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Q1: The Draft Growth Management Strategy approach for the Timaru urban area seeks to utilise existing residential and business (commercial and industrial) capacity already available to provide for growth to 2043. No additional new residential or business land is identified. Residential intensification is proposed adjacent to Highfield and the areas around the Timaru Town Centre to provide for modest increases in housing density (such as two – three storey apartments), and Rural Residential opportunities are identified at Elloughton South, Kelland Heights and Gleniti North. How much do you agree or disagree with this approach?

(no label) Strongly agree

Any further comments or is there something else we should consider?

Agree with approach, however 2043 is a very long way in the future and the GMS should be looking at the possibility that other potential areas for residential and business growth, should the growth be greater than current forecasts.

Q2: The Draft Growth Management Strategy approach for Geraldine is to better use the existing Town Centre land, rather than rezone any additional land; provide for increased residential densities close to the Town Centre as well as provide for low density new residential at Orari Station Road; Rural Residential zoned opportunities at Main North East and Cascade Plan; and a new Light Industrial area at Tiplady. How much do you agree or disagree with this approach?

(no label) Agree

Q3: Under the Draft Growth Management Strategy, we are seeking to consolidate the existing Town Centre of Pleasant Point for commercial activities and not rezone any additional land. Residential growth at Pleasant Point is to be accommodated through existing opportunities in terms of infill development, as well as a new Rural Residential zone adjoining Manse Road. How much do you agree or disagree with this approach?

(no label) Agree

Q4: For Temuka, we are seeking to utilise existing residential and business capacity already present in the settlement area. Rural Residential opportunities will be provided for in areas at Thomson Road and Guild Road. How much do you agree or disagree with this approach?

(no label) Agree

Q5: The Draft Growth Management Strategy seeks to provide a more focused approach to Rural Residential development, through focusing opportunities for rural residential and lifestyle allotments at specific zones peripheral to Timaru, Geraldine, Temuka and Pleasant Point, instead of the current dispersed approach throughout the Rural zone. How much do you agree or disagree with this approach?

(no label) Strongly agree

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Draft Growth Management Strategy

Q6: Overall, how much do you agree or disagree with the overall direction of the Draft Growth Management Strategy?

(no label) Agree

If you've identified that you Strongly Agree, Disagree or Strongly Disagree with the overall direction of the Draft Growth Management Strategy, can you briefly let us know the main reasons for your answer?

The preference for increased intensification located around existing facilities, amenity and infrastructure is the right approach, rather than promoting further inefficient urban sprawl. However, thought should be given to what happens if growth in the district (both settlement and tourism) is greater than is currently forecast in the Draft GMS.

Q7: How much do you agree or disagree with the following direction of the Draft Growth Management Strategy?

District character Agree

Comment:

Retention of important heritage buildings should also be a identified as a priority, as it is

a critical element to retaining and enhancing the districts unique identity and character.

Landscapes and amenity Agree

Comment: In addition, there should be focus on

identifying, cleaning up and managing existing natural habitats which have been degraded by poor planning and management decisions in the past (eg Washdyke lagoon). These areas, once cleaned up, could become a source of pride for the district, rather than a source of

embarrassment.

Settlement patterns and urban form Strongly agree

Comment: GMS should also consider where greater than expected growth will be accommodated.

Building resilient communities Agre

Comment:

Should also look at ensuring resilience to manmade hazards (eg climate change and the

degradation of our natural environment by

man).

Takata whenua Strongly agree

Sustainable economy Neither agree or disagree

Comment:

To be truly sustainable, it is critical that the natural environment is not negatively

impacted by future development.

Transport Agree

Comment: Should also consider a strategy to deal with

greater than expected/forecast growth of transport network capacity, should the forecasts be wrong (eg future growth of tourism). GMS should also consider future public transport initiatives and promoting

greater use of public transport.

Infrastructure

Rural

Comment: In addition, all development, including rural

development, must be environmentally sustainable (as well as economically and

socially sustainable).

Residential Strongly agree

Comment: As part of this strategy, the promotion of

mixed use, walkable neighbourhoods is a key

element.

Community and open space Agree

Comment:

Also need to ensure that the function and

quality of these open spaces is key design

element.

Leadership and partnership Agree

Comment: More and better pro-active consultation and

engagement with key stakeholders is

required.

Draft Growth Management Strategy

Q8: The Draft Growth Management Strategy identifies three key challenges (page 21) that it is seeking to provide direction on for growth in the district to 2043. These include: Managing the challenges associated with a modest level of forecast population growth, and an increase in the elderly population; The Council discharging its legal responsibilities under the Resource Management Act (1991) and the Local Government Act (2002); A community expectation that the Council takes an active role in integrating and managing growth, including that the costs of growth are fairly distributed and do not fall predominantly on the wider community. How much do you agree or disagree with this approach? How much do you agree or disagree with these challenges?

(no label) Agree

Can you let us know what additional key challenges we should consider, if any.

Council should also be looking at a strategy to deal with both higher than expected (forecast) growth and also how to manage a potential future where there is declining population growth.

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Q9: Any other general comments relating to the Draft Growth Management Strategy?

There has not been enough active engagement with the public or with key stakeholders in the Draft GMS process so far. Further pro-active consultation and engagement directly with the public and key stakeholders is required before the Draft GMS moves to the next stage. Information needs to be presented in a very simple and clear manner, that is easily digestible by lay-people.

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Respondent skipped this Q11: Supporting documents

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