

Southern Structure Plan and Transport Report for Youth Advisory Panel

Purpose

This report seeks feedback from the Youth Advisory Panel about draft land use plans and transport for Drury-Opāheke and Pukekohe-Paerata.

Discussion questions

A. Drury-Opāheke

1. What do you like about the plans for Drury-Opāheke?
2. What makes a successful centre?
3. Is there anything you think should be changed?
4. Do these plans make you want to live in Drury-Opāheke in the future? Why or why not?

B. Pukekohe-Paerata

1. What do you like about the plans for Pukekohe-Paerata?
 2. Is there anything you think should be changed?
 3. Do these plans make you want to live in Pukekohe-Paerata in the future? Why or why not?
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Background

The Auckland Plan 2050 sets the direction for how Auckland will grow and develop over the next 30 years.

At the time of the 2014 census, Auckland's population was 1,493,200 people. By 2043 the population is projected to grow to between 2,047,600 (low) and 2,606,800 (high) people. Auckland's challenge is how to accommodate this growth by providing for housing, jobs, open space and infrastructure, while sharing prosperity among all Aucklanders, and reducing environmental damage.

Development of land zoned Future Urban under the Auckland Unitary Plan is part of the solution to the growth challenge. Development in greenfield areas around Auckland is sequenced and timed for when these areas will be 'live zoned' and the necessary bulk infrastructure is in place. Auckland Council's Future Urban Land Supply Strategy 2017 details this approach.

Drury-Opāheke and Pukekohe-Paerata are two of the first Future Urban zoned areas sequenced for development. We anticipate that the population of Drury-Opāheke could grow to about 65,000 as the area urbanises over the next 30 years, creating a need for around 23,000 new houses and 11,000 new jobs. The population of Pukekohe-Paerata is also expected to grow to around 65,000. The proposed zonings will add capacity for around 12,000 new dwellings in the Future Urban zoned areas surrounding Pukekohe-Paerata.

We are working on draft structure plans for these areas and are seeking public feedback on draft land use plans for each area.

Structure plans:

- identify opportunities and constraints relating to the land including: infrastructure provision, heritage, natural values and natural hazards
- investigate and address the potential effects of urbanisation in the structure plan areas

- identify suitable urban land uses
- do not rezone land but they will guide future plan change processes to rezone future urban zoned land into urban zones.
- A copy of a draft land use plan consultation document with a feedback form is attached for each of Opāheke-Drury and Pukekohe-Paerata as well as a set of Frequently Asked Questions.
- Transport networks will be needed to support future growth long term in these areas. A “Supporting Growth” transport consultation is also currently occurring for Auckland’s south with the aim of confirming the future transport network over the next five years. “Supporting Growth is a project involving Auckland Transport, the New Zealand Transport Authority and private consultants.

Consideration

One of the challenges when planning for greenfield areas, is to predict who will want to live in the two areas in 30 years and what the development in the areas will be like.

Youth Advisory Panel members can help with this project by thinking about, and giving feedback about, what they think these places should be like in 30 years.

Issues to consider include transport options, density of development, employment, sustainability and affordability.

Feedback from the group will be sought at this meeting.

Public engagement about the draft land use plans and the “Supporting Growth” transport options close on 10 October 2018. We will consider the feedback we receive and continue working towards draft structure plans for Drury-Opāheke and Pukekohe-Paerata. It is anticipated that these will be ready in early 2019, and that we will then seek further feedback about them.

Once the structure plans are finalised, they will become the basis for Auckland Council to make zoning and rule changes to the Unitary Plan to enable the development of these areas.