policy review is also relevant as this is a fast changing area.

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The study into additional public transport routes is a good idea.

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Selwyn district is quite unique in New Zealand because it has a number of small towns all in quite close proximity to each other more like what is seen in Europe, Cycling infrastructure between these towns is desirable from both a recreational and commuting perspective. However, recent cycle paths seem to have been installed with limited community involvement. An example in Manion Road. It was cheap to send cyclists along a wide, under used road but it has no connectivity. Putting the service along Jones Road would have connected the NZMCA caravan park and a number of residences to the cycle network. The NZMCA site is one of the busiest in the country and a number of guests will have cycles available and would enjoy a protected ride to Rolleston for groceries or coffee.

Also, if you want to encourage more cycling please consider the road surfaces being used. North Belt adjacent to Lincoln Primary and High Schools has recently been resealed but is very hard on the posteriors of cyclists. Springs Road from Robinsons Rd to Tancreds Road is another.

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Carry out the landscape improvements to extend the playing fields; replace and upgrade the playground equipment, footpaths, toilet block, lighting and irrigation; and seal the carpark.

Project cost:
Years 1-10: $3.4m
Estimated impact on rates :
Included in current rates
Funding:
Rates: 71.4%
Development contributions: 28.6% *

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Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
First name: Colin **Last name:** Heinz

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Brake Hill in Arthur's Pass is a narrow road with a deep ditch right on its western berm. Due to the limited parking space at the end of this no exit road and the slight curve near the end of this road vehicles may have to back down it and a fee has ended up stuck that ditch. In one case a tow truck had to come from Darfield to extract it.

I support other submissions to the Long Plan Term to include putting a pipe with a series of gratings in this ditch to make this unlit road safer to drive on.

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
First name: Chris **Last name:** Roberts

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Organisation: Ellesmere ArcheryClub

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Do not build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield.

Project cost:
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Estimated impact on rates (per year):
None
Funding:
None

Please add any comments you may have
We support the Leeston Community in their submission to the long term plan

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We support the submission of the Doyleston Community Committee in their submission regarding management of Osborne Park

We are also submitting for the Ellesmere Archery Club to build an indoor range at Osborne Park

Ellesmere Archery Club Submission

The Ellesmere Archery Club have been operating our outdoor range at Osborne Park since 2016. During this time we have had an excellent relationship with both the council and the Doyleston Community Committee. During this time we have grown as a club, to a point where we have 36 club members and a number of casual archers each week.

Our indoor range is currently located at Southbridge Domain so this causes issues with room as it can only comfortably accommodate between 12 and 16 archers.

Although the building is structurally sound there are issues around it 's location as we have to transport our equipment between both locations, as well as Southbridge wanting to expand the parking area, so we would like to have alternative indoor arrangements within the next 3 to 5 years.

Our Submission

Our submission is that we lease a portion of Osborne Park close to the hall at a minimal rental to build a new indoor

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range. Our proposal is to dismantle a 12.6 x21m building on the land obtained by Selwyn District Council for the development of a district park in Levi Rd and relocate it to Osborne Park. This building would be extended to approximately 40m, have a concrete floor and a number of roller doors down the side to allow access if community organisations or clubs wish to make use of the building. The side of the building facing the park would have new iron on it, with the original iron being used on the fence side of the extension. We wish to ask the council for a contribution to the costs of dismantling the building and relocating to Osborne Park and fund raise the required amount of money to extend the building to approximately 12.6m x 40m as per the attached drawings. This size building will allow us to accommodate a majority of our members, and there will be no need to transport our equipment. We would also like to have the council provide seed funding towards the cost of the extension and to obtain this, are happy to forgo the upgrade to the lights at Osborne Park which we applied for through the Doyleston Community Committee 3 years ago, as long as this is not to the detriment of any other users of the park.

Conclusion

As well as assisting our club to grow, we feel this will be beneficial to the community by providing additional facilities for community which are unable to be accommodated by existing or proposed new facilities. This will allow us to run things like Have a Go days in any weather conditions as well as other groups we work with such as the Defence Force Invictus Games Team.

This proposal is a win for the council, Doyleston and Southbridge, as it assists the council by removal of a building with minimal demolition costs, it creates a modern Archery facility at Doyleston as well as expanding the opportunities for community use at Osborne Park, and also assists Southbridge by allowing demolition of our current indoor range to allow more parking as Southbridge adds its new court areas.

We also support the Doyleston Community Committee in their submission regarding management of Osborne Park

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Our indoor range is currently located at Southbridge Domain so this causes issues with room as it can only comfortably accommodate between 12 and 16 archers.

Although the building is structurally sound there are issues around it 's location as we have to transport our equipment between both locations, as well as Southbridge wanting to expand the parking area, so we would like to have alternative indoor arrangements within the next 3 to 5 years.

Our Submission

Our submission is that we lease a portion of Osborne Park close to the hall at a minimal rental to build a new indoor range. Our proposal is to dismantle a 12.6 x21m building on the land obtained by Selwyn District Council for the development of a district park in Levi Rd and relocate it to Osborne Park. This building would be extended to approximately 40m, have a concrete floor and a number of roller doors down the side to allow access if community organisations or clubs wish to make use of the building. The side of the building facing the park would have new iron on it, with the original iron being used on the fence side of the extension. We wish to ask the council for a contribution to the costs of dismantling the building and relocating to Osborne Park and fund raise the required amount of money to extend the building to approximately 12.6m x 40m as per the attached drawings. This size building will allow us to accommodate a majority of our members, and there will be no need to transport our equipment. We would also like to have the council provide seed funding towards the cost of the extension and to obtain this, are happy to forgo the upgrade to the lights at Osborne Park which we applied for through the Doyleston Community Committee 3 years ago, as long as this is not to the detriment of any other users of the park.

Conclusion

As well as assisting our club to grow, we feel this will be beneficial to the community by providing additional facilities for community which are unable to be accommodated by existing or proposed new facilities. This will allow us to run things like Have a Go days in any weather conditions as well as other groups we work with such as the Defence Force Invictus Games Team.

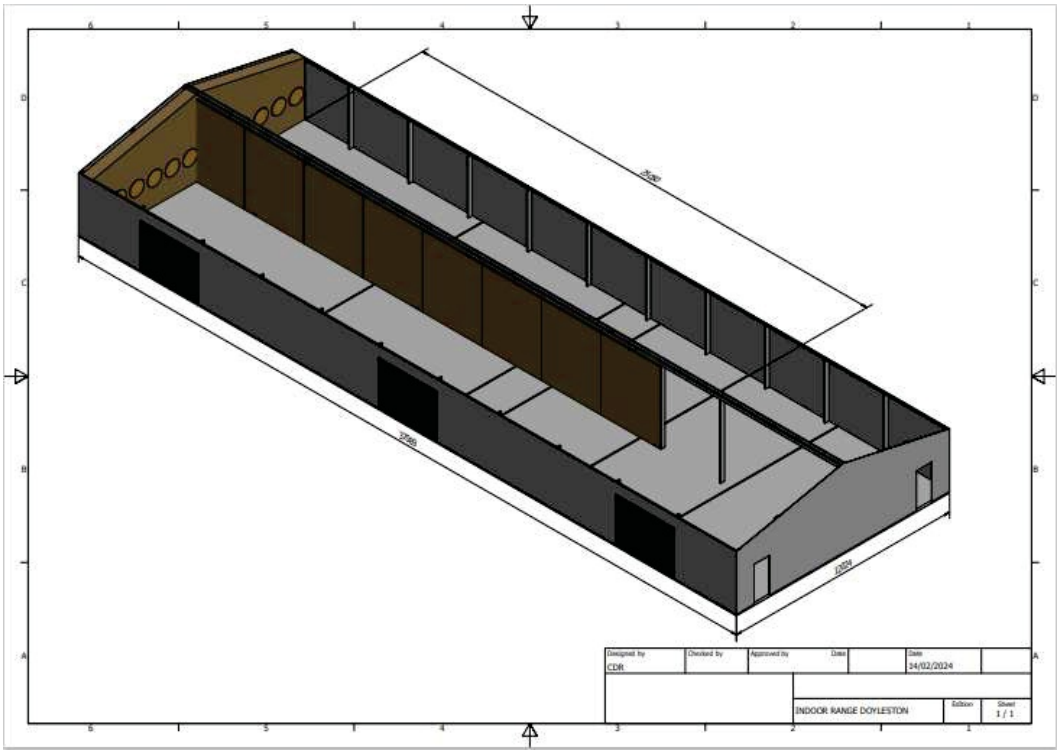
This proposal is a win for the council, Doyleston and Southbridge, as it assists the council by removal of a building with minimal demolition costs, it creates a modern Archery facility at Doyleston as well as expanding the opportunities for community use at Osborne Park, and also assists Southbridge by allowing demolition of our current indoor range to allow more parking as Southbridge adds its new court areas.

We also support the Doyleston Community Committee in their submission regarding management of Osborne Park



Proposed Location Indoor Range

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Proposed Indoor Range

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

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Do you wish to attend a Council hearing to present your feedback in person?

○ Yes

◉ I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Feedback

1. Public Transport

We're asking for your feedback on how Council should go forward with our public transport upgrades and programmes. In our region, Environment Canterbury provides public transport services (Metro buses) in the Greater Christchurch area. Selwyn District Council (like other local councils) is responsible for providing public transport infrastructure such as bus stops, shelters, and Park and Ride facilities.

You told us you want to see better access to public transport, particularly for our young and elderly residents.

So we want to hear from you - should we:

Build three new Park and Ride facilities at Lincoln and Rolleston, and upgrade public transport infrastructure, but only if Council receives co-funding from NZTA Waka Kotahi.

Project cost:
Years 1–3: $4.2 million
Years 4–10: $11.6 million
Estimated impact on rates:
Years 1–3: $7.06
Years 4–10: $19.52
Funding:
Rates: 49%
NZTA Waka Kotahi: 51%

Our budgeted option

Please add any comments you may have

See supporting document for further comment.

3. Malvern Recreation and Sports Facility

Malvern has no indoor sports courts and demand for these is increasing rapidly. We're planning to build a new recreation and sports facility to meet that demand. It would be developed alongside existing and future facilities in the area to create a central hub for Malvern.

We want to hear from you - should we:

**Development contributions are collected as developments get underway. This means funds are not always available when a project starts. In the beginning, a project will be loan funded and when development contributions are paid to Council, they are used to help pay back the loan. Impact on rates for options 2 and 3 take into account development contributions. Development contributions do not apply to option 1.*

Build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield that includes one indoor court.

Project cost:
Year 3: $7.07 million (minus $1.10 million already included in the last Long-Term Plan. Total left to fund is $5.97 million)
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$11.67
Funding:
Rates: 57%
Development contributions: 43% *

Our
budgeted
option

Please add any comments you may have

NPHS Te Waipounamu supports either Option 2 or 3 to build a community recreation and sport facility at Darfield. The final size and budget should be determined based on community needs.

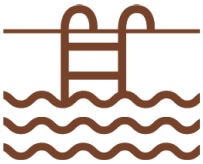
See supporting document for further comment.

Matters for Community Guidance

We're looking for your guidance on a series of other decisions around the way we support our economy, invest in new technology and the future of the Sheffield Memorial Pool.

Sheffield Memorial Pool

The Sheffield Memorial Pool is used by less people than our other community pools and is 10 minutes' drive from the newly upgraded Darfield Pool. The pool will require $1 million in upgrades to keep open, or $290,000 to close. We're proposing to close the pool.



Do you support the closure of Sheffield Community Pool?

Yes
Any comments?

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See supporting document for further comment.

Economic Development



We are proposing to play a more active role in our district's economic development. We have budgeted $9 million over 10 years to support the Economic Development Strategy that we have co-designed with Selwyn businesses.

Do you support the continued development of an economic development strategy?

Any comments?

Digital Solutions



We are proposing to explore the most effective technologies that could assist us to do our best work for the community. We've budgeted $1.3million a year to do this, with the costs to be reconfirmed through each annual plan as the work progresses.

Do you support the Council investing in better technology solutions to improve our services to the community?

Yes

Any comments?

See supporting document for further comment.

Other comments

You can provide comments on any other matters in our draft Long-Term Plan, including the projects in the Keeping Your Community Informed section on pages 44-51 of the consultation document.

You can read the specific pages in the consultation document by clicking here.

Please provide your comments in the box below.

See supporting document for further comment.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at a public hearing in the council chambers?

2. Waihora Whata Rau - community facility and reserves upgrade Leeston

After consulting with the community, in the last Long-Term Plan we proposed a new community facility for Leeston, called Whata Rau, which would be built alongside the park, providing a 'hub' for Ellesmere where residents can gather, play, and learn.

2a. Whata Rau - new community facility

After consulting with Ellesmere residents during the last Long-Term Plan, we agreed to build a new library and community centre called Whata Rau, next to Leeston Park. This project would provide more community spaces

that are needed in the area, and provide a solution for the existing Leeston library and service centre: the current facility is earthquake prone and needs significant repairs or to be replaced.

Increased construction costs and land remediation issues mean the costs to build Whata Rau have increased. Given this new information we want to hear from you - should we:

**Development contributions are collected as developments get underway. This means funds are not always available when a project starts. In the beginning, a project will be loan funded and when development contributions are paid to Council, they are used to help pay back the loan. Impact on rates for options 2, 3 and 4 take into account development contributions. Development contributions do not apply to option 1.*

Build Whata Rau next to Leeston Park as agreed in our 2021-31 Long-Term Plan and using the current design and layout planned to meet the needs identified by the community. The facility would include a library, council service centre and community centre.

Project cost:
Year 1: $16.01m
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$44.22
Funding:
Rates: 80.5%
Development contributions: 19.5% *
2024/25
2025/26
2026/27
2027/28
2028/29
2029/30
2030/31
2031/32
2032/33
2033/34

Our budgeted option

Please add any comments you may have

See supporting document for further comment.

2b. Leeston Park improvements

We planned to upgrade Leeston Park as part of the project to build a new community facility. Since agreeing to do that, we have completed a master plan for redeveloping the park over the next 15 years.

We want to hear from you - should we:

**Development contributions are collected as developments get underway. This means funds are not always available when a project starts. In the beginning, a project will be loan funded and when development contributions are paid to Council, they are used to help pay back the loan. Impact on rates for options 2 and 3 take into account development contributions. Development contributions do not apply to option 1.*

Carry out the landscape improvements to extend the playing fields; replace and upgrade the playground

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equipment, footpaths, toilet block, lighting and irrigation; and seal the carpark.

Project cost:
Years 1-10: $3.4m
Estimated impact on rates :
Included in current rates
Funding:
Rates: 71.4%
Development contributions: 28.6% *

Our
budgeted
option

Please add any comments you may have

See supporting document for further comment.

Attached Documents

Link	File
	SelwynLTPSubmissionFINAL240501

Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora

2 May 2024

Selwyn District Council
2 Norman Kirk Drive
Rolleston 7643

Tēnā koutou,

Submission on the Draft Long Term Plan 2024-2034

1. Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the Draft Selwyn Long Term Plan 2024-2034. This submission has been compiled on behalf of the National Public Health Service (NPHS) Te Waipounamu, Health New Zealand, Te Whatu Ora. NPHS Te Waipounamu services the South Island including Waikirikiri Selwyn.

2. NPHS Te Waipounamu recognises its responsibilities to improve, promote and protect the health of people and communities of Aotearoa New Zealand under the Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Act 2022 and the Health Act 1956. Pae Ora requires the health sector, as one of its roles, to protect and promote health and health equity across different population groups by working together with multiple sectors to address the determinants of health.

3. This submission responds to some of the specific questions provided in the Draft Long Term Plan 2024-2034 Consultation Document and sets out particular matters of interest and concern to NPHS Te Waipounamu.

General Comments

4. We welcome the opportunity to comment on the Draft Long Term Plan 2024-2034.

5. Health and wellbeing are influenced by a wide range of factors beyond the health sector. These factors are often referred to as the ‘social determinants of health’, and can be described as the environmental, economic and social conditions in which people are born, grow, live,

work and age.[1] The diagram below (Figure 1) shows how the various influences on health are complex and interlinked.[2]

6. The Draft Long Term Plan 2024-34 is an opportunity for Selwyn District Council to influence these determinants of health by prioritising funds for actions that support health and wellbeing.

7. The goals of local government and the health sector are closely connected, aiming to develop resilient, healthy, and thriving communities both now and in the future. The wellbeing of our communities relies on more than hospitals/health services and requires a collaborative environment where all sectors work together to have a collective impact.[3] Inter-sectoral cooperation to tackle wider health determinants can enhance wellbeing locally and regionally and contribute to reducing disparities in health.[4]

8. NPHS Te Waipounamu agrees with key areas of focus for the LTP highlighted in early consultation such as strong planning to enable smart growth, protection of water sources and access to green spaces. These all contribute to positive health outcomes.

9. NPHS Te Waipounamu note the highlighting of the role of the Council in considering climate change and improving wellbeing. NPHS Te Waipounamu supports the Council's actions to mitigate and adapt to climate change, including through the collective climate action plan developed by the Canterbury Mayoral Forum. We encourage Council to consider opportunities to integrate health and social factors into these climate actions. For example, a risk assessment of climate impacts of land and infrastructure could consider potential health and social impacts of climate risks.

10. NPHS Te Waipounamu recommends including indicators related to physical and mental health in the social wellbeing indicators being monitored. The Canterbury Wellbeing Index (www.canterburywellbeing.org.nz) includes Waikirikiri Selwyn in several indicators of the

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[1] *Public Health Advisory Committee. 2004. The Health of People and Communities. A Way Forward: Public Policy and the Economic Determinants of Health. Public Health Advisory Committee: Wellington.*

2 Barton, H and Grant, M. (2006) A health map for the local human habitat. The Journal of the Royal Society for the Promotion of Health 126 (6), pp 252-253. http://www.bne.uwe.ac.uk/who/healthmap/default.asp

3 McGinni s JM, Williams-Russo P, Knickman JR. 2002. The case for more active policy attention to health promotion. Health Affairs, 21(2): 78 - 93.

[4] *Bell R, Khan M, Romeo-Velilla M, et al. (2019). Ten Lessons for Good Practice for the INHERIT Triple Win: Health, Equity and environmental sustainability. Int. J. Environ. Res. Public Health, 16, 4546; doi:10.3390/ijerph16224546*

indicators monitored and could be useful place to start to consider which of these to include in Council's own monitoring framework.

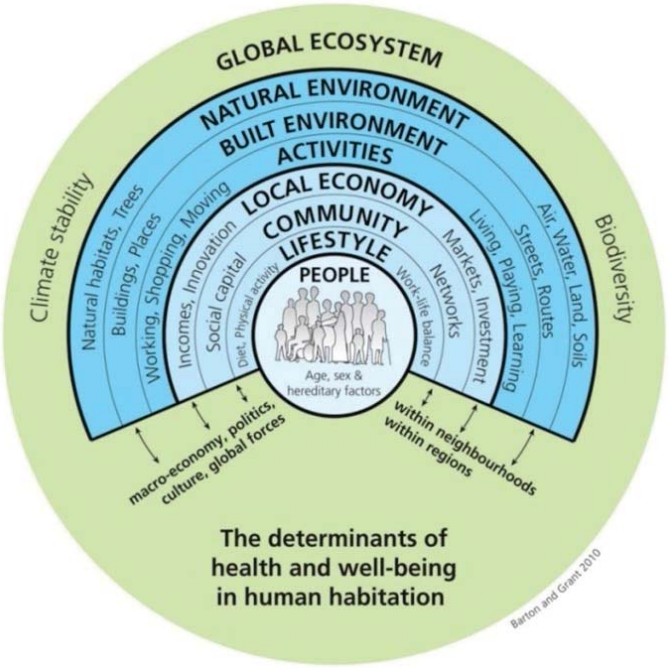


Figure 1: Social determinants of health

Specific Comments

Public Transport

11. NPHS Te Waipounamu supports Option 1 – Building three new Park and Ride facilities in Lincoln and Rolleston and upgrading public transport infrastructure. Supporting more people to use active and public transport will reduce congestion, help cut transport emissions and increase physical activity, benefitting the health of people and the planet.

12. Public transport promotes accessibility to work, education, health services as well as key business areas. Access to public transport is important for people who do not have access to other transport modes, including disabled people, older people, youth and low-income earners. For example, without safe, accessible public transport, individuals who are blind, deafblind or have low vision have reduced independence, higher rates of unemployment, limited recreational opportunities, and increased social isolation.[5]

[5] *Blind Low Vision NZ (2023). Access to Public Transport. Accessed from: https://blindlowvision.org.nz/about-us/position-statements/access-to-public-transport/*

13. The increased use of public transport not only reduces kilometres travelled in private cars, cuts carbon emissions and improves air quality, but also allows greater access to roads for people walking, cycling and scooting by removing single-occupancy vehicles from the roads.

Waihora Whata Rau - community facility and reserves upgrade Leeston

14. On decision 2a, NPHS Te Waipounamu supports Option 2 to build Whata Rau as agreed using the concept plan that was designed around the community needs for a flexible space with cultural narrative.

15. Community facilities, such as libraries and recreational facilities, have the potential to improve community resilience and support physical and mental health and wellbeing by providing places for people to meet and participate within their community. We encourage Council to consider how new and upgraded community facilities can be built to be fully accessible and inclusive for all people to use, now and in the future. We also encourage the Council to engage meaningfully engage with different communities to ensure that community facilities are inclusive and accessible to people of any age, ability, gender, ethnicity and culture.

16. On decision 2b, NPHS Te Waipounamu supports Option 2 to carry out landscape and facilities improvements as described. The main items of interest to NPHS Te Waipounamu are upgrades to the footpaths, toilet blocks, and lighting for both health and safety reasons. While Options 2, 3 or 4 would all deliver these, the impact on rates makes Option 2 preferable. Option 2 also retains improvements to the playing fields and playground equipment providing better spaces to encourage physical activity. NPHS Te Waipounamu recommends that the Council uses the PARCS tool[6] when planning the accessibility of reserves. This tool is a checklist to ensure the accessibility and usability of toilets, rest areas, play areas, paths, car parks and bus routes.[7]

Malvern Recreation and Sport Facility

17. NPHS Te Waipounamu supports either Option 2 or 3 to build a community recreation and sport facility at Darfield. The final size and budget should be determined based on community needs.

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[6] *PARCS stands for Parks for Activity in the Community Study.*

[7] *Perry, M. A., Devan, H., Fitzgerald, H., Han, K., Liu, L. T., & Rouse, J. (2018). Accessibility and usability of parks and playgrounds. Disability and health journal, 11(2), 221-229.*

18. Regular physical activity has numerous benefits for physical and mental health, including reducing the risk of heart disease, Type 2 diabetes and several cancers, plus improving mental health, mood and cognitive function.[8] Having access to local facilities is associated with higher levels physical activity.[9] The Selwyn Sports Centre has proved very popular for sports, recreation and events. As the population around Darfield grows having indoor facilities closer to home will benefit the community. NPHS Te Waipounamu recommend that the design of the new facility be fully accessible to allow for people of all ages and abilities to make use of it.

19. Indoor sports facilities allow sport to be played regardless of the weather, providing options of spaces for recreation that are resilient in a changing climate. In addition to providing a space to be physically active, sports facilities have social benefits through providing space for people to meet and socialise, foster social inclusion and participation, and being an important source of employment and local economic development.[10]

Sheffield Memorial Pool

20. NPHS Te Waipounamu supports the closure of the Sheffield Community Pool. Recreational water environments, such as swimming pools, can pose a number of public health risks, including transmission of infections. Serious gastrointestinal infections such as those caused by *Cryptosporidium*, *Norovirus*, *Giardia* and *E.coli*, can be spread through contact with pool water, even if treated with chlorine as protozoa such as *Cryptosporidium* and *Giardia* are resistant to standard levels of chlorine in pools. Older facilities can also make it difficult to meet modern water quality expectations such as treatment with ultraviolet (UV) which is needed to reduce risks of water-borne disease.

21. Although swimming has benefits for physical activity and can be an inclusive activity for people with disabilities, the proximity of the newly upgraded Darfield pool means there is a suitable alternative to the Sheffield location.

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[8] Physical Activity Guidelines Advisory Committee. (2018) 2018 Physical Activity Guidelines Advisory Committee Scientific Report. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
[9] Garrett N, Schluter PJ, Schofield G. (2012). Physical activity profiles and perceived environmental determinants in New Zealand: A national cross-sectional study. Journal of Physical Activity and Health, 9(3):367-377.
[10] Testa L, Parra-Camacho D, Gómez-Tafalla AM, Garcia-Pascual F, Duclos-Bastías D. (2023). Local Impact of a Sports Centre: Effects on Future Intentions" Sustainability, 15(6): 5550. https://doi.org/10.3390/su15065550

Digital Solutions

22. NPHS Te Waipounamu supports Council investing in better technology solutions to improve services to the community.

23. NPHS Te Waipounamu recommends Council prioritise digital accessibility in their new digital strategy to ensure that digital services and offerings are inclusive for disabled people. Accessible information and communications allow disabled people to participate and contribute on an equal basis with non-disabled people. We suggest Council considers how to increase accessibility beyond current digital standards to make the Council's services and information as inclusive and accessible as possible. Captioning videos, using colour contrast that supports readability, and ensuring websites and forms are accessible to screen reading software can reduce barriers for people with disabilities.

24. NPHS Te Waipounamu notes that care should be taken to ensure that the community, especially older people in Selwyn, can find the information they need online easily. Service staff in libraries and service centres should be trained to play a key role in assisting residents to navigate Council's digital information and empowering them with the skills to access services independently.

Strategic relationships

25. NPHS Te Waipounamu supports Council strengthening partnership with mana whenua. Māori experience many disparities in health outcomes compared to non-Māori. Te Tiriti o Waitangi, including the preamble and the three articles, along with the Ritenga Māori declaration, are the enduring foundation of achieving hauora and independence for Māori. The Waitangi Tribunal has noted that Te Tiriti places responsibility on the Crown to 'to protect actively Māori health/hauora and wellbeing' and that the achievement of equitable health outcomes for Māori is a responsibility of all sectors.[11] Strengthening the relationship and including mana whenua representation at decision-making tables will support better hauora Māori outcomes.

[11] Waitangi Tribunal (Te Rōpū Whakamana i te Tiriti o Waitangi). (2019). Hauora: Report on Stage One of the Health Services and Outcomes Kaupapa Inquiry. WAI 2575. Wellington: Department of Justice. https://waitangitribunal.govt.nz/inquiries/kaupapa-inquiries/health-services-and-outcomes-inquiry/

Providing safe drinking water

26. NPHS Te Waipounamu recommends that the Council chlorinates its water supplies to help protect the water from contamination throughout the entire network. Chlorination has significant benefits for controlling infectious diseases.[12]

27. NPHS Te Waipounamu supports investigating centralisation of water supplies to reduce nitrate levels in the drinking water supply. High levels of nitrate in drinking water may pose a significant health risk for the foetus in pregnancy and formula-fed infants (babies less than six months old). Adults with specific rare metabolic disorders (deficiency of glucose 6-phosphate dehydrogenase or methaemoglobin reductase) may also be at risk.[13]

28. NPHS Te Waipounamu recommends that Council fluoridates its water supply. Fluoridation is safe and effective at usual water treatment dosages and is the most effective way to reduce oral health inequities, especially for the most economically-deprived. Data collected by the Community Oral Health Service in 2022 show that 63 percent of year 8 children in Canterbury were caries free. This compares to 73 and 80 percent of year 8 children in Wellington and Auckland respectively, which have fluoridated water supplies.[14] Caries free means that the children have no past or current experience of dental decay. We note that Waikiriri Selwyn has not yet been directed by the Director-General of Health to fluoridate but support this effective intervention to improve the oral health of residents of Selwyn, particularly children.

Transport

29. Transport is an important determinant of health and wellbeing. Transport can improve health by providing access to places, services and opportunities that are essential for good health and wellbeing. Transport can also cause significant harm such as through air pollution exposure, greenhouse gas emissions and road crashes.[15] These benefits and harms are not spread evenly across the population. Some groups, such as Māori, older people and more socioeconomically deprived people, gain fewer benefits from the transport system, and suffer

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[12] Community and Public Health. (2018). Is it safe to chlorinate drinking water supplies? Christchurch, NZ: Te Whatu Ora. Accessed from: https://www.cph.co.nz/wpcontent/uploads/FAQWaterChlorination.pdf
[13] Community and Public Health. (2023). Nitrate in Drinking Water: Frequently Asked Questions. Christchurch, NZ: Te Whatu Ora. Accessed from: https://www.cph.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/drinkwaterfaqnitrates.pdf
[14] Manatū Hauora. (2024). Age 5 and Year 8 oral health data from the Community Oral Health Service. Wellington: Manatū Hauora Ministry of Health. Accessed from: https://www.health.govt.nz/nz-health-statistics/health-statistics-and-data-sets/oral-health-data-and-stats/age-5-and-year-8-oral-health-data-community-oral-health-service
[15] Glazener A, Sanchez K, Ramani T, et al. (2021). Fourteen pathways between urban transportation and health: A conceptual model and literature review. Journal of transport & health, 21, 101070.

more of the adverse consequences.[16,17] Disabled people and people living in rural areas can also experience transport disadvantage due to factors such as financial and access barriers or a lack of transport options.

30. In a rapid health analysis during the update of the Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan 2024-2034, NPHS Te Waipounamu identified pathways to positive health outcomes from transport system shifts. These are summarised in Figure 2 below.

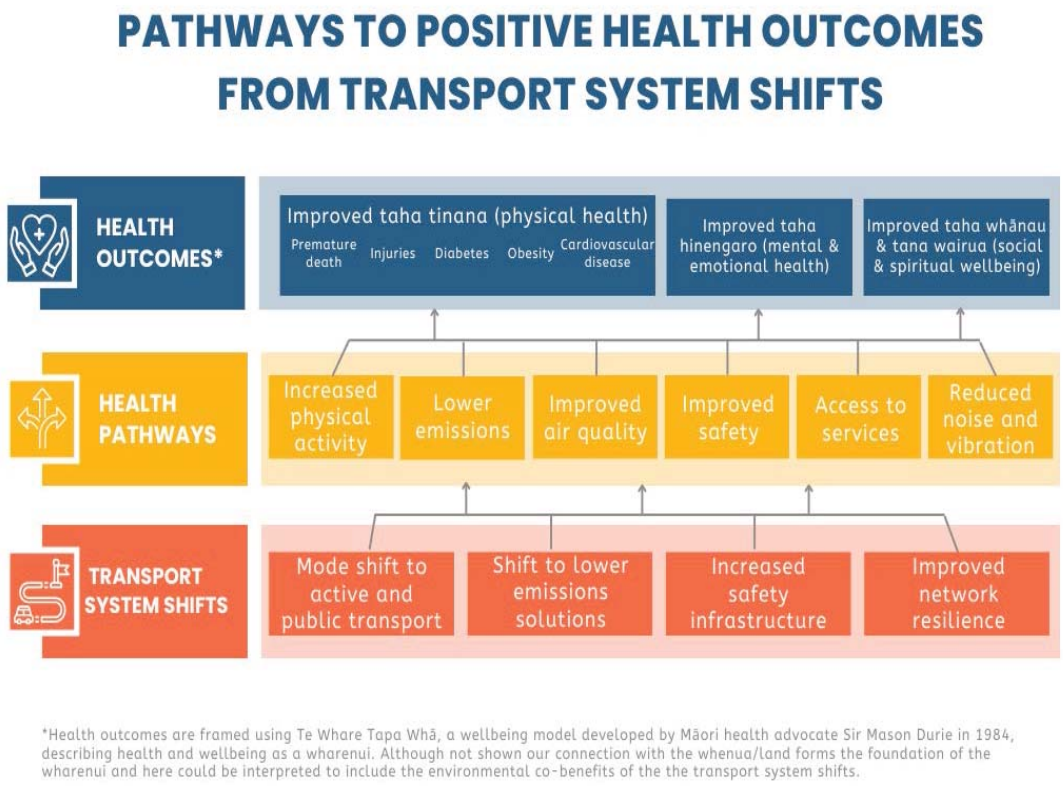


Figure 2. Pathways to positive health outcomes from transport system shifts identified in the Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan 2023-2033

[16] Raerino K, Macmillan AK, Jones Ngati Kahungunu RG. (2013). Indigenous Maori perspectives on urban transport patterns linked to health and wellbeing. Health Place, 23: 54-62.
[17] Hosking J, Ameratunga S, Exeter D, Stewart J, Bell A. (2013). Ethnic, socioeconomic and geographical inequalities in road traffic injury rates in the Auckland region. Aust N Z J Public Health,37(2): 162-7.

31. Rural communities experience inequitable access to health care appointments and procedures when compared to their urban counterparts, due to travel time and expense, requirements for accommodation, childcare, time off work and distance from whānau support. Many people across Te Waipounamu identify travel costs and transport as major barriers to accessing the care they need.[18]

32. NPHS Te Waipounamu supports preparing a business case with Environment Canterbury to improve public transport services in Waikiriri Selwyn, particularly to some of the smaller townships. As noted in our comments supporting Park and Ride facilities, access to public transport can have a positive impact on health. People living in rural settings face different health and transport challenges to their urban counterparts. Transport plays a critical role in access to other determinants of health and to social connection. The dispersed nature of rural residents means there are currently few alternatives to using private vehicles to access these amenities. More public transport services can support access and mode shift, which has benefits for community wellbeing outcomes. The current services are well used but do not necessarily meet the needs of younger or older Selwyn residents.

33. NPHS Te Waipounamu supports increasing funding for roading maintenance and renewals, including a new bridge at Whitecliffs, Rolleston transport improvements and budgeting for emergency work that might be needed due to climate change or extreme weather events. Improving the safety of the transport system, including through well-maintained roads, has direct health benefits such as reduced injuries and deaths. The dispersed nature of rural residents in many parts of Selwyn means they are at high risk of isolation and disruption of services in the event of climate events, extreme weather or social emergencies. Transportation plays a critical role in this, both directly and indirectly, acting as a primary infrastructure lifeline within a community. In the event of a disaster, the restoration of all other lifeline systems depends on the ability to move people and resources to the sites where damage has occurred. A more resilient roading network can lead to improved health outcomes by reducing severance and disrupted access to community and resources. Well-maintained roads also reduced greenhouse gas emissions, noise and vibration.

34. NPHS Te Waipounamu supports upgrades to the Lincoln Town Centre, especially improving walking and cycling access. NPHS Te Waipounamu recommends using the Healthy Streets

[18] Draft Te Waipounamu Regional Health and Wellbeing Plan. Version 13/11/2023, Te Whatu Ora – Te Waipounamu.

framework[19] and the New Zealand Healthy Streets Design Check Tool[20] to support healthy community outcomes while planning and implementing the design of the upgrades. Improving the streetscape, footpaths, cycle lanes and lighting can improve safety, encourage uptake of active transport and support social capital.

35. NPHS Te Waipounamu also encourages the Council to prioritise and fund actions that reduce reliance on cars and support the uptake of public transport, active transport and micro-mobility modes, such as e-scooters and e-bikes, such as through behaviour change initiatives at schools and workplaces, improving safety through speed management, and building infrastructure that make these modes an attractive and easy choice. People who use active transport modes, like walking, cycling, and public transport, are more likely to meet physical activity recommendations for good health, compared to those who drive.[21] Active transport is the most important opportunity available to New Zealanders to increase their physical activity to adequate levels for health and the transport environment is key to facilitating or hindering this.

Resource recovery and waste management

36. NPHS Te Waipounamu supports compulsory organics kerbside collection in Darfield, Leeston, Lincoln, Prebbleton, Rolleston and West Melton. Using wheelie bins similar to recycling bins to collect both food scraps and green waste would provide the biggest opportunity to divert organic waste from landfill, which in turn has positive impacts for the climate.

37. Reducing the amount of organic waste that ends up in landfill has many benefits including reducing the amount of methane produced, reducing other greenhouse gas emissions and reducing the overall volume of waste going into landfills. This means that existing facilities can operate for longer. Organic waste that is turned into compost can also help regenerate soil and contribute to the circular economy by reusing materials.[22]

38. In addition to collecting organic waste, we suggest that Council consider ways to support and encourage households to reduce waste such as through food waste reduction campaigns. In

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[19] Healthy Streets. 2022. Introduction: What is Healthy Streets? Accessed from: https://www.healthystreets.com/what-is-healthy-streets
[20] Healthy Streets and Waka Kotahi. 2023. New Zealand Healthy Streets Design Check. Access at https://www.nzta.govt.nz/about-us/about-waka-kotahi-nz-transport-agency/environmental-and-social-responsibility/urban-street-guide/pilot-new-zealand-design-check-tool/
[21] Shaw C, Keall M, Guiney H. 2017. What modes of transport are associated with higher levels of physical activity? Cross-sectional study of New Zealand adults. J Transp Health; 7: 125-33.
[22] Ministry for the Environment. (2023). Te rautaki para | Waste strategy. Wellington: Ministry for the Environment.

the waste hierarchy, reducing waste ranks higher than composting waste, because it's better not to generate waste in the first place.[23]

39. We also suggest that Council encourages households and communities to compost at home or at community gardens because this has the added benefits of avoiding the transport emissions generated by kerbside collections and by transporting organic material to facilities. Encouraging people to compost may also support them to grow their own food and support food resilience.

40. We support Council working with the community to understand any cost implications for households which do not already have organics bins. We also recommend investigating discretionary exceptions to compulsory collection for residents who may live on the outskirts of the affected towns who may have more typically rural properties but be within town limits.

Property and Assets

41. NPHS Te Waipounamu supports the introduction of a new development contribution to provide for community facilities to serve new developments. Neighbourhood environments conducive to healthy living have safe outdoor spaces to exercise and play, allow community members to walk and bike safely, have access to public toilets, clean drinking water and community facilities including schools, shops with healthy food options, green spaces and water systems. As communities continue to grow it is vital that these features are planned for and provided.

42. NPHS suggests that Council works collaboratively with other councils, agencies, developers and social housing providers to increase the variety of housing stock in Selwyn to meet the needs of a wider range of residents. Housing is a critical determinant of health,[24] [25] and the places people live are also critical in enabling (or acting as a barrier to) health and health-promoting behaviours. To meet community demand now and the future more affordable and diverse types of dwellings are needed, such as smaller dwellings (1-2 bedroom homes), multigenerational homes, kaumātua and social housing. For example, having more variety for

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[25] Bunker A, Bärnighausen T, Woodward A, Bullen C. Housing structure and occupant behaviour to increase the environmental and health co-benefits of housing: Insights from expert interviews in New Zealand. Indoor and Built Environment. 2021;30(4):535-553. doi:10.1177/1420326X19897965

older residents to downsize locally to will increase opportunities for residents to remain living in Selwyn and maintain social connections as they age. Increasing public transport options as discussed above is one way to enable the feasibility of developing of a wider variety of housing that may be more suitable for residents without private cars. The Greater Christchurch Partnership (GCP) Housing Action Plan has the potential to support more people to access healthy, warm, sustainable and affordable housing in Waikirikiri Selwyn. NPHS Te Waipounamu supports Council's involvement in the GCP Housing Action Plan and encourages Council to dedicate funding towards completing the actions in this plan.

43. NPHS Te Waipounamu recognises the need for proposed rates increases to pursue the transformational opportunities that will have a meaningful impact on environmental and population health for Waikiriri Selwyn. NPHS Te Waipounamu urges Council to continue to consider how these proposed activities can be delivered as efficiently as possible. This will maximise the impact of increased rates revenue on outcomes so that the benefits to the community outweigh the financial impact on households.

Conclusion

44. Te Mana Ora does not wish to be heard in support of this submission.

45. If others make a similar submission, the submitter will not consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.

46. Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the Draft Long Term Plan 2024/2034.

Ngā mihi,

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

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Build three new Park and Ride facilities at Lincoln and Rolleston, and upgrade public transport infrastructure, without NZTA Waka Kotahi co-funding.

Project cost:
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Years 4–10: $11.6 million
Estimated impact on rates:
Years 1–3: $14.41
Years 4–10: $39.83
Funding:
Rates: 100%

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We need to get the infrastructure in place now to assist with future growth which is coming fast. Better and safer options for transport for the community.

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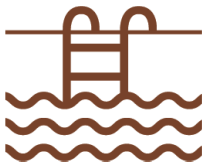
Project cost:
Year 3: $11.28 million (minus $1.10 million already included in the last Long-Term Plan. Total left to fund is $10.18 million)
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$19.91
Funding:
Rates: 57%
Development contributions: 43% *

Please add any comments you may have

Matters for Community Guidance

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The Sheffield Memorial Pool is used by less people than our other community pools and is 10 minutes' drive from the newly upgraded Darfield Pool. The pool will require $1 million in upgrades to keep open, or $290,000 to close. We're proposing to close the pool.

Do you support the closure of Sheffield Community Pool?

Yes
Any comments?

Economic Development

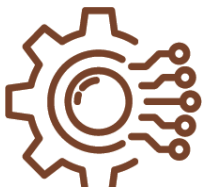


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Do you support the continued development of an economic development strategy?

Yes
Any comments?

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Any comments?

Other comments

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I would like to see council strategies for the Lincoln community.

- Safety upgrades to the roads in and around the Schools in Lincoln.

-- More drive through drop-off zones.

-- Prevent parents from driving right up to the school and parking to drop kids off and doing crazy u-turns.

-- Making footpaths and crossings safer to incentivise parents to let their kids walk to school.

-- Safer cycling pathways to allow more younger kids to bike to school and parents to deem this a safe option.

- Reduce throughfare traffic in Lincoln and also find ways to slow traffic down as currently the main roads through lincoln are busy and dangerous. Most vehicles travel over the speed limit and are not concious of what they're doing.

- How are we as a community going to account for the growth in Lincoln that is coming with PC69 and communter traffic into the city. Park and Ride facilities will help with this.

- Safer cycling paths around the town.

- Drivers are running stop signs around 80 - 100k zones on some of the roads around Lincoln. Not sure how this can be combatted effectively without putting speed bumps on the stop signs to force drives to slow down and stop.

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Increased construction costs and land remediation issues mean the costs to build Whata Rau have increased. Given this new information we want to hear from you - should we:

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Build Whata Rau next to Leeston Park as agreed in our 2021-31 Long-Term Plan, but with additional sports courts and/or bigger community meeting spaces.

Project cost:
Year 1: 19.24m
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$53.14
Funding:
Rates: 80.5%
Development contributions: 19.5% *
2024/25
2025/26
2026/27
2027/28
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2b. Leeston Park improvements

We planned to upgrade Leeston Park as part of the project to build a new community facility. Since agreeing to do that, we have completed a master plan for redeveloping the park over the next 15 years.

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Project cost:
Years 1-15: $9.49 million
Estimated impact on rates:
Years 1-5: $10.23

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Funding:
Rates: 71.4%
Development contributions: 28.6% *

Please add any comments you may have

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
First name: Angela **Last name:** Davies

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Prefered method of contact Postal

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Project cost:
Years 1–3: $4.2 million
Years 4–10: $11.6 million
Estimated impact on rates:
Years 1–3: $7.06
Years 4–10: $19.52
Funding:
Rates: 49%
NZTA Waka Kotahi: 51%

Our budgeted option

Please add any comments you may have
i'd love it if we could utalise the train line!
but if that is never an option, then park & ride is a fab idea, as long as parking is very low cost, to make it viable ($10 per week, prepurchased pass or something along thise lines)
i cant do this as i have kids to pick up in rolly, work in the city, time doesnt allow for park and ride. But if id lived in rolly before

kids, this would be a fab idea for that younger childfree, or older and kids are grown enough

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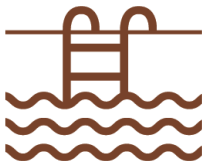
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again, a lot of growth, just go with the bigger option which saves us all money in the long term instead of building again/more or extending.

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Do you support the closure of Sheffield Community Pool?

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Any comments?
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Rolleston and Lincoln have absoluteky shotup in growth, hell most of selwyn has. So it only makes sense to work closely with the business community and helping support them.

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Do you support the Council investing in better technology solutions to improve our services to the community?

Yes

Any comments?

work smarter, not harder.

Policy Changes

What is your view on the proposed changes to the Significance and Engagement Policy and financial policies outlined on pages 54-55 of the consultation document?

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Please provide your comments in the box below.

far out thats a HUGE jump up in rates. Not sure how in 2yr time we're going to be paying nearly an extra $2k?!! Thats a fricken lot with everything ekse going on. Most definitley shut that pool down! Ha.

Other comments

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the "city of selwyn" really needs to be planning soke arts facilities too. Literally everything in this was about "sports and recreation" which is great, we totally need that. But can we start thinking about the "other kids". The ones that need a creative space and outlet. Like an art studio on thr back of a theatre. It doesnt have to be huge, fancy and state of the art. But we do need something. Bit disappointed there were no options on that.

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Build Whata Rau next to Leeston Park as agreed in our 2021-31 Long-Term Plan and using the current design and layout planned to meet the needs identified by the community. The facility would include a library, council service centre and community centre.

Project cost:
Year 1: $16.01m
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$44.22
Funding:
Rates: 80.5%
Development contributions: 19.5% *
2024/25
2025/26
2026/27
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Our budgeted option

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Years 1-5: $10.23
Years 6-10: $6.05
Funding:
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Please add any comments you may have
leeston has grown a lot and probably will continue as its cheaper to buy there. So better to plan bigger id say.

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Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
First name: Kevin **Last name:** Keeler

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The Selwyn Huts should be listed as a historic site on the District Plan. It pre-dates the 1900s so it is an archaeological site under heritage pouhere taonga act.

All homes and all people should be protected. It's inhumane and disgusting to evict the Selwyn Huts residents from their home. Review the 15 year finite term and let them stay. This also helps preserve our kiwi history!!!

It is unfair not to include Selwyn Huts on the District Wide Rate. Excluding a community in the district seems to contradict the name "District Wide Rate" and goes against the purpose of introducing the DWR in the first place.

Replace their reticulation system. Council have been in charge of this since 1989 - you dropped the ball by not doing any maintenance and upgrades over the last 35 years. Don't use your incompetence as an excuse to make these people pay or to kick them out.

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Build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield that includes one indoor court.

Project cost:
Year 3: $7.07 million (minus $1.10 million already included in the last Long-Term Plan. Total left to fund is $5.97 million)
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$11.67
Funding:
Rates: 57%
Development contributions: 43% *

Our budgeted option

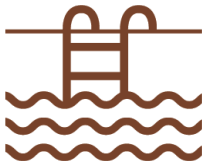
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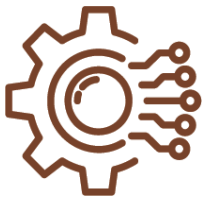


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Do not build Whata Rau. Carry out necessary repairs to the existing Leeston Library & Service Centre building so that it can continue to be used for a limited time instead. *The existing building is earthquake prone and will likely need further significant upgrades to be used from 2035 onwards.*

Project cost:
Year 1: $3.05m
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$10.46
Funding:
Rates: 100%

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Do nothing. Use the existing park facilities and remove or replace old and unsafe items in the park.

Project cost:
Year 1: $143,000
Estimated impact on rates:
Included in our current rates
Funding:
Rates: 100%

Please add any comments you may have

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
First name: Amanda **Last name:** Smith

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Prefered method of contact Email

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upgrades to keep open, or $290,000 to close. We're proposing to close the pool.



Do you support the closure of Sheffield Community Pool?

No

Any comments?

Economic Development

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Do you support the continued development of an economic development strategy?

Any comments?

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Do you support the Council investing in better technology solutions to improve our services to the community?

Any comments?

Attached Documents

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
First name: Tim **Last name:** Cookson

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Prefered method of contact Email

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Project cost:
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Estimated impact on rates:
To be determined
Funding:
To be determined

Please add any comments you may have
We cant afford it for now

3. Malvern Recreation and Sports Facility

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Do not build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield.

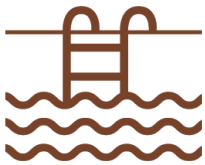
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Do you support the continued development of an economic development strategy?

No
Any comments?
this is outside the council mandate i feel. also we cant afford this

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No

Any comments?

Policy Changes

What is your view on the proposed changes to the Significance and Engagement Policy and financial policies outlined on pages 54-55 of the consultation document?

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yes as long as it has a postive impact on reducing rates.

It feels to me like the council is very much out of touch with what is happening on the ground with rate payers. We cant afford the rates now let alone the increases predicted.

Rates cannot on any shape or form continue to keep being ahead of inflation, the cloth needs to be cut to suit.

The aspirations of having things that we dont actually need, needs to change.

Other comments

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1. Council staff numbers need to be capped for now, households/businesses etc in Selwyn and across the country are bleeding capital. We cannot afford the proposed rate changes.

2. I am very disillusioned at the way council has taken over control of reserves thinking they know better. The outcome is more cost to rate payers. Also it is driving resiliance away and reducing community well being. We now cant go onto our reserves and do anything. Our rural community is very engaged and driven and needs these type of projects for us to thrive. The current method is actually having the opposite effect. We have very strong linkages to our reserve given it was originally donated to the community by a local farmer and has had significant events occur over the years. eg My Grandfather was involved in voluntry building an airfield on part of the reserve during

the war for the ultimate benefit of our community at the time and into the future, we have lost this kind of practical yet simple and very cost effective thinking. Last week i watched 2 guys from Corde arrive at the reserve in 2 vehicles and they chopped down 1 small pine tree by the walking track which was approx 10-15cm at the base. At what cost to us? This needs to change. I have worked in the Rural Support Trust for the last 20 years and for us building communities resiliance is paramount going forward. The current system lead by council is completely at odds to what we are trying to do at the RST.

To me development contributions are not high enough as why are rates exceeding inflation now and into the future as planned.

Council needs to be run more business like. You need to get really good people in the council, who are prepared to make a decision and move on

I am very concerned with our rates bill now. We sit very close to $40k pa. i dont mind paying for things but please show me what i get for my $40k. We dont get rubbish and i am very close to disconnecting the house/stock water and sorting my own supply to reduce our rates bill. It feels like rural people are paying alot more than we should simply because we have a large capital value. **This needs to be addressed ASAP**

With council pressing on building pools, large reserves, librarys in Rolleston this is fine but i have and will never step foot in any of them. Can i suggest that these be more based on user pays. Why should i or someone in eg Arthurs Pass pay for this when we are never going to use it.

From 2013/14 to present our rates have increased 366% or 36% per annum. While over that time inflation has gone up 2.1% per annum. Do you not see that?

Yes some of this is increases in farm size and on farm development but again what am i getting for my rates?

Do you wish to present your submission in person at a public hearing in the council chambers?

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Do nothing. Use the existing park facilities and remove or replace old and unsafe items in the park.

Project cost:

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Year 1: $143,000
Estimated impact on rates:
Included in our current rates
Funding:
Rates: 100%

Please add any comments you may have
again we cant afford this

Attached Documents

Link	File
	Pinewoods rates

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Valuation No.

24230-06300

Location

169 Leaches Road

Legal Description

LOTS 1-3 DP 38958 LOT 2 DP 61159 LOT 1 D P 470004 LOT 2 DP 376635

Certificate of Title

633865 642703 650057 17F/739 26K/827

Ward No.

2

Zone

1B

Use

12

Category

PFB

TORAS

111000

Property Area (hectares)

442.1962

Current Rating Valuation

As valued at 1 September 2021

Land Value

$15,600,000

Improvements Value

$1,600,000

Capital Value

$17,200,000

Nature of Improvements

3 DWG FG OBS OI

Rates Information

Current Rating Year

2023/2024

Current Year Rates Instalments

Instalment 1.

$7,729.20

Instalment 2.

$7,729.20

Instalment 3.

$7,729.25

Instalment 4.

$7,729.20

Current Year's Rates

$30,916.85

Previous Year's Rates

$28,832.45

Rates for Current Year 2023/2024

Type	Description (Basis)	Differential	Factor	
011	General Purposes Rate (C)	District	17,200,000.00	0.0
054	Library Charge (U)	District	1.00	
068	Civil Defence Emergency Mgmt (U)	District	1.00	
076	Restricted Water Supply (U)	Hororata Acheron	33.00	
090	Recreation Reserve Rate (U)	District	3.00	
091	Community Centre Rate (U)	District	3.00	
113	Uniform Annual General Charge (U)	District	1.00	
123	General (C)	District	17,200,000.00	0.0

Type	Description (Basis)	Differential	Factor	
152	Works and Services (C)	District	17,200,000.00	0.00
175	Pest Management (A)	Selwyn	442.1962	
176	Pest Management (L)	Selwyn	15,600,000.00	0.0
214	Uniform Annual General Charge (U)	District	1.00	
215	Water Race (Amenity) Rate (U)	District	1.00	
249	Water Supply Minimum Charge (U)	Restricted	1.00	
297	Transport and Development (C)	Greater Christchurch	17,200,000.00	0.0
333	Swimming Pools (U)	Zone 3	3.00	
341	Community Board (U)	Malvern	1.00	
352	Freshwater Management (C)	Selwyn-Waihora Water Zone	17,200,000.00	0.0
380	Canterbury Museum Levy (U)	District	1.00	
401	Biodiversity Land Drainage & River Works (U)		1.00	
Total				

History

Year	Land Value	Capital Value	Annual Rates
2022/2023	$15,600,000	$17,200,000	$28,832.45
2021/2022	$11,100,000	$12,500,000	$24,539.35
2020/2021	$11,100,000	$12,500,000	$23,114.75
2019/2020	$11,100,000	$12,500,000	$22,331.05
2018/2019	$6,500,000	$8,000,000	$16,185.00
2017/2018	$6,500,000	$8,000,000	$14,699.00
2016/2017	$6,500,000	$8,000,000	$14,148.55
2015/2016	$1,775,000	$2,385,000	$6,706.40
2014/2015	$1,775,000	$2,385,000	$6,609.30
2013/2014	$1,775,000	$2,385,000	$6,181.00

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
First name: Michelle **Last name:** Webster

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Prefered method of contact Email

Do you wish to attend a Council hearing to present your feedback in person?

◉ Yes

○ I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Additional requirements for hearing:

Feedback

1. Public Transport

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Delay building new Park and Ride facilities at Lincoln and Rolleston, and upgrading public transport infrastructure until the next Long-Term Plan when funding options might be more clear.

Project cost:
None
Estimated impact on rates:
To be determined
Funding:
To be determined

Please add any comments you may have

Consider other areas that have no public transport at all eg rural Malvern, How about a bus from Springfield through to town collecting folk along the way even if it was once a week or fortnight for those that don't drive to access appointments or shopping etc

3. Malvern Recreation and Sports Facility

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Project cost:
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Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$19.91
Funding:
Rates: 57%
Development contributions: 43% *

Please add any comments you may have

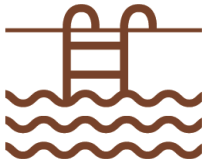
Reluctantly i agree. there is already a good facility just enhance it more, not a whole new development as indicated by the misleading question

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Do you support the closure of Sheffield Community Pool?

No

Any comments?

The question is deceptive and misleading, unfortunately wider Selwyn will get an untruthful impression.

A million dollar upgrade utter nonsense Used less! What a joke the council has the hours open, limited so much its barely accessible.

This wonderful facility has been an asset to Sheffield since it was built 70 years ago.

The takeover and subsequent running down by council with the ultimate goal of closure is terrible, the lack of maintenance when rates are taken for its upkeep are criminal.

Give it back to the good people of Sheffield to manage as they did so very well.

from recent research other councils support their local pool committees in running these smaller facilities very successfully.(same depth and size)with actually little cost or imput, they help them.

More often than not locals have greater knowledge and commitment to local assets than staff an council will ever have.

Under the misconception that the council would to a better, cheaper ,more efficient job of looking after these cherished facilities, rural towns were duped of the right to manage any asset when clearly time has proved the opposite.

Private Engineers Reporting indicates that the Tub leak is easily repaired, so too all other ownership issues leave as is.

After two extremely supporting public meetings, I feel confident the Sheffield people have far greater skill & capacity to take it forward into the future.

Along theses lines I have started a petition to be presented when i speak to my submission, due to the very short timeline from public notice of closure to now i assume understanding in the effort involved and continue on till the date i speak

Perhaps as a show of support the councilors may wish to grant the money allocated for demo to a new pool entity to begin with. Fair to say it was taken from them in far greater shape than it has been left at now.

yours sincerely

Michelle Webster

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No

Any comments?

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Do you support the Council investing in better technology solutions to improve our services to the community?

No
Any comments?

After navigating this complete shambles of a submission site. Sack the IT personal hire some techs that can actually design interface that serves the people using it!

Want to know how many more folk would submit if it was simpler? Hundreds Thousands maybe

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2. Waihora Whata Rau - community facility and reserves upgrade Leeston

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2a. Whata Rau - new community facility

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Project cost:
Year 1: $3.05m
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$10.46
Funding:
Rates: 100%

Please add any comments you may have
Use money elsewhere under currant financial climate, other areas are growing more rapidly. Rural areas losing facilities whilst urban get brand new. Who pays the most rates!

2b. Leeston Park improvements

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Do nothing. Use the existing park facilities and remove or replace old and unsafe items in the park.

Project cost:
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Estimated impact on rates:
Included in our current rates
Funding:
Rates: 100%

Please add any comments you may have
Same answer as previous question

Attached Documents

Link	File
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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
First name: Sharon **Last name:** King

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Prefered method of contact Email

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The West Melton Tennis & Netball Club and its members, currently around 300 members combined, would like to make a submission to the council for there to be a share Hub/Clubrooms built at the proposed new Tennis & Netball facilities based in West Melton. West Melton Tennis & Netball share the vision to provide an inclusive, nurturing & welcoming community focused environment to develop players of all ages, creating longevity for the clubs & community. What we are asking for is a hub to bring our community together to create a sustainable future of tennis & netball but also celebrate the history of our clubs achievement and memberships over the years with trophies and photos proudly displayed.

The Hub/Clubrooms would require a suitable space to store the following. Tennis nets, tennis poles, tennis balls/trolleys, netball balls, gear bags, hoops & training equipment. The space would require a kitchenette suitable for making tea & coffee and afternoon tea which is provided to club members and visiting clubs. A toilet and two changing cubicles. A suitable space to hold club & team meetings. Having a hub for our community to come to connect and build on relationships creating happier, healthier people and stronger communities.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at a public hearing in the council chambers?

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
First name: Caleb **Last name:** DeFrees

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Estimated impact on rates:
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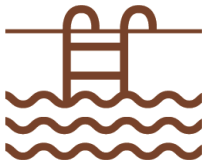
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Any comments?

Economic Development

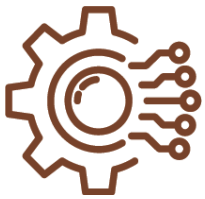


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Carry out the landscape improvements to extend the playing fields; replace and upgrade the playground equipment, footpaths, toilet block, lighting and irrigation; and seal the carpark.

Project cost:

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Years 1-10: $3.4m
Estimated impact on rates :
Included in current rates
Funding:
Rates: 71.4%
Development contributions: 28.6% *

Our
budgeted
option

Please add any comments you may have

Attached Documents

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
First name: Karl **Last name:** Josephs

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Prefered method of contact Email

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○ Yes

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You told us you want to see better access to public transport, particularly for our young and elderly residents.

So we want to hear from you - should we:

Build three new Park and Ride facilities at Lincoln and Rolleston, and upgrade public transport infrastructure, but only if Council receives co-funding from NZTA Waka Kotahi.

Project cost:
Years 1–3: $4.2 million
Years 4–10: $11.6 million
Estimated impact on rates:
Years 1–3: $7.06
Years 4–10: $19.52
Funding:
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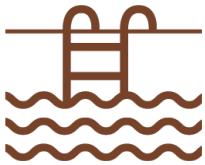
Project cost:
Year 3: $11.28 million (minus $1.10 million already included in the last Long-Term Plan. Total left to fund is $10.18 million)
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
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Funding:
Rates: 57%
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Project cost:
Years 1-15: $9.49 million
Estimated impact on rates:
Years 1-5: $10.23
Years 6-10: $6.05
Funding:
Rates: 71.4%
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Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
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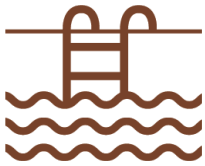
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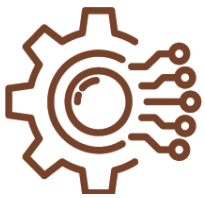


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Funding:
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Submission Date: 02/05/2024
First name: Bek **Last name:** Eckersley

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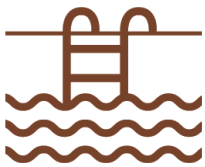
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The same with rating....one rating system for everyone would be preferable

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

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Submission Date: 02/05/2024
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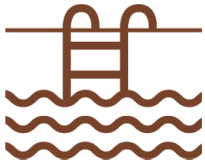
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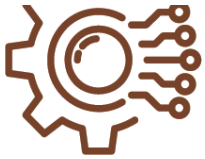
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Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
First name: Rory **Last name:** Keeler

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Submission Date: 02/05/2024
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Years 4–10: $39.83
Funding:
Rates: 100%

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Project cost:
None
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
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Funding:
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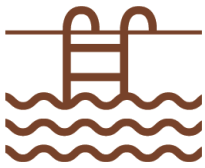
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Project cost:
Year 1: $143,000
Estimated impact on rates:
Included in our current rates
Funding:
Rates: 100%

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Toilet Block and lighting and irrigation should be upgraded. Upgrading car parks etc is not essential and should be done once money is saved, not by borrowing.

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Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$19.91
Funding:
Rates: 57%
Development contributions: 43% *

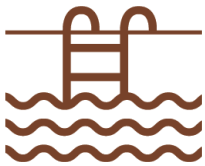
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My name is Corey Woodward and I'd like to state my full support for the North Canterbury Equestrian Advocacy Group (NCEAG) submission.

I'm a horse rider, as are my wife and family. We live near West Melton. Upon taking up riding it became clear there were very few options for riding in the Selwyn District that didn't involve private property or the roadside.

As a result of this frustration Treks & Trails of New Zealand was born in 2019 - a free online map of places to ride horses through-out New Zealand. Sadly, compared to other districts, Selwyn has very few lines on the map. The West Melton Horse Forest is one of these, which is a fantastic ECan facility and is our go to ride if we don't want to drive further afield.

With such an expansive and beautiful landscape, our district has huge scope for SDC sanctioned/promoted horse trails - either dedicated or shared use - alongside rivers (flowing or not), within reserves, and utilising Unformed Legal Roads (sometimes erroneously referred to as Paper roads). I've seen shared trails working extremely well in the USA.

We are fortunate that a lot of grass road verges in Selwyn are wide and mostly maintained by the adjacent landowners to a rideable standard, creating opportunities for some riders. However, not everyone is comfortable riding beside a road for a number of reasons, including nervous horses, a new or young rider, traffic behaviour or encroachment by other infrastructure or obstacles.

We're also a cycling family and as such love to see the investment being made in growing the safe off-road cycling infrastructure in our district. However, some of these projects also reduce or restrict the ability to safely ride on the roadside.

The West Melton to Rolleston cycleway, for example, has greatly reduced the amount of room available to ride on the grass. In this case, not too many horse riders will be riding into Rolleston itself, but the horse owners in the Knights Road and Maddisons Road area have had their options restricted.

As such, I ask that Council:

A. includes horse riding representatives resident in Selwyn in the planning of infrastructure projects and other relevant reviews - I am available, as the Selwyn representative of the NCEAG, and also have the ear of over 2600 riders who follow Treks & Trails of New Zealand.

B. includes horse trails in the planned activities within the new Regional Park on the outskirts of Rolleston. With the eventual size of the park there should be scope for meandering bridle trails that can intersect and/or run parallel to foot and cycle trails. This works well in Bottlelake Forest for instance, and to a lesser degree in the West Melton Forest (less intersections, not less well)

C. Consider the impacts on roadside riding when planning new infrastructure and develop road safety messaging around passing speeds and distances.

D. Encourage use/development of Rivers, reserves, and ULR (Unformed Legal road) as riding routes, removing any obstacles such as locked gates or fences, and eventually adding signage and providing mounting blocks - concrete mounting blocks can also act as motor vehicle deterrents if necessary.

I wish to speak to my submission.

Regards,



Corey

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 01/05/2024
First name: Angela **Last name:** Wright

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Do you wish to attend a Council hearing to present your feedback in person?

○ Yes

◉ I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Feedback

3. Malvern Recreation and Sports Facility

Malvern has no indoor sports courts and demand for these is increasing rapidly. We're planning to build a new recreation and sports facility to meet that demand. It would be developed alongside existing and future facilities in the area to create a central hub for Malvern.

We want to hear from you - should we:

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Build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield that includes two indoor courts.

Project cost:
Year 3: $11.28 million (minus $1.10 million already included in the last Long-Term Plan. Total left to fund is $10.18 million)
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$19.91
Funding:
Rates: 57%
Development contributions: 43% *

Please add any comments you may have

Matters for Community Guidance

We're looking for your guidance on a series of other decisions around the way we support our economy, invest in new technology and the future of the Sheffield Memorial Pool.

Sheffield Memorial Pool

The Sheffield Memorial Pool is used by less people than our other community pools and is 10 minutes' drive from the newly upgraded Darfield Pool. The pool will require $1 million in

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upgrades to keep open, or $290,000 to close. We're proposing to close the pool.



Do you support the closure of Sheffield Community Pool?

No

Any comments?

I would like to see a new facility built on Sheffield School grounds to replace the aging community pool. If this is not possible, then we need to keep the community pool open.

Economic Development

We are proposing to play a more active role in our district's economic development. We have budgeted $9 million over 10 years to support the Economic Development Strategy that we have co-designed with Selwyn businesses.



Do you support the continued development of an economic development strategy?

Any comments?

Digital Solutions

We are proposing to explore the most effective technologies that could assist us to do our best work for the community. We've budgeted $1.3million a year to do this, with the costs to be reconfirmed through each annual plan as the work progresses.



Do you support the Council investing in better technology solutions to improve our services to the community?

Any comments?

Attached Documents

Link	File
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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for the retention of a pool facility in Sheffield and to highlight the invaluable benefits that rural facilities like this bring to our community.

Sheffield Pool serves as a vital hub for our community, providing a space for families, friends, and individuals to engage in recreational activities, fostering a sense of camaraderie and unity. Its presence will contribute significantly to the overall wellbeing of our residents, both physically and socially.

On rural areas, access to recreational facilities is often limited, making Sheffield Pool an essential asset. It not only promotes a healthy exercise lifestyle by offering a place for exercise and relaxation but also acts as a catalyst for community integration. In rural settings, these facilities play a crucial part in reducing isolation and ensure that residents have a place to connect and build relationships.

Furthermore, Sheffield Pool serves as an educational resource, offering swimming lessons and water safety programmes that are particularly beneficial for families in rural areas where natural bodies of water are a particular hazard. With the retention of a swimming facility in our community, the Sheffield School Board of Trustees demonstrates a commitment to the well-rounded development and safety of our community members, especially our children.

I urge you to support the Sheffield Board of Trustees in retaining a pool facility in the area, recognising its role in enhancing the quality of life for residents and contributing to the unique fabric of our rural community. Your support for this facility will undoubtedly have far-reaching positive effects for generations to come.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and dedication to the betterment of our community.

Declaration:

I, Angela L. Wright [full name], support the retention of a swimming facility for the wider Sheffield community. I support,

☐ **A community entity to take ownership, repair and maintain the existing Sheffield Memorial Pool.**

and/or

☑ **The build of a new facility on the Sheffield Contributing School Grounds**

Signed: [redacted] Date: 01/05/24.

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 01/05/2024
First name: fiona **Last name:** neale

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Do you wish to attend a Council hearing to present your feedback in person?

◉ Yes

○ I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Additional requirements for hearing:

Feedback

1. Public Transport

We're asking for your feedback on how Council should go forward with our public transport upgrades and programmes. In our region, Environment Canterbury provides public transport services (Metro buses) in the Greater Christchurch area. Selwyn District Council (like other local councils) is responsible for providing public transport infrastructure such as bus stops, shelters, and Park and Ride facilities.

You told us you want to see better access to public transport, particularly for our young and elderly residents.

So we want to hear from you - should we:

Build three new Park and Ride facilities at Lincoln and Rolleston, and upgrade public transport infrastructure, but only if Council receives co-funding from NZTA Waka Kotahi.

Project cost:
Years 1–3: $4.2 million
Years 4–10: $11.6 million
Estimated impact on rates:
Years 1–3: $7.06
Years 4–10: $19.52
Funding:
Rates: 49%
NZTA Waka Kotahi: 51%

Our

budgeted
option

Please add any comments you may have

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Build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield that includes one indoor court.

Project cost:
Year 3: $7.07 million (minus $1.10 million already included in the last Long-Term Plan. Total left to fund is $5.97 million)
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$11.67
Funding:
Rates: 57%
Development contributions: 43% *

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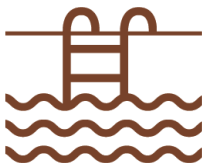
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Do you support the closure of Sheffield Community Pool?

Yes
Any comments?
If the local community want to take this on then I think that should be seriously considered

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Economic Development

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Do you support the continued development of an economic development strategy?

Yes

Any comments?

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We are proposing to explore the most effective technologies that could assist us to do our best work for the community. We've budgeted $1.3million a year to do this, with the costs to be reconfirmed through each annual plan as the work progresses.



Do you support the Council investing in better technology solutions to improve our services to the community?

Yes

Any comments?

Other comments

You can provide comments on any other matters in our draft Long-Term Plan, including the projects in the Keeping Your Community Informed section on pages 44-51 of the consultation document.

You can read the specific pages in the consultation document by clicking here.

Please provide your comments in the box below.

I have a passion for enhancing facilities in Arthur's Pass and have attached a supporting document.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at a public hearing in the council chambers?

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2. Waihora Whata Rau - community facility and reserves upgrade Leeston

After consulting with the community, in the last Long-Term Plan we proposed a new community facility for Leeston, called Whata Rau, which would be built alongside the park, providing a 'hub' for Ellesmere where residents can gather, play, and learn.

2a. Whata Rau - new community facility

After consulting with Ellesmere residents during the last Long-Term Plan, we agreed to build a new library and community centre called Whata Rau, next to Leeston Park. This project would provide more community spaces that are needed in the area, and provide a solution for the existing Leeston library and service centre: the current facility is earthquake prone and needs significant repairs or to be replaced.

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Increased construction costs and land remediation issues mean the costs to build Whata Rau have increased. Given this new information we want to hear from you - should we:

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Build Whata Rau next to Leeston Park as agreed in our 2021-31 Long-Term Plan and using the current design and layout planned to meet the needs identified by the community. The facility would include a library, council service centre and community centre.

Project cost:
Year 1: $16.01m
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$44.22
Funding:
Rates: 80.5%
Development contributions: 19.5% *
2024/25
2025/26
2026/27
2027/28
2028/29
2029/30
2030/31
2031/32
2032/33
2033/34

Our budgeted option

Please add any comments you may have

2b. Leeston Park improvements

We planned to upgrade Leeston Park as part of the project to build a new community facility. Since agreeing to do that, we have completed a master plan for redeveloping the park over the next 15 years.

We want to hear from you - should we:

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Carry out the landscape improvements to extend the playing fields; replace and upgrade the playground equipment, footpaths, toilet block, lighting and irrigation; and seal the carpark.

Project cost:
Years 1-10: $3.4m
Estimated impact on rates :
Included in current rates
Funding:
Rates: 71.4%
Development contributions: 28.6% *

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Attached Documents

Link	File
	2024 SDC LTP submission extra

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2024 SDC LTP submission.

This document is to go alongside the submission from Peter Neale

The following are some additional items I'd like to make a submission on. They are all in relation to the 2024 CAPEX file.

Stormwater; There is $553,000 allocated in 2025-2027 for underpass flooding. I suspect this is for the subway tunnel leading to the train station. This is often a problem, even more so when it freezes, which causes health and safety issues for passengers on the TranzAlpine train. Before this amount of ratepayer's money is spent, I would like SDC to look into whether it is an SDC responsibility or a Kiwirail responsibility.

Transport; I would like to see specific funding allocated to upgrade the lighting in Arthur's Pass village ASAP to enable the Village to be classified as a dark sky area. As this will involve discussions with Kiwirail, we really need SDC on board to lead those discussions. I note that Castle Hill has some allocated funding for this in the 24/25 budget. It may prove to be more cost efficient if Arthur's Pass has some work done at the same time. I note that $1.2m is allocated for district wide dark sky in 2039/40. Please pull some of this allocation forward to allow this to happen in the prime Arthur's Pass area in the 24/25 or 25/26 financial year.

Transport; I fully support the construction of a cycle trail to join the two extremes of the Selwyn District. We only need to look at how popular cycle trails are becoming around Aotearoa. This would bring in more tourism and enable new businesses to become established along the proposed route, which traverses from the highest point of the Selwyn District, Tarahaka/Arthur's Pass to the lowest point, Waihora/Ellesmere.

Halls and Community Centres; An upgrade of the heating in the Arthur's Pass Community Centre has funding allocated for 2030/31. This needs to be bought forward to the next financial year, 2024/25. In an alpine environment, suitable heating is very important, not just for those using the Community Centre, but also for the good of the building. Should the Alpine fault go with a bang as predicted, a non electric form of heating and cooking will be essential for the local Community Response team to care for stranded locals and travellers. I acknowledge that SDC have assisted with various improvements in the last 5 or 6 years. In the 20 or so years prior to that, upgrades and general maintenance of the building was generally carried out by local volunteers at no cost to the SDC. This building was at one time owned by the local Community, but was gifted to SDC ownership in the 1990's (?). Up until last year, the local Community also picked up the power bill at the facility, another saving to SDC. The current fireplace was second hand when it was installed in the 1990's, so doesn't meet any clean air regulations. When SDC consider funding for the Arthur's Pass CC, they should keep in mind, that a lot of improvements have come at no expense to SDC. Please make this new fireplace install an absolute priority for the 2024/25 financial year.

Water supply; The Arthur's Pass water supply has recently had work carried out. Multiple tanks are in place to give a large amount of storage capacity in times of turbidity of the water at the intake. We have been told multiple times that this tank farm is a temporary solution

only. I see there is funding allocated over the next 4-5 years which should provide Arthur's Pass with the promised permanent solution. A permanent solution using a membrane filter alongside the UV treatment and chlorine will take away the need for the bulk of the tank farm currently in place. Please ensure this funding remains allocated in the SDC LTP.

Other things not clearly in any specific categories;

Please continue with the push to reduce speed limits to 20kph or 30kph on Council roads in Arthur's Pass Village. The majority of Council maintained side roads in Arthur's Pass are unsealed and not suitable for the current 50kph speed limit. I would also like to see SDC support any request to Waka Kotahi to have the speed limit reduced to 30kph on SH73 through the centre of the Village.

Please continue to allocate funding for volunteer Conservation groups, in particular through the SNEF fund. This is an important part of Council's role to protect native flora and fauna. I would also like to see the continued push for a do not feed the kea bylaw, which will assist with protecting this precious taonga species.

I acknowledge that SDC already allocates funds for Arts and heritage projects and events throughout the wider SDC area. I strongly urge this funding to continue in future years. I would also like to see SDC offer support in getting the Te Papa Atawhai/DOC Park HQ (former Visitor Centre) up and running again.

Maintenance and upkeep of SDC owned gardens in Arthur's Pass are often kept maintained and tidy by local volunteers. I would like our repeated request for garden maintenance to be carried out on a more regular basis to be implemented.

In times of heavy snow fall, the local footpaths and side roads can become impassable and dangerous. The Waka Kotahi contractors clear SH73. On occasion, if time permits, they also clear the side roads at no cost to SDC. I would like to see a better system in place that gets local roads and footpaths cleared in a quicker time frame. Potentially a phone call to a local resident could be made after any significant snow fall event to ascertain what is needed.

The SDC Civil Defence staff are setting the standard for all of Aotearoa, in terms of their preparedness and knowledge. With the odds of the alpine fault rupturing in the near future getting higher, it is crucial that funding is increased to this sector so all of the Selwyn district will cope in the event of AF8 happening.

For several years requests to get the open drain along Brake Hill in Arthur's Pass Village, covered and piped have come to nothing. I would like to see this issue resolved in the 2024/25 financial year.

As a last comment, I'd like to quote from the Local Governments act, which stipulates councils should "promote the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of communities". I'm hoping all decisions made by the Council will be made with this in mind.

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
First name: Gabrielle **Last name:** O'Brien

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Prefered method of contact Email

Do you wish to attend a Council hearing to present your feedback in person?

○ Yes

◉ I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Feedback

Other comments

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Please provide your comments in the box below.

Good morning. I am the owner of 68 Anderson Ave, and am submitting this submission to you, SDC to ask for answers to the following questions

1. My first question would be WHY is SDC so determined to close down an entire community. The land belongs to the Crown, and I understand, is only administered by SDC. At any point in time, has the Crown given any indication of wanting to dispose of the land? Does the Crown have a hidden agenda? What possible purpose would it serve the Crown to close an entire community?

The Huts have been occupied since the 1890's, mainly for fishing. Given this pre-1900 date, the huts are an archaeological site under the Heritage Pouhere Taonga New Zealand Act., and as such, should be protected.

2. The reason given by SDC, and now bandied about in the press coverage is all about Climate change, in particular rising sea levels and the danger of flooding. If you were to research this supposition, you would see that Leeston and other surrounding areas would be flooded long before Upper Selwyn Huts. I would pose the question here, Are you threatening to evict these communities as well? In addition to this, if you have been so worried about rising sea-levels, why as a council, do you continue to grant building consents to these areas?

3. The stumbling block in all this seems to be the issue of water and sewerage. It is understood that

we will soon be on the same sewer system as Leeston who pay District Wide Rates. We were told that a requirement for being put on the DWR was to pay for our sewer ourselves and a subsequent upgrade, which we did. Why then are we being discriminated against as we already pay DWR for Recreation Reserve Rate; General Purpose Rate; Library Charge; Community Centre Rate; Uniform Annual General Rate; Water Race (Amenity) Rate; Area Board; Swimming Pools; Canterbury Museum Levy; and Land Drainage? Why have we not been added to the DWR for Sewer and Water?

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Quoting 'Towards25 Long Term Planning Document '

"The Council is proposing to introduce a new way of funding water and wastewater, community centres/halls and recreation reserves. These services are currently funded through targeted rates and the Council is proposing to meet the costs of these services by introducing standard district-wide rates. Underpinning this proposal is the view that "Selwyn should be seen as one integrated district", rather than simply a series of detached townships. The Council acknowledges that where residents across the district receive a similar level of service for key infrastructure, "the cost to residents should also be consistent". In the case of water and wastewater this proposal will also help keep these services affordable for smaller communities."

This document also has USH specifically listed in the "Proposed district-wide rate for urban water compared with existing targeted rates" table.

From this we conclude there was a clear intention to include USH in the DWR for sewer and water. This is even more relevant now we will soon be on the same sewer system as Leeston. The council took charge of the reticulation system in 1989, I believe , and to my knowledge have done NO maintenance. It is high time that we were moved onto the District wide water/sewerage system and put an end to these arguments

4. Another question is why was consent given to build new properties, and to improve older existing properties, if the council had these current plans in mind? When we applied for consent to build 68 Anderson Ave, (Building Consent 060741) our architect and we were told at the time, that we were 'a test case', setting a standard for all future builds. We had to commission engineers and specialists to take into account sea levels, wind speeds, snow bearing loads of the roof etc. We complied with everything and were granted our CCC . What has changed in the meantime?

5. My final point is that post-quake, saw the move of people from Christchurch whose home had been destroyed, using their insurance payouts to fund the upgrades to their Hut, with a view to living out theirs lives in comfort. Not only are you wanting to evict people, but insulting them by telling them to destroy their homes at their own cost. With no compensation, how on Earth do you think that they are going to be able to even rent a place to live, or are you proposing to build homes to rehouse an entire community? As elected Councillors, you have a duty to represent your electorate. Showing your absolute lack of compassion in this case, I would put forward that you are not fit to govern.

Yours sincerely

Gabrielle O Brien

Do you wish to present your submission in person at a public hearing in the council chambers?

Attached Documents

Link	File
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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 01/05/2024
First name: [REDACTED] **Last name:** [REDACTED]

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Prefered method of contact Email

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○ Yes

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Feedback

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You told us you want to see better access to public transport, particularly for our young and elderly residents.

So we want to hear from you - should we:

Delay building new Park and Ride facilities at Lincoln and Rolleston, and upgrading public transport infrastructure until the next Long-Term Plan when funding options might be more clear.

Project cost:
None
Estimated impact on rates:
To be determined
Funding:
To be determined

Please add any comments you may have

stop the spending without consultation. Its not your money, fix the roading thats already 40 years old before half arse legacy projects

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Do not build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield.

Project cost:
None
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
None
Funding:
None

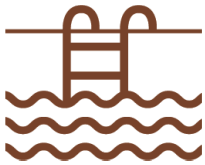
Please add any comments you may have
the cost estimates on these projects is hilariously out of touch.
back to basics selwyn. Get the roading and orher infrastructure right first.

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Do you support the closure of Sheffield Community Pool?

No
Any comments?
fix the pool to the state it was BEFORE selwyn district council took it from the community and let it fall into disrepair.
then give it back fixed to the community rhat previously owned and maintained it before council ran it into the ground.
we need more community pools given the darfield pool isnt fit for purpose, is rarely open for business hours and our kids need to learn to swim without druving half an hour. What pool do north of Sheffield to arthurs pass does selwyn have to utalise?
your taking away what we have already paid for!

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Do you support the continued development of an economic development strategy?

No
Any comments?

i have spoken to numerous employees of SDC who all say the same thing, who needs a coffee once a month to welcome new business for 9 million dollars?
many of us run a successful business in selwyn with no aid, only hinderance from SDC. This is a huge waste of money and could be better spent elsewhere, like on the cycleway nobody asked for or even approved from West melton to Rolleston

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Digital Solutions

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Do you support the Council investing in better technology solutions to improve our services to the community?

No

Any comments?

given it takes selwyn 2 months to send a link on a OIA request that doesnt answer the questions.
I honestly have NO faith in your ability of implementing "digital solutions" given you cant seem to send a email in DOUBLE the alloted timeframe.

Policy Changes

What is your view on the proposed changes to the Significance and Engagement Policy and financial policies outlined on pages 54-55 of the consultation document?

You can read the specific pages in the consultation document by clicking here.

Please provide your comments in the box below.

I do NOT support changes to current policies, given the council is unable to manage current finances and cant show transparency on where, when and what the money is being spent on.
i have lost trust in our mayor and beluve his appointment to the LGNZ is a complete conflict of i trest.
given two high up financial controllers of selwyn have recently resigned, it would be safe to say that something is a miss.
the rates postponement policy reads like un affodibilty of rates for our retired community. They made selwyn what it is today a reverse mortgage isnt ethical for a council to place on our residents homes for the councils constant failure to spend within their means. The borrowing of SDC is the issue, not the ability of our elderly to pay 30% forcasted rate increases over the next two years. Youve let our most vulnerable down and now you want to punsih the kin for it.
get better soon Selwyn this screams Maxism

Other comments

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the community board in malvern keeps the residents informed. The council doesnt. The effort it has taken to get this far on this submission is embarrassing. This isnt democratic i dont know of many

who could undertake this process without huge difficulty.
for two decades residents of selwyn have complained about the width of hoskyns road, your solution? Make a cycleway off the road, and lay tarseal on dirt the length of the road. Who ever at chord/sdc considered this as a viable long term solution should be fired without delay. Millions over the last decade has been spent on the same potholes and eroding road edges to have grass grown through it.
your cycleways are laid on compostable grass, little compaction and even your own guidelines are being ignored.
spending has gotten out of control, the forecast of rates rises reducing doesnt align with the borrowing outlaid in “this way” long term plan, so one of the two is published deceptively. The debt ceiling will need to be raised significantly to even stay aflot due to miss management, poor accounting and IMO fraud through the LGFA and its stipulations (which sdc wont be transparent about though OIAs) 1) its not your money 2) Sams legacy projects and feel good movement needs to stop 3) taking peoples homes for your failings is disgusting.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at a public hearing in the council chambers?

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Increased construction costs and land remediation issues mean the costs to build Whata Rau have increased. Given this new information we want to hear from you - should we:

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Do not build Whata Rau. Carry out necessary repairs to the existing Leeston Library & Service Centre building so that it can continue to be used for a limited time instead. *The existing building is earthquake prone and will likely need further significant upgrades to be used from 2035 onwards.*

Project cost:
Year 1: $3.05m
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$10.46
Funding:
Rates: 100%

Please add any comments you may have

2b. Leeston Park improvements

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We planned to upgrade Leeston Park as part of the project to build a new community facility. Since agreeing to do that, we have completed a master plan for redeveloping the park over the next 15 years.

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Do nothing. Use the existing park facilities and remove or replace old and unsafe items in the park.

Project cost:
Year 1: $143,000
Estimated impact on rates:
Included in our current rates
Funding:
Rates: 100%

Please add any comments you may have

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 01/05/2024
First name: [REDACTED] **Last name:** [REDACTED]

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Prefered method of contact Email

Do you wish to attend a Council hearing to present your feedback in person?

○ Yes

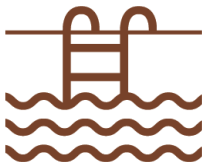
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We're looking for your guidance on a series of other decisions around the way we support our economy, invest in new technology and the future of the Sheffield Memorial Pool.

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Do you support the closure of Sheffield Community Pool?

No

Any comments?

Economic Development



We are proposing to play a more active role in our district's economic development. We have budgeted $9 million over 10 years to support the Economic Development Strategy that we have co-designed with Selwyn businesses.

Do you support the continued development of an economic development strategy?

Any comments?

Digital Solutions



We are proposing to explore the most effective technologies that could assist us to do our best work for the community. We've budgeted $1.3million a year to do this, with the costs

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to be reconfirmed through each annual plan as the work progresses.

Do you support the Council investing in better technology solutions to improve our services to the community?

Any comments?

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The Memorial Pool was built with local fundraising for the community to learn to

The suggested closing of the pool would be a very backward step for our

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will either use a lot of school's teaching time and resources or will be left to those

wont

All children should have and continue to have this opportunity as an important part

The suggested closing of the Sheffield pool would a mistake. Rather than

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 01/05/2024
First name: Mark **Last name:** Christensen

☐ Withhold my details
Organisation: Project Oversight Group - Pest Free Banks Peninsula and Towards Pest Free Waitaha

Prefered method of contact Email

Do you wish to attend a Council hearing to present your feedback in person?

◉ Yes

○ I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Additional requirements for hearing:

Feedback

Other comments

You can provide comments on any other matters in our draft Long-Term Plan, including the projects in the Keeping Your Community Informed section on pages 44-51 of the consultation document.

You can read the specific pages in the consultation document by clicking here.

Please provide your comments in the box below.

Please see attached submission.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at a public hearing in the council chambers?

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	POG submission to SDC LTP 2024

Submission from the Project Oversight Group of Pest Free Banks Peninsula and Towards Pest Free Waitaha to Selwyn District Draft Long Term Plan 2024/2034)

Elected Representatives
Selwyn District Council
From:

Mark Christensen
Chairperson
Project Oversight Group of Pest Free Banks Peninsula and Towards Pest Free Waitaha

Kia ora koutou

Re: Draft Long-Term Plan 2024/34 Submission

The Project Oversight Group (POG) of Pest Free Banks Peninsula / Te Pākata o Rākaihautū (PFBP) and Towards Pest Free Waitaha (TPFW) comprises appointees of:

- Environment Canterbury
- Christchurch City Council
- Selwyn District Council
- Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust
- Department of Conservation
- Ngā Rūnanga of Banks Peninsula / Te Pākata o Rākaihautū
- Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu

Pest Free Banks Peninsula

The POG supports the submission of the Project Management Group (PMG) for Pest Free Banks Peninsula, and seeks that the Council's LTP provide for

- The continuation of an annual contribution of $50k per annum (inflation adjusted) to support the Pest Free Banks Peninsula elimination programme.
- Enough budget for biosecurity work to ensure biodiversity values and gains on Council owned land on Banks Peninsula are supported by ensuring capital and operational budgets are adequate for the task.

Towards Pest Free Waitaha

- Continuation of the salary of the Community Activator from 1 March 2025 to support the community groups within Selwyn when the Predator Free Trust money ends, and funding for at least a second similar position from 1 July 2025.
- $30k for the provision of strategic planning and operational advice to the POG from 1 July 2024.

- Professional communications advice to the POG from 1 July 2024, including how best to engage with/enthuse residents who are not already involved in pest control.
- Professional pest control advice from 1 July 2024 on planning for the upscaling of a partly central government funded elimination project across Selwyn District, building on and linking with PFBP.
- Professional ecological advice in the 2024/2025 financial year on ecological regeneration priorities within the district as part of the Towards Pest Free Waitaha area (similar to the Banks Peninsula Ecological Vision), as a precursor to more formal community and landowner engagement on ecological regeneration priorities beginning in the 2025/26 financial year.
- Standardised biodiversity outcome monitoring and GIS system, integrated with the PFBP system.

The Project Oversight Group's role

The POG's role is to provide governance level oversight of both:

- the Pest Free Banks Peninsula / Te Pākata o Rākaihautū (PFBP) Partnership; and
- groups undertaking pest control more widely across Christchurch City, Selwyn District, and Waimakariri District as part of the Towards Pest Free Waitaha (TPFW) Partnership

Pest Free Banks Peninsula / Te Pākata o Rākaihautū

The POG reiterates the comments, concerns and requests of the PFBP Project Management Group (PMG) in their submission by the Chair of the PMG, Dr David Miller, dated 1 May 2024.

Towards Pest Free Waitaha

The POG recognises that there is much enthusiasm for pest control in the community across the Selwyn District. However, that community effort has to date overall been uncoordinated and has varying levels of expertise and resource. The POG has secured funding from the New Zealand Predator Free Trust for 1 year for a Community Activator who is working closely with PFBP, the agencies including the Council, and now with many individual community groups.

This is part of the work which POG has been leading on the initial planning for the Towards Pest Free Waitaha initiative. This initiative is intended to connect the community-based pest suppression activities which are part of the Pest Free Banks Peninsula/Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū vision, and to build on that experience and expertise by connecting its community-based pest suppression initiatives with others across the rest of Christchurch City and within the Selwyn and Waimakariri Districts.

Supporting these groups across the city will enable a strategic approach to pest suppression, similar to what is happening in Wellington, Dunedin and other cities.

Early and continued engagement with landowners/communities is critical. We consider that the community led, agency supported approach (adopted by PFBP) is fundamental to the

establishment and ongoing success of Towards Pest Free Waitaha. POG recommends that this model be used for TPFW.

The overall vision is to work towards implementing what would be one of New Zealand's largest landscape-scale pest suppression and elimination projects, linking Banks Peninsula with the Alps, between the Rakaia and Ashley/Rakahura Rivers.

While the POG sees the extension of the proposed Environment Canterbury targeted rate for biodiversity across the urban part of Christchurch as a critical step in bringing this initiative to life, the targeted rate, by itself, will not be enough. Specifically, priorities for additional funding which the POG considers is necessary to (in order of priority) are:

- Continuation of the salary of the Community Activator from 1 March 2025 to support the community groups when the Trust money ends, and funding for at least a second similar position from 1 July 2025.
- The provision of strategic planning and operational advice to the POG from 1 July 2024 to support the development pf Pest Free Selwyn as part of Towards Pest Free Waitaha.
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- Standardised biodiversity outcome monitoring and GIS system, integrated with the PFBP system.

The Project Oversight Group of Pest Free Banks Peninsula and Towards Pest Free Waitaha **requests to be heard in support of this submission and that we present a combined submission with Dr David Miller of the PFBP Project Management Group**.



Mark Christensen

Chair

PFBP and TPFW Project Oversight Group

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 01/05/2024
First name: Jan **Last name:** Thomas

☐ Withhold my details
Organisation: Kirwee Netball Club

Prefered method of contact Email

Do you wish to attend a Council hearing to present your feedback in person?

○ Yes

◉ I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Feedback

1. Public Transport

We're asking for your feedback on how Council should go forward with our public transport upgrades and programmes. In our region, Environment Canterbury provides public transport services (Metro buses) in the Greater Christchurch area. Selwyn District Council (like other local councils) is responsible for providing public transport infrastructure such as bus stops, shelters, and Park and Ride facilities.

You told us you want to see better access to public transport, particularly for our young and elderly residents.

So we want to hear from you - should we:

Delay building new Park and Ride facilities at Lincoln and Rolleston, and upgrading public transport infrastructure until the next Long-Term Plan when funding options might be more clear.

Project cost:
None
Estimated impact on rates:
To be determined
Funding:
To be determined

Please add any comments you may have

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3. Malvern Recreation and Sports Facility

Malvern has no indoor sports courts and demand for these is increasing rapidly. We're planning to build a new recreation and sports facility to meet that demand. It would be developed alongside existing and future facilities in the area to create a central hub for Malvern.

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We want to hear from you - should we:

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Build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield that includes one indoor court.

Project cost:
Year 3: $7.07 million (minus $1.10 million already included in the last Long-Term Plan. Total left to fund is $5.97 million)
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$11.67
Funding:
Rates: 57%
Development contributions: 43% *

Our budgeted option

Please add any comments you may have

1. **Health and Wellness**: Such a facility provides opportunities for residents to engage in physical activity, promoting overall health and well-being. Regular exercise can reduce the risk of various health conditions like obesity, heart disease, and diabetes.
2. **Social Interaction**: It serves as a hub for social interaction, fostering a sense of community and belonging. People from diverse backgrounds come together, forming friendships and support networks.
3. **Youth Development**: A recreation center offers programs and activities tailored for youth, providing constructive outlets for their energy and fostering personal development. It can help keep them away from negative influences and instill valuable life skills like teamwork and leadership.
4. **Economic Impact**: Such facilities can boost the local economy by attracting visitors from neighboring areas for tournaments, events, or classes. Additionally, the presence of a recreational center can enhance property values and attract businesses to the area.
5. **Community Cohesion**: By providing a common space for residents to gather and participate in various activities, a recreation center strengthens the fabric of the community. It encourages inclusivity and a sense of unity among residents.
6. **Quality of Life**: Access to recreational facilities improves the overall quality of life for community members. It offers them opportunities for leisure and relaxation, reducing stress and enhancing mental well-being.
7. **Skill Development**: Whether it's through sports leagues, fitness classes, or educational workshops, a recreation center facilitates skill development and lifelong learning for people of all ages.
8. **Crime Prevention**: Engaging residents, particularly youth, in positive recreational activities can help reduce delinquency and crime rates by providing them with constructive outlets for their time and energy.
9. **Inclusivity and Accessibility**: A well-designed facility considers the needs of all community members, including those with disabilities, ensuring that everyone can participate in activities and enjoy the benefits it offers.

Overall, a community recreation and sports facility in Malvern could play a vital role in enhancing the overall quality of life, fostering community spirit, and promoting physical and mental well-being in a small community.

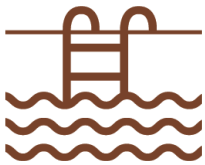
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Do you support the closure of Sheffield Community Pool?

No

Any comments?

Closing down a community pool can have several negative impacts:

1. **Loss of Recreation and Exercise Opportunities**: Community pools often serve as a primary source of recreation and exercise for individuals of all ages. Closing down the pool deprives the community of a valuable resource for physical activity, which can lead to a decline in overall health and well-being.
2. **Social Isolation**: Community pools are hubs for social interaction and community building. Closing the pool can lead to a loss of social connections within the community, particularly among children, seniors, and those who rely on the pool for socializing.
3. **Impact on Mental Health**: Swimming and other water-based activities are known to have therapeutic effects on mental health. Closing the pool can result in increased stress, anxiety, and depression among community members who no longer have access to these activities.
4. **Economic Disruption**: Community pools often contribute to the local economy by attracting visitors, hosting events, and providing employment opportunities. Closing the pool can have ripple effects on businesses and individuals who rely on the pool for income.
5. **Loss of Skill Development**: For many children, community pools serve as a place to learn swimming and water safety skills. Closing the pool can hinder the development of these essential life skills, potentially increasing the risk of drowning incidents.
6. **Impact on Property Values**: Access to recreational facilities like community pools can enhance property values in the surrounding area. Closing the pool may diminish the attractiveness of the neighborhood, leading to a decrease in property values for homeowners.
7. **Loss of Community Identity**: Community pools often serve as symbols of community pride and identity. Closing down the pool can erode this sense of identity and cohesion within the neighborhood, leading to a loss of community spirit.

Overall, the closure of a community pool can have far-reaching negative consequences for the physical, social, economic, and environmental well-being of the community.

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Yes

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Yes

Any comments?

Policy Changes

What is your view on the proposed changes to the Significance and Engagement Policy and financial policies outlined on pages 54-55 of the consultation document?

You can read the specific pages in the consultation document by clicking here.

Please provide your comments in the box below.

I don't think spending a lot of money on consultants is required.

Other comments

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I don't think it is necessary to spend $3.7 million to improve the Rolleston Council Offices.

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Build Whata Rau next to Leeston Park as agreed in our 2021-31 Long-Term Plan, but with additional sports courts and/or bigger community meeting spaces.

Project cost:
Year 1: 19.24m
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$53.14
Funding:
Rates: 80.5%
Development contributions: 19.5% *
2024/25
2025/26
2026/27
2027/28
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Estimated impact on rates:
Included in our current rates
Funding:
Rates: 100%

Please add any comments you may have

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Long-Term Plan

Consultation Document 2024-2034



Your Future Selwyn

Selwyn DISTRICT COUNCIL



Our Cultural Connection

This design responds to stylistic elements that accentuate the beauty of Selwyn District's landscape and cultural legacy. We were able to seamlessly integrate inspirations from the present, the land and the community. Upon dissecting the design, emphasis falls on the prominent inclusion of the mangōpare and the tāniko, both symbolising elements deeply entrenched in the region's essence.

Elements derived from the present, land and community intricately intertwine, forming a visually compelling narrative that mirrors the cultural heritage of the Selwyn District.

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2024 - 2034

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From the Mayor

> You told us you wanted a sustainable Selwyn, a place where people could live without needing to go anywhere else.



Waikirikiri Selwyn is a district of opportunity where families thrive. We are a great place to bring up children and to grow old. All over Aotearoa people agree. Kiwis move to Selwyn more often than to any other part of the country due to our great lifestyle, strong economy, and our fresh air location next to a city and touching the Southern Alps.

We're focused on looking after what we already have while planning and investing in a few new projects that you have asked for.

We are balancing this with the cost of rates and the affordability for households. As we have seen with councils around the country, just providing what we did last year is costing more. There are a number of projects that we have had to delay and put off as they are unaffordable in the current environment.

When we were preparing this plan, you told us you wanted a sustainable Selwyn, a place where people could live without needing to go anywhere else.

We want to deliver this and we have developed this draft plan, using that feedback.

We are proud to work with you and for you, and with mana whenua Ngāi Te Ruahikihiki and Ngāi Tūāhuriri, for the benefit of all our communities.

Now we want to hear from you. He rau rika e oti ai, many hands make light work.

Please read this document and let us know where you think we've got it right and if you would like to see things done differently, either added or deleted. We will carefully consider all your feedback which will feed into the shape of the final plan ready for 1 July.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sam Broughton
Mayor of Selwyn



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Mō tēnei mahere
About this plan

This booklet is our consultation document for the Long-Term Plan 2024-2034.
Every three years we prepare a long-term plan which sets out the outcomes we want to achieve for Waikirikiri Selwyn over the next 10 years, and the projects and activities that will help us get there. It also shows how these activities will be funded, and what this means for your rates.

This consultation document is a key part of developing the plan, helping us hear your views on priorities and directions for the decade ahead.

In this document you'll find information on the opportunities and challenges we're facing, what we're proposing to do over the next 10 years, and how that might affect your rates.

This is your opportunity to share your views with us. We want to hear what proposals you support, as well as things you think we could do differently. We welcome your comments on other areas you think the Council should focus on, other initiatives or projects you'd like us to support, and how these might be funded.

A number of supporting documents are also available to help you find more detailed information on the proposed projects, infrastructure developments and funding options outlined in this consultation document. These are noted in the relevant sections.



What is the Long-Term Plan and how does it fit in with other plans?

The Long-Term Plan is our 10-year budget. It sets out our work programme for the coming 10 years, including any major new projects or changes to services planned during this period, along with details on funding and rates. The community has an opportunity to provide feedback and make submissions.

Annual Plans – The Long-Term Plan is set every three years. For each year in between, the Council produces an annual work programme and budget, including consulting on any proposed changes from what was signalled in the Long-Term Plan.

The District Plan is like a rule book, which sets policies and rules for what people can do on their land and how it can be developed to sustainably manage the natural and physical resources of Waikirikiri Selwyn. We are in the process of introducing a new District Plan. Decisions on public submissions were notified in September 2023. The majority of the plan is now operative as the Partially Operative District Plan with a small number of appeals going through the Environment Court. Where sections are being appealed, the previous plan rules remain in place.

Selwyn 2031, the District Development Strategy, was adopted in 2014 and has helped guide the Council's decision-making as the district grows and develops. We have started a review of this plan and expect to consult on our new Future Selwyn strategy later this year, which aims to set the overall goals of where we want to get to for the next 30-50 years. New directions and developments arising from these strategies are implemented through our Long-Term and Annual Plans.

Area Plans and **Structure Plans** – Area Plans such as the Malvern Area Plan, Structure Plans and even Town Centre Plans, make specific spatial plans for large areas to implement the District Development Strategy and help shape our Long-Term Plan investments, by describing how areas will develop and specific major projects needed.



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Rāraki wā Timeline

2 April
Public consultation opens

2 April – 2 May
Submission period

10 – 14 May
Submission hearings

22 – 24 May
Council considers submissions

26 June
Adoption of final plan and rates set

1 July
New rates effective and Long-Term Plan comes into effect.

Have your say

Anyone can make a submission or give feedback on this consultation document. You can let us know your feedback online at **www.selwyn.govt.nz/ltp.**

During the consultation period, councillors and Council staff will be visiting events and locations through the district to discuss the proposals in this draft plan.

Details of community engagement events will be available at **www.selwyn.govt.nz/ltp.**

If you need further information or assistance in completing a submission please call us on **0800 SELWYN (735 996)**.

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Te ahuka whakamua ā mohoa nei

Progress so far

In our previous Long-Term Plan (2021-2031) we consulted with the community on a number of significant new projects.

Here's an update on how some of the key projects have progressed:



Kakaha Park

We completed stage 1 of Kakaha Park in Prebbleton, with three full-size and one half-size lit playing fields, walking and cycling paths, and a dog park, and are working on plans for stage 2.



New full-size artificial hockey turf and football turf

Full sized artificial hockey and football turfs were installed at Foster Park in 2022. The $4.3 million turfs project saw international quality artificial turfs built, which provide year-round space for two of Waikirikiri Selwyn's most popular and fastest growing sports and make the district an attraction for clubs and tournaments. The turfs have been popular for additional sports and casual use.



New Hororātā Community Centre

The Council agreed to keep working with the community to finalise its preference on an option in relation to the existing hall or development on a new site. After further discussions with the community, in 2022 the Council transferred the Hororātā Community Hall and surrounding endowment land to the Hororātā Community Trust, along with a grant of $1 million to support the trust in building the new community hub.



Heritage strategy and funding

We developed a Heritage Strategy with input from Selwyn heritage groups, mana whenua, and others such as Heritage New Zealand.

The Selwyn Strategic Heritage Plan 2023-2027 was adopted last year, with actions already happening. The Council also established a $50,000 community history fund for history groups to seek funding for priority actions to preserve and promote our heritage.



Rolleston Town Centre

The youth and the reserve areas of the town centre have been finished with a skate area, playground and open park spaces. The first commercial areas have also opened and the remainder of the town centre plan is being worked through as further commercial developments are completed.



Recreation developments

We have also completed the upgrade to Darfield Pool, and the Selwyn Aquatic Centre extension and begun work on the Lincoln sports park extension behind Lincoln Event Centre.

The first stage of consultation has been completed on the District Park with a huge uptake of positive interest from the community in sharing their dreams for the park.



Whata Rau Leeston Library and Community Centre

Design work is underway for Whata Rau, the new Library and Community Centre we agreed with you for Leeston. The facility, named Whata Rau, has been planned to perform a role as a "hub" for the Ellesmere community and to include a library as well as community gathering and meeting spaces.

The construction was scheduled to begin following further consultation with the community around the building and the wider development of Leeston Park. Rising construction costs and land remediation issues discovered at the site mean the costs have risen for this project. We're seeking your feedback on the way forward for this project as part of this Long-Term Plan.

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Te whakatakoto i te tūāpapa
Setting the scene

People love moving to Waikirikiri Selwyn. For the past 10 years the district has been the fastest growing place in the country, with around 3,500 people arriving on average per year for the last ten years (2014-2023) as more and more people hear that Waikirikiri Selwyn is a great place to live, work and raise a family.

New arrivals to the district are, on average, younger than the current population and are looking for modern, affordable housing, with good amenities and services nearby. This has fueled demand for new infrastructure. Both the Government and the Council have responded by investing in services and facilities such as schools, parks, recreation facilities, water and wastewater systems, community and health facilities.

Our economy has also been expanding. Unemployment remains low, and new businesses continue to open here, more quickly than the national average.

We're expecting this growth to continue, though not quite as quickly, with the district expected to have almost 110,000 people by 2034.

You told us you'd like to see good planning to make Waikirikiri Selwyn self-sustainable, a place people can live at all stages of life without needing to go anywhere else, and where land is used effectively to protect green spaces while allowing housing and good infrastructure and amenities. This Long-Term Plan supports our 30 year District Development Strategy plan with some of the actions we're taking in the next 10 years to help achieve that vision.

District population (projected)*
86,000+

Projected population 2034 (projected)*
109,000+

District households (projected)*
29,900+

Projected households 2034 (projected)*
38,600+

Average resident's age*
37

92%*
Of residents think its a great place to live*

Populations

	2024 (estimated)	2034 (estimated)
Rolleston	31,400	39,600
Lincoln	10,400	14,000
Prebbleton	5,500	6,700
Darfield	3,400	4,500
Leeston	2,600	3,100
West Melton	2,900	4,000
Other Townships	6,600	8,500
Rural	23,700	29,300
Ngāi Te Ruahikihiki Members	30,000	-

Age distribution

	2024 (estimated)	2034 (estimated)
0 – 14 years	20%	19%
15 – 39 years	33%	31%
40 – 64 years	33%	32%
65 years +	13%	18%

Source: Infometrics and Stats NZ.

Te tirohaka whānui
The bigger picture

While this is a plan for Waikirikiri Selwyn, we are also thinking about how things can work well with the areas around us. We work closely with other councils and Government agencies to advocate for our district and make sure we are all working together for the wider good of the region.

Our Mayor and Chief Executive are part of the Canterbury Mayoral forum, where the Mayors and Chief Executives of Canterbury's 10 Territorial Authorities and the chair of the Canterbury Regional Council (Environment Canterbury), meet to work together on issues that affect the whole province.

We are also part of Greater Christchurch – the second largest urban centre in this country – home to 10% of New Zealand's population and predicted to reach 640,000 people by 2048.

Greater Christchurch includes Christchurch city, and nearby areas within the Waikirikiri Selwyn and Waimakariri districts, from Rolleston in the south to Rangiora in the north.

During 2023 the Partnership consulted on the Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan and the Greater Christchurch Transport Plan preparing for our future growth.

The partners also joined with the Minister of Housing and Minister of Local Government to form the Urban Growth Partnership for Greater Christchurch – the Whakawhanake Kāinga Komiti, which produced the Mass Rapid Transit Indicative Business Case. All the partners, including Selwyn District Council have endorsed this plan and are working on a more detailed business case for the design of the corridor and stations along the route.

This Long-Term Plan includes how we can help realise these plans to support our district and help address the priorities you identified.

To help this, we are planning for the future as part of The Greater Christchurch Partnership, which includes:

Christchurch City Council · Te Taumutu Rūnanga · Te Rūnanga o NGĀI TAHU · Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand · Environment Canterbury Regional Council · WAKA KOTAHI NZ TRANSPORT AGENCY · Waimakariri District Council · Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet



What you said you like most about Selwyn

Lifestyle

What you said you want for Selwyn

Planned growth, including proactive infrastructure

Consider building up, not out in urban areas

Improving our well-being

One of the main purposes of local government is to improve the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of our residents and communities.

Almost everything we do as a Council contributes to these well-beings. In our Long-Term Plan we describe a series of community outcomes or goals, which represent our Council's vision for the district, and guide our Council as it develops plans and makes decisions. These well-beings are aspirational and long-term.

It's important to note that our Council is just one of several organisations that contribute to well-being in our community. Government and non-government agencies, along with many other groups, also have a part to play, but we play a role in advocating, facilitating, and supporting these across Waikirikiri Selwyn.

Environmental well-being

Waikirikiri Selwyn's whenua/land, wai/water, and kā taoka o te taiao/biodiversity are protected and enhanced. Our towns are cleaner and greener, and we address climate change.

This goal aims to see a clean taiao environment, liveable low carbon towns and protection of productive and diverse land.

Indicators to measure this include water quality of monitored lakes, rivers and swimming spots, areas of land in protected indigenous vegetation and landfill waste in kg per capita.

Cultural well-being

Waikirikiri Selwyn is a collection of connected multicultural and diverse communities. We value our partnership with mana whenua and uphold all partnerships that allow our people to thrive, and everyone has a place to call home.

This goal aims to see a district which values its culture and heritage and has inclusive communities.

Indicators include preservation of historic places including wāhi tapu places of tribal significance and promotions of local history and celebrations of arts and culture.

Social well-being

Waikirikiri Selwyn is a resilient district and a great place to live, work, and play; where our takata/people support each other, enjoy spending time together and feel a sense of whānaukataka/connection.

This goal aims to see an active, educated and connected community with strong neighbourhoods.

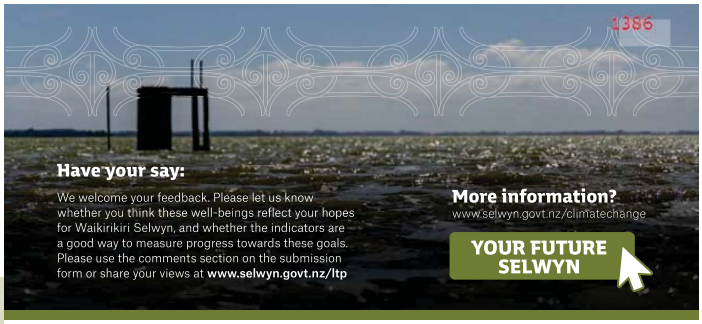
Indicators include measures such as employment numbers, housing affordability, access to community facilities, services and spaces to play.

Economic well-being

Waikirikiri Selwyn is a prosperous diverse economy that employs and empowers our takata/people and invests in our towns and communities.

This goal aims to see a district of opportunity and innovative infrastructure.

Indicators include measures such as economic growth, growth of new businesses, and travel times.



Climate change

Climate change is one of the most pressing issues faced by people worldwide. It is internationally accepted that the climate is changing due to the increase in greenhouse gases in the atmosphere – with changes observed at a global and regional level. You have told us this is a key area where you'd like to see us take action.

> The decisions in this Long-Term Plan will have effects long beyond the life span of the plan, so it's important we consider climate change effects and actively respond to the risks and opportunities.

We were one of the earliest signatories to the New Zealand Local Government Leaders' Climate Change Declaration 2017, committing to develop and implement plans to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, to engage with tangata whenua, and to support resilience within our local communities. We set our own Climate Change Policy in 2020 to make climate change mitigation and adaptation a core part of our planning and decision making.

We also helped prepare the Canterbury Climate Change Risk Assessment (2022), mapping how climate change might affect the whole region and we analysed the likely impacts to Waikirikiri Selwyn. This showed we are likely to see an increase in the number and extent of severe weather events with increased winter rainfall and more hot days in summer.

This could heighten the risk of flooding in certain areas and prolong drought conditions and periods of high fire risk across the district.

Sea level rise will continue to impact our coastal communities and Te Waihora Lake Ellesmere and saltwater may intrude further into our rivers, soils and groundwater.

We also measure and report our annual carbon footprint, which shows the trends for the Council's carbon emissions and areas for us to act.

This Long-Term Plan considers areas where we can take actions to reduce our carbon emissions. These initiatives are being drawn together into an Emissions Reduction Plan for the Council, including looking at areas the Council can act to reduce our carbon footprint through upgrades to the Pines Wastewater Treatment Plant, working with our Council Controlled Organisations and major contracted service providers, and setting performance requirements when designing new Council facilities.

We work with other agencies to improve the efficiency and health of homes, businesses and infrastructure, improve access to public transport, to raise awareness of climate change impacts and to support adaptation to our changing climate, through areas such as our Emergency Management planning, and through the District Plan, which maps natural hazards and includes additional rules to protect properties.



Water governance and management reforms

> The Government has indicated that it intends to repeal the Water Services Entities Act 2022, which proposed to move governance and management of drinking water, wastewater and stormwater services from councils to regional entities.

You have told us strongly in the past, and through our most recent feedback, that water is extremely important to you. In response to this, over a number of years, the Council has invested heavily in water services and Waikirikiri Selwyn has some of the best performing water infrastructure in the country.

We have also prepared for the future of water services in Waikirikiri Selwyn through our new One Water Strategy, laying out the goals and objectives for managing the water services.

This One Water Strategy is intended to guide the Council, other water infrastructure providers, developers and interested community members. It describes the shared strategic intentions of Te Taumutu Rūnanga, Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga and the Council for water over the next 50 years.

This plan proposes to continue that strong investment in ensuring Waikirikiri Selwyn has some of the best water services in the country. However, some of the details are unknown as we await further information from the Government on legislation to replace the Water Services Entities Act 2022 and support for councils in the delivery of water services through this Long-Term Plan period.

Any proposed changes in this space will be considered through future Annual or Long-Term Plans.

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What you told us....

To set the direction for this Long-Term Plan, we asked you last year about what you would like to see as the priorities.

We used focus groups, surveys online, over the phone and in-person, and a first-of-its-kind interactive scavenger hunt to reach you. Over 350,000 people viewed this early engagement material and almost 800 of you shared your views – the largest number ever for this early engagement in preparing a Long-Term Plan for Waikirikiri Selwyn. This information was combined with other feedback you have given us to guide the areas that were most important to you.

The respondents were from across the district and across different community groups and ages, including 33% of respondents living rurally, while 25% identified with ethnicities other than New Zealand European including 9% Māori, 7% Asian and 5% Middle Eastern, African or Latin American.

You overwhelmingly highlighted the importance of a 'sustainable Selwyn', where the district is self-sufficient with services and facilities that cater to people at all stages of life and the environment is cared for.

Key areas you highlighted were

- Strong planning to enable smart growth – being proactive to prepare for growth, to protect our unique environment and lifestyle and connect communities
- a wider spread of infrastructure and services
- protection of water sources
- access to green spaces

You also told us you were happy to pay a little more in rates as long as it was clear it was going into achieving your priorities.

This feedback has been really important in making this plan, with our proposals focused around making sure we are investing in the essentials for connecting communities and protecting our environment and lifestyle, and planning proactively for growth.

For a summary of the early consultation findings visit **www.selwyn.govt.nz/ltp**

What you said you like most about Selwyn

- Lifestyle
- Rural environment
- Proximity to family and work

What you said you want for Selwyn

- Planned growth, including proactive infrastructure
- Consider building up, not out in urban areas

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Kā mahi a te Kaunihera
What the Council does

Understanding your rates

If you're a Waikirikiri Selwyn ratepayer, you're one of around 33,000 property owners who contribute through their rates to funding the huge range of activities, services and facilities that the Council provides for your community.

Your rates contribution is made up of a combination of general rate and targeted rates. Other sources of funding for the Council include fees and charges, commercial investment returns, development contributions, subsidies and grants.
Many of the assets the Council provides for the community are designed to last for many decades – community centres and facilities, roading networks and underground infrastructure, for example.

These assets benefit both current and future generations, so we use borrowing to ensure inter-generational equity. This is achieved by spreading the costs of an asset over 20 to 25 years. In this way it is paid for by the generations that benefit from it. It would be unfair if today's generation paid the full cost of building assets that last for a considerable period, and in many cases, it would not be possible to fund such investments from operational income alone.

15.6% Proposed rates increase Year 1

8.5% Proposed average rates increase

Average annual rates increase to existing ratepayers

2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34
15.6%	14.6%	13.9%	13.2%	7.4%	6.5%	6.2%	1.4%	4.7%	1.1%

General rates

The general rate funds Council services and facilities that benefit the whole district. It includes a Uniform Annual General Charge component, which is not related to property value.
Here's a rough guide to how your general rates dollar is used for the community good:

- Transportation 45%
- Planning & Resource Management 14%
- Parks Reserves & Playgrounds 11%
- Community Development 8%
- Administering the Building Act 4%
- Council 4%
- Property 6%
- Swimming Pools 2%
- Economic Development 1%
- Public Toilets 1%
- Emergency Management 2%
- Cemeteries 1%
- Health Alcohol Licencing & Regulation 1%

Targeted rates

Targeted rates are used where a Council service or facility provides a benefit to a particular group of people or location. Targeted rates can be district-wide (e.g. Canterbury Museum) or localised (e.g. Community Board). Some of the key services and facilities provided through targeted rates (where applicable) include:

- Libraries $258.00
- Recreation Reserve $184.00
- Water Supply $370.00 (Plus a volume-based rate)
- Stormwater $152.00
- Wastewater Network $702.00
- Water Races $23.00 (Plus additional charges where service provided)
- Land Drainage $27.00 (Plus additional charges where service provided)
- Canterbury Museum $38.00
- Community Centres $201.00
- Refuse Uniform Charge $31.00 (For all properties on a refuse collection route)
- Recycling Bin $90.00 (Where provided)
- Swimming Pools $48-$193.00 (Based on proximity to Aquatic Facilities)
- Malvern Community Board $19.00 (For all properties in the Malvern Ward)

Development contributions

New additional residential and commercial developments place additional demand on our infrastructure such as our road network, community facilities and parks.

The Council charges development contributions to ensure developers pay a fair share of the cost of providing additional infrastructure to service growth demand. We collect development contributions for the ongoing operation of water services and road maintenance, as well as parks and public spaces. In this Long-Term Plan we're also proposing to collect an additional development contribution for public facilities – which could include anything from public toilets to community centres.

Have your say:

Check **www.selwyn.govt.nz/rates** for more information on Council rates.

For more information on proposed rates changes, including examples of different types of properties, check the 'Financial information' section of this document on page 56.

Environment Canterbury rates

The proposals in this document affect your Selwyn District Council rates. We also act as an agent for the collection of Environment Canterbury rates for Selwyn ratepayers. Environment Canterbury rates are set separately by the Regional Council. For information about Environment Canterbury's Long-Term Plan visit **www.ecan.govt.nz.**

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All Councils are struggling with rates rises due to inflation and other factors. Selwyn District Council is no exception.



Bridges are

38%

More expensive to build than three years ago.



Roads and water supply systems are

27%

More expensive to build than three years ago.



Sewerage systems are

30%

More expensive to build than three years ago.

New challenges bring new costs

- Climate change
- Transitioning to a low carbon economy
- Infrastructure demands
- District growth



Source: Local Government New Zealand Infometrics 2024.

Ka whakapaua ki hea ō tāke kaunihera?

Where do your rates go?



Getting clean
Your waste water safely flushed away.



Take a morning walk
Use our footpaths or explore the scenic walkways.



Catch a bus
Wait at the bus shelter.



Cycle home
We provide a safe, efficient roading network.



Lifestyle & learning
Enjoy a great read from our libraries – your place for reading, arts culture and lifelong learning.



Fitness & wellbeing
Work up a sweat at our sports centres.



Put the bins out
We provide waste collection and recycling services.



Safe homes
Live comfortably in a home that's been signed-off by our building team.



A good night's sleep
The District Plan helps keep neighbourhoods quiet.

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Tō mātou ahuka
Where we're going

The next 10 years - delivering the essentials and supporting growth

When we began preparing our draft Long-Term Plan 2024-34, we heard from residents that their focus for the district was to see a sustainable Selwyn where they can live, work and play without having to leave the district.

Our growth predictions for the coming decade remain high as people continue to recognise Waikirikiri Selwyn for its attractive opportunities. Our challenge for the next 10 years is to balance this growth with affordability.

To do this, Council is proposing to focus on our infrastructure and complete the projects we'd already started. We also need to prioritise work that will enable sustainable growth, and ensure we are providing a good balance of social, economic, cultural and environmental well-being for our community.

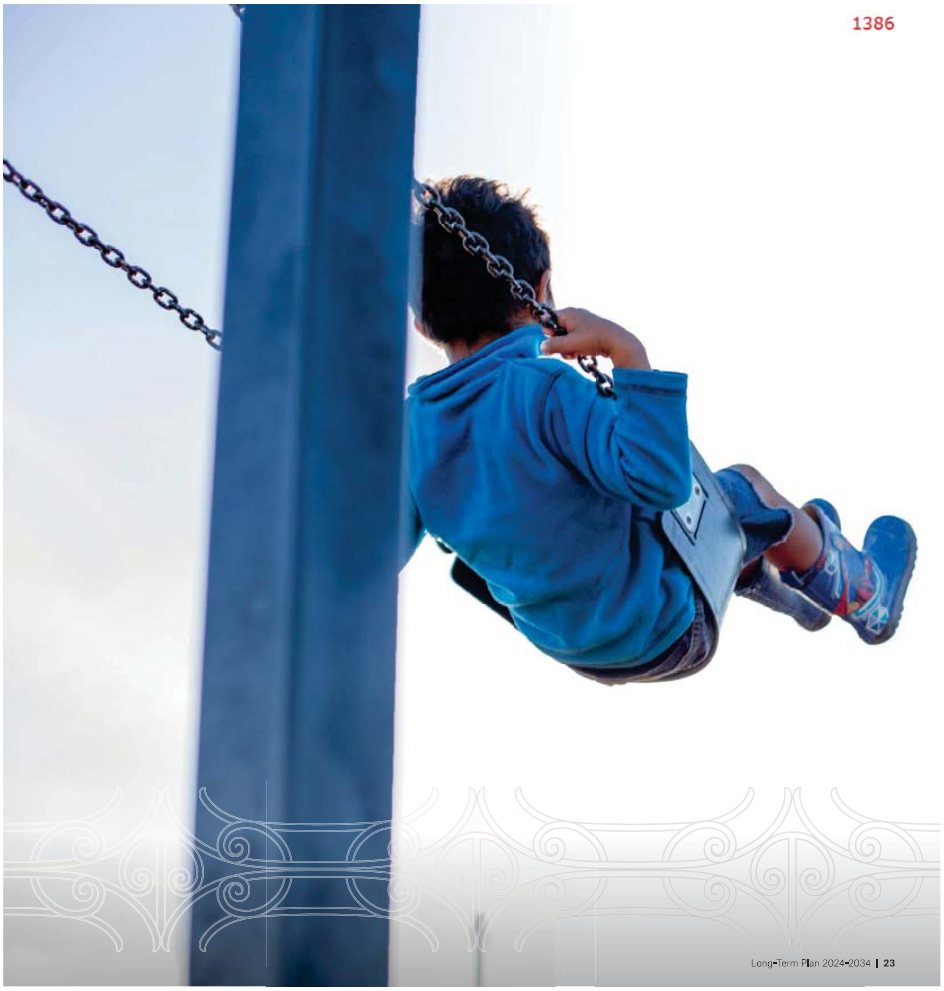
This consultation document sets out the key projects that will help us achieve this for Waikirikiri Selwyn, while being economically responsible and keeping costs down as much as possible.

Our big decisions

We're seeking input from the community on a range of proposed plans and projects over the next 10 years, but especially on the following three big decisions.

1. Public transport – construction of new park and ride facilities to support access and use of public transport
2. Waihora Whata Rau – building the new (2a) Whata Rau community facility in Leeston and (2b) associated upgrades to Leeston Park
3. Malvern Recreation and Sports Facility – building a new recreation and sports facility in Darfield to cater for demand for sport now and into the future

Check the 'Our big decisions' section for more information, and the options we're seeking your feedback on.



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Ā mātou whakatauka nui
Our big decisions

In this section we highlight three major projects which we need your help with to make a final decision. These projects are of a particular importance due to their size, cost and/or impact on our communities or for our district. Here you can find detailed information on each project, including options to be considered, how much each option would cost, its impact on the level of rates and what funding source would support the project. All rates calculations include projected population growth and the projected effect of inflation.

YOUR FUTURE SELWYN

How to make a submission

You can make a submission by visiting **www.selwyn.govt.nz/ltp** and completing the online form.

If you need further information or assistance in completing a submission please call us on **0800 SELWYN (735 996)**.

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Waka tūmatanui
Public Transport



What you told us...

When we prepared this draft plan, one of the main areas of feedback you gave us was a desire for better access to public transport. This was a particularly important issue for our young people and older residents who want more public transport and better access through Park and Ride facilities and bus stops.

1 Whakatauka nui 1
Big decision 1

Public transport

We are asking for your feedback on how we should go forward with our public transport upgrades and programmes.

In our region, Environment Canterbury provides public transport services (Metro buses) in the Greater Christchurch area. Selwyn District Council (like other local councils) is responsible for providing public transport infrastructure such as bus stops, shelters, and Park and Ride facilities.

The parts of Waikirikiri Selwyn that are serviced by the Metro bus network include:

- Burnham
- Darfield
- Kirwee
- Lincoln
- Prebbleton
- Rolleston
- Springston
- West Melton

Plans for getting around Greater Christchurch

The Greater Christchurch Partnership (a coalition of local governments, mana whenua and government agencies) is proposing a Mass Rapid Transit service for Christchurch City, with more direct bus services to the parts of Waikirikiri Selwyn inside the Greater Christchurch area to connect to it. The Partnership is still considering how these additional bus services would be established and funded, as well as when they might be introduced.

We need to have infrastructure that can accommodate these increased bus services, while also being thoughtful of our district's growing population in the years ahead.

That is why we are proposing to build three Park and Ride facilities at Rolleston and Lincoln (two in Rolleston and one in Lincoln). Park and Ride facilities are purpose-built areas where people can safely and securely leave their car or bike to catch a bus. This also allows people who don't live close to public transport to access these services.

Being able to use Park and Ride facilities means you can avoid driving into the city, helping reduce congestion, fuel use and car parking costs. This supports our efforts to take action on climate change.

We also have a bus stop improvement programme that we are continuing to carry out. This includes new shelters and real-time bus information systems, to ensure our district bus stops are fit-for-purpose and future-proof for our community.

Government funding uncertainty

The new Central Government has signalled changes to transport funding. This could affect the co-funding we had previously planned for when preparing our public transport projects.

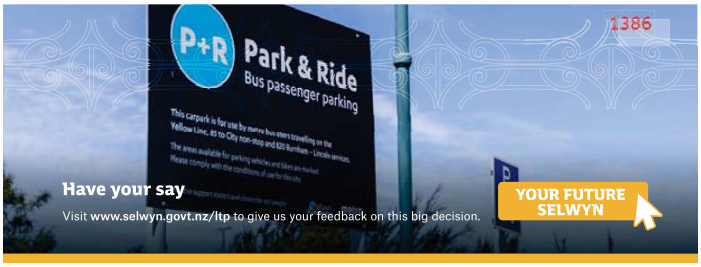
NZTA Waka Kotahi usually co-funds 51% of our eligible local transport projects and programmes. This helps pay for the projects and reduces the amount of money Council (and ratepayers) need to pay. The level of transport funding depends on how much money is available.

What we are proposing

We are proposing to build the new Park and Ride facilities and carry out bus stop upgrades only if we receive co-funding from NZTA Waka Kotahi, to balance the need for these services and the cost impact on rates.

We won't know what co-funding will be available for our proposed public transport projects when this Long-Term Plan is finalised: those Government decisions are expected to be made later this year through the Government's new Policy Statement on Transport.

However, we still need to plan ahead for what we should do for our proposed public transport projects and programmes over the next 10 years. Council has budgeted to carry out the work with co-funding from NZTA Waka Kotahi, assuming this is available.



1 Build three new Park and Ride facilities at Lincoln and Rolleston, and upgrade public transport infrastructure, but only if Council receives co-funding from NZTA Waka Kotahi.

Project Cost:	Estimated Impact on Rates:	Funding:
Years 1–3: $4.2 million Years 4–10: $11.6 million	Years 1–3: $7.06 Years 4–10: $19.52	Rates: 49% NZTA Waka Kotahi: 51%

Our budgeted option

2 Build three new Park and Ride facilities at Lincoln and Rolleston, and upgrade public transport infrastructure, without NZTA Waka Kotahi co-funding.

Project Cost:	Estimated Impact on Rates:	Funding:
Years 1–3: $4.2 million Years 4–10: $11.6 million	Years 1–3: $14.41 Years 4–10: $39.83	Rates: 100%

3 Delay building new Park and Ride facilities at Lincoln and Rolleston, and upgrading public transport infrastructure until the next Long-Term Plan when funding options might be more clear.

Project Cost:	Estimated Impact on Rates:	Funding:
None	To be determined	To be determined



Whare ā-hapori
Community facilities

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What you told us...

When we spoke to you, 66% of you said you feel connected to the district. Keeping and building a sense of community was very important, with a strong desire to see investment in facilities so that we are ready for more growth, and a good spread of facilities across the district.

We're asking for your feedback on three proposed community facilities for our district.

In the lead up to this draft Long-Term Plan Council has been looking at our facilities from a district-wide perspective to make sure we have a network of facilities that are available to everyone, while being prepared for future demand, and encouraging sensible spending and supply.

We are reviewing our Council facilities to give more focus on supporting good access by creating community hubs, with multi-purpose facilities and co-located Council facilities and services.

We're also looking at community needs, especially where there are gaps at the moment, or future needs driven by growth or popularity of activities and options for the community to get better use of halls that are currently being underused.

Based on that plan, we are seeking your feedback on new facilities and upgrades in the Ellesmere and Malvern wards.

To meet current and future needs from growth, we're also proposing to do further planning over the next three years on new community facilities in Prebbleton and South-West Rolleston and the redevelopment of Rolleston Community Centre.

We will come back to you to have your say on the proposed costs and timings in a future Annual Plan or Long-Term Plan, once the costs and proposed plans are better known.

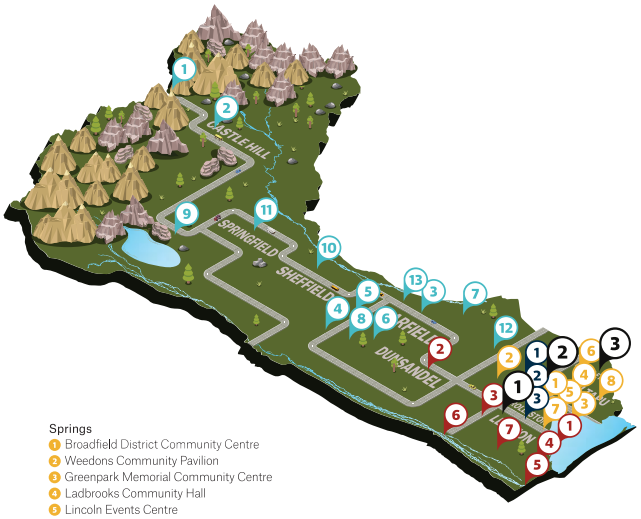
Hubs are:

Central locations with one or more facilities, reserves and sports fields in close proximity

Co-located Council facilities predominantly operated by Council

Can be one multi-purpose facility delivering a range of functions. E.g. Library, meeting rooms, sports courts

What we have now



Springs
1. Broadfield District Community Centre
2. Weedons Community Pavilion
3. Greenpark Memorial Community Centre
4. Ladbrooks Community Hall
5. Lincoln Events Centre
6. Prebbleton Community Cottage
7. Springston Community Centre
8. Tai Tapu Community Centre

Malvern
1. Arthur's Pass Community Centre Inc.
2. Castle Hill Village Community Centre
3. Darfield Recreation and Community Centre
4. Glenroy Community Hall
5. Glentunnel Community Centre
6. Greendale Hall
7. Halkett Community Centre
8. Hororata Community Centre
9. Lake Coleridge Community Hall
10. Sheffield Community Hall
11. Tawera Memorial Hall
12. West Melton Community Centre
13. Darfield Library & Service Centre

Ellesmere
1. Doyleston Hall
2. Dunsandel Community Centre
3. Killinchy Community Hall
4. Lakeside Soldier's Memorial Hall
5. Little Rakaia Huts
6. Mead Community Hall
7. Southbridge Hall

Rolleston
1. Rolleston Community Centre
2. Selwyn Sports Centre
3. Te Ara Âtea

Proposed
1. Whata Rau
2. South West Rolleston
3. Prebbleton Community Centre



Whakatauka nui 2

Big decision 2 – Waihora Whata Rau

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2a Whakatauka nui 2a
Big decision 2a –

Whata Rau (Leeston)

We want to know how you would like us to progress with the new community facility being proposed for the Ellesmere community. The community centre and library facility, called Whata Rau, would be built alongside the park, providing a 'hub' for Ellesmere where residents can gather, play, and learn.

What we've done since our last Long-Term Plan

After consulting with the community, we agreed to build a new combined library, Council service centre and community centre at Leeston, costing $8.9 million. This decision recognised Ellesmere's need for a fit-for-purpose facility now and into the future as the area grows. The current library and service centre building on Messines Street is earthquake prone, and in poor condition. It needs repairs to continue being used.

In addition to a library and council service centre, the new facility would include community gathering and meeting spaces.

In late 2022, Te Taumutu Rūnanga generously gifted the name Whata Rau for the facility. This name references the food platforms that could historically be seen by travellers on the flat landscape of Kā Pākihi Whakatekateka o Waitaha (the Canterbury Plains). It recognises the many platforms and store houses of knowledge and resources to be found throughout the district.

Design of the building has also begun with an overarching concept plan including cultural design elements and a flexible proposed layout planned to meet the needs of the community into the future. This concept plan includes the flexibility to be adjusted as the project progresses.

Construction was scheduled to begin in 2024/25 after further discussions with the community about details of the building and the Leeston Park development.

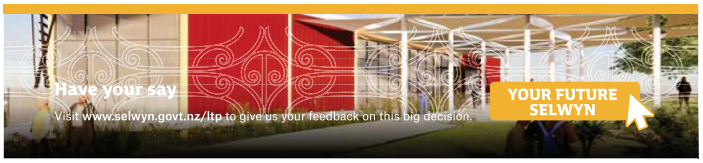
What we know now

Increased construction costs and inflation have pushed up the cost of building Whata Rau. We have also discovered land remediation issues that need to be fixed. Given this new information, we are seeking your feedback on the preferred way forward for Whata Rau.

What we are proposing

We are proposing to continue with delivering the project as planned as this best meets what you have previously told us you want. However, given the cost increases we are seeking your feedback on the preferred way forward for Whata Rau.

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1 Do not build Whata Rau. Carry out necessary repairs to the existing Leeston Library & Service Centre building so that it can continue to be used for a limited time instead. *The existing building is earthquake prone and will likely need further significant upgrades to be used from 2035 onwards.*

Project Cost:	Estimated Impact on Rates (Per Year):	Funding:
Total: $3.05m	$10.46	Rates: 100%

2 Build Whata Rau as agreed in our 2021-31 Long-Term Plan using the concept plan that was designed around the community's needs, and that can be adjusted as the project progresses. The facility would include a library, Council service centre, and community centre with meeting rooms.

Project Cost:	Estimated Impact on Rates (Per Year):	Funding:
Total: $16.01m	$44.22	Rates: 80.5% Development contributions: 19.5%*

Start building

2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	20

Our budgeted option

3 Build Whata Rau as agreed in our 2021-31 Long-Term Plan, but with additional sports courts and/or bigger community meeting spaces.

Project Cost:	Estimated Impact on Rates (Per Year):	Funding:
Total: $19.24m	$53.14	Rates: 80.5% Development contributions: 19.5%*

Start building

2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34

4 Build Whata Rau using a simplified, standard design that can be easily repeated, but does not contain the design elements planned to meet the identified needs. This building would have the same sized floor space as option 2 and some elements of the cultural narrative in the design.

Project Cost:	Estimated Impact on Rates (Per Year):	Funding:
Total: $15.21m	$42.01	Rates: 80.5% Development contributions: 19.5%*

Start building

2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34

Whakatauka nui 2b
Big decision 2b

Leeston Park improvements

We are proposing to deliver the Waihora Whata Rau project in Leeston. This project includes Whata Rau, a new library and community centre facility next to Leeston Park, and improvements to Leeston Park. Together they form Waihora Whata Rau.

We want to know how you think we should progress with planned improvements to Leeston Park. These improvements would be done alongside construction of the proposed Whata Rau facility.

What we've done since our last Long-Term Plan

In the 2021-31 Long-Term Plan, we budgeted $3 million for some landscape improvements to be completed at Leeston Park. These were to be done alongside the Whata Rau project.

As part of the work, Council has finished making a master plan to upgrade Leeston Park over the next 15 years.

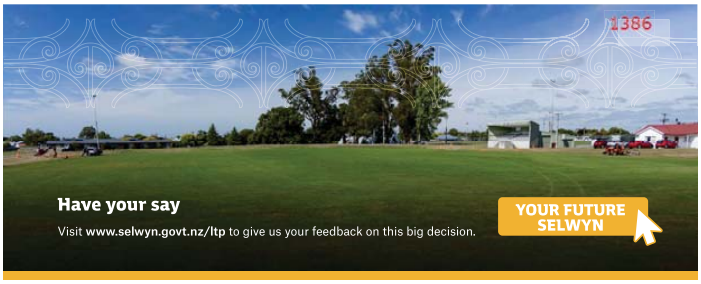
What we are proposing

We are proposing to continue with the initial landscape improvements that were proposed, as it meets what we have previously agreed to deliver, without adding extra cost to the rates.

The budget for the initial landscape improvements has been kept in this draft Long-Term Plan, but we want to know if you think we should do less, or invest more and carry out the full upgrades in the Master Plan.

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1 Do nothing. Use the existing park facilities and remove or replace old and unsafe items in the park.

Project Cost:	Estimated Impact on Rates:	Funding:
Year 1: $143,000	Included in our current rates	Rates: 100%

2 Carry out the landscape improvements to extend the playing fields; replace and upgrade the playground equipment, footpaths, toilet block, lighting and irrigation; and seal the carpark.

Project Cost:	Estimated Impact on Rates:	Funding:
Years 1-10: $3.4 million	Included in current rates	Rates: 71.4% Development contributions: 28.6%*

Our budgeted option

3 Carry out the upgrades detailed in the Leeston Park Master Plan over 15 years, including new pathways, carparks, toilets, park furniture, sports field lighting and irrigation, trees and plants, playground extension and upgrades, and park extension and signage.

Project Cost:	Estimated Impact on Rates:	Funding:
Years 1-15: $9.49 million	Years 1-5: $10.23 Years 6-10: $6.05	Rates: 71.4% Development contributions: 28.6%*

3 Whakatauka nui 3
Big decision 3

Malvern Recreation and Sports Facility

We want to hear from you about a proposal to build a new community recreation and sports facility at Darfield to meet increasing demand for these facilities as our district grows. The recreation and sports centre would be developed alongside existing and future facilities in the area to create a central hub for Malvern.

What we've done since our last Long-Term Plan

In the 2021-31 Long-Term Plan, Council set aside budget for a possible new aquatic centre in Darfield. Since then, we have done a needs assessment for the Malvern area which included talking to the community about what the demands are for sports in the area. This showed that demand for sports courts has increased rapidly in recent years due to the increasing population. In fact, the wider Darfield area is expected to grow to almost 14,000 residents by 2043. Additionally, indoor sports in Selwyn have been experiencing a sharp increase in popularity in recent years, with basketball seeing a 128% increase in players from 2020 to 2023. This upward trend is expected to continue in the years ahead.

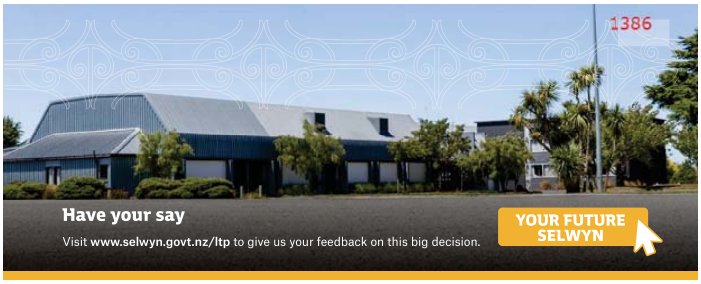
What we are proposing

There are no indoor sports courts in Malvern. Given this, we are proposing to deliver a new recreation and sports facility in this Long-Term Plan to meet this need. Our 30-year Infrastructure Plan still includes plans for a new aquatic facility in Darfield for 2035-36 (year 11 of this Long-Term Plan period), and in the meantime the existing Darfield Pool has been upgraded.

We want your feedback on the preferred option for a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield.

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1 Do not build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield.

Project Cost:	Estimated Impact on Rates (Per Year):	Funding:
None	None	None

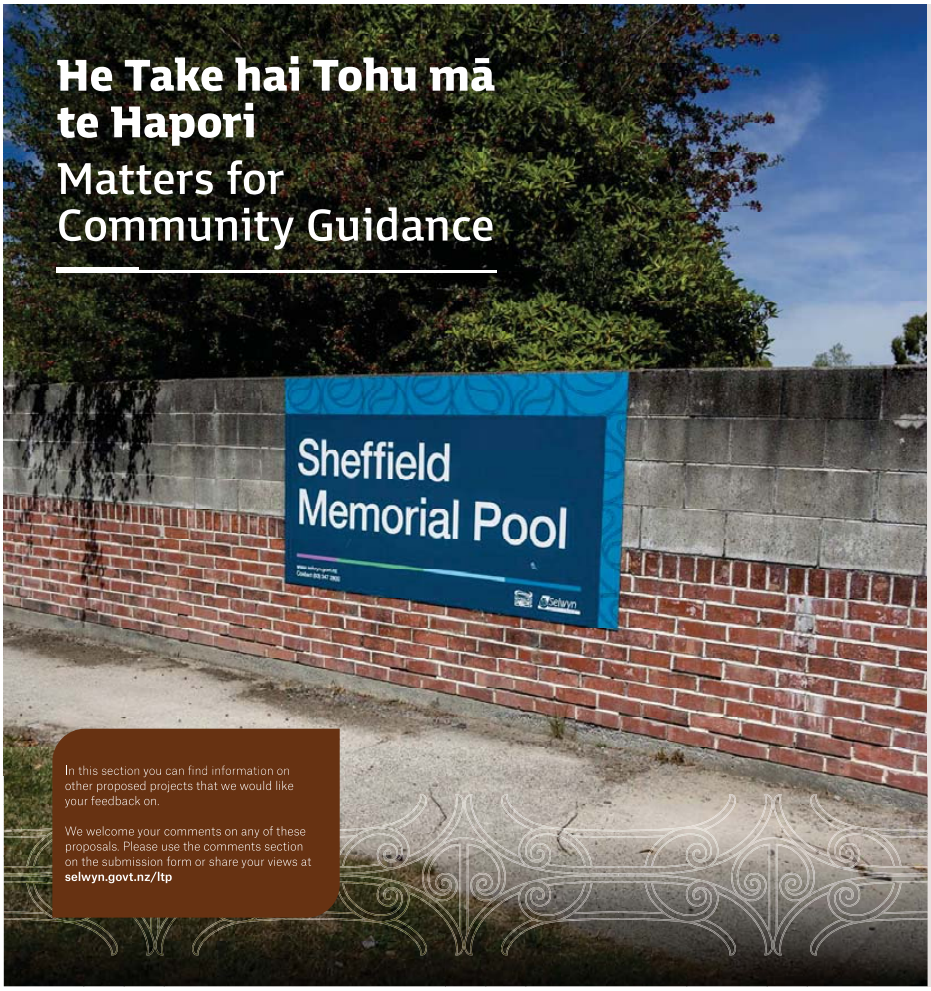
2 Build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield that includes one indoor court.

Project Cost:	Estimated Impact on Rates (Per Year):	Funding:
Year 3: $7.07 million (minus $1.10 million already included in the last Long-Term Plan. Total left to fund is $5.97 million)	$11.67	Rates: 57% Development contributions: 43%*

3 Build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield that includes two indoor courts.

Project Cost:	Estimated Impact on Rates (Per Year):	Funding:
Year 3: $11.28 million (minus $1.10 million already included in the last Long-Term Plan. Total left to fund is $10.18 million)	$19.91	Rates: 57% Development contributions: 43%*

Our budgeted option



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Matters for Community Guidance

In this section you can find information on other proposed projects that we would like your feedback on.

We welcome your comments on any of these proposals. Please use the comments section on the submission form or share your views at **selwyn.govt.nz/ltp**

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Sheffield Memorial Pool

We are proposing to close the Sheffield Memorial Pool. The facility is at the end of is serviceable life, and fewer people are using it compared to other staffed community pools. Significant upgrades would be needed to keep the pool running.

To support good access we are working to create hubs of Council facilities in areas, grouping facilities together to ensure we are providing sufficient facilities in areas without doubling up by having multiple similar facilities close to each other.

We completed major refurbishments on the nearby Darfield Pool in late 2023, which has greatly improved what it can be used for: the pool can have longer opening hours and more aquatic programmes. Darfield Pool is a 10-minute drive from Sheffield.

Through our Infrastructure Strategy, we are also proposing to build a new aquatics facility in Malvern in 2034-35 (year 11 of the Long-Term Plan).

Closing the Sheffield Memorial Pool would cost $290,000, while refurbishing the facility and resolving land stability and ownership issues would cost at least $1 million.

Closing Sheffield Community Pool:

Value:
$290,000

Funding Source:
Swimming pool rates (targeted and general rates)

Timing:
2024-25

YOUR FUTURE SELWYN

Economic Development

We are proposing to play a more active role in our district's economic development so that continued development in Waikirikiri Selwyn is intentional, sustainable, and strategic.

In preparing for this plan, you told us that a sustainable Selwyn, where people could live, work and play in the district was your key vision. We have been looking at ways we can support the business community to help grow the Selwyn economy and create more jobs in the district to achieve this vision.

Local councils often work with their business communities to support economic development. This helps encourage local job growth, buffers the community from economic vulnerability, and facilitates new competitive advantages for doing business in the region.

In recent years, the district's competitive advantages have attracted considerable investment and job creation in our communities. As other districts work to bring new opportunities to their communities, we need to ensure Waikirikiri Selwyn can sustain its previous good performance and remain a top contender for new business. This aligns with what residents told us when we began preparing this draft Long-Term Plan: they want a district where they can live, work and play without needing to travel elsewhere.

Research shows us that for every job filled in the district, $132,000 is contributed to local Gross Domestic Product (Infometrics Regional Economic Profile 2023, Selwyn District). We as a Council have a role to play in helping support this such as supporting, workforce development and community development, or delivering public infrastructure.

We want to be able to support new investment in the district, facilitate job growth (particularly in highly skilled roles and in key industries), grow business sectors, retain local businesses, promote innovation, and showcase Waikirikiri Selwyn's competitive strengths.

To do this, we are currently considering priority actions for our work through an Economic Development Strategy, and has budgeted $9 million to be spent across 10 years to carry out the work. We expect outcomes in this strategy to be measured through meaningful, robust targets such as job growth, employment/unemployment levels, innovative business growth, business activity across the district, and an increase in the number of businesses telling us we are transparent and easy to do business with.

Local business sector participation will be key to driving and implementing the strategy.

Playing a more active role in our economic development

Value:
$9 million

Funding Source:
General rates

Timing:
2024-33

Enhancing customer experience through digital solutions

We have an opportunity to identify ways we can provide even better digital experiences for our community and staff. We are proposing to explore what the community needs from us, and the most effective technologies that could assist us to do our best possible work.

The aim is to help make what we do more efficient and easier for people, and ensure our technology meets people's needs. We expect doing this would help reduce costs and improve efficiencies over time.

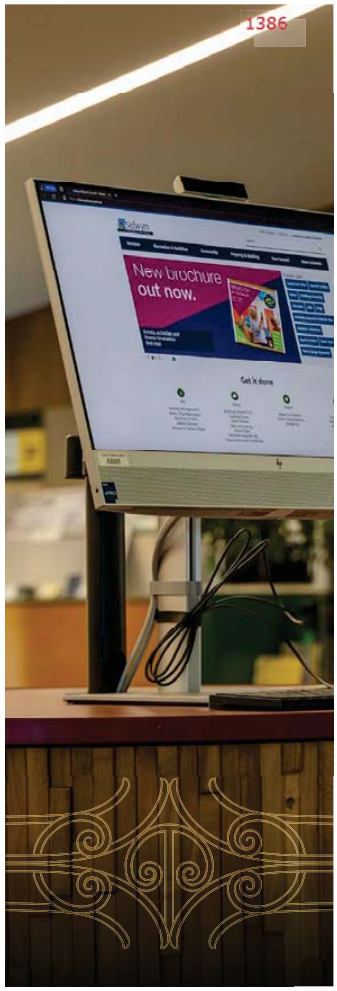
Before we can implement new and improved technologies, we need to review what our organisation needs and what solutions are available. We are developing a digital strategy and technology roadmap to transform our people, processes, systems and data. The strategy will set the direction and determine the level of investment that would be required to ensure our technology is fit-for-purpose, relevant and secure.

Investigating and implementing improved digital technology solutions

Value:
$1.3 million each year. Further details of what this looks like will be determined in coming Annual Plans.

Funding Source:
General rates

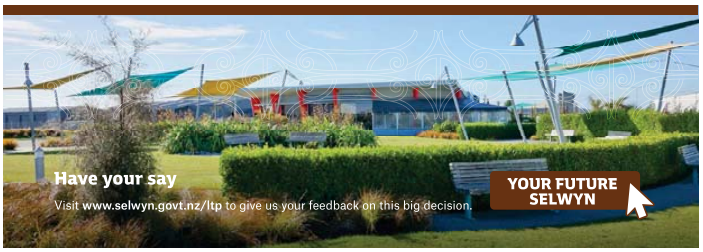
Timing:
2024-25



Kia mātau tonu te hapori
Keeping our community informed

This section covers projects and matters that are important for our community.

Strategic Relationships	a. Strengthened partnership with mana whenua
Water	b. Providing safe drinking water c. Potential legislative change in fluoridation d. Centralised low nitrate water sources
Transport	e. Maintenance and renewals funding f. New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) Waka Kotahi Rolleston transport improvements g. Lincoln Town Centre upgrades h. Exploring new public transport services i. Walking and cycling improvements
Resource Recovery and Waste Management	j. Compulsory organics collection
Property	k. Community infrastructure development contributions l. Strategic Investment Strategy m. Council Rolleston Office improvements n. Fees and charges o. Planning further community facilities



Strategic Relationships

Strengthened partnership with mana whenua

As a council, we have been strengthening our relationships with mana whenua for the past 10 years.

We are putting this partnership into action to create better outcomes for our communities and be good Tiriti partners, particularly with Ngāi Te Ruahikihiki ki Taumutu and Ngāi Tūāhuriri whose takiwā covers the Waikirikiri Selwyn District.

Examples of this include mana whenua representation at decision-making tables including Council, its committees and strategic working groups.

Funding of $300,000 per year through the Partnership and Participation Fund has been allocated to this.

In this Long-Term Plan we are building on this further through the implementation of Te Rautaki Tikaka Rua, the Council's Bicultural Strategy that aims to give effect to our Treaty partnerships and obligations, build a foundation of cultural confidence, competence and understanding, and provide the platform for being a good host to multiculturalism.

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We welcome your comments on any of these proposals. Please use the comments section on the submission form or share your views at selwyn.govt.nz/ltp

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Providing safe drinking water

Council is responsible for providing safe drinking water supplies for our communities.

In preparing this Long-Term Plan you told us safe, secure drinking water supplies was your highest priority, with 96% of respondents listing it as a key high priority.

Since our last Long-Term Plan there have been updates to the laws around keeping drinking water safe and public health. In this section you can find information on three key areas around keeping drinking water safe and secure – chlorination, nitrates, and fluoride.

How we keep our water safe

Our 27 drinking water supplies are treated with ultraviolet light (and filters in some cases), before a small dose of chlorine is added. The chlorine treats potential contaminants that might be in the network as the water is delivered through pipes to homes. Contaminants include E.coli and viruses that can make people sick.

By law, every drinking water supply in Aotearoa New Zealand must be treated with chlorine at all times, unless the national drinking water regulator Taumata Arowai grants an exemption. Exemptions mean that councils only need to use chlorine at specific times, such as when maintenance is being done or there is a risk of contamination.

Taumata Arowai

Taumata Arowai is the national drinking water regulator. It was set up to oversee the drinking water safety rules. This work was previously overseen by the Ministry of Health.

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Chlorination

In our last Long-Term Plan, we agreed to begin investigating what we would need to do to remove chlorination from our water supplies. We have since worked with Taumata Arowai on a chlorine exemption for Rakaia Huts.

We now know from the requirements we would need to put in place for the Rakaia Huts exemption, what would be involved to implement exemptions on our other water supplies. This would include installing smart meters, significant water pipe renewals and even more water monitoring and testing. It would be a substantial change to how we operate our drinking water supplies.

Only some supplies would be considered for an exemption because of their level of risk, and each supply has its own characteristics and complexities. This means some supplies would cost more than others to be exempt from chlorine.

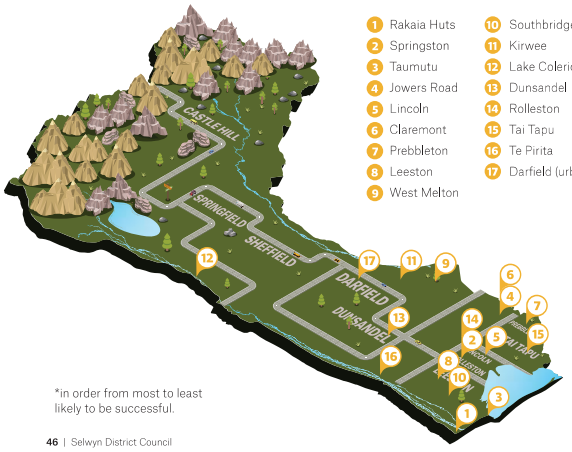
Even with infrastructure upgrades and more stringent testing, the unchlorinated water would still have a higher risk of becoming contaminated than chlorinated water, and chlorine would still need to be used at times to manage this risk.

We estimate that removing chlorine from the majority of our supplies would cost $82.6m. This would equate to an additional $231 per year on your existing rates in a targeted rate charged to those schemes where an exemption may be able to be achieved.

Due to the impact unchlorinated water would have on our ability to deliver safe water and the significant cost of upgrading our infrastructure to meet chlorine-free requirements, we are proposing to continue chlorinating our water supplies and not apply for further exemptions.

Water supplies that could be considered for an exemption*:

1. Rakaia Huts
2. Springston
3. Taumutu
4. Jowers Road
5. Lincoln
6. Claremont
7. Prebbleton
8. Leeston
9. West Melton
10. Southbridge
11. Kirwee
12. Lake Coleridge
13. Dunsandel
14. Rolleston
15. Tai Tapu
16. Te Pirita
17. Darfield (urban area)



*in order from most to least likely to be successful.

Considering low Nitrate water sources

The increasing levels of nitrates in water sources across the Canterbury plains has been an ongoing concern for Cantabrians.

Environment Canterbury is responsible for addressing Nitrate contamination in waterways and groundwater in Canterbury and it is working to address this issue, but notes that the rules it has introduced will take some years to have an effect on the nitrate levels in water sources.

In the meantime, as a Council, we look after our drinking water, including regularly testing to check that none of the chemicals in it reach the maximum amount allowed under the Drinking Water Standards.

We currently have five water sources where nitrate levels have reached half the maximum amounts allowed to still be safe to drink.

To make sure we are keeping our water safe we are proposing to investigate whether we can centralise some of our water on the plains to come from one low nitrate source. Having one source supplying these areas would also be cheaper in the long run.

We have budgeted $5.3 million over the 10 years of this plan, to investigate the feasibility of this and do early design.

Potential requirement to Fluoridate

We do not currently add fluoride to our community drinking water supplies.

Under the Health Amendment Act 2021 the Director General of Health may direct Council to add fluoride to our supplies.

We have not received a direction to fluoridate and the information we have at this point is that Waikirikiri Selwyn is not being looked at yet for direction to fluoridate. If we are directed to fluoridate the Council will be asked to provide timeframe for implementation.

Because of this, we have not budgeted the cost to fluoridate our supplies in this plan.

If we are directed to fluoridate these costs will be calculated and included over the timeframe indicated for implementation and included in the relevant annual or long-term plans.



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Transport

Better access to public transport and good infrastructure to provide a sustainable future for Selwyn were some of the important things you told us you wanted, when we began preparing our draft Long-Term Plan. We know that our local transport network is critical to keeping our district moving, and there are several transportation projects and issues Council is proposing to work through this Long-Term Plan:

- Maintenance and renewals funding
- NZTA Waka Kotahi Rolleston transport improvements
- Lincoln Town Centre upgrades
- Exploring new public transport services
- Walking and cycling improvements

Exploring new public transport services

You told us that more and frequent public transport services are important to you. To address this, we are proposing to investigate the cost and process for delivering public transport in addition to the Metro bus services Environment Canterbury provides.

Typically, regional councils (in our case, Environment Canterbury) are responsible for delivering public transport services, while local councils (including us) are responsible for providing public transport infrastructure such as bus stops, Park and Ride facilities, and bus shelters.

We don't yet know what the costs might be or what the services could look like, so we are proposing to spend $75,000 preparing a business case with Environment Canterbury, to better understand what would be involved.

NZTA Waka Kotahi Rolleston transport improvements

In collaboration with NZTA Waka Kotahi, Council is working to improve connectivity, access, and safety around Rolleston, to meet the current and future needs.

NZTA Waka Kotahi is planning substantial upgrades along State Highway 1. This includes a roundabout at the Walkers/Dunns Road intersection, and a highway flyover to connect the Rolleston township with the industrial area.

We have budgeted $19 million to carry out local roading upgrades that are needed to coordinate with the NZTA Waka Kotahi work.

Lincoln Town Centre upgrades

We are planning to progressively upgrade Lincoln's Gerald Street, from the Springs Road intersection to James Street.

This work forms part of the Lincoln Town Centre Master Plan, which was adopted in 2016. The upgrades would help ensure the town can meet the needs of its growing population, and create a more attractive town centre that encourages development and supports better walking and cycling links.

This work would include new carparks, cycle lanes and streetlights; reconstructed roading and footpaths; and undergrounding the overhead lines.

Improving walking and cycling access will allow more people to use these transport options, which is an important part of reducing climate impacts.

Originally, the upgrades were estimated to cost $21.4 million and would be carried out between 2025 and 2035. Since those costings were developed in 2016, we now estimate the upgrades to be worth $46 million to complete. We are proposing to complete the upgrades between 2024 and 2033.

Rural walking and cycling improvements

We know from your feedback that connecting Selwyn towns and supporting our outdoor character and environment are key issues for you and part of our well-beings.

There has been a long-standing ambition to develop a cycle trail through our district that connects Arthur's Pass to the east coast, and significant interest in a new cycle trail around Te Waihora Lake Ellesmere connecting to the existing Little River Rail Trail.

These would support the community outcomes and provide tourism opportunities.

Feasibility studies are currently underway for both trails, including funding options other than rates, which could include government, business and/or community group funding.

We will know more when these studies have been completed.

Maintenance and renewals funding

In this draft Long-Term Plan, we are focusing on maintaining our existing infrastructure to support our district's continued growth. As part of this, we are proposing to increase the funding required for our roading maintenance and renewal projects over the coming three years, so that we can meet the needs of our busier roading network and maintain levels of service for our community.

A budget of $82.3 million across 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27 is needed to do the work (which includes a new Whitecliffs bridge for Malvern). This is a $27.1 million increase on the amount that was budgeted in the last three years. This increase has been driven by a combination of:

- **Regulatory changes**
- **Aging infrastructure**
- **Previous underbudgeting**
- **Inflation**
- **Growth**

The amount that we would be responsible for funding will depend on the level of co-funding that might be available from NZTA Waka Kotahi: eligible transport projects are traditionally subsidised 51% by the agency. Changes to transport funding that have been signaled by Central Government, may impact this.

An additional $3 million has also been budgeted to account for emergency works that might be needed due to climate change and extreme weather events. This will also help us catch up on road renewals.

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Resource recovery and waste management

Our kerbside collection service picks up rubbish, recycling and organics from roughly 25,900 households throughout the district every year. Last year, the Government announced changes for organics collections, which will affect a number of our communities in the next three years.



Compulsory organics kerbside collection

From 1 January 2027, homes in Darfield, Leeston, Lincoln, Prebbleton, Rolleston and West Melton will be required to have an organics kerbside collection bin – residents will no longer be able to opt in or out of the service.

From 2027 all local councils that have existing food waste processing facilities must provide a food scraps and garden waste collection in urban areas that have a population of more than 1,000 people, and where an organics processing facility is within 150km.

The cost of this service is expected to be $190 per home, per year. Council will provide more information for affected residents closer to the time that the bins become compulsory. Those who already have the bin will not face additional costs.

The Government has changed the Waste Minimisation Act 2008. The law change is designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that are generated by organic waste in landfill. Currently, almost 13 million tonnes of waste ends up in New Zealand landfills, with food scraps making up 22 per cent of landfill emissions. The law change will help recover organic material so that it be used in other beneficial ways.

Property and Assets

Community Infrastructure Development Contributions

New residential and commercial developments place additional demand on our infrastructure such as our road network, community facilities and parks.

We charge development contributions to ensure developers pay a fair share of the cost to service this infrastructure. Revenue from these fees is used for new or upgraded infrastructure for transport, parks, sportsgrounds, drainage and stormwater systems.

We are proposing to add a new development contribution to provide for community facilities needed to serve new developments, from public toilets to community centres.

Council's Rolleston Office improvements

We are planning some upgrades to improve the entrance way and Council Chambers, add more office and meeting room space, and upgrade the car parking at our Rolleston offices including adding EV charging, to make the building better for you to use, prepare for growth, and lower our carbon emissions. We have budgeted $3.7 million over two years for this work.

Strategic Investment Strategy

We are preparing a new investment strategy that will set out a plan for how the Council manages its investments and assets. The strategy will look at alternative options for generating income outside of rates, along with regular reassessment to ensure it is achieving and continuing to seek innovative ways to generate new income and pay off debt.

Planning further community facilities

Looking at growth and where we have community facilities at the moment, we are proposing to do further planning on three new or upgraded facilities:

- A new Prebbleton community facility
- A new community facility in South-West Rolleston
- Redevelop Rolleston Community Centre

We're planning to do further investigations on the likely costs of these facilities over the next three years, with a plan to build them between 2027-2034.

We will come back to you to have your say on the proposed costs and timings in a future annual plan or Long-Term Plan, once the costs and plans are further known.

Fees and charges

We are proposing a small rise in the fees and charges for LIMs and property information requests and introducing separate charging for applications relating to non-residential properties.

We currently charge less than our neighbouring councils for a Land Information Memorandum (LIM) report and for property information requests. These charges do not cover the cost of providing the services, which is topped up from rates income.

The proposed increases would ensure the cost of these services is covered by the user and bring in a small amount of additional revenue

The proposed cost increases are:
Residential
LIMs increase from $250 to $300
Property information requests increase from $10 to $35

Non-residential
LIMs $450
Property information requests $70

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Puta noa i te takiwā
Across the district

In addition to the projects already mentioned in this document, we're planning a range of projects across the district. Here's a flavour of some of them. For more information see our Infrastructure Strategy at www.selwyn.govt.nz/ltp.



Big Decisions

1. Public transport upgrades and programmes
2. Waihora Whata Rau
3. Malvern Recreation and Sports Facility

Water Services

1. West Melton water supply capacity and network upgrades *(2024 - 2026)*
2. Springfield water supply treatment upgrades *(2024 - 2026)* and additional source *(2030 - 2032)*
3. Dunsandel water supply treatment plant upgrades, additional sources and storage *(2024 - 2028)*
4. Hororata water supply treatment upgrades, connection to additional sources and storage upgrades *(2024 - 2030)*
5. Castle Hill wastewater treatment upgrades *(2024 - 2026)*
6. Sheffield water supply additional storage *(2026 - 2028)*
7. Dalethorpe water supply additional supply and storage upgrade *(2026 - 2031)*

Community

1. Boundary Rd reserve development Lincoln *(2024 - 2029)*
2. Darfield Domain development *(2032 - 2033)*
3. Kakaha Park stage 2 *(2024 - 2026)*
4. Southbridge Park *(2026 - 2028)*
5. Kirwee Reserve Development *(2024 - 2029)*

Transportation

1. Charing Cross (Bealey Road, Telegraph Road, Wards Road) intersection upgrade *(2024 - 2025)*
2. Levi Road widening and Lowes Road/ Levi Road/Lincoln Rolleston Road/ Masefield Drive traffic signals *(2024 - 2025)*
3. Ellesmere Road Arterial Intersections Safety Upgrade *(2025 - 2026)*
4. Springs Road upgrades including Hamptons Road roundabout, Tosswill Road and Gerald Street traffic signals and university shared pathway *(2024 - 2029)*
5. Coaltrack Road seal extension *(2033 - 2034)*

Kaupapa Here Policies

Changes to Significance and Engagement Policy

The Council is proposing to make changes to its Significance and Engagement Policy focused on improving clarity on how to apply the policy to decision-making. These include changes to format and structure, a revised set of assessment criteria, mana whenua engagement and the assessment process for deciding appropriate consultation or engagement.

All councils are required by the Local Government Act 2002 to adopt a Significance and Engagement Policy, which must set out how they determine the significance of proposals and decisions relating to issues, assets and other matters, and how they will engage and consult with communities on significant matters.

A summary of the updated policy will be included in the LTP.

Changes to Financial Policies

Changes to Revenue and Financing Policy

The Council is updating this policy to include reference to the Te Ture Whenua Act 1993 following amendments which occurred to legislation in 2021 relating to the rating of Māori freehold land. Other changes include revising the capped rate uplift, revising its rating structure (targeted and general rates) and including a provision for an annual CPI uplift.

All councils are required by the Local Government Act 2002 to adopt a Revenue and Financing Policy and include this within their LTP.



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Changes to Development Contributions Policy

The Council is proposing to make changes to its Development Contributions Policy, which was adopted with changes in June 2021 as part of the 2021-2031 Long-Term Plan.

The changes proposed include the addition of a new development contribution to provide for community facilities to meet the cost of new community infrastructure required because of growth; as well as changes to align the policy to the proposed community outcomes and more general updates to be more consistent and clear, allowing more accurate and fair application of the policy.

Rates Remission and Rates Postponement policies

The Council is updating these to reflect new legislation by moving all references regarding the rating of Māori free-hold land to a new Rating of Māori Freehold Land Policy.

Consideration is being given to how Council addresses issues around ratepayers who have second dwellings occupied by family members and how Council addresses rate increases from proposed developments.

Climate change policy

The Council's first Climate Change policy was adopted in 2020. It commits the Council to make climate change mitigation and adaptation a core component of its planning and decision-making. The policy includes a regular review process to make sure it is up to date with this changing area. The policy is currently under review and will be available to view shortly. For more information on our climate change work please visit **selwyn.govt.nz/climatechange.**

Māori contribution to Council decision-making policy

The Council is working on this policy, to clarify the processes and and ensure mana whenua and iwi Māori are included at all stages of the council decision alongside other relevant groups. A draft of this policy is available at **www.selwyn.govt.nz/ltp**

Rating of Māori Free-hold Land Policy

Recent amendments to the Local Government Act 2002 and Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 by the Local Government (Rating of Whenua Māori) Amendment Act 2021 resulted in changes to how Māori freehold land is rated.

This policy will replace content on Māori free-hold land in existing rates policies.

A draft of the policy has been developed based on similar policies from councils in the South Island which have a similar, or comparable amount, of Māori free-hold land to Waikirikiri Selwyn.

Mōhiohio ahumoni
Financial information

Introduction

The financial strategy guides the way the Council makes decisions over income, expenditure, borrowing and investments. It helps explain how we plan to balance the books and summarises the implications of these plans for ratepayers. In doing so it links the Council's decisions on what services to provide with how they will be paid for. This section provides a summary of the strategy, which can be seen in full in the supporting documentation at **www.selwyn.govt.nz/ltp**.

In developing the Long-Term Plan we aim to remain in a strong financial position and be fair in deciding the amount current and future ratepayers, customers and land developers pay for services they receive.

Your feedback in 2023 was clear in an ambitious and exciting vision for Waikirikiri Selwyn and an openness to increased rates to see that happen.

Our focus for the Long-Term Plan has been in delivering on essentials and supporting growth – aiming to keep the things you identified as already being great in Waikirikiri Selwyn and deliver on the key things you said mattered to you.

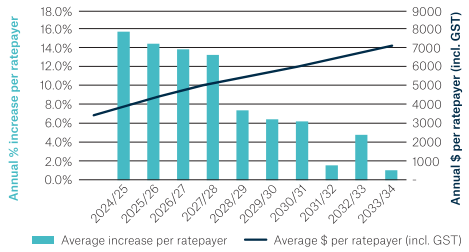
The Council continues to be in a sound financial position after a decade of rapid population and business growth. Although this growth is positive for the district, and results in an increase in the number of ratepayers, it does put increasing pressure on our cost to deliver services particularly water and wastewater systems, roads and community facilities.

This increased demand on services along with rising costs from inflation mean it's costing more to provide the services we already offer. This means delivering on this plan will require increases in both rates and borrowing over the next 10 years.

Rates levels and limit

The Council is forecasting average rate increases per ratepayer of 8.5% per year over the next 10 years, with the majority of the increase occurring in years 1-3. Legislation requires councils to set a limit on rate increases. We have set a limit that the average rate increase per ratepayer will not exceed 16% in the first four years of the plan and 10% for the remaining six years.

These are average increases per ratepayer, and the actual increase for individual ratepayer may exceed these amounts. The forecast average rate increase per ratepayer and the average rates per ratepayer over the next 10 years are shown in the chart below.



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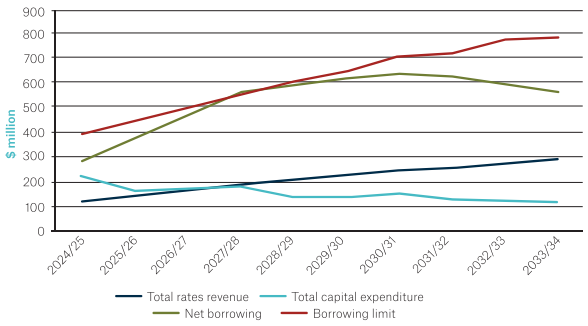
Borrowing

Net borrowing is forecast to increase from around $155 million in July 2024 to a peak of around $634 million over the period of the plan. The additional borrowing will be used to help fund major capital projects outlined in this plan. At this level, borrowing will be equivalent to around 220% of the Council's annual revenue. We are satisfied that the forecast level of borrowing is affordable and will not overburden future ratepayers. Much of the borrowing is funded by development contributions from land developers and lease income from the Council's commercial properties.

The Council will lift its internally set borrowing limit from the current 160% of revenue to 220% of revenue to allow for the increased capital expenditure. This increased internal borrowing limit is within the external limits set by the Local Government Funding Agency.

Our financial strategy is illustrated in the chart below. It shows forecast rates revenue, capital expenditure and net borrowing over the next 10 years. The chart shows that borrowing will increase throughout the period to reflect the increase in borrowing limit set by Council.

Summary Financial Strategy 2024-34





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Revenue, expenditure and net assets

The forecast levels of revenue, operating expenditure, annual surplus and net assets for the period of this plan are shown below. The surpluses are due to vested assets revenue that reflects the value of assets received from land developers. This revenue is in the form of physical assets (for example, roads, water pipes and reserves) and because it is not in the form of cash, cannot be used to pay for services or to reduce rates.

	2022/23 Annual Report $000	2023/24 Annual Plan $000	2024/25 LTP $000	2025/26 LTP $000	2026/27 LTP $000
Revenue					
Rates	85,322	94,074	115,836	136,708	160,183
Development Contributions	20,410	9,259	27,776	28,667	29,265
Subsidies and Grants	13,338	24,210	26,725	27,710	29,322
Vested Assets	38,569	37,390	23,195	27,011	22,809
Other Revenue	41,049	34,594	38,659	37,692	38,295
Total Revenue	198,688	199,527	232,191	257,788	279,874
Total Operating Expenditure	165,860	177,427	220,999	231,099	242,579
Surplus/(deficit)	32,828	22,100	11,192	26,689	37,295
Net Assets	2,725,358	2,724,889	3,009,934	3,052,874	3,332,100

Conclusion

The Council's financial policies aim to be prudent and fair to current and future ratepayers. Current ratepayers pay for the services they enjoy, including a contribution to the cost of replacing the infrastructure they use. The cost of expanding our infrastructure to allow for new residents is partly paid for by developers. All ratepayers, current and future, pay for the costs involved in improving the quality of services. This approach will maintain the Council's healthy financial position over the next 10 years and provide a sound base for maintaining the well-being of current and future generations.

10 year funding overview

Area of Spend	Capital Spend $m	Operating Spend $m	% Funded from Rates	% Funded from Other	Rates Spend per $1
Community Facilities and Services	224	501	73%	27%	0.27
Democracy	-	38	100%	0%	0.02
Development and Growth	-	38	39%	61%	0.05
Solid Waste Management	14	255	69%	31%	0.09
Transportation	621	248	56%	44%	0.20
5 Water Services	589	247	79%	21%	0.36

Rating examples

The table below shows the proposed changes to annual rates for a sample of typical properties for the 2024/25 year compared with the current year. It also shows the forecast annual changes for the 2025/26 and 2026/27 years, plus the average annual percentage change over the coming 10 years. These are changes for typical properties and the changes for individual properties will vary.

Residential	Capital Value	2023/24	2024/25	2024/25	2025/26	2025/26	2026/27	2026/27	10 Year Average
	$	$	$	%	$	%	$	%	%
Residential with sewerage	825,000	3,552	4,105	15.6%	4,694	14.4%	5,341	13.8%	8.3%
Residential without sewerage	825,000	2,942	3,403	15.6%	3,887	14.2%	4,413	13.5%	8.2%
Lifestyle without water or sewerage	840,000	1,964	2,285	16.3%	2,601	13.8%	2,948	13.4%	8.5%
Residential with sewerage	1,170,000	3,834	4,443	15.9%	5,090	14.6%	5,804	14.0%	8.6%
Residential without sewerage	1,170,000	3,224	3,741	16%	4,283	14.5%	4,876	13.8%	8.5%

Rural	Capital Value	2023/24	2024/25	2024/25	2025/26	2025/26	2026/27	2026/27	10 Year Average
	$	$	$	%	$	%	$	%	%
Rural with water races and with 3.5 water units	11,300,000	15,161	17,758	17.1%	20,453	15.2%	23,534	15.1%	9.7%
Rural without water races or water units	4,255,000	5,047	5,929	17.5%	6,820	15%	7,841	15%	10%
Rural without water races and with 11 water units	4,470,000	7,481	8,993	20.2%	10,735	19.4%	12,803	19.3%	11.3%

Commercial	Capital Value	2023/24	2024/25	2024/25	2025/26	2025/26	2026/27	2026/27	10 Year Average
	$	$	$	%	$	%	$	%	%
Commercial with low water consumption	4,590,000	5,702	6,608	15.9%	7,731	17.0%	9,025	16.7%	10.6%

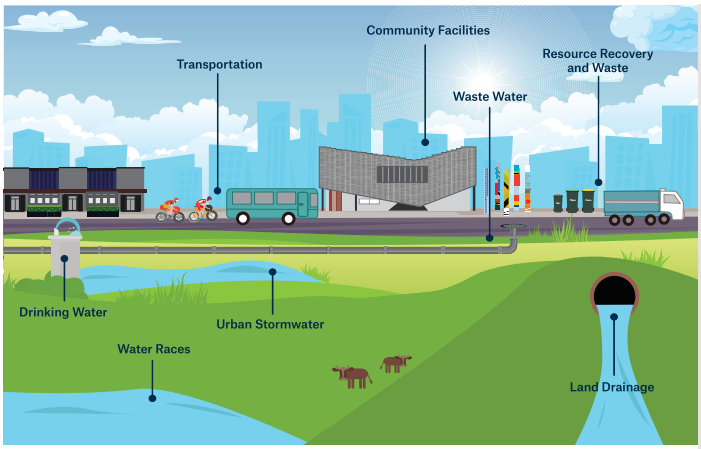
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Rautaki Tūāhaka
Infrastructure Strategy

Our Infrastructure Strategy highlights the significant infrastructure issues and challenges we think we're going to face in managing our infrastructure over the next 30 years. It identifies options of how we might address these, and the implications of those options.

This is our fourth Infrastructure Strategy. It has been prepared from our 2024 – 2034 LTP and Asset/Activity Management Plans. The issues discussed reflect our current operating environment and the challenges we expect to face in the next thirty years. This strategy includes core infrastructure activities of Council:

The full strategy is available to view on Council's website. Asset/Activity Management Plans for each of these activities are also available on our website.



Priorities for 2024-2054

The focus of our 2021 infrastructure strategy was on catering for growth and addressing increasing community expectations. These continue to be a major part of our strategic focus, with the emerging pressures of ensuring that renewals of existing assets are supported, particularly where previous assets that were built as part of new growth are coming to the end of their useful lives at a similar time.

In this infrastructure strategy, we acknowledge the need to make development more sustainable, to ensure ongoing community wellbeing, mitigate negative effects on the climate and our environment, and enhance the resilience of communities and the infrastructure that supports them.

We will ensure that our infrastructure is well maintained, meets the needs of today's community, and caters for growth in a sustainable manner by:

Managing what we have while planning for the future

Balancing funding and resource constraints

Managing change: responding to legislative reform

Responding to risk, sustainability and climate change

Our Infrastructure Strategy provides an overview of the most likely scenario for managing our infrastructure, in response to these challenges.

Asset and service management strategy

The Council's Asset and Service Management Strategy is to:

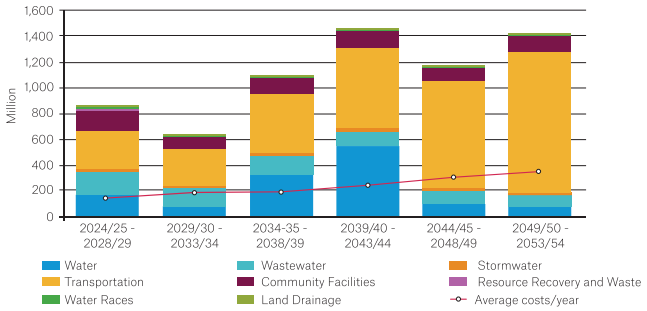
- maintain the existing networks (including routine renewals)
- implement upgrades required to meet legislative and regulatory compliance
- undertake asset renewals through coordinated programmes
- consider the level of demand for services and plan infrastructure response accordingly
- ensure vested assets are appropriate and of the standard required.

This approach recognises that Selwyn's network assets are relatively new, but that we are preparing for increasing maintenance and renewals, particularly as assets come to the end of our useful lives.

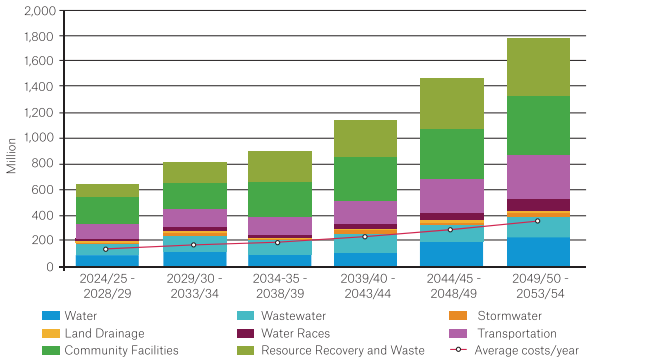
The performance of assets is generally satisfactory, and our priority is to maintain these so that service to the community is not compromised. Monitoring the condition and performance of assets remains important while the emphasis is on responding to growth, to ensure that assets are not deteriorating prematurely, and renewal plans remain appropriate.

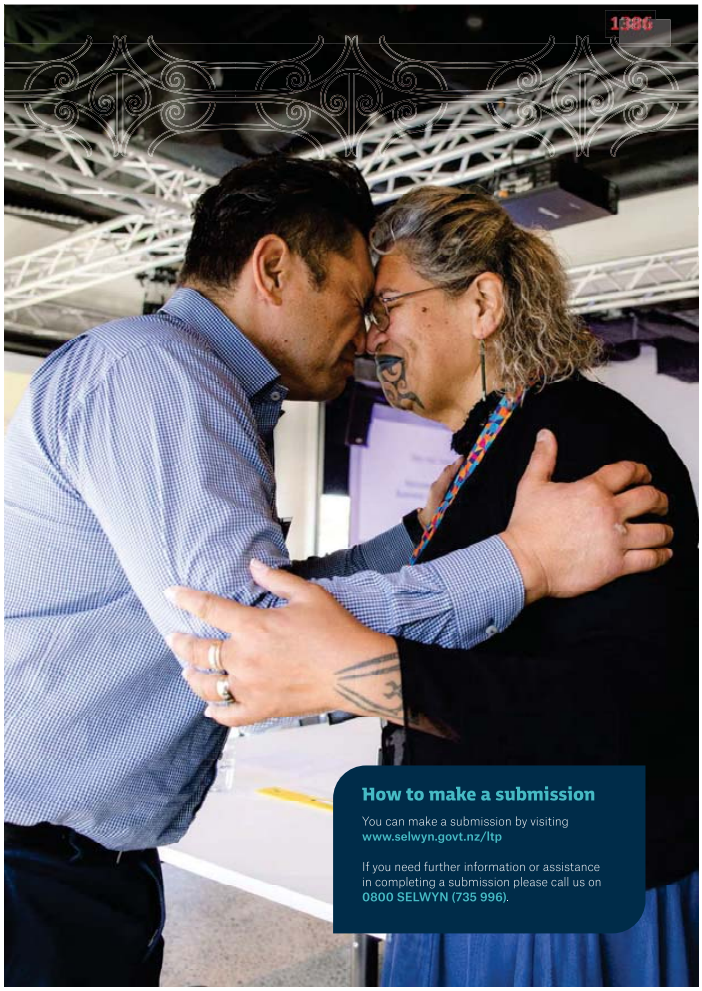
Expenditure forecasts

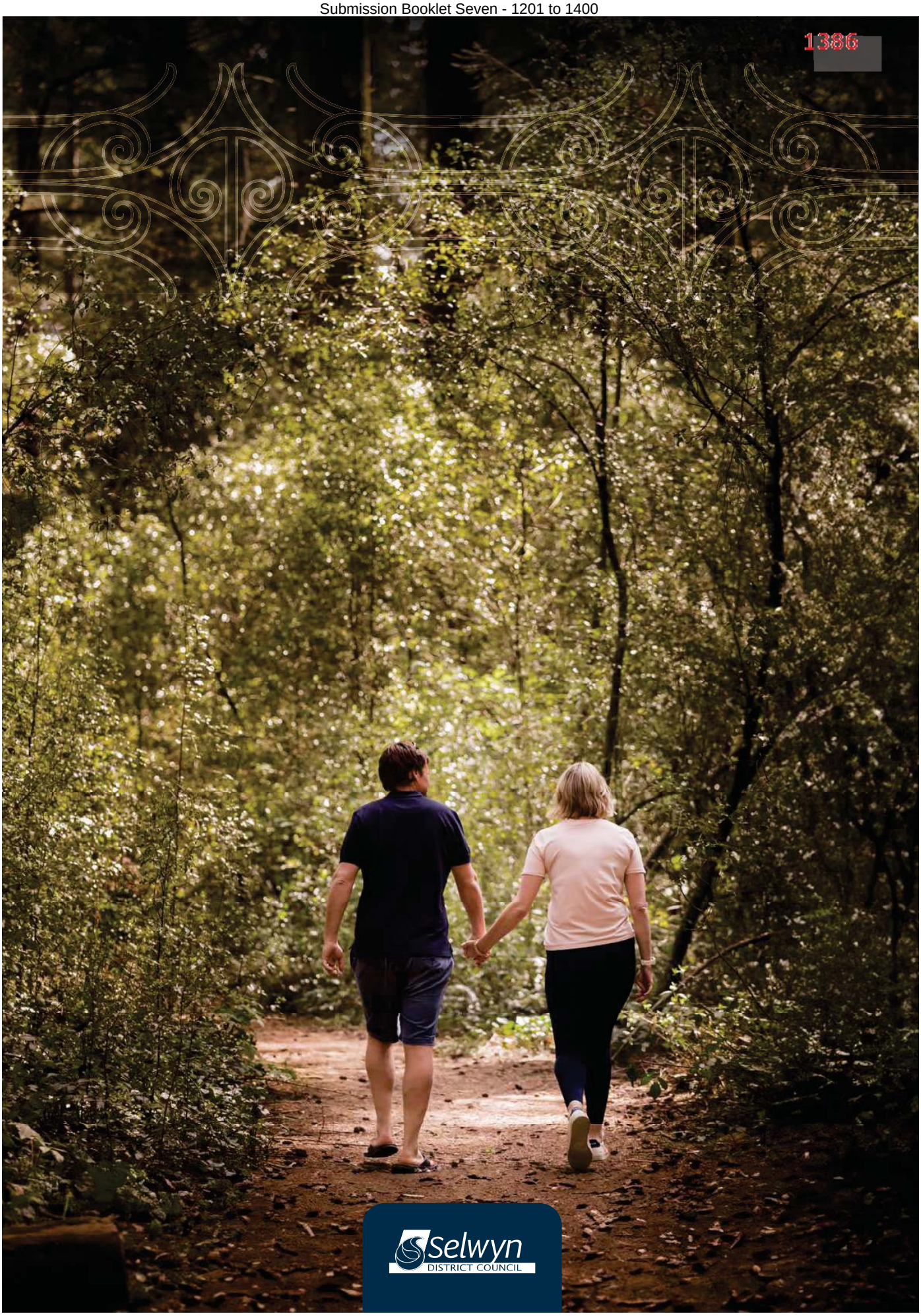
The following expenditure forecasts provide an indication of spending across our infrastructure activities in the next 30 years. These budgets include our preferred options for significant capital expenditure, aligning with our Long-Term Plan budgets. The forecasts for the first three years are the most detailed, while those in years four to ten are a reasonable outline of the most likely scenario which will be reviewed in future Long-Term Plan periods. The forecasts beyond year 10 are indicative estimates and will be developed further as more information becomes available.



Infrastructure Operating Expenditure






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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 01/05/2024
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Do you wish to attend a Council hearing to present your feedback in person?

○ Yes

◉ I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Feedback

1. Public Transport

We're asking for your feedback on how Council should go forward with our public transport upgrades and programmes. In our region, Environment Canterbury provides public transport services (Metro buses) in the Greater Christchurch area. Selwyn District Council (like other local councils) is responsible for providing public transport infrastructure such as bus stops, shelters, and Park and Ride facilities.

You told us you want to see better access to public transport, particularly for our young and elderly residents.

So we want to hear from you - should we:

Delay building new Park and Ride facilities at Lincoln and Rolleston, and upgrading public transport infrastructure until the next Long-Term Plan when funding options might be more clear.

Project cost:
None
Estimated impact on rates:
To be determined
Funding:
To be determined

Please add any comments you may have

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3. Malvern Recreation and Sports Facility

Malvern has no indoor sports courts and demand for these is increasing rapidly. We're planning to build a new recreation and sports facility to meet that demand. It would be developed alongside existing and future facilities in the area to create a central hub for Malvern.

We want to hear from you - should we:

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Build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield that includes two indoor courts.

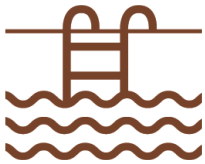
Project cost:
Year 3: $11.28 million (minus $1.10 million already included in the last Long-Term Plan. Total left to fund is $10.18 million)
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$19.91
Funding:
Rates: 57%
Development contributions: 43% *

Please add any comments you may have
No point building just one

Matters for Community Guidance

We're looking for your guidance on a series of other decisions around the way we support our economy, invest in new technology and the future of the Sheffield Memorial Pool.

Sheffield Memorial Pool



The Sheffield Memorial Pool is used by less people than our other community pools and is 10 minutes' drive from the newly upgraded Darfield Pool. The pool will require $1 million in upgrades to keep open, or $290,000 to close. We're proposing to close the pool.

Do you support the closure of Sheffield Community Pool?

No
Any comments?

Economic Development

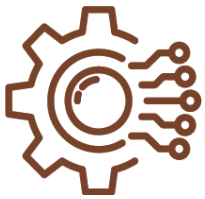


We are proposing to play a more active role in our district's economic development. We have budgeted $9 million over 10 years to support the Economic Development Strategy that we have co-designed with Selwyn businesses.

Do you support the continued development of an economic development strategy?

Any comments?

Digital Solutions



We are proposing to explore the most effective technologies that could assist us to do our best work for the community. We've budgeted $1.3million a year to do this, with the costs to be reconfirmed through each annual plan as the work progresses.

Do you support the Council investing in better technology solutions to improve our services to the community?

Any comments?

2. Waihora Whata Rau - community facility and reserves upgrade Leeston

After consulting with the community, in the last Long-Term Plan we proposed a new community facility for Leeston, called Whata Rau, which would be built alongside the park, providing a 'hub' for Ellesmere where residents can gather, play, and learn.

2a. Whata Rau - new community facility

After consulting with Ellesmere residents during the last Long-Term Plan, we agreed to build a new library and community centre called Whata Rau, next to Leeston Park. This project would provide more community spaces that are needed in the area, and provide a solution for the existing Leeston library and service centre: the current facility is earthquake prone and needs significant repairs or to be replaced.

Increased construction costs and land remediation issues mean the costs to build Whata Rau have increased. Given this new information we want to hear from you - should we:

**Development contributions are collected as developments get underway. This means funds are not always available when a project starts. In the beginning, a project will be loan funded and when development contributions are paid to Council, they are used to help pay back the loan. Impact on rates for options 2, 3 and 4 take into account development contributions. Development contributions do not apply to option 1.*

Do not build Whata Rau. Carry out necessary repairs to the existing Leeston Library & Service Centre building so that it can continue to be used for a limited time instead. *The existing building is earthquake prone and will likely need further significant upgrades to be used from 2035 onwards.*

Project cost:
Year 1: $3.05m
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$10.46
Funding:
Rates: 100%

Please add any comments you may have

2b. Leeston Park improvements

We planned to upgrade Leeston Park as part of the project to build a new community facility. Since agreeing to do that, we have completed a master plan for redeveloping the park over the next 15 years.

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Do nothing. Use the existing park facilities and remove or replace old and unsafe items in the park.

Project cost:
Year 1: $143,000
Estimated impact on rates:

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Included in our current rates
Funding:
Rates: 100%

Please add any comments you may have

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

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Ellesmere Sustainable Agriculture Inc, Harts Creek Streamcare Group

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◉ Yes

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Additional requirements for hearing:

Feedback

Other comments

You can provide comments on any other matters in our draft Long-Term Plan, including the projects in the Keeping Your Community Informed section on pages 44-51 of the consultation document.

You can read the specific pages in the consultation document by clicking here.

Please provide your comments in the box below.

The Ellesmere Lions Club, Ellesmere Sustainable Agriculture Inc and Harts Creek Streamcare Group encourage and request the Selwyn District Council to support a new project - The Waitatari Harts Creek Bird Hide and Boardwalk rejuvenation project. See supporting document.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at a public hearing in the council chambers?

Attached Documents

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	Waitatari Harts Creek Bird Hide Boardwalk project SDC LTP SUBMISSION 010524

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DRAFT LONG TERM PLAN 2024 – 2034

FROM

Ellesmere Lions Club, supported by Ellesmere Sustainable Agriculture Inc and Harts Creek Streamcare Group

2 MAY 2024

The following submission provides an overview of a proposed project in the Ellesmere area of Selwyn, for consideration by the Selwyn District Council, in relation to the Draft Long Term Plan (LTP) – Selwyn District Council 2024 - 2034.

This submission encourages and requests the Selwyn District Council to support this project in the future through funding allocation, grants, and in-kind support.

1. SUBMITTERS
   Ellesmere Lions Club, Ellesmere Sustainable Agriculture Inc, Harts Creek Streamcare Group.

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3. THE PROJECT

Waitatari Harts Creek Bird Hide and Boardwalk rejuvenation project.

We are seeking the following be included in the Selwyn District Long Term Plan. Allowance of up to $300k capital contribution for project management, design, procurement, and construction costs of a new bird hide and boardwalk, available from 2024-25. This is a new project that is not currently budgeted for within the current or draft Long Term Plan.

4. HISTORY

Waitatari Harts Creek is a renowned New Zealand fishing and treasured ecological stream that flows into Te Waihora Lake Ellesmere. In the early 1990's the Ellesmere Lions Club and local anglers built a bird hide and boardwalk, linking a walking track along Harts Creek to the margin of the lake within the Harts Creek Wildlife Management Reserve. The elevated bird hide allowed for bird watching in this internationally recognised site. The gentle, family-

friendly walking track and structures have been maintained by a dedicated team of volunteers ever since. The walk crosses private farmland and enters the DoC estate.

In 2023 the structures were deemed not fit for purpose. The bird hide was dismantled, and the boardwalk is currently on an 18-month reprieve from removal. While the walkway along Harts Creek remains open, there is no visual connection to the Lake without the elevated viewing platform. A working group of interested parties convened to investigate the rejuvenation of this well-loved walkway in the south-eastern corner of Selwyn.

5. THE WORKING GROUP

The Ellesmere Lions Club is currently facilitating the initial stages of this project given its previous interest in maintaining the walkway and funding the previous bird hide.

The working group investigating and charged with progressing this project includes representatives from: Ellesmere Lions Club; Ellesmere Sustainable Agriculture Inc; Harts Creek Streamcare Group, landowners, videographer. Representatives from the following organisations are supporting the working group: Auldwood Birds; Department of Conservation; Environment Canterbury; Selwyn District Council; Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee. There are several other interested parties being apprised of the project.

6. PROJECT PROPOSAL

The first working group meeting was held in November 2023. Permanent public access over private farmland is being facilitated by Ellesmere Lions through Herenga a Nuku Aotearoa Outdoor Access Commission, to be followed by improvements to the track and fencing.

Next steps for the working group include investigating design specifications for a new hide and boardwalk, negotiating responsibility for maintenance going forward, environmental work (weed removal, bank protection, riparian planting), a working budget, identifying funding sources. Initial estimates on costs for the structures alone are in the vicinity of $200K. The working group believes the project is beyond the scope of any of the volunteer organisations involved. The employment of a part-time fixed term project manager will ensure momentum in rejuvenating this much-loved recreational gem in Selwyn.

7. MATTERS FOR COMMUNITY GUIDANCE – IMPROVING WELL BEING

7.1 SOCIAL The Harts Creek Bird Hide walk is a valuable *recreational space* for Selwyn. It provides a family-friendly walk, fishing, bird watching, picnicking, exercise, and a physical connection to Te Waihora Lake Ellesmere. It features on the Selwyn website and the DOC Canterbury walks. Its existence supports Selwyn's *outdoor character and environment*, identified as key issues in feedback to SDC. It is near Leeston and Southbridge, and only a 25-minute drive from Rolleston. The drive to Harts Creek takes the urban dwellers of Selwyn through the productive agricultural area of Ellesmere, supporting the *urban-rural connection*.

7.2 ECONOMIC

Waitatari Harts Creek Bird Hide and Boardwalk rejuvenation project.

As an internationally recognised site of ornithological significance, the Harts Creek Bird Hide walk brings national and international visitors to Selwyn, with all the accompanying *economic benefits of tourism*. A better sited, fit for purpose structure will enhance this experience.

The proposed new cycle trail around Te Waihora Lake Ellesmere will be enhanced by having a 'destination' attraction in the southern corner of the lake. This fits the *rural walking and cycling improvements* objectives of SDC.

Locally, a trip to the walk will invariably be concluded with an ice cream or coffee stop, supporting Leeston and Southbridge businesses. SDC have *economic development* as a goal in the LTP. Visitors to Ellesmere will be able to view the Ellesmere Lions Club history board and eel feature, Lakeside Domain, Ngati Moki Marae and Hone Wetere Church, Lakeside Soldiers Memorial Hall, and hopefully, in the future, the Selwyn Heritage Centre.

5.3 ENVIRONMENTAL
As part of the rejuvenation project, weed control, stream bank protection and riparian planting are proposed. This will build on the efforts of the Harts Creek Streamcare group and landowners' work further upstream.

Te Waihora Lake Ellesmere is a significant geological feature of the Selwyn district, one that does not always receive positive recognition. Building familiarity and connection with Te Waihora Lake Ellesmere and promoting its unique attributes as a bird and fish haven, will foster kaitiakitanga in the community.

5.4 CULTURAL
Te Waihora Lake Ellesmere, the 'food basket' of the local rununga, has cultural and historical significance to Selwyn. Interaction with this natural environment will foster understanding and kaitiakitanga. The walkway will lend itself to being an educational opportunity – information boards, school visits.

8. KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY INFORMED – RURAL WALKING & CYCLING IMPROVEMENTS

A feasibility study on a *proposed new cycle trail around Te Waihora Lake Ellesmere*, connecting to the Little River Rail Trail, is currently being funded by SDC. The Waitatari Harts Creek Bird Hide walk will provide a 'destination' activity near the southern end of the proposed cycle trail.

9. CONCLUSION
The Waitatari Harts Creek Bird Hide and Boardwalk rejuvenation project is the perfect example of *placemaking* in Selwyn. It has social, economic, and cultural benefits to the community. It links Selwyn inhabitants to their natural surroundings and is more than just a Sunday walk destination.

Waitatari Harts Creek Bird Hide and Boardwalk rejuvenation project.

The submitters encourage and request the Selwyn District Council to support this project in the future through funding allocation, grants, and in-kind support.

Thank you.

Waitatari Harts Creek Bird Hide and Boardwalk rejuvenation project.

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◉ Yes

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Additional requirements for hearing:

Feedback

1. Public Transport

We're asking for your feedback on how Council should go forward with our public transport upgrades and programmes. In our region, Environment Canterbury provides public transport services (Metro buses) in the Greater Christchurch area. Selwyn District Council (like other local councils) is responsible for providing public transport infrastructure such as bus stops, shelters, and Park and Ride facilities.

You told us you want to see better access to public transport, particularly for our young and elderly residents.

So we want to hear from you - should we:

Build three new Park and Ride facilities at Lincoln and Rolleston, and upgrade public transport infrastructure, but only if Council receives co-funding from NZTA Waka Kotahi.

Project cost:
Years 1–3: $4.2 million
Years 4–10: $11.6 million
Estimated impact on rates:
Years 1–3: $7.06
Years 4–10: $19.52
Funding:
Rates: 49%
NZTA Waka Kotahi: 51%

Our

budgeted
option

Please add any comments you may have

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3. Malvern Recreation and Sports Facility

Malvern has no indoor sports courts and demand for these is increasing rapidly. We're planning to build a new recreation and sports facility to meet that demand. It would be developed alongside existing and future facilities in the area to create a central hub for Malvern.

We want to hear from you - should we:

**Development contributions are collected as developments get underway. This means funds are not always available when a project starts. In the beginning, a project will be loan funded and when development contributions are paid to Council, they are used to help pay back the loan. Impact on rates for options 2 and 3 take into account development contributions. Development contributions do not apply to option 1.*

Build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield that includes one indoor court.

Project cost:
Year 3: $7.07 million (minus $1.10 million already included in the last Long-Term Plan. Total left to fund is $5.97 million)
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$11.67
Funding:
Rates: 57%
Development contributions: 43% *

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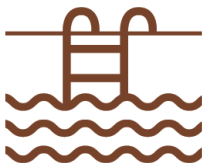
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Do you support the continued development of an economic development strategy?

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Do you support the Council investing in better technology solutions to improve our services to the community?

Yes
Any comments?

Other comments

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I wish to submit on the Arthur's Pass water supply planned works. It is pleasing to see that there are substantial in the current LTP and I support the continuation of this programme. There are some parts of the approach that could be better. Currently there are substantial leaks in the reticulation system that affect the relaibility of the Water supply. Notably when there is a rain event, the turbidity of the Avalanche creek supply increases and trips off the water treatment plant. Due to the leaks in the reticulation system the current storage is depleted within hours of a plant shutdown. The approach to solving this issue should be 3 fold.

1) Better pre-treatment. Install a prefilter/settling tank/sand filter to prevent the turbidity increasing to the point where the plant shuts down. This could be repurposing some of the current storage tanks on the inlet side of the Treatment plant.

2) Reduce the demand. Adress the leaks in the reticulation system by replacing the sections that are of known condition, Very Poor/Poor/moderate in the next financial year. This would be approximately a total of 600 metres according to the SDC data. An audio analysis of the pipe routes would give an accurate location of current leaks.

3) Control of water storage following a Turbity or earthquake event. The system should be fitted with

a slam shut valve on the Water Supply outlet after the storage tanks. It would need to be operated by a seismic sensor or the plant turbidity sensor. This will keep the storage intact (12 tanks??) until the event has passed and the reticulation system status is confirmed. If the event if AF8 or similar, then as the storage is alongside the Community Centre, which would probably be the Community Disaster point.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at a public hearing in the council chambers?

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2. Waihora Whata Rau - community facility and reserves upgrade Leeston

After consulting with the community, in the last Long-Term Plan we proposed a new community facility for Leeston, called Whata Rau, which would be built alongside the park, providing a 'hub' for Ellesmere where residents can gather, play, and learn.

2a. Whata Rau - new community facility

After consulting with Ellesmere residents during the last Long-Term Plan, we agreed to build a new library and community centre called Whata Rau, next to Leeston Park. This project would provide more community spaces that are needed in the area, and provide a solution for the existing Leeston library and service centre: the current facility is earthquake prone and needs significant repairs or to be replaced.

Increased construction costs and land remediation issues mean the costs to build Whata Rau have increased. Given this new information we want to hear from you - should we:

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Build Whata Rau next to Leeston Park as agreed in our 2021-31 Long-Term Plan, but with additional sports courts and/or bigger community meeting spaces.

Project cost:
Year 1: 19.24m
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$53.14
Funding:
Rates: 80.5%
Development contributions: 19.5% *
2024/25
2025/26
2026/27
2027/28
2028/29
2029/30
2030/31
2031/32
2032/33
2033/34

Please add any comments you may have

2b. Leeston Park improvements

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We planned to upgrade Leeston Park as part of the project to build a new community facility. Since agreeing to do that, we have completed a master plan for redeveloping the park over the next 15 years.

We want to hear from you - should we:

**Development contributions are collected as developments get underway. This means funds are not always available when a project starts. In the beginning, a project will be loan funded and when development contributions are paid to Council, they are used to help pay back the loan. Impact on rates for options 2 and 3 take into account development contributions. Development contributions do not apply to option 1.*

Carry out the landscape improvements to extend the playing fields; replace and upgrade the playground equipment, footpaths, toilet block, lighting and irrigation; and seal the carpark.

Project cost:
Years 1-10: $3.4m
Estimated impact on rates :
Included in current rates
Funding:
Rates: 71.4%
Development contributions: 28.6% *

Our budgeted option

Please add any comments you may have

Attached Documents

Link	File
	AP Village Water Supply Capex programme submission May2025 BM

1.11 Critical Assets

The criticality model for Arthur's Pass has been updated for the 2024 AMP. The methodology of the criticality model can be found in 5 Waters AMP 2024 - Volume 2 - Water Supply Overview and it provides details of how the criticality has been calculated for the reticulation assets. Table 6 and Figure 6 below shows the calculated criticality for all of the assets within this scheme that have a recorded known length.

Criticality Bands		Length (m)	%
5	Low	3,021	62%
4	Medium-Low	699	14%
3	Medium	577	12%
2	Medium-High	561	12%
1	High	0	0%
0	No Class	3.22	0.07%

Table 6 - Length of Assets per Criticality Band, Arthur's Pass Scheme



Figure 6 - Arthur's Pass Water Supply Criticality

1.12 Asset Condition

The asset condition model was run for Arthur's Pass in 2024. The methodology of the model can be found in 5 Waters AMP 2024 - Volume 2 - Water Supply Overview and it provides details of how the model has been calculated for the pipe reticulation assets.

Table 7 and Figure 7 below shows the level of asset condition for these assets within this scheme that have a recorded known condition.

Table 7 - Condition Grading for Arthur's Pass Scheme Assets

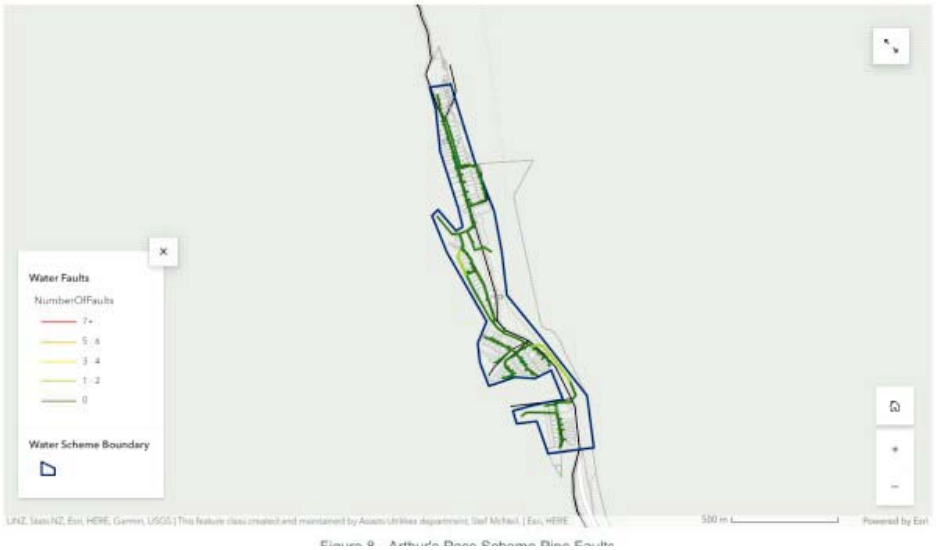
Condition Rating	Grading	% of pipeline by length (both above ground and underground) - Jan 2024
0	No Assessed	5%
1	Very Good	18%
2	Good	63%
3	Moderate/Adequate	4%
4	Poor	0%
5	Very Poor	10%

Figure 7 - Arthur's Pass Scheme Condition



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The number of pipe faults is also measured through the asset management system.
Figure 8 shows the known historic pipe failures within this scheme.
Figure 8 - Arthur's Pass Scheme Pipe Faults



1.13 Funding Program

The 10 year budgets for Arthur's Pass are shown by Table 8.
Budgets are split into expenditure, renewals, projects and capital projects.
Expenditure and renewals have been reported on a district-wide basis in 5 Waters AMP 2024 - Volume 2 - Water Supply Overview. All figures are ($) not adjusted for CPI “inflation". They are calculated on historical data, and population growth where relevant.

Table 8 - Arthur's Pass Budget Summary

Years	Projects	Capital Projects
2024/2025	-	$474,012
2025/2026	-	-
2026/2027	-	$351,120
2027/2028	-	$1,755,600
2028/2029	-	$1,404,480
2029/2030	-	-
2030/2031	-	-
2031/2032	-	-
2032/2033	-	-
2033/2034	-	-
Total	-	$3,985,212

An explanation of the categories within the budgets are as follows below:

- Expenditure consists of operation and maintenance costs;
- Renewals are replacement of assets which are nearing or exceeded their useful life;
- Projects are investigations, decisions and planning activities which exclude capital works; and
- Capital projects are activities involving physical works.

There are two major projects for the Arthur's Pass water scheme in the LTP budget (Table 9): the second and third stages of the water treatment plant upgrade.

Table 9 - Key Projects for Arthur's Pass

Account Label	GL	Description	Year 1 ($)	Year 2 ($)	Year 3 ($)	Years 4 to 10	Funding Split *
Capital Projects	4000900171	Second stage of Arthur's Pass School Terrace WTP upgrade	$474,012	-	-	-	100% LoS
Capital Projects	4000900171	Third stage of Arthur's Pass, School Terrace WTP, membrane	-	-	$351,120	$3,160,080	100% LoS

The list of district wide projects can be found in 5 Waters AMP 2024 - Volume 2 - Water Supply Overview

Discussion on Projects

Projects have been determined based on their:

- Relevance to the scheme
- Requirement to be completed under legislation
- Ability to bring the scheme up to or maintain the Level of Service required under council's Asset Management Policy.

Many projects are **jointly** funded by more than one scheme and activity. Each scheme pays a pro-rata share only, equivalent to the number of connections.

Discussion on Capital and Projects

Where relevant, Capital (Levels of Service) and Capital (Growth) projects have been included in the scheme financial details.
Levels of Service Projects and growth splits have been provided to ensure the costs of population driven works are clear.

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hello,

In regaurds to the Upper Selwyn Hutts (USH)

1. Historical value

The Mayor says in the Long Term Plan that "we're focussed on looking after what we already have" - how about you look after us!

2. District wide rates for USH.

The reasons being :
(a) We will soon be on the same sewer system as Leeston who pay DWR and we have previously paid for our sewer ourselves and a subsequant upgrade, the requirement we were told for being put on DWR.
(b) We have already paid for the water upgrade.
(c) We should not be discriminated against and should be treated like everyone else in the district.
(d) We already pay DWR for Recreation Reserve Rate; General Purpose Rate; Library Charge; Community Centre

Rate; Uniform Annual General Rate; Water Race (Amenity) Rate; Area Board; Swimming Pools; Canterbury Museum Levy; and Land Drainage. We should also be added to the DWR for Sewer and Water like everyone else.
(e) Towards25 LTP Document stated:
“The Council is proposing to introduce a new way of funding water and wastewater, community centres/halls and recreation reserves. These services are currently funded through targeted rates and the Council is proposing to meet the costs of these services by introducing standard district-wide rates. Underpinning this proposal is the view that Selwyn should be seen as one integrated district, rather than simply a series of detached townships. The Council acknowledges that where residents across the district receive a similar level of service for key infrastructure, the cost to residents should also be consistent. In the case of water and wastewater this proposal will also help keep these services affordable for smaller communities.”
This document also has USH specifically listed in the “Proposed district-wide rate for urban water compared with existing targeted rates” table.
From this we conclude there was a clear intention to include USH in the DWR for sewer and water. This is even more relevant now we will soon be on the same sewer system as Leeston.
(f) Buddle Findlay’s Legal Opinion dated 04/03/2019 states “We note that the Council has recently tended to move to a model where the costs of provision of network infrastructure (such as waste water infrastructure) are spread across the district (ie under district wide targeted rates). It would go against the trend for the Council now to look to recover the greater costs of continuing to provide water services to the [Upper Selwyn] Huts solely from that community.”
(g) Council has already agreed to fund 70% of the sewer upgrade, indicating the district is prepared to pay towards USH sewer upgrade. There is no good reason why the Council couldn’t find the full amount. This was proposed in 4.12.4 of the “Upper Sekwyn Huts Future Occupancy Strategy” report dated 04/03/2024.

(h) The cost and operational charges for the pipeline continue to change so being on the DWR would give the community certainty. It would also mean that if people choose to leave the settlement early the cost will not increase for the remaining owners.

(i) Additionally we also request that our reticulation system be replaced by SDC as they have been responsible for this since 1989 and have had ample time to replace this.

- The Selwyn Huts should be listed as a history site on the District Plan. It pre-dates the 1900s so is an archaeological site under Heritage Pouhere Taonga Act
- All homes and all people should be protected. It's inhumane and disgusting to evict the Selwyn Huts residents from their home. Review the 15 year finite term and let them stay. This also helps preserve our kiwi history!!!
- It's unfair not to include Selwyn Huts on the District Wide Rate for water and sewer. Excluding a community in the district goes against the purpose of introducing the DWR in the first place. The legal opinion from Council's own lawyers have highlighted this. We should not be discriminated against and should be treated like everyone else in the district
- Replace the reticulation system. Council have been in charge of this since 1989 and dropped the ball by not doing any maintenance and upgrades over the last 35 years. Don't use your incompetence as an excuse to make them pay or to kick them out

Thank You

Andrew Bowring

Do you wish to present your submission in person at a public hearing in the council chambers?

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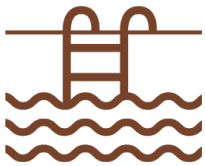
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	Sheffield Pool 5-24

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing as the father and grandfather of Waddington residents, and as an ex Canterbury swimming champion and surf lifesaver. I believe it is absolutely critical that children have a benign body of water close to where they live to learn to swim, and to play on hot days. Relying on a crowded facility 10 minutes' drive away is not a viable alternative in this era of both parents working, and with the steadily rising cost of fuel. Also, we are being encouraged to cut down our CO2 emissions, which does not tie in well with a 20 minute round trip. Children will simply not get the practice they need for swimming to be second nature.

This is always important of course, but particularly so when there is a large river with strong currents close by, and other water hazards associated with farming such as open irrigation races

I understand the Sheffield School makes good use of the pool with its Learn to Swim programme, which compliments the programme offered after hours at the pool. My grandson has been involved with both of these, and when I have been at the pool they seem well attended by the local children, and with a skilful staff teaching them

I wholeheartedly support for the retention of a pool facility in Sheffield. My preference would be for the necessary upgrades to be carried out on the current pool either in Council ownership, or under a Community Entity. If an agreement can be reached, I would also support the building of a new facility on the Sheffield Contributing School grounds as an alternative. However, if this route is taken, the old pool should not be closed until the new pool is commissioned

Yours faithfully

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Richard Sandom

1st May 2024

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From Prebbleton Community Association:

1) Prebbleton Public Hall

In regard to pg 31 & pg 51, re a new community facility in Prebbleton: The Prebbleton Community Association remain disappointed, and somewhat frustrated, to see a Prebbleton Community Centre/Hub excluded from the 'big decisions' for SDC with no commitment of funding and no longer planned for 2025-2026 as per your Long-term plan 2021-2031.

The SDC has been considering a Prebbleton Community Centre/Hub since 2008.

- In 2010 the SDC identified that our growing community will be inadequate, and a replacement required.
- In 2013 the Strategic Plan made a recommendation to have a more flexible hub facility to cope with population growth.
- In 2016 5 'fast track projects' were identified to "future proof key community space", this included a Prebbleton Community Centre; worth noting is that the four other projects were completed.
- In 2018 a community hub in Prebbleton was planned for 2019-21 at a cost of approximately $5.5M
- The Long-term plan 2021-2031 had an allocation of $6.3M to build a Prebbleton Community Centre in 2025-2026.

At the heart of our needs is a multi-use common space which the Prebbleton Community can utilise as a social hub and retain our identity as a community as we expand in population and diversity. We

need a flexible space where multiple events can occur at the same time, or one large community event can take place. We need to be able to provide a greater range of social, health and community services in our area but are currently restricted with a lack of suitable spaces. We also need a space to protect the records and resources under the care of the Prebbleton Heritage groups, as well as a space to remember our proud history in the district.

While we appreciate there are fiscal constraints in this current environment, we are not willing to accept that a Prebbleton Community Centre/Hub is once again dropped off the SDC key priorities list being removed from the 2025-26 plan and request that this is reviewed and reinstated in the SDC short term plans.

2) Road safety in Prebbleton

With the increasing traffic utilising Prebbleton Roads as a throughfare we remain concerned regarding pedestrian safety, especially on Springs and Birchs Road.

We have heard of a number of incidents and near misses at the pedestrian crossing nearest The Prebbleton Village, Springs Road and given the number of ‘distractions’ (vehicles turning, cars waiting to join the traffic at the street shopping area, signs) and high volume of traffic, we beleive that further work is required to raise drivers awareness of this pedestrian crossing, with appropriate technologies such as warning marked on road re upcoming crossing and/or flashing beacons and/or a raised crossing.

Additionally, we believe that the above-mentioned pedestrian crossing and at the bus stop on Birchs Road (by Glenwood Drive) require further safety measures in the form of refuge points in the middle of the road where pedestrians can stop. This is because of both the increased traffic in these areas as well as the need for greater safety for our children, people with disabilities and elderly community members many of whom may not be able to cross a busy road quickly.

The PCA has also previously advocated for something like the red road highlights (used at some stop signs) so motorist reduced speed at the entrances to Prebbleton on Springs Road and now request this also Birches Road, with the continuous housing developments in Lincoln.

3) Safety in Prebbleton

The PCA have previously spoken with Councillor Lyall regarding the safety in Prebbleton as we experience an increase in petty crime, car thefts and break-ins. We believe Prebbleton would benefit from security cameras in key locations including main entrance and exits points of the township, and in the main shopping area; this would give the community an increased sense of security as well as help Police identify vehicle movement.

If there is anything the PCA can do to help the SDC expedite any of these issues, please contact us. We will also be sending this feedback to our local councillors and requesting formal feedback on each item.

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Do you wish to present your submission in person at a public hearing in the council chambers?

Attached Documents

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
First name: [REDACTED] **Last name:** [REDACTED]

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You told us you want to see better access to public transport, particularly for our young and elderly residents.

So we want to hear from you - should we:

Delay building new Park and Ride facilities at Lincoln and Rolleston, and upgrading public transport infrastructure until the next Long-Term Plan when funding options might be more clear.

Project cost:
None
Estimated impact on rates:
To be determined
Funding:
To be determined

Please add any comments you may have

do what is required for transportation

parking sealed surfaces keep to a minimum

as sealing is not good for our environment

3. Malvern Recreation and Sports Facility

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Funding:
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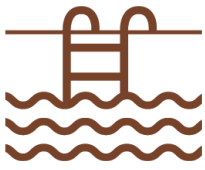
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Do you support the closure of Sheffield Community Pool?

No
Any comments?

give the money to the community 200,00 that was going to be spend on closing and let them do what they choose to make it viable

Economic Development

We are proposing to play a more active role in our district's economic development. We have budgeted $9 million over 10 years to support the Economic Development Strategy that we have co-designed with Selwyn businesses.



Do you support the continued development of an economic development strategy?

No

Any comments?

not when it costs 9 million

100,000 should be more than efficient

Digital Solutions

We are proposing to explore the most effective technologies that could assist us to do our best work for the community. We've budgeted $1.3million a year to do this, with the costs to be reconfirmed through each annual plan as the work progresses.



Do you support the Council investing in better technology solutions to improve our services to the community?

No

Any comments?

we do not need any ai

Policy Changes

What is your view on the proposed changes to the Significance and Engagement Policy and financial policies outlined on pages 54-55 of the consultation document?

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Please provide your comments in the box below.

clean up the plastics

lessen the use of glysophate chlorine and other chemicals

support our farmers do not penalize them

clean out our rivers and river mouths to prevent flooding

do not be borrowing money for future climate un necessarys it's putting us into uneccsary debt

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Other comments

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Please provide your comments in the box below.

The most important to us is clean chemical free water and repaired roads

I was involved in bringing to attention that selwyn was about to chlorinate our beautiful water we had 800 signatures in a very short time a meeting was call at pur own cost

i would like to see a public meeting called when we know what the water regulations are going to be explainations plans and options made clear to us

called a meeting

the out cry you have had since

to take choline out is rediclous cost I understand because of the water regulators

the idea of other chemicals added to water is a medically medicating a whole population

affecting there health / well-being

can you as a council guarantee and show from studies our babies will not be harmed

I like the idea of a choline free water tap for locals to use as drinking water which will be beneficial in Lincoln will address some needs

Cholrine is a nuro toxin

up sets the gut micobium

and a negative effects on lungs breathing in when showering and and absorbtion thru the skin

Can you believe our water to be that heavily chlorined in chch that plunket nurses are not recommending mothers NOT to bath babies in tap water

i will look forward to a future public meeting on WATER

Keep spending to a minimum until we know the world is in a more stable position on all other projects. We do not want our rates borrowing absorbant loans from who knows where

A reminder the country is in a Recession

Do you wish to present your submission in person at a public hearing in the council chambers?

2. Waihora Whata Rau - community facility and reserves upgrade Leeston

After consulting with the community, in the last Long-Term Plan we proposed a new community facility for Leeston, called Whata Rau, which would be built alongside the park, providing a 'hub' for Ellesmere where residents can gather, play, and learn.

2a. Whata Rau - new community facility

After consulting with Ellesmere residents during the last Long-Term Plan, we agreed to build a new library and community centre called Whata Rau, next to Leeston Park. This project would provide more community spaces that are needed in the area, and provide a solution for the existing Leeston library and service centre: the current facility is earthquake prone and needs significant repairs or to be replaced.

Increased construction costs and land remediation issues mean the costs to build Whata Rau have increased. Given this new information we want to hear from you - should we:

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Build Whata Rau next to Leeston Park as agreed in our 2021-31 Long-Term Plan and using the current design and layout planned to meet the needs identified by the community. The facility would include a library, council service centre and community centre.

Project cost:
Year 1: $16.01m
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$44.22
Funding:
Rates: 80.5%
Development contributions: 19.5% *
2024/25
2025/26
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2033/34

Our budgeted option

Please add any comments you may have
choose least expensive plan that is suited to residents funded by rates

2b. Leeston Park improvements

We planned to upgrade Leeston Park as part of the project to build a new community facility. Since agreeing to do that, we have completed a master plan for redeveloping the park over the next 15 years.

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Carry out the landscape improvements to extend the playing fields; replace and upgrade the playground equipment, footpaths, toilet block, lighting and irrigation; and seal the carpark.

Project cost:
Years 1-10: $3.4m
Estimated impact on rates :
Included in current rates
Funding:
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Our
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Please add any comments you may have

carry out plans to extend fields if that is what residents require

give a sum to the community for landscaping

those costs seem extravagant

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
First name: June **Last name:** Keeler

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◉ I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

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The Selwyn Huts should be listed as a historic site on the District Plan. It pre-dates the 1900s so it is an archaeological site under heritage pouhere taonga act.

All homes and all people should be protected. It's inhumane and disgusting to evict the Selwyn Huts residents from their home. Review the 15 year finite term and let them stay. This also helps preserve our kiwi history!!!

It is unfair not to include Selwyn Huts on the District Wide Rate. Excluding a community in the district seems to contradict the name "District Wide Rate" and goes against the purpose of introducing the DWR in the first place.

Replace their reticulation system. Council have been in charge of this since 1989 - you dropped the ball by not doing any maintenance and upgrades over the last 35 years. Don't use your incompetence as an excuse to make these people pay or to kick them out.

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 01/05/2024
First name: Peter **Last name:** Neale

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So we want to hear from you - should we:

Build three new Park and Ride facilities at Lincoln and Rolleston, and upgrade public transport infrastructure, but only if Council receives co-funding from NZTA Waka Kotahi.

Project cost:
Years 1–3: $4.2 million
Years 4–10: $11.6 million
Estimated impact on rates:
Years 1–3: $7.06
Years 4–10: $19.52
Funding:
Rates: 49%
NZTA Waka Kotahi: 51%

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option

Please add any comments you may have
Get this project underway now, build it and the people will use it. If there's too much delay there may not be the same uptake from customers as there will hopefully be now.

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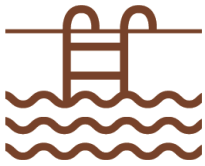
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This will be a useful asset for the area. With the placement being in Darfield, it is close enough for residents in surrounding towns to be able to make good use of it.

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Do you support the closure of Sheffield Community Pool?

Yes
Any comments?
The new Darfield facility will be close by, so Sheffield residents can utilise that. If local Sheffield residents want to take on the

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Other comments

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There are several other things I wish to make a submission on. They are detailed in the supporting document. This includes a variety of things that affect the Arthur's Pass area, both positively and negatively. I am happy to speak to

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Our budgeted option

Please add any comments you may have

As the population increases in the Leeston region it is important to have a good fit for purpose Community facility in that area. However, I don't want to see this meaning smaller Community Centres around the District receive less funding and care as a result of this big spend.

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	2024 SDC LTP submission extra

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2024 SDC LTP submission.

This document is to go alongside the submission from Peter Neale

The following are some additional items I'd like to make a submission on. They are all in relation to the 2024 CAPEX file.

Stormwater; There is $553,000 allocated in 2025-2027 for underpass flooding. I suspect this is for the subway tunnel leading to the train station. This is often a problem, even more so when it freezes, which causes health and safety issues for passengers on the TranzAlpine train. Before this amount of ratepayer's money is spent, I would like SDC to look into whether it is an SDC responsibility or a Kiwirail responsibility.

Transport; I would like to see specific funding allocated to upgrade the lighting in Arthur's Pass village ASAP to enable the Village to be classified as a dark sky area. As this will involve discussions with Kiwirail, we really need SDC on board to lead those discussions. I note that Castle Hill has some allocated funding for this in the 24/25 budget. It may prove to be more cost efficient if Arthur's Pass has some work done at the same time. I note that $1.2m is allocated for district wide dark sky in 2039/40. Please pull some of this allocation forward to allow this to happen in the prime Arthur's Pass area in the 24/25 or 25/26 financial year.

Transport; I fully support the construction of a cycle trail to join the two extremes of the Selwyn District. We only need to look at how popular cycle trails are becoming around Aotearoa. This would bring in more tourism and enable new businesses to become established along the proposed route, which traverses from the highest point of the Selwyn District, Tarahaka/Arthur's Pass to the lowest point, Waihora/Ellesmere.

Halls and Community Centres; An upgrade of the heating in the Arthur's Pass Community Centre has funding allocated for 2030/31. This needs to be bought forward to the next financial year, 2024/25. In an alpine environment, suitable heating is very important, not just for those using the Community Centre, but also for the good of the building. Should the Alpine fault go with a bang as predicted, a non electric form of heating and cooking will be essential for the local Community Response team to care for stranded locals and travellers. I acknowledge that SDC have assisted with various improvements in the last 5 or 6 years. In the 20 or so years prior to that, upgrades and general maintenance of the building was generally carried out by local volunteers at no cost to the SDC. This building was at one time owned by the local Community, but was gifted to SDC ownership in the 1990's (?). Up until last year, the local Community also picked up the power bill at the facility, another saving to SDC. The current fireplace was second hand when it was installed in the 1990's, so doesn't meet any clean air regulations. When SDC consider funding for the Arthur's Pass CC, they should keep in mind, that a lot of improvements have come at no expense to SDC. Please make this new fireplace install an absolute priority for the 2024/25 financial year.

Water supply; The Arthur's Pass water supply has recently had work carried out. Multiple tanks are in place to give a large amount of storage capacity in times of turbidity of the water at the intake. We have been told multiple times that this tank farm is a temporary solution

only. I see there is funding allocated over the next 4-5 years which should provide Arthur's Pass with the promised permanent solution. A permanent solution using a membrane filter alongside the UV treatment and chlorine will take away the need for the bulk of the tank farm currently in place. Please ensure this funding remains allocated in the SDC LTP.

Other things not clearly in any specific categories;

Please continue with the push to reduce speed limits to 20kph or 30kph on Council roads in Arthur's Pass Village. The majority of Council maintained side roads in Arthur's Pass are unsealed and not suitable for the current 50kph speed limit. I would also like to see SDC support any request to Waka Kotahi to have the speed limit reduced to 30kph on SH73 through the centre of the Village.

Please continue to allocate funding for volunteer Conservation groups, in particular through the SNEF fund. This is an important part of Council's role to protect native flora and fauna. I would also like to see the continued push for a do not feed the kea bylaw, which will assist with protecting this precious taonga species.

I acknowledge that SDC already allocates funds for Arts and heritage projects and events throughout the wider SDC area. I strongly urge this funding to continue in future years. I would also like to see SDC offer support in getting the Te Papa Atawhai/DOC Park HQ (former Visitor Centre) up and running again.

Maintenance and upkeep of SDC owned gardens in Arthur's Pass are often kept maintained and tidy by local volunteers. I would like our repeated request for garden maintenance to be carried out on a more regular basis to be implemented.

In times of heavy snow fall, the local footpaths and side roads can become impassable and dangerous. The Waka Kotahi contractors clear SH73. On occasion, if time permits, they also clear the side roads at no cost to SDC. I would like to see a better system in place that gets local roads and footpaths cleared in a quicker time frame. Potentially a phone call to a local resident could be made after any significant snow fall event to ascertain what is needed.

The SDC Civil Defence staff are setting the standard for all of Aotearoa, in terms of their preparedness and knowledge. With the odds of the alpine fault rupturing in the near future getting higher, it is crucial that funding is increased to this sector so all of the Selwyn district will cope in the event of AF8 happening.

For several years requests to get the open drain along Brake Hill in Arthur's Pass Village, covered and piped have come to nothing. I would like to see this issue resolved in the 2024/25 financial year.

As a last comment, I'd like to quote from the Local Governments act, which stipulates councils should "promote the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of communities". I'm hoping all decisions made by the Council will be made with this in mind.

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 01/05/2024
First name: penny **Last name:** carnaby

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Organisation: Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust

Prefered method of contact Email

Do you wish to attend a Council hearing to present your feedback in person?

◉ Yes

○ I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Additional requirements for hearing:

Attached Documents

Link	File
	BPCT submission to SDC LTP 2024
	2050EcologicalVisionForBanksPeninsula_Mar24

Submission: Draft Long-Term Plan 2024/2034: Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust (BPCT) Selwyn District Council

From:
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Chairperson
Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust
pcarnaby@xtra.co.nz
Mob: 0274323211

Kia ora koutou

Re: Draft Long-Term Plan 2024/34 Submission from Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust (BPCT)

This submission has been prepared by the trustees and management of the Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust (BPCT) for the SDC.

BPCT supports the submissions forwarded to SDC by Dr David Miller from the Pest Free Banks Peninsula (PFBP) Management Group and Mark Richardson Chair, Pest Free Banks Peninsula Oversight group (POG).

I wish to present BPCT's submission in person and, if it is possible for the BPCT, PFBP and POG submissions to be heard following each other on the same day it would be appreciated.

1. Acknowledging the support of Selwyn District Council
BPCT wishes to acknowledge the SDC staff who work with the BPCT on the PFBP programme and the Te Kākahu Kahukura (TKK) collaboration of 21 organisations on both sides of the Port Hills.

2. The work of BPCT: Celebrating community-led, council supported indigenous biodiversity and climate resilience outcomes

Banks Peninsula is uniquely placed geographically and ecologically as a biodiversity hotspot. Because biodiversity is mobile, Banks Peninsula acts as a seeding node, and a storehouse of carbon for Greater Christchurch (including the Selwyn District) and the wider Canterbury area. Biodiversity is a public good and all current and future generations of Greater Christchurch residents benefit from its protection and enhancement.

The BPCT's model of community-led conservation with strong local council support has proven to be effective due to: the Trust's ability to work positively with landowners in way that is often unavailable to Council; low operating overheads ensuring maximum resources are directed into biodiversity enhancement; a proven ability to leverage Council/s funding to maximise other funding opportunities (e.g., $1M from MPI and $8M from PF2050Ltd secured over 7 seven year period); good science underpinning programmes that support community aspirations for biodiversity protection and

enhancement; and the Trust demonstrating local conservation sector leadership through the establishment and facilitation of collaborations of organisations and individuals working towards shared ecological goals.

The BPCT's most notable achievements during the last LTP period include:

- Celebration of 20 years as Aotearoa's only independent conservation covenanting authority, now with over 100 covenants established which legally protect high value habitat for current and future generations of Christchurch residents.
- A refreshed 2050 Ecological Vision for Banks Peninsula (attached) including two new goals focused on removal of 'transformer' ecological weeds and enhancement of native habitat corridors between the Peninsula, urban Christchurch, and the region.
- Winner of the 2022 Canterbury Aoraki Conservation Board supreme award Te Waka o Aoraki, recognising excellence in conservation outcomes.
- Finalist in the New Zealand Biosecurity Awards for leadership of the highly successful Banks Peninsula Feral Goat Eradication Programme.
- Establishment of a new Peninsula-wide Farm Biodiversity Programme to support farmers with biodiversity planning and monitoring.
- Ongoing strategic leadership and facilitation of significant landscape scale, cross land tenure, multi-partner conservation programmes (note SDC is a partner organisation in both these collaborations) e.g
    - **Te Kākahu Kahukura** 21 organisations working together to restore a thriving and resilient indigenous forest supporting an abundance of native birds, lizards, and invertebrates on the Port Hills.
    - **Pest Free Banks Peninsula** 17 partner organisations (including five BP runanga) committed to the widespread removal of animal pests across Banks Peninsula (including the Port Hills).

  (note SDC is a partner organisation in both these collaborations)

2. **Response to directions signalled in the Draft LTP 2024/2034**

One anomaly in the published SDC LTP 2024-2034 seems to be that although it contains a goal that "Waikirikiri/Selwyn's whenua/land, wai/water, and kātaoka o te taiao/ biodiversity are protected and enhanced", and the Plan also mentions that climate change is one of the most pressing issues worldwide, the Plan seems to say very little about climate change mitigation and adaptation. There appear to be no environmental policies or any significant environmental directions included in the Plan.

BPCT would encourage more specific biodiversity and climate change outcomes are considered in the SDC LTP to support the considerable effort the community is already contributing to the enhancement of biodiversity outcomes in the Greater Christchurch area which links BP to the Alps between the Rakaia and the Ashley/Rakahura Rivers. It is our contention that the Council needs to acknowledge the significant work being done within its boundaries as well as alongside it and aim to work in partnership with others to protect these gains going forward.

3. **Suggested areas of support**

BPCT respectfully requests consideration of the following: (drawn from the PFBP and POG submissions):
3.1 Consideration of support for the “Predator Free Selwyn" and “Towards Pest Free Waitaha” project concepts, to dove tail with other adjacent pest projects.
3.2 Consideration of the continuation of the salary of the Community Activator from 1 March 2025 to support the community groups when the Predator Free 2050 Trust money ends, and funding for at least a second similar position from 1 July 2025.
3.2 Consideration of professional communications advice to the POG from 1 July 2024, including how best to engage with/enthuse Selwyn residents who are not already involved in pest control.

Concluding comments
Thank you for reading our submission. We wish to present our submission in person.

Penny Carnaby
Chairperson
Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust

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2050 Ecological Vision for Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula (including the Port Hills)

October 2023

The vision:
In 2050 native biodiversity is thriving across Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula. Native ecosystems underpin our resilient communities, recognising that when nature thrives, people thrive.

Ka ora te whenua
Ka ora te tāngata

Introduction

The ecological vision for Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula has been developed by the Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust (BPCT) with input from many partner organisations, including mana whenua, landowners, Christchurch City Council, Environment Canterbury, the Department of Conservation, and other community groups. The BPCT is proud to promote the ecological vision and acknowledges with gratitude the many contributors who assisted its development. The ecological vision is a resource to be used by the whole community and others are encouraged to adopt it, or adapt it for their own purposes.

Banks Peninsula (which includes Port Hills), with its breath-taking landscapes, diverse ecosystems and precious wildlife, has long captured the hearts of those fortunate enough to engage with this special place. The Peninsula's wide range of habitats support a remarkable biodiversity, from penguins and inanga to wētā and forest birds, from kelp forest and podocarp forest to cliff and mountaintop plants. This biodiversity has great value - as taonga, for recreation, for tourism, and for ecosystem services such as flood protection.

The challenges posed by climate change and human activities have threatened the delicate balance that sustains this ecological gem. The 10 ecological goals outlined here chart a path through those challenges and towards a thriving, resilient and biodiverse future. In adopting this vision, we can take encouragement from the progress made to date. Since the 1920s, when indigenous forest was reduced to only 1% of Banks Peninsula's area, indigenous woody vegetation has steadily increased so that today about 20% of the land is covered in regenerating native vegetation. Remarkably, despite extensive historical losses of forest, few native species were lost locally, and Banks Peninsula remains a biodiversity hotspot for Waitaha Canterbury and for Aotearoa.

The 10 interconnected goals in this vision will guide collective efforts towards the recovery of this unique area, enabling it to flourish. Success depends not on any single entity or a few, but on us all: mana whenua, landowners, agencies, conservation organisations and the wider community, working hand in hand to achieve our shared aspirations. This vision is intended to facilitate collaboration and provide new solutions to complex issues. Together, we can foster a culture of environmental stewardship, implementing sustainable land management practices, and embracing innovative conservation strategies.

On Banks Peninsula we envision a future where native species thrive and ecosystems regenerate, offering sanctuary for both resident and migratory species. The restoration of ecological corridors, the protection of critical habitats, and the reintroduction of locally extinct species will restore the Peninsula's ecological integrity, and provide inspiration for the rest of Canterbury and Aotearoa. The 2050 ecological vision for Banks Peninsula invites us to dream big, and to work tirelessly for a future where our actions today foster the thriving biodiversity of tomorrow. It is a call to unite in creating a better future.

When Nature Thrives, We Thrive – Ka ora whenua, ka ora te tāngata

Penny Carnaby
Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust Chair

The 10 Ecological Goals

This vision outlines 10 interconnected goals which collectively will guide efforts towards enhancing the biodiversity and thriving ecosystems of Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula.

Goal 1: Protect all remaining old-growth forest remnants

The deeper soils on Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula were once extensively covered in podocarp forest, with hardwood trees and ferns beneath the lofty tōtara, mataī and kahikatea, sometimes with miro and rimu. Sub-alpine areas were dominated by thin barked tōtara with native cedar. The south-east corner of the Peninsula had localised areas of red and black beech.

Podocarp trees were highly prized by settlers for timber, and those growing on the lowlands were among the first resources to be extracted. Forests were further cleared by burning to make land available for farming. These tree species have a lineage dating back to Gondwana. Their lives can span many hundreds of years, sequestering and storing carbon while they grow. They are important for wildlife, providing valuable food sources for even the largest forest birds, kerurū and kākā, as well as nesting and roosting sites. Older trees with holes and hollows provide nesting places for ruru, mohua, riflemen, bats and kiwi. Healthy forest soils support a rich and diverse ecosystem.

These remnant forest types are now rare, but are important windows into the previous native ecosystems. They are small fractions of what once existed, and are now mostly small, isolated patches. Often their margins are vulnerable to wind, stock damage and weed pests. Elsewhere, there are single old-growth trees which are isolated from forests and even more vulnerable to damage. These remnant trees and forests hold the genetic material of the next generation, as well as providing food and shelter for large numbers of birds, insects and other wildlife.

Now is our chance to covenant or otherwise legally protect and manage the small remaining areas of these mighty forests before they are lost. They can also be protected by restoration planting of native trees around the edges to enlarge the forest patches and provide shelter to the older trees in the centre.

Goal 2: Protect the full range of rare[1] and naturally uncommon ecosystems

From its summits down to the coasts and plains around its perimeter, Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula has many distinctive geographic features supporting specialised ecosystems that are rare or naturally uncommon in Aotearoa. They have distinctive soils and climatic conditions which support uncommon flora and fauna. These ecosystems are varied and mostly small and unforested. To survive, these need protection from pests, grazing animals, introduced weeds and from development.

They include:

- Inland cliffs, scarps and tors, which are often home to threatened or rare plants and animals, such as the nationally critical Lyttelton forget-me-not, Banks Peninsula sun hebe, waitaha gecko and Banks Peninsula tree wētā.
- Wetlands, such as lagoons and estuary margins, seepages and flushes on valley floors and slopes, and ephemeral wetlands, which each have their own characteristic assemblage of plants and animals.
- Boulderfields, which create microclimates and provide refuges for native shrubs, invertebrates and lizards.
- Coastal cliffs and rock stacks, which provide nesting, burrowing and roosting sites for penguins, shags, petrels and other sea-going birds, and for lizards.
- Sand-dunes, shingle beaches, coastal turfs and sea mammal haul-out areas, which each have different characteristics suited to specific assemblages of plants, invertebrates, lizards and birds.

These special ecosystems make a significant contribution to national biodiversity.

[1] These ecosystems are now classified as naturally uncommon. See: https://www.landcareresearch.co.nz/publications/naturally-uncommon-ecosystems/

Goal 3: Protect streams and coastal seas through better land management

Aquatic habitats need to be healthy in order to support the many native species that depend on freshwater and marine environments for part or all of their life cycle. Freshwater and marine ecosystems are greatly affected by the conditions on the land adjacent to them. Silty sediment chokes up streams and coastal waters, greatly reducing their ability to support life. High nutrient loads promote excessive algal growth.

Good land management can greatly reduce sediment and nutrient inputs into streams and coastal seas. On steeper slopes and near coastal margins, native forest cover helps to reduce silt run-off. The forest and its soils absorb water and release it slowly, reducing sediment movement and the risk of flooding. Appropriate indigenous vegetation along the stream margins all the way down the catchment intercepts silt and nutrient run-off, reducing sediment and nutrient overload in streams and wetlands. Overhanging trees shade waterways, reducing light and heat reaching the water, which further reduces the likelihood of detrimental algal blooms. Falling leaves and other terrestrial inputs provide food for a healthy in-stream food web that supports aquatic invertebrate larvae, tuna/eels, adult galaxids (whitebait species) and kōura/freshwater crayfish. In slow-moving wetland areas, vegetation offers further filtration and buffering, which improves water quality. Clear water then reaches the sea, promoting healthy beds of kelp and seagrass, which support nurseries of fish and other marine life.

Many of our iconic native species such as kororā/little blue penguin, tītī/petrels, spotted shags, tuna/eels and inanga/whitebait rely on the healthy state of the land, freshwater and the marine environment to survive.

Inanga and other whitebait species need good water quality throughout their life cycle

Adult inanga live in coastal wetland areas (creeks, rivers, estuaries, etc.) and feed on tiny insects that also need healthy freshwater to breed. A few days before the full moons and new moons of February to May the adult inanga travel downstream to the place where the freshwater meets the incoming seawater. They wait for the very high waters of the spring tide to carry them up into flooded vegetation on the edge of the streams where they work their way into the base of dense, grassy vegetation to lay their eggs. The eggs are hidden there, shielded from natural predators (herons and eels) and from the sun's UV, and, ideally, safe from trampling stock. They develop over the next few weeks until they are ready to hatch on the next high spring tide. The tiny larvae are carried downstream to the sea, where they feed on plankton in coastal waters for 6 months until spring arrives, when they migrate back into clean wetlands, rivers and streams.

Goal 4: Establish four large biodiversity hubs of indigenous vegetation

Fragmented forest patches have small interiors with most of the habitat being close to an edge. Edges are more vulnerable to drying winds, and to weed and predator incursion. This limits the resilience of the plants, animals, important soil-living microbes and fungal networks, especially under a warming climate, thus reducing the diversity of species that can survive, and compromising those that remain. This goal is to establish four large-scale hubs, of more than 1000 hectares each, of connected and protected indigenous vegetation. These hubs will contain old-growth and regenerating forest and naturally uncommon ecosystems, providing ecosystem resilience from summit to sea.

Establishing large hubs of continuous native habitat from summit to sea and across spurs, valleys and rocky tops enables a rich diversity of native plants and animals to thrive. They support larger populations, increasing genetic diversity. Animal species can move safely between food and water sources, and adapt as the seasons and climate change; this is particularly important for smaller species that are less able to cross large open gaps in a more fragmented landscape, e.g. tomtit, rifleman and gecko.

These areas of 1000 hectares or greater will be in various ownerships, with large parts of them likely to be in private ownership sympathetic to this goal, such as with the Wildside which has Hinewai Reserve at the core. There may be residential areas within them.

Goal 5: Enhance native biodiversity within the rural environment

Most of Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula is rural, and this environment is a diverse mix of native and exotic elements. Much of the native remnant ecosystems are embedded within a matrix of primary production (agriculture, forestry, horticulture, etc.) and with areas of human habitation within it (farm houses, baches and small villages). Wildlife species move across this landscape, from mountaintop to lower country and down to the coastal margin or Kā Pākihi Whakateketeka a Waitaha Canterbury Plains, from one bush area to the next, or from stream to lake and sea, in order to find food, to find safe shelter, to breed, and to cope with the changes in seasons and weather patterns. With the worldwide shift in climate, this habitat flexibility is becoming increasingly important.

Many native birds, such as kererū, bellbird, tūī and fantail, spend considerable amounts of time within gardens and amongst farmland, opportunistically moving with the seasons. Other smaller species, like riflemen, lizards and beetles, struggle to cross large open stretches without native cover and safe shelter from pests. Springs, streams and rivers, critical for production and settlement, are also critical for biodiversity.

Sympathetic management of the native ecosystems within the areas of primary production and settled areas is important in order to sustain native species and to build ecosystem resilience into the landscape. Developing resilience against climate change will benefit both the environment and the people that live there. There are many things that can be done. These include restoring forest corridors and other habitat connections, waterway and stream-edge restoration, sympathetic road verge management, use of native species in shelter belts, and weed and animal pest control. These actions will improve ecosystem services and bring benefits to the primary production values and to human wellbeing. Owners can choose to legally protect their areas of native habitat in perpetuity through covenanting.

Goal 6: Increase the abundance of rare and uncommon native species

Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula has a wide range of native biodiversity, of varying abundance. Some native species are relatively common and are found throughout the Peninsula, such as fantails, silvereyes and black-back gulls. Some are locally uncommon, such as ruru, tūī, tītī and nikau palms. Some rare species are classified as nationally threatened, at risk or locally endemic, including hoiho, kārearea, spotted shag, Banks Peninsula tree wētā, a number of endemic moths, Lyttelton forget-me-not and Cooks scurvy grass. This goal is focused on the less common species, to increase their abundance and range. This will make their populations more secure, increase the biodiversity of areas they spread into, and enable people to encounter and appreciate them more widely than they can at present.

Many animal and plant species on the Peninsula appear to have increased in abundance over the last few decades as a result of habitat protection, pest control, and the general increase in native woody vegetation - including bellbird, tomtit, kereru and five-finger. Kororā have benefitted from localised predator control. However, increases in populations may be quite localised, and some species may still be declining or relatively neutral. All are vulnerable to loss of habitat and to increases in predators.

This goal aims to ensure that native fauna and flora become more abundant and widespread across the Peninsula. While it is focused mainly on less common species, it would also cover any common species that started to decline. For fauna that are dependent on the marine environment, such as tītī and other petrels, penguins, shags, tuna and inanga, their abundances on land will be partially dependent on what is happening in the marine environment, potentially some distance away from Banks Peninsula.

Achieving this goal relies on success in some of the other goals, and evaluation of it requires affordable monitoring methods that can detect changes in species' abundance.

Goal 7: Re-establish populations of locally extinct plant and animal species

In the past, Te Pātaka-o-Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula was home to some native species that are now missing. Some of these are gone forever, such as moa, South Island piopio, laughing owl and the Waitaha penguin. Other species survive elsewhere, but were lost from the Peninsula, most likely due to extensive deforestation and the impact of introduced predators and hunting. The absence of these missing species has reduced the native biodiversity of the Peninsula. Some of these are iconic species that characterise Aotearoa's unique wildlife. Restoring local populations of these species will enhance local biodiversity.

As areas of suitable habitat expand and the impact of introduced predators is reliably managed, it will become increasingly feasible to reintroduce some of these missing species from suitable nearby source populations. The Peninsula has already seen the successful reintroduction of tūī, which had become locally extinct in the early 1990s. Several invertebrate species have been successfully reintroduced to Ōtamahua Quail Island. These species are all reproducing and forming self-sustaining populations.

Further potential candidates for reintroduction could include tuatara, tokoeka/South Island brown kiwi, seabird species including pakahā/fluttering shearwater, kakaruai/South Island robin, kākā, kākāriki/yellow crowned parakeet, mohua/yellow-head, takahē and yellow mistletoe.

In general, re-establishment is most successful when the causes of the original loss have been addressed, the species' habitat needs are met and the threat from introduced predators is minimised. Since some of the species listed above nest in tree holes and hollows, and the Peninsula currently has few ancient trees with suitable holes, artificial nest-boxes could be installed as a substitute. Despite the anticipated elimination of feral predators, flightless birds may still be at risk from domestic cats and dogs and so may only be successful inside predator-proof fences.

Me he korokori tūī
How eloquent is he who has the throat of a tūī

By 2000, tūī had effectively died out from the Peninsula, with only occasional sightings of single vagrant birds. And so, the community, with Agency support and appropriate research, translocated 72 tūī from Maud Island, Marlborough Sounds, to Hinewai Reserve in 2009 and 2010. These tūī, and many of their hatchlings, have coloured leg bands so that they can be identified and their movements monitored. A team of volunteers in the Banks Peninsula Tūī Restoration Group have spent thousands of hours, observing, recording and managing this information. The work is overseen by Dr Laura Molles.

Goal 8: Eliminate or control pest animals to protect native biodiversity

Introduced mammalian pests are now widespread throughout Aotearoa and have played a major role in the extinction story. They will continue to threaten native species if left unchecked. These pests can be divided into two main groups:

- Predator pests that eat wildlife, including birds, lizards and invertebrates. These include ferrets, stoats and weasels, feral cats, hedgehogs, rats and mice. Possums eat chicks and eggs, and pigs eat eggs and invertebrates.

- Browsing pests that imperil our biodiversity by weakening the forest structures, compromising regeneration, and targeting certain plant species they find particularly palatable. These include goats, deer (red and fallow), pigs, possums, hares and rabbits. Rodents also eat plant seeds, seedlings and flowers, thus preventing native plant species regeneration.

Pest Free Banks Peninsula (PFBP) was established in 2018 by a collaboration of organisations with conservation functions on Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula. The programme is facilitated by BPCT and is a community-led agency supported initiative working towards realising the PFBP goal.

PFBP aims to eliminate all feral browsing pests across the Peninsula, and reduce all predator pests to zero, or as close to zero as possible. It may not be possible to eliminate all of these pests, e.g. rodents, however the intention is to reduce populations to a level that does not threaten biodiversity.

For it to be technically feasible, achieving this goal assumes that the tools for pest control continue to be developed.

This goal aligns with the national ‘Predator Free New Zealand 2050’ programme but is more comprehensive.

Goal 9: Eliminate or control ‘transformer’ ecological weeds

Ecological ‘transformer’ weeds are non-native plants, usually garden escapees, that can smother, outcompete and prevent natural regeneration of our ecosystems. These include pine species, sycamore, old man’s beard, banana passionfruit, Chilean flame creeper, Spanish heather, spur valerian, pig’s ear and pride of Madeira. They also threaten our native fauna that relies on healthy native ecosystems. Ecological weeds can be trees, shrubs, climbers, herbaceous, succulent, freshwater or marine plants, and can spread by many different means, e.g. wind, water currents, birds, people and other animals. Typically they are fast growing, able to outcompete our native species, or are better adapted than native plants to environmental pressures which used to be uncommon in Aotearoa, such as wildfires or soil disturbance by mammals. Some weeds (e.g. pines, gorse) promote the spread of fire, which worsens the risk to native ecosystems and to human property.

If left unchecked, such weeds can expand exponentially and become increasingly costly to control. It is therefore important to understand which weeds pose a particular threat to native habitats, ensure new ones do not establish, and that new infestations are eradicated before they spread. Understanding how they proliferate is important to understanding how to control them. Climate change is expected to increase the conditions that suit many weed species, and so controlling them now is a priority.

Goal 10: Improve native habitat corridors between the Peninsula, urban Christchurch and the rest of Canterbury

Native bird species move seasonally for food, nesting sites or in search of breeding partners and some species will populate new areas if conditions are suitable. Large bush birds such as kerurū, tūī and kaka are capable of flying large distances such as between the Te Pātaka-o-Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula and the alpine areas, foot hills and plains of Waitaha Canterbury. Smaller bush species such as bellbird, fantail and warbler move smaller distances between bush patches and their seasonal movements between the Peninsula hills and the gardens and parks of Christchurch City are well recorded. The many significant wetlands at the foot of the western and northern margins of the Peninsula attract huge numbers and species of wetland birds from far afield, some from great distances across the oceans. This goal aims to develop and enhance native habitat areas and corridors to facilitate safe movement of native species through the Peninsula, urban Christchurch and across Canterbury, and therefore help support more resilient populations of native birds.

The hills and valleys of the Peninsula that form the zone of contact with Kā Pākihi Whakateketeka a Waitaha Canterbury Plains run from the mouth of Te Roto o Wairewa Lake Forsyth round past Tai Tapu to the mouth of the Ihutai Avon-Heathcote estuary at Sumner. The Port Hills, from Gebbies Pass to Godley Head, define a substantial portion of this contact zone, and are part of the Peninsula's connection with Selwyn District and also with urban Ōtautahi Christchurch. The Port Hills' northern slopes lost most of their forest cover in the first 600 years of human settlement, and large areas have been cloaked in native tussock for several centuries. This has reduced available habitat for forest species, such as larger bush birds. Only small remnants of old-growth forest remain, such as Ahuriri Bush, but there has been native regeneration in damper sites and Christchurch City Council and others have been undertaking restoration plantings for many years.

The risk of fire here and across the Peninsula is a consideration when restoring forest habitat. Native plantings can take many decades to establish in dry conditions but generally carry fire less easily than many exotic species if well planned. A range of protections can be considered when planting, including designating fire break areas, selecting fire resistant native species particularly for around the margins of planted areas and in home shelterbelts, ensuring clear zones around houses and powerlines, and incorporating ponds for firefighting and for wildlife habitat.

Developing networks of native habitat linking through the hills and valleys on the western and northern margins of the Peninsula to the wetlands, parks, gardens and reserves will benefit indigenous biodiversity and facilitate natural migrations. Various community-led groups are already working towards this goal, including Whaka-Ora, initiated by Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheki to replenish the mauri of Lyttelton Harbour, and Te Kākahu Kahukura (TKK), supported by BPCT, Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheki, Summit Road Society and Living Springs. Te Ara Kakariki is planting forest corridors on the plains.

Appendix 1: Why Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula is worth protecting

Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula is an extraordinary geological region and the biodiversity jewel of Ōtautahi Christchurch and Waitaha Canterbury. Its origins as an offshore volcanic island, its large size (about 100,000 hectares, making it the largest peninsula in Aotearoa), and its location as a high-altitude, high-rainfall counterpoint to the extensive low-altitude, low-rainfall plains of the eastern Te Wai Pounamu South Island, all contribute to its distinctive characteristics. Its geological and island origins underpin the extraordinary diversity of life found upon Banks Peninsula, and have made it a hotspot for local endemism – unique species that exist nowhere else in Aotearoa or the world.

The island that is now Banks Peninsula was formed by offshore volcanic activity over a period from twelve to six million years ago. When the volcanic activity finally ceased, the craters centred on Lyttelton and Akaroa eroded into today's harbours as they were invaded by the ocean. Plant and animal life colonised the island and continued to evolve, separated from their mainland relatives. Eventually, about 20,000 years ago, the out-washed gravels from the glaciated Southern Alps of the South Island, which fanned out to form the Kā Pākihi Whakatekateka a Waitaha Canterbury Plains, reached the volcanic island and joined it to the rest of the South Island, forming the Peninsula we know today.

The eroded volcanic landform creates a remarkable diversity of microclimates, thus providing exceptional habitat diversity – from the windswept mountain tops (the highest Mt Herbert at 919m), rugged rocky bluffs, tors, coastal cliffs and islets, to the harbours and outer bays, deep fertile valley floors, streams and estuaries. On top of this intricate form, the volcanic soils, overlaid with wind-blown glacial loess from the plains, and a legacy of millions of years of burrowing seabirds depositing guano, formed rich fertile soils. With the plains joining the island to the mainland, large quantities of sand (formed from glacier-ground then river-worked rock from the Alps) constantly carried down to the sea by Canterbury's braided rivers, got transported around the Peninsula's coast by long-shore drift, settling out into pockets around the base of the new Peninsula, creating many and varied beaches, estuaries, wetlands and dune systems.

Before humans settled here, the Peninsula was almost entirely forested. On the mid to lower slopes and alluvial valley floors, lofty tōtara, matai and kahikatea (podocarps) towered over understoreys of hardwood trees and shrubs, climbers, tree ferns and ground ferns etc. The warmer coastal parts of these forests included frost-tender northern species such as nikau, kawakawa and tītoki. The higher altitude forests had native cedar and Hall's/thin-barked tōtara emerging above the hardwood tree canopy. In the coolest and wettest uplands of the south-east corner of the Peninsula, red and black beech forests out-competed the podocarp species. The rocky slopes, cliffs and sub-alpine peaks were clothed in stunted forests with diverse shrublands, indigenous herbs and grasses. These forests and the wetlands and beaches would have been raucous with birdlife, with large flightless birds like the moa, takahē and kiwi being common. Rivers and estuaries would have teamed with invertebrates and fish, and nesting seabirds would have been abundant.

With human arrival, starting about 900 years ago, a rich history of cultural and economic activity began. However, impacts of human activities accelerated, especially in the last two centuries, resulting in significant ecological and environmental damage. By 1920, the forests were reduced to 1% of their original cover, and the loss of woody vegetation caused vulnerable soils to erode and slip, leading to sediment increase in waterways. The loss of habitat, as well as the introduction of feral predators and browsers (including rats, cats, mustelids, possums, goats, pigs and deer), caused the loss of many species, including kākā, kākāriki, tītī, piopio, saddleback and tuatara. The introduction of weedy plant species also threatened vulnerable indigenous species and habitat types. Recently, however, with changing farming practices and values, native woody vegetation on the Peninsula has been steadily increasing, and about 20% of the land is now covered in regenerating forest.

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Remarkably, the Peninsula remains a biodiversity hotspot for Canterbury and for Aotearoa. There is an astonishing number of locally endemic species, including seven plant species and many invertebrate species, such as cicada, wētā, beetles, moths, etc This reflects the Peninsula's origins as an island. Some nationally vulnerable species are thriving here too. Very few plant species have been completely lost from the Peninsula, and the fauna remains very diverse. Several nationally rare lizard species have sizeable populations, and there is diverse birdlife due to the range of habitats – bush, freshwater and coastal. That so many of the original native plants and animals have survived is due to the sheer size of the Peninsula, its varied topography (from damp nooks and crannies to dry rocky outcrops) and the forethought of some landowners who set aside and continue to protect small areas of original forest.

Banks Peninsula is uniquely placed geographically and ecologically as a biodiversity hotspot, a seeding node, and a storehouse of carbon for Christchurch and the wider Canterbury area.

Appendix 2: Why indigenous biodiversity is important

Biodiversity is vital for our survival. Its protection is at the heart of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, one of the three Conventions under the Rio Summit. New Zealand's National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity sets the direction for the country to protect, maintain and restore indigenous biodiversity. We are closely connected to the land and rely on nature for our food, water, health and wellbeing. For Māori, kaitiakitanga is integral to the spiritual, cultural and social life of tangata whenua, and there are specific processes and practices for looking after the environment.

No other country can protect the ecosystems, species and endemics of Aotearoa; we have to protect them. Extinction is irreversible, and environmental degradation is costly to undo.

Ecosystems and the various species and elements within them are interdependent. Nature, over millions of years of trial and error (aka evolution), established a vast diversity of species that were adapted to the local climatic conditions, soils and other environmental variables to form well-functioning ecosystems. Millions of kilometres of fungal hyphae (filaments) in the soil deliver micronutrients to plants, which in turn supply the fungi with the food they need (produced by photosynthesis). Micro- and macro-organisms, e.g. worms, feed on leaf litter and other forest debris, turning it into good quality, well aerated soil, and produce a kind of glue that helps prevent drying out and wind erosion. Above-ground invertebrates help spread propagules such as fungus spores within a wider area. Vertebrates, including birds, bats and lizards, and invertebrates, such as native bees and wētā, help with pollination and seed dispersal, in return for food in the form of nectar, berries etc., while assisting the continual renewal of the ecosystem. The more diversity, the greater the range of services that are exchanged, and the more resilient the overall system becomes.

Collectively, other 'ecosystem services' enabled by a fully functioning indigenous ecosystem include:

- The canopy and roots of native cover and a healthy soil structure help attenuate water flow and hold soil in place. This protects the soil from erosion and reduces the damage from extreme rainfall events. It also protects the soil from desiccation in sustained drought events. With climate change, these weather extremes, which threaten human property and infrastructure through flooding, slips and fires, are expected to become more common.

- At a global level, as a result of the exchange of gases by photosynthesising plants, absorbing CO_2 and releasing O_2, storing the carbon in their mass and transferring some to the soil, the biosphere regulates the atmosphere within the stable range that we all depend on.

Losing any element of a diverse ecosystem reduces its functionality and its ability to renew itself. If we restore as much as possible of the ecological systems that evolved here, we will improve the integrity of the land and the overall wellbeing of the people who live and make a living here.

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

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Do you wish to attend a Council hearing to present your feedback in person?

◉ Yes

○ I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Additional requirements for hearing:

Feedback

1. Public Transport

We're asking for your feedback on how Council should go forward with our public transport upgrades and programmes. In our region, Environment Canterbury provides public transport services (Metro buses) in the Greater Christchurch area. Selwyn District Council (like other local councils) is responsible for providing public transport infrastructure such as bus stops, shelters, and Park and Ride facilities.

You told us you want to see better access to public transport, particularly for our young and elderly residents.

So we want to hear from you - should we:

Build three new Park and Ride facilities at Lincoln and Rolleston, and upgrade public transport infrastructure, but only if Council receives co-funding from NZTA Waka Kotahi.

Project cost:
Years 1–3: $4.2 million
Years 4–10: $11.6 million
Estimated impact on rates:
Years 1–3: $7.06
Years 4–10: $19.52
Funding:
Rates: 49%
NZTA Waka Kotahi: 51%

Our

budgeted
option

Please add any comments you may have
What about Darfield? Future focused

3. Malvern Recreation and Sports Facility

Malvern has no indoor sports courts and demand for these is increasing rapidly. We're planning to build a new recreation and sports facility to meet that demand. It would be developed alongside existing and future facilities in the area to create a central hub for Malvern.

We want to hear from you - should we:

**Development contributions are collected as developments get underway. This means funds are not always available when a project starts. In the beginning, a project will be loan funded and when development contributions are paid to Council, they are used to help pay back the loan. Impact on rates for options 2 and 3 take into account development contributions. Development contributions do not apply to option 1.*

Build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield that includes two indoor courts.

Project cost:
Year 3: $11.28 million (minus $1.10 million already included in the last Long-Term Plan. Total left to fund is $10.18 million)
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$19.91
Funding:
Rates: 57%
Development contributions: 43% *

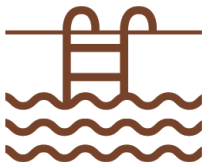
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SDC needs to be future focused here.

Matters for Community Guidance

We're looking for your guidance on a series of other decisions around the way we support our economy, invest in new technology and the future of the Sheffield Memorial Pool.

Sheffield Memorial Pool

The Sheffield Memorial Pool is used by less people than our other community pools and is 10 minutes' drive from the newly upgraded Darfield Pool. The pool will require $1 million in upgrades to keep open, or $290,000 to close. We're proposing to close the pool.



Do you support the closure of Sheffield Community Pool?

No
Any comments?
Kia ora

Sheffield Swimming Pool

On behalf of my family, I do not support the SDC's proposed closure of the Sheffield Pool. I have a child who is neurodiverse and can't travel in a vehicle at present. The save-in-grace for the summer was the Sheffield Pool. My family swam at least once a day when the pool was open. I believe the SDC has a social licence to support our neurodiverse community. If the SDC close the pool, you are limiting our disabled community access to a vital resource for learning to swim, interacting with other community members and allowing the

freedom to be themselves.

I would like to discuss in more detail the importance of having a swimming complex in our community.

Thanks

Economic Development



We are proposing to play a more active role in our district's economic development. We have budgeted $9 million over 10 years to support the Economic Development Strategy that we have co-designed with Selwyn businesses.

Do you support the continued development of an economic development strategy?

Any comments?

Digital Solutions



We are proposing to explore the most effective technologies that could assist us to do our best work for the community. We've budgeted $1.3million a year to do this, with the costs to be reconfirmed through each annual plan as the work progresses.

Do you support the Council investing in better technology solutions to improve our services to the community?

Yes

Any comments?

Other comments

You can provide comments on any other matters in our draft Long-Term Plan, including the projects in the Keeping Your Community Informed section on pages 44-51 of the consultation document.

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Please provide your comments in the box below.

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Do you wish to present your submission in person at a public hearing in the council chambers?

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2. Waihora Whata Rau - community facility and reserves upgrade Leeston

After consulting with the community, in the last Long-Term Plan we proposed a new community facility for Leeston, called Whata Rau, which would be built alongside the park, providing a 'hub' for Ellesmere where residents can gather, play, and learn.

2a. Whata Rau - new community facility

After consulting with Ellesmere residents during the last Long-Term Plan, we agreed to build a new library and community centre called Whata Rau, next to Leeston Park. This project would provide more community spaces that are needed in the area, and provide a solution for the existing Leeston library and service centre: the current facility is earthquake prone and needs significant repairs or to be replaced.

Increased construction costs and land remediation issues mean the costs to build Whata Rau have increased. Given this new information we want to hear from you - should we:

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Build Whata Rau next to Leeston Park as agreed in our 2021-31 Long-Term Plan and using the current design and layout planned to meet the needs identified by the community. The facility would include a library, council service centre and community centre.

Project cost:
Year 1: $16.01m
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$44.22
Funding:
Rates: 80.5%
Development contributions: 19.5% *
2024/25
2025/26
2026/27
2027/28
2028/29
2029/30
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2033/34

Our budgeted option

Please add any comments you may have

2b. Leeston Park improvements

We planned to upgrade Leeston Park as part of the project to build a new community facility. Since agreeing to do that, we have completed a master plan for redeveloping the park over the next 15 years.

We want to hear from you - should we:

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Carry out the landscape improvements to extend the playing fields; replace and upgrade the playground equipment, footpaths, toilet block, lighting and irrigation; and seal the carpark.

Project cost:
Years 1-10: $3.4m
Estimated impact on rates :
Included in current rates
Funding:
Rates: 71.4%
Development contributions: 28.6% *

Our budgeted option

Please add any comments you may have

Attached Documents

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	Benefits of Swimming for Autism

4 Surprising Benefits of Swimming for Autism

Improving your child's concentration, mental alertness, responsiveness, and peace of mind in 30-40 minutes sounds like a dream, doesn't it? The truth is – swimming can do all of the above, and many studies confirm the benefits of swimming for autism.

Swimming isn't just a workout for the body or an energy release. It also works the mind, and its benefits outlast the time in the pool. Let's dive into the most important benefits of swimming for autism and see how you can use this incredible sport to help your child.

For more autism tips and resources, you can download your free guide here:

1. Swimming Is A Perfect Way to Calm the Mind

If you've ever tried meditating yourself, you'll know how hard it can be to sit still and let your mind switch off. Fortunately, you don't have to sit still and clear your mind to receive a meditative-like effect.

One of the first noticeable benefits of swimming is its ability to calm the mind. I've gone into swimming sessions feeling stressed and anxious and come out of the pool without a worry.

It's almost unbelievable how effective it can be at easing your mind. The bonus: you don't even have to try to do anything special — just turn up and swim.

On land, you can breathe whenever you want. You never have to think about it. To meditate, you have to keep your mind focused on your breath and attempt to pull your focus back whenever it wanders.

As a parent of an autistic child, I'm sure you can imagine the amount of focus needed for your child to do this.

When you're swimming, since you can't breathe whenever you want, you're forced to think about your breathing pattern constantly. One of the first things your child will be taught is to blow bubbles under the water and breathe as they lift their head out.

As your child progresses through the lessons, they will be taught to breathe every two or three strokes. The repetitive counting of strokes and the focus on breathing can be incredibly soothing and stop the mind from wandering and worrying.

2. Swimming Helps With Sensory Deprivation

In the water, everything feels …calmer. All the noise, feelings, and business of the outside world stop. The feeling of the water is interesting, and the way light moves through it can be fascinating.

Of course, swimming pools can also be noisy environments, and the uncertainty of the water can be overwhelming for some children. However, water seems to be a very soothing place for most children.

For children with autism, water offers resistance, pressure, comfortable temperatures, and pleasant sensory arousal. One of the main benefits of swimming for autism is that it's stimulating, but it's the right kind of stimulating.

On top of that, there's generally less social pressure in the water since class sizes are limited. It's pretty easy to ignore the world around you when you're so focused on staying above water.

Sometimes, however, swimming lessons can be hectic. Not to mention those horrible latex caps. I used to teach an autistic child who was incredibly touch-sensitive, and his parents thought he'd never wear a swimming cap.

He compared the feeling to being scratched by knives. If your local swimming lesson provider asks children to wear swimming caps, I recommend a polyester cap. They're soft to the touch and don't feel too restrictive.

To combat the hectic feeling swimming pools can have, I'd recommend booking one-on-one or one-on-two classes. They're often calmer, with not as many screaming and swimming teachers shouting over the loud kids.
Also, get a sense of how much your local pool echoes. Ive been in some pools that are far louder than others simply because of the shape of the roof. As ridiculous as it sounds, you must shout over your echo to be heard.

3. Swimming Can Improve Taking Instructions

It's no secret children on the autism spectrum can have difficulty with communication and often issues in taking instruction. It can be challenging in a classroom environment.
Swimming, or sports in general, can be hugely beneficial for teaching children how to effectively take instructions without the pressures felt in a more formal environment.
Any decent swimming instructor will always explain instructions through demonstration.
Instructions like "I want you to swim to that cone with big arms" will be followed up by the teacher demonstrating this on the poolside or another child demonstrating in the water.
It will then be up to your child to figure out how to get their body to move in the way that has been described. Sometimes, the teacher will help your child by physically moving their arms so they can experience how each movement is supposed to feel.

4. Swimming Develops Motor Skills

Not only does swimming help with taking instruction and applying instruction, but it also helps to develop your child's fine motor skills. Fine motor skills are crucial in daily activities like washing your hands, making food, getting dressed, or using a computer.
Due to the constant use of fine motor skills during swim therapy for autism, your child's mind is constantly stimulated. By the end of a swimming lesson, the children often have a sense of peace because they 've had adequate mental and physical stimulation.

How to Help An Autistic Child Embrace Swimming?

Swimming lessons for an autistic child can be highly beneficial. Helping your child learn to swim can be a rewarding and enjoyable experience for both of you. But how do you teach your child with autism how to swim?

- **Choose the Right Environment**

Select a swimming pool or area that is calm, clean, and not too crowded. Autistic children may be sensitive to sensory stimuli, so a quieter and less stimulating environment can be helpful.

- **Find a Qualified Instructor**

Look for a swimming instructor with experience working with children with special needs, including autism. They should be patient, empathetic, and knowledgeable about different teaching methods.

- **Gradual Introduction**

Begin by introducing your child to the water gradually. You can start with simple activities like splashing in shallow water, pouring water over their hands, or letting them sit on the poolside with their feet in the water to get used to the sensation

- **Provide Sensory Support**

Be aware of your child's sensory sensitivities. If they are sensitive to certain textures or sensations, consider using swimwear that is comfortable for them. Some children may prefer wearing a wet suit for the added sensory input.

- **Be Patient and Stay Consistent**

Children with autism may take longer to learn new skills, including swimming. Stay patient and remain calm, even if there are challenges. Celebrate small victories and progress.
Consistency is essential for children with autism. Try to maintain a regular swimming lesson schedule so your child knows what to expect.

- **Prioritize Safety**

Ensure that safety is a top priority. Always supervise your child while in the water, and consider using flotation devices or life jackets if needed.
If you encounter significant difficulties, consider seeking guidance from a pediatric occupational therapist or a behavioral therapist working with autistic children.

Swimming Benefits Children with Autism in Many Different Ways

Teaching your child to swim moves far beyond the survival benefits you initially thought about, from breathing skills to instruction-taking, repetition, and turn-taking. All of these translate to day-to-day activities outside the pool. Of course, don't expect your child to take to the water instantly. I highly recommend you persevere, even if nothing is working.
I've seen many kids, autistic and not, cry and kick up a fuss about getting in the pool. This goes on for weeks and weeks before, suddenly, there 's a light bulb moment. They managed to blow bubbles for the first time. They managed to push off the wall on their own for the first time. They have a moment of confidence, which can make all the difference for a child with autism.

FAQs

Q: Is swimming good for all autistic children?

A: Swimming is great for autistic kids, helping them not only physically but also improving their overall well-being. Learning to swim is crucial for their safety and contributes to their overall health. Although some autistic children struggle with sensory issues connected to water, many are drawn to it for sensory stimulation.

Q: Can autistic people swim?

A: Yes, autistic people can learn to swim just like anyone else. With proper support and teaching methods, many autistic individuals can enjoy and benefit from swimming.

Q: What are the benefits of autism swim therapy?

A: Autism swim therapy provides both physical and overall well-being benefits, such as improving motor skills, speech, confidence, and cognitive processing. It helps

them learn a crucial life skill for self-protection while also enhancing their general health and happiness.

Q: What sport is autism-friendly?

A: Swimming, track and field, cycling, and soccer are great sports for kids with autism because they offer a structured and predictable setting, making children feel more at ease and secure.

Q: Do autistic people like taking baths, showering, or water in general?

A: People with autism might find taking a shower challenging because of sensory issues. The sound and feel of running water, as well as being wet, can be overwhelming for them. On the other hand, many individuals on the spectrum are drawn to water, as they find the sensation soothing and stimulating. Relationship with water depends on personal sensory preferences, so it ’s best to talk to your child and a professional about it.

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A Qualitative Investigation of Swimming Experiences of Children With Autism Spectrum Disorders and Their Families

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December 4, 2023

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- ◉ Yes
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I want to talk to the proposed expenditure on nitrates and the expenditure for the sewerage system at the marae

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