

It's Ready!

The Draft District Plan is now ready and we need your feedback!

The Draft District Plan is the result of a number of years of hard work, expert advice and input from the public and stakeholders. It affects us all and there is now a great opportunity to get involved before the official Proposed District Plan is notified.

He Po. He Ao. Ka Awatea

The Plan's official name is the '*Draft Timaru District Plan - He Po. He Ao. Ka Awatea*'. The te reo name means 'a new day/beginning', which reflects the fact it's a new modern District Plan that addresses tangata whenua issues. We're delighted with mana whenua's involvement in the District Plan Review and their perception that the Draft Plan represents a new day and beginning.

Consultation

We're releasing the Draft District Plan for public feedback between 7 October and 30 November 2020. We've branded it '*the first cut*', which is an acknowledgement it won't be perfect and makes it clear that it is not our final position. We genuinely believe feedback is a great way of improving the plan, so please get involved in the consultation and be part of the solution. Feedback will be obtained through

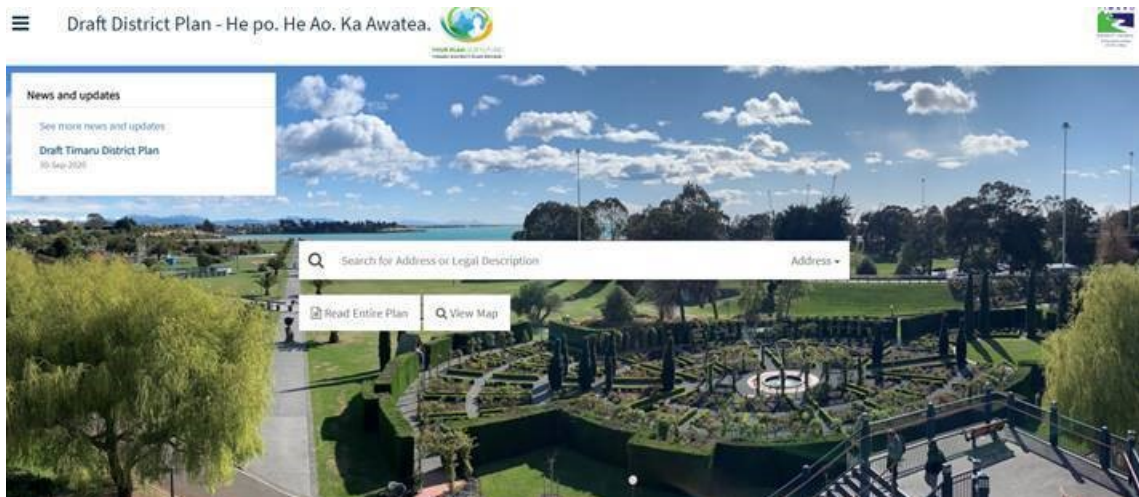
- Our online feedback system in the e-plan;
- Meetings with staff that can be booked online, or by emailing ange.lumsden@timdc.govt.nz

What happens with the Feedback?

Feedback will be reviewed by staff and then workshopped with Council. The Draft District Plan will then be presented to the Council as a Final Draft for agreement around October 2021. The plan would then be formally notified as a Proposed District Plan for formal consultation.

E-Plan

The Draft District Plan is an electronic plan, as is required by the National Planning Standards. This will make it easier to interact with and means you can click on your property and see what District Plan provisions specifically apply. It also makes it easier to make a submission. The e-plan and the required layout of the new rules will take some getting used to, but should ultimately make it easier.



Website

The Council website contains all the information you need about the Draft District Plan including:

- The e-plan
- Written and video guidance on how to use the e-plan
- Information about the process
- Summaries of each chapter
- A meeting booking function
- Podcasts

Visit the website at:

www.timaru.govt.nz/draftplan



Enjoy reading the new plan and be sure to get involved in the consultation. We really want to hear what you have to say.

Kā mihi,