

Strategic Directions and Urban Form and Development Issues

Strategic directions are overarching directions for the sustainable management of land use and development of the Timaru District. They are matters that are strategically important for achieving integrated management and provide the basis for how decisions relating to resource use will be made in the District over the life of the Plan. The Urban Form and Development Chapter contains specific strategic directions for how growth will be managed. The strategic directions leave the articulation of activity-specific and location-specific objectives and policies to the specific of the Plan.

Operative District Plan Approach

The Operative District Plan does not contain comparable strategic directions in their own section. Rather, the key objectives are dispersed throughout the plan arranged by topic, for example natural hazards, and by area, for example the residential zone.

Draft Plan Approach

The Draft District Plan contains two strategic directions chapters. The first contains strategic directions for key resource management topics such as business areas and activities, while the second provides direction on settlement patterns across the district, for example setting out the Plan's approach for accommodating future growth in line with the Timaru District 2045 Growth Management Strategy.

Changes

Key changes include:

Directions on residential areas and activities, for example requiring the provision of housing choice and identifying how this will be achieved

Directions on business areas and activities, for example enabling a range of business activities, whilst maintaining and enhancing the district's centres

Directions on the natural and historic environment, for example requiring the protection of important landscapes and features

Directions on manawhenua matters, for example requiring the protection of the values of sites and areas of significance to Kāti Huirapa

Directions on how to respond and plan for climate change, for example by requiring climate change to be taken into account in natural hazards management

Directions on how to address natural hazards, for example by avoiding development in areas where natural hazards risks are unacceptable

Directions on recognising the importance of regionally significant infrastructure

Directions on activities in rural areas, for example requiring the maintenance of rural character, quality and amenity values

Directions on settlement patterns, for example requiring future growth primarily within Timaru and the existing towns of Temuka, Geraldine and Pleasant Point.

What it means in practice

The strategic directions will provide overarching guidance for both the community and the Council when implementing the district plan.