

Geraldine Downs Public Notice of Consultation Exercise

Timaru District Council has initiated a public consultation exercise in respect of how the Timaru District Plan manages new development in the Geraldine Downs. The District Plan provisions that relate to the Geraldine Downs may be changed as a result of this exercise.

An Issues and Options report has been prepared to identify the 'issues' with how the District Plan manages new development in the Geraldine Downs. The report subsequently identifies the potential 'options' to address these issues and the likely impacts of each option. The report is intended to inform and provide a basis for public consultation on this matter and to some degree stimulate debate. A summary of the Issues and Options Report has also been prepared.

A suite of consultation measures are proposed that include both targeted and public consultation. Public consultation measures include a public open day, survey and an opportunity to make written comment on the matter. Targeted consultation includes notice of the consultation exercise to statutory bodies and landowners in the Geraldine Downs and will also include workshops with local interest groups and professionals. Additional consultation may be conducted if necessary.

At the end of the consultation exercise a report will be prepared for the Geraldine Community Board that summarises the results of the consultation and will subsequently recommend if the provisions of the District Plan that relate to the Geraldine Downs should be changed. The Geraldine Community Board will then make a recommendation to the Council Planning and Regulatory Committee to change (or not to change) the District Plan. If the Planning and Regulatory Committee decide to change the District Plan, a plan change will be prepared and processed in accordance with Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

How to Get Involved

Issues & Options Report -

Read the Issues and Options Report or summary report. This report can be downloaded from Council's website at www.timaru.govt.nz/district-plan.html. Copies of the report are also available at Council libraries, or for purchase at Council's Main Office and Service Centres. Address details are: Main Office, Timaru District Council, 2 King George Place, Timaru; Timaru District Library, 56 Sophia Street, Timaru; Temuka Library / Service Centre, 72-74 King Street, Temuka; Geraldine Library / Service Centre, 78 Talbot Street, Geraldine.

Public Open Day -

Attend the public open day and discuss the Issues and Options Report with Council staff. The public open day will be held at Geraldine Service Centre, 78 Talbot Street, Geraldine, on 19 October 2011 from 10 am to 7 pm.

Written Comment -

Make a written comment on the Issues and Options Report to Timaru District Council by 21 October 2011. All written comment is to be marked "*Written Comment on the Geraldine Downs Issues and Options Report*". Written comment must include the name, address and telephone number of the person making the submission. Written comment can be made by post to the Planning Unit, Timaru District Council, PO Box 522, Timaru, or email to enquiry@timdc.govt.nz, or fax 03 687 7209.

Survey -

Complete the online survey found at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/GeraldineDownsSurvey. Hard copies of the survey can also be completed and are available at Council's Main Office, libraries, or service centres.

Please contact Council's Duty Planner on 03 687 7271 if you have any questions about the consultation exercise.

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