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Papakura Local Board feedback on the Waikato District Plan

Background

The Waikato District Council has notified the Waikato District Plan ('the proposed plan') for submissions. A draft submission has been prepared by council's planning staff and will be presented to the Auckland Council Planning Committee for approval on 2 October 2018.

Franklin and Papakura Local Boards have been invited to provide feedback on the proposed Plan.

Papakura Local Board feedback

The Papakura Local Board concurs with the draft Auckland Council submission which generally supports the proposed Waikato District Plan.

The board provides the following comment:

- a) The board supports urban growth around existing towns and villages that aligns with the Future Proof Growth Strategy (November 2016).
- b) The board supports the provision of future growth around Tuakau and Pokeno with amendments that manage urban sprawl and provide for alternative housing types.
- c) The board supports avoiding further loss of high class soils. Growing hydroponically on high class soils should not be permitted as this activity can be undertaken in low soil areas.
- d) The board supports recognising cross boundary issues that are of interest to Auckland Council as a neighbouring local authority.
- e) The board supports the inclusion of reverse sensitivity controls in rural areas.
- f) The board supports the need to promote a more regional and holistic approach between land use and infrastructure that enables anticipated growth with desirable outcomes for communities.
- g) The board is concerned about transport links and public transport provision in terms of planning anticipated growth. For example provision of public transport does not appear to be keeping pace with urban sprawl at Pokeno.
- h) Planning for public transport needs to provide connectivity to main transport hubs.

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