

Mana Whenua Engagement *Minutes*

What: Mana whenua hui - Refresh of Future Urban Land Supply Strategy
When: 9.30am to 11.30am, Wednesday 19 April 2017
Where: Room 29.1 Tamatea – Tahi, Level 29, Auckland Council, 135 Albert Street, Auckland
Purpose: To outline the approach to the refresh of the Future Urban Land Supply Strategy and seek feedback from mana whenua

Attendees: **Mana whenua:** Lucie Rutherford (Ngāti Tamaoho), Gavin Anderson (Ngaati Whanaunga), Josy Peita (Ngāti Te Ata Waiohua), David Williams (Te Patukirikiri), Tame Te Rangi (Te Runanga o Ngāti Whātua), Katie Clark (Te Uri o Hau), Andrew Brown (Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei), Kowhai Olsen (Te Ahiwaru)

Council staff: Otene Reweti (Te Waka Anga Mua ki Uta), David Hawkey (Transport and Infrastructure Strategy), Dawne Mackay (Growth and Infrastructure Strategy), Amanda Harland (Growth and Infrastructure Strategy), Karryn Kirk (Strategic Advice)

Summary

Amanda Harland provided background and an overview of the Future Urban Land Supply Strategy refresh. The strategy is being refreshed in light of recent changes to the Auckland Unitary Plan, particularly those areas that have been live zoned.

The council is now seeking feedback on proposed changes to the sequencing of future urban areas, bringing some areas forward and putting others back based on recent Unitary Plan changes and infrastructure requirements including transport, water supply, wastewater and stormwater.

Key points raised:

- Infrastructure is a concern given population growth, increasing transport congestion and the central interceptor has not started yet and may be 10 years away.
- Concern regarding climate change, recent extreme weather events and proposed development in flood plains and impacts on future households in these areas and ratepayers in the long-term.
- Concern that development is already taking place (without a structure plan) in many of the areas that have been live zoned. These areas do not have water or wastewater infrastructure in place and are draining into wetlands (e.g. Karaka North).
- How does council stop irresponsible developers forcing their way through the consenting process resulting in unacceptable environmental impacts? Need for effective monitoring and enforcement action at the consenting level.

- Council departments and CCOs should plan collaboratively (from high-level strategy to resource consents) .
- Concern that successive plan changes leading to incremental development may impact on areas currently sequenced in later decades. How are developers aligning individual developments to incorporate robust solutions to e.g. flooding and aquifers (eg. Oruarangi). There is a need to look at the development footprint in terms of the whole build – there has to be transparency.
- Need to assess the cumulative impact of new development on water supply.
- Mana whenua have no say – historical practice is not taken into consideration.
- We have a Māori purpose zone in our area but we have to take care of our neighbours too (in neighbouring developments) as they become part of our community/under our care (i.e. manaakitanga).
- Noted that further development of Pokeno was previously expected to be spread out over 25 years but is likely to be fully developed within 10 years – need to consider infrastructure requirements.
- There is also a need to bring forward infrastructure spend for Drury South.
- Importance of cross boundary considerations/further discussion.
- Need to track infringements as part of ongoing monitoring.
- There needs to be some rigour around conditions (i.e. more robust and future-focused).
- Under council's own rules (i.e. Unitary Plan), developers need to engage with mana whenua and consider Cultural Values Assessments, which are intended to enable good environmental outcomes – there is a need to ensure this is enforced at the consents level.
- Need to consider the Māori Plan (and the Māori Report) as part of the Auckland Plan refresh. There is a need to consider people at the centre of the strategy (e.g. 50% of Māori in Auckland are under 25). The principle of 'support uplifting Maori social and economic well-being' requires a population profile. We need to profile what we are up against to build ratepayers' support (e.g. 1km from the city centre/80 people per ha; 32km from the city/18 people per ha). Ratepayers need to be convinced at the end of the day.
- There is a need to profile what we are planning for and link this to the type of housing we need (i.e. focus on housing supply). Without considering our people, we can't plan for their housing needs (e.g. how many units for older people will we need in the future?).
- Noted that Auckland is currently the third worst city in the world for transport problems and likely to get worse over the next 30 years. Continued need to work with the Crown on the provision of infrastructure (e.g. transport).
- Need to address known bottle necks (e.g. Bombay Hills, Warkworth) and consider rail to Hamilton.

- Profiling the population in relation to transport would ensure that we are planning for mobility as opposed to connection (e.g. currently geared to supporting the CBD leading to long commutes by car). Future investment in infrastructure must be linked to intensification.
- Need to ensure development does not compromise local food security.
- Need to ensure developers set up silt traps so we are not pushing the problem (i.e. runoff from sites) further down south and across the boundary.
- Is it possible to slow down growth? Someone has to pull the door shut a bit. We need to ensure that we are not just pushing people further out onto marginal land.
- Poor people can't afford to live in Auckland, especially young people. It can be tempting for low income families to accept WINS promotion to move out of Auckland.

Actions:

- Note the need for effective monitoring and enforcement action at the consenting level. [D Hawkey/A Harland]
- Note that enforcement will be included as part of ongoing monitoring in the strategy document. [D Hawkey/A Harland]
- Consider the Maori Plan and inclusion of people at the centre of the Auckland Plan and FULSS Refresh. [D Hawkey/D Mackay/A Harland]
- Distribute hui minutes to mana whenua representatives attending for review to ensure it is a true reflection of discussion prior to consideration by the deliberations panel. [K Kirk/A Harland]

Summary of feedback Te Aki Tai

- Acknowledgement and acceptance that urban development is happening in the future urban areas
- Need to consider Te Ao Maori implications of places:
 - Walters Road, Hingaia, Takanini, Wesley, Orurarangi, Puhinui, rural settlements, Kingseat, Drury West.
 - These areas include significant cultural landscapes
 - Require holistic planning
 - Need to develop an appropriate way of working that involves early involvement of Mana Whenua in discussing plans, aspiration and challenges around whenua
 - Concerns about infrastructure and the coast (proximity to Manukau Harbour)
 - Raised specific areas as being significant
- Principles – Questioned how the principles had been applied and used in developing the sequence, wanted this to be more transparent particularly where areas have been not been assessed against the principles (eg additional live zoned areas from Unitary Plan).