Chapter: City Centre Zone

Feed- back No.	Sec- tion	Sub- section	Plan Provision	Feedback	Relief sought
124.3	CCZ – City centr e zone	General		The CITY CENTRE ZONE promotes the primacy of the CBD as the main retail and commercial centre for our district and this has been enshrined in the new Strategic Directions chapter of the Draft District Plan. This approach is strongly supported by The philosophy of focussing future mixed use development intensification around existing city centres and transport hubs seems to align well with the recently adopted National Policy Statement on Urban Development (NPS-UD 2020), which requires Councils to plan well for growth and ensure a well-functioning urban environment for all people, communities and future generations. The controls proposed for the new CITY CENTRE ZONE are similar to the COM 1A controls, including promoting 'mixed use' activity, including scope for inner city residential (above ground floor level) and the avoidance of Industrial activity within the CITY CENTRE ZONE.	We support the additional urban design controls placed on buildings within the RETAIL CORE PRECINCT, which include Verandah, active frontage and setback controls. We suggest that both the active frontage and setback controls, which are part of the RETAIL CORE PRECINCT are extended to apply also to the entire new CITY CENTRE ZONE to ensure that we do not get poor urban design outcomes, when building frontages in city centres are set well back from the street edge, with parking in front (eg the Warehouse Stationary building in south Stafford St.).
124.4	CCZ – City centr e zone	General		INTEGRATION WITH CITY HUB STRATEGY Although the City Hub Strategy is still in development, this should be referred to in the Draft District Plan and it's eventual conclusions and proposals should be able to be implemented and integrated into the ongoing District Plan Review process (either adopted directly into the DP, or included as a development or regeneration area framework).	Make reference to City Hub Strategy

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143.6 7	CCZ – City	General	• The commercial and mixed use zones under the Draft Plan are split via the following hierarchy:	oppose the permitted building heights
-	centr		Therefore,	across the Commercial Zones
	е		1) City Centre Zone	and seek that amendments
	zone			to all five zones are made to
			2) Town Centre Zone	reinforce the City Centre
				Zone and the Town Centre Zone in particular as focal
			3) Large Format Retail Zone	points for the district.
				Building heights in the City
			4) Local Centre Zone	Centre Zone could be
			5) Neighbourhood Centre Zone	permitted at 20m high, 15m
			5) Neighbourhood Centre Zone	in the Town Centre Zone and
			City Centre Zone (CCZ)	downwards from there.
			· The CCZ is applied to Timaru's central business area and is the key commercial and civic	
			centre for the Timaru District and wider South Canterbury sub-region.	
			It is the largest commercial area in the District and provides for a diverse range of commercial,	,
			retail, hospitality, entertainment and residential activities, as well as community facilities.	
			· The objectives and policies for the zone enable a range of activities, that overall ensure the	
			area remains as Timaru's primary retail and commercial core. They also seek to maintain the	
			amenity of adjoining residential and open space zones, through controlling building	
			heights/setbacks to minimise privacy and dominance effects.	
			· Permitted activities within the zone include the following:	
			Commercial Activity other than convice stations	
			- Commercial Activity other than service stations;	
			- Community facilities;	
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			- Visitor accommodation;	
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Public Toilets; and Residential units where the unit is located above the ground floor (i.e. mixed-use). Key standards of interest to include: A maximum building height of either: o 10m; or o 12m within the retail core precinct; or o 20m within the retail core precinct, where the site lies north of Sefton Street; Height in relation to boundary recession planes for where the site adjoins an open space or residential zone: A minimum building setback of 3m where the site's boundary adjoins a residential or open space zone. generally oppose the Commercial and Large Format Retail Zone (inferred this is what they meant - not Mixed-use zone because there isn't one) chapters under the Draft Plan for the following reasons: The permitted activity rules and standards are inconsistent with the policy framework for the zones. This is largely due to the disparities between the intent to establish or maintain the district's commercial zones as the focal points for commercial and retail activity, and the permitted building heights between zones and their spatial extents. A snap shot from the Draft Plan's maps (see below) shows that maximum building heights in the majority of the City Centre Zone and the Large Format Retail Zone are 10m. Whereas, outside the City Centre and Town Centre Zones, maximum buildings heights of 12m or 15m apply in the Medium Density Residential Zone and General Industrial Zones respectively. Therefore, the proposed permitted building heights have the potential to create more intensive development outside the district's City Centre, which would distract from that area being the focal point for commercial and retail activity in the district. This

				would also trigger potential non-compliance with the objectives and policies for the City Centre and Town Centre Zones in particular.	
				- The spatial extent Large Format Retail Zone is not supported. This zone is dedicated for retail activities that require large floor spaces. While these activities are already well-established within the proposed zone and their importance is recognised, having an entire zone dedicated towards them surrounding the city centre imposes a high dependency on vehicles for people to actually use these activities for their dedicated use. Large-format retail activities typically also require large areas of car parking, which will create poor urban design outcomes within the zone.	
				- While mixed use developments (i.e. commercial at ground floor and residential above ground floor level) are technically provided for in the City Centre and Town Centre Zones through rules CCZ-R5 and TCZ-R5 respectively, there is no specific pathway under the Draft Plan to enable this type of development. It is recommended that if the Council wants developers to provide this type of development in the district, that a dedicated Mixed Use Zone be established.	
				- Residential units and office spaces less than 200m² being provided for as permitted activities in the Neighbourhood Centre Zone is opposed. These zones should be dedicated primarily towards everyday retail and commercial services that the community are able to use such as dairies, superettes, doctor's practices or hairdressers for example. Residential units and office in this zone may be appropriate, but should be assessed through a resource consent process.	
<u>57.1</u>	CCZ – G City centr e zone	General	General	As a resident of Timaru for the last 85 years of my life I feel qualified to offer some comment to the draft Timaru Plan.	

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				We are basically the Centre of the South Island with access within an hour's drive to some of the best scenery in New Zealand. Many rivers, lakes, mountains and ski fields. We have access in three directions by excellent highways that are constantly maintained and improved. We also have an excellent Airport, Harbough and railway with access to the whole of the country, and good average weather for all seasons, so what a place to promote live and work in.	
				At last count I believe there is about 30 shops in Stafford Street that are closed, this a disgrace and needs addressing urgently if it is to survive. As these shops earn nothing while they are empty, maybe the owners could let the occupiers have them rent free for 12 months as long as they sign a 24-month contract and the Council reduce the rates by 50%. If the proposal goes ahead to close one area on a Saturday morning for a market and no traffic then I feel this has to rotate to several different positions otherwise, it favours only one block of shops and any decision like this should benefit the whole of St afford Street.	
				I also submitted a plan some years ago for a family type Cafe on Caroline Bay that would be open all weekends and holidays for ice creams, milk shakes, sweets and tea and coffee and this I was told is on a 10-year draft plan, but when will this happen. I feel some of these ideas have got merit or may lead to others that would work. I am available to	
				discuss with the Council if required.	
96.61	CCZ – City centr e zone	Rules	CCZ-R8 Any activity not otherwis e listed in CCZ	has an operational and functional requirement to be located in various zones. In the Draft Plan, there is one fire station located within the City Centre Zone, which demonstrates the needs for these emergency service facilities to be located in strategic locations. Insert a new Rule as follows:	
				CCZ-RX Emerency Service Facilities	
				Permitted Activity: if standards are complied with, otherwise Restricted Discretionary	

<u>143.6</u> <u>8</u>	CCZ – City centr e zone	Standard s	CCZ-S1 Height of buildings and structure	oppose the permitted building heights across the Commercial Zones and seek that amendments to all five zones are made to reinforce the City Centre Zone and the Town Centre Zone in particular as focal points for the district. Building heights in the City Centre Zone could be permitted at 20m high, 15m in the Town Centre Zone and downwards from there.	increase height
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