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TIMARU DISTRICT 2045 DRAFT GROWTH MANAGEMENT STRATEGY JOINT SUBMISSION FOR G W & D S CRAIG & M W S CLARK, K W & S M PYKE, G A & S A MORTON & WOOLCOMBE TRUSTEES 2 LIMITED, G A & S A MORTON, J R & J J FORD AND P G & J A WILKINS & G J A PROUDFOOT

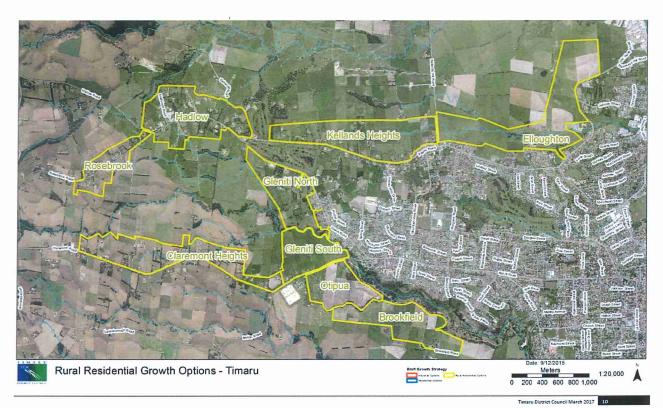
1 INTRODUCTION AND QUALIFICATIONS

- 1.1 This submission has been prepared on behalf of the above parties by Andrew Rabbidge, Licensed Cadastral Surveyor, Registered Professional Surveyor and Company Director of Milward Finlay Lobb Limited. I have been employed by Milward Finlay Lobb Limited since November 1995 with over 21 years' local subdivision and planning experience throughout South Canterbury and the surrounding districts.
- 1.2 I hold a Bachelor of Surveying (Credit) from the Otago University completed in 1995. I am a full member of the New Zealand Institute of Surveyors, a member of the Consulting Surveyors of New Zealand and an Associate of the New Zealand Planning Institute.
- 1.3 The purpose of this submission is to consider the Draft Growth Management Strategy with respect to land owned various properties owned by the joint submitters on the northern side of Pages Road, Timaru. Those properties are specifically identified in Appendix 1 and comprise a total land area of approximately 88.6600 hectares.

2 EXISTING SITUATION

- 2.1 The subject properties are held in individual certificates of title. The combined land area with respect of this joint submission has frontage to Pages Road to the south, Kellands Hill Road to the northeast and also an unnamed road between Lots 7 and 8 DP 3898 which intersects with Pages Road. The properties are currently zoned Rural 1 in terms of the Operative Timaru District Plan.
- 2.2 Land on the north side of Pages Road is currently recommended in Council's Draft Growth Management Strategy as being suitable for Rural Residential growth within the "Kellands Heights" area. Simultaneously the "Kellands Hill" area has also been considered by Council as a Residential growth option for Timaru North. (refer to the two maps on the following page).









3 TIMARU DISTRICT GROWTH STRATEGY 2017 – GROWTH ASSUMPTIONS

3.1 We refer to table 2 below from page 10 of Council's Growth Assumptions Report, which forecasts a total of 2,211 household units for the period of 2013 to 2043 within the entire Timaru District.

Table 2: Statistics New Zealand Projections

Settlement Area Population - Stats NZ	2013	2018	2023	2028	2033	2038	2043
Pleasant Point Unit	1,320	1,400	1,470	1,560	1,640	1,720	1,800
Geraldine Area Unit	2,370	2,470	2,520	2,560	2,590	2,600	2,600
Temuka Area Unit	4,180	4,260	4,310	4,360	4,390	4,390	4,350
Timaru Urban Area Units	26,770	27,240	27,350	27,380	27,270	26,970	26,570
Timaru District	45,400	47,000	47,800	48,400	48,800	48,800	48,600
Timaru District - Households - Stats NZ	2013	2018	2023	2028	2033	2038	
High	19,300	20,600	21,600	22,500	23,300	24,000	
Medium	19,300	20,200	20,800	21,200	21,500	21,600	
Low	19,300	19,800	19,900	19,900	19,800	19,400	
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Person per Dwelling Ratio - Stats NZ	- YE - 13						
High	2.35	2.28	2.21	2.15	2.09	2.03	
Medium	2.35	2.33	2.30	2.28	2.27	2.26	2.26
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Settlement Area Household Demand	2013	2018	2023	2028	2033	2038	2043
Changes							
Pleasant Point Unit	561	602	640	683	723	761	797
Geraldine Area Unit	1,008	1,062	1,097	1,121	1,141	1,151	1,151
Temuka Area Unit	1,777	1,831	1,875	1,910	1,934	1,943	1,925
Timaru Urban Area Units	11,380	11,707	11,901	11,993	12,014	11,938	11,760
Timaru District	19,300	20,200	20,800	21,200	21,500	21,600	21,511

- 3.2 This averages at just under 74 additional households per year, noting the peak household demand is forecast to be achieved in 2038 of 21,600 households.
- 3.3 With Council's capacity assessment of existing developable Residential land within the Timaru District comprising 62.4 hectares as at December 2016 (refer to page 12 of the Growth Assumptions Repot), we foresee considerable demand for Rural Residential development within the Urban fringe of Timaru, bearing in mind the rural nature of our district.



- 3.4 Based on our experience of the local land development market (Milward Finlay Lobb Ltd is a locally owned and operated business that can trace its origins back to 1877), we consider the capacity assessment of 62.4 hectares to be optimistic. The existing Urban Timaru Residential Zones were established since 1995 and the majority of land suitable for economic and feasible Residential development has previously been completed (excluding the balance of the Residential 6 Zone in Gleniti which although zoned, is subject to land fragmentation and servicing restraints).
- 3.5 Land development is complex by nature with a number of external factors at force, which we consider will further reduce the 62.4 hectares of land identified by Council for developable Residential land including:
 - 3.5.1 Land values, location and topography.
 - 3.5.2 Development costs, including the provision of vehicle access and essential services.
 - 3.5.3 Sale prices.
 - 3.5.4 Capital investment, taxation, GST and the initial land purchase.
 - 3.5.5 Borrowing costs.
 - 3.5.6 Council development contributions.
 - 3.5.7 Reliance on prior downstream development to provide access and/or the provision of essential services.
 - 3.5.8 Other concurrent residential development within the Timaru urban and also within Rural Residential areas.
 - 3.5.9 External factors beyond the Timaru District such as the Canterbury Earthquakes, Government Policy (such as KiwiSaver) or lending requirements from Banks.
- 3.6 Based on the foregoing and particularly bearing in mind the predicted 2033 peak, we disagree with Council's conclusion by the application of the NPS-UDC that, "there is sufficient vacant and large Residential Zoned allotments in Timaru to accommodate the predicted Residential growth in the next 30 years" (refer to page 70 of the Growth Assumptions Report).

4 RURAL RESIDENTIAL GROWTH ASSUMPTIONS

4.1 As mentioned previously, part of the northern side of Pages Road is identified within Council's Draft Growth Management Strategy as an area suitable for Rural Residential expansion (refer to the Rural Residential Growth Options Map on page 2).



- 4.2 As a consequence of our conclusion in paragraph 3.6 above, for what is considered to be insufficient land for residential growth, we foresee significant additional demand for larger areas of Rural Residential expansion beyond the current 'Kellands Heights' Rural Residential expansion option.
- 4.3 A demand pattern analysis has been undertaken by Council for the period 2005 to 2015, which results in a predicted average of 18 new Rural Residential allotments being developed on Rural properties across the District, with allotment areas less than 2 hectares, per annum.
- 4.4 Whilst these figures are based on issued building consents, we believe these figures only tell part of the story with various relevant external factors at force including:
 - 4.4.1 The Pilcher v Rawlings court case [2013 NZENVC67] at 348 Gleniti Road Timaru, which declined a Discretionary Rural 1 subdivision consent in 2013. This site is in the immediate vicinity of the land parcels forming this joint submission.
 - 4.4.2 Based on my personal knowledge of subdivision within the Rural 1 zone within the Timaru District since 1995 and the drawn out nature of the Pilcher v Rawlings case, lower than average subdivision consents for smaller rural allotments preceded the 2013 court case by at least 2 years.
 - 4.4.3 The Global Financial Crisis of 2008 and 2009 had a significant impact on land development and bank lending, which in turn significantly impacted on the construction of new dwellings within the District.
 - 4.4.4 The age of the current District Plan Rules in relation to subdivision entitlements within the Rural 1 Zone is also relevant, as those Rules date back to 27 August 1988. The majority of land owners that desired to achieve Rural Residential subdivision for allotments under 2 hectares in area in terms of those entitlement Rules, had generally completed subdivision prior to 2005.
 - 4.4.5 At the time, there was a general expectation that the Timaru District Council would introduce new subdivision rules in October 2005 (being the 10th Anniversary of the District Plan notification date), however this did not eventuate and these same Rural 1 subdivision entitlement rules still apply today.
 - 4.4.6 This resulted in an increased number of subdivision entitlements being utilised for allotments with areas less than 2 hectares in the years leading up to 2005 and a corresponding lull in the subdivision of smaller rural living allotments after 2005.



4.4.7 Based on the foregoing, we believe that Council's conclusion that "18 dwellings per year will be required to service the Rural Residential needs of the District" (quoted from page 83) is substantially under estimated, particularly when this is considered in terms of Council's recommendation that only 11 (or 330 over 30 years) of those 18 dwellings per annum, should be constructed on the Timaru fringe.

5 TIMARU DISTRICT 2045 – DRAFT GROWTH MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

- 5.1 Timaru District by definition is a rural community and this is reflected in Council's Building Consent Statistics for the period 2005–2015 where 63% of Building Consents were urban based and the remaining 37% in rural areas (refer to page 42).
- 5.2 Caution needs to be taken when reviewing Building Consents over the 2005–2015 period, given various relevant external factors which resulted in reduced building in Residential, Rural and Rural Residential areas and these have previously been addressed under paragraph 4.4 and the associated subheadings.
- in the urban areas of Timaru, Temuka, Geraldine and Pleasant Point. By comparison 1304 additional households are predicted for the remainder of the District, including Rural areas, Rural Residential development, and the smaller settlements such as Cave and Pareora" (refer to page 42).
- Allowing for the projected 540 dwellings (i.e. 18/yr x 30 years) in the Districts Rural Residential Zones, this results in a nett figure of 764 dwellings forecast to be built within the districts Rural Zones.
- These figures are based on NZ Statistics forecasts, which project a 3:4 household ratio in favour of Rural Residential and Rural household growth areas verses Urban household growth within the District for the 2013-2043 period.
- The Draft Growth Management Strategy (refer to page 43), seeks to alter this 3:4 household ratio in the main settlements, compared to that in the Rural area and remaining settlements to a 3:1 ratio in favour of new household growth within the existing Urban areas of Timaru, Geraldine, Temuka and Pleasant Point.



- 5.7 Whilst the NZ Statistics 2013-2043 forecasts clearly demonstrates the increased aged population within the Timaru District, we foresee significant demand for modern household units to be constructed in Rural Residential areas utilising modern building materials, double glazing, efficient heating and insulation, solar power, onsite stormwater retention and the like.
- 5.8 As a generalisation, retirees from Rural areas including the 'baby-boomer' generation (born in the period 1946-1964), we anticipate would be predominately debt free and would seek to build modern dwellings in Rural Residential areas where they have some control over landscape, topography, outlook, solar advantage, urban amenity and the like.
- 5.9 Such as a new dwelling may be built subsequent to selling the 'family' home and prior to the construction or purchase of a smaller unit or villa within an Urban area or community facility such as a rest home or retirement village.
- 5.10 The zoning for Rural Residential developments also need to be considered in the context of the proximity to the Timaru CBD and the associated community facilities. This may be only a relatively short one way trip of 5 kilometres, which is considerably less than travel between Rural Residential areas and CBD's for many other regions throughout New Zealand.

6 CONCLUSION AND DECISION SOUGHT FROM COUNCIL

- 6.1 We consider that Council's desire to achieve a 75% Residential to 25% Rural and Rural Residential ratio for new household units through to 2043 fails to recognise the rural nature of the Timaru District, which is supported by the household projections which are an approximate 60% to 40% split in favour of Rural and Rural Residential households.
- 6.2 We are competing with other districts for population and employment growth, which in turn generates and maintains a thriving and vibrant local economy.
- 6.3 Districts beyond South Canterbury offer extensive options for Rural Residential development and also Greenfield Residential development, which may be more suited for a number of future retirees currently residing within the Timaru District and also new residents to the District, that do not wish to confirm with the 75% of Residential household infill desired by Council's Growth Management Strategy for the 2013-2043 period.
- 6.4 We note and support the concerns raised by the South Canterbury Chamber of Commerce Chief Executive, Wendy Smith with respect to the Draft Growth Management Strategy which "did not appear to reflect wider development in South Canterbury and called on the Council to be more aggressive in its growth targets." (quoted from www.stuff.co.nz, refer to Appendix 5).



- 6.5 That same article also refers to Council's Mayor Damon Odey stating that "the Council was bound to using Statistics New Zealand Data and he was confident it (the Draft Growth Strategy) was a robust plan. My ambition and my vision, for this district is to exceed those numbers".
- 6.6 We strongly support the Mayors future and vision for the district, however we fail to see how Council will exceed the Statistics New Zealand projections without providing for larger areas of Greenfield Rural Residential development on the north western fringe of Timaru.
- 6.7 We do also note however that the Council were only bound to using Statistics New Zealand Data for the <u>Timaru Urban Area</u> to comply with the NPS-UDC. Refer to the final paragraph on page 6 of the Growth Assumptions report to confirm the situation.
- 6.8 To provide some context, with reference to our northern neighbours the Ashburton District, we refer to the attached Ashburton District Plan, Ashburton Index and the associated Planning Map Legend with the approximate boundaries of Council's Residential D Zones highlighted in purple (refer to Appendix 6).
- 6.9 Within the Residential D Zone, subdivisions can be achieved on the basis of 4,000 square metre minimum allotment areas. Significant further capacity also exists within the Lake Hood complex, which has capacity for a total of 500 household units.
- 6.10 Putting this into context, the Ashburton Township has a population of 19,850, with an additional 12,400 living in the wider district (refer to the Appendix 7 for weblink). The Timaru District population statistics for 2013-2043 are copied from figure 13 of Council's Draft Growth Management Strategy below.

Figure 13 Timaru District Population 2013-2043

Area	Current population*	Additional Population 2043	Total Population 2043
Timaru	26,770	-200	26,570
Temuka	4,180	170	4,350
Geraldine	2,370	230	2,600
Pleasant Point	1,320	480	1,800
Other (includes Rural Residential)	10,760	2,520	13,280
Total	45,400	3,200	48,600

Source: Statistics NZ (*2013 Census Base Medium Projections)



- 6.11 The contrast between the Ashburton District and the Timaru District in relation to zone expansion is significant, with large areas of Rural Residential development enabled within the Ashburton District which is approximately 30% smaller than the Timaru District.
- 6.12 Similarly, large areas of Rural Residential expansion have been provided for in the adjacent Waimate District and Mackenzie District at the time of District Plan reviews.
- 6.13 Many current or future Timaru District residents may consider Ashburton District (or in fact any other District in the Country) to be a more appealing alternative in the period through to 2043, given the extensive choice available for Rural Residential housing outside of the Timaru District.
- 6.14 Based on the foregoing assessment and review of Councils Draft Growth Management Strategy, we would now seek the adoption of the "Kellands Heights" Rural Residential Growth option and also the extension to the "Kellands Heights" Rural Residential Growth, in accordance with the plan prepared by Milward Finlay Lobb Limited in Appendix 3.
- 6.15 With respect to Lot 3 DP 78854, all of this allotment has been included within the "Kellands Heights" Rural Residential extension to avoid the difficulties associated with land which is subject to split zoning. The eastern portion of Lot 3 DP 78854 is unsuitable for Rural Residential building platforms and is utilised for vehicle access to this allotments and also a number of adjacent allotments.
- 6.16 Based on the various matters addressed previously in this submission, we cannot agree with Council's expectation of only 11 new households per year, within the proposed Rural Residential areas of Timaru through until 2043. The "Kellands Heights" Rural Residential option and the associated "Kellands Heights" northern extension, we believe can provide for choice in the future Rural Residential housing market, with a total area of approximately 53.50 hectares.
- 6.17 This area is readily accessible from existing sealed roads, can be readily serviced, is located beyond areas of flood hazard and also beyond areas of versatile soils. Multiple future building platforms are possible, many of which have spectacular northerly views which will be highly sought after given the prime location.
- 6.18 This area is already peri-urban in nature and therefore aligns with the management for Rural Residential development in terms of Environment Canterbury's Canterbury Regional Policy Statement (CRPS).



- 6.19 We note Council's suggested allotment sizes without a connection to a Council reticulated sewer network of between 0.5 and 2.0 hectares. This is considered to be practical within the proposed "Kellands Heights" Rural Residential Zone and the associated "Kellands Heights" Rural Residential extension, bearing in mind the topography and soil type. Importantly we do also note that the Timaru District Council have consulted with Environment Canterbury prior to the release of the Draft Growth Management Strategy.
- 6.20 Clearly the preference for effluent disposal in this area (and beyond), would be for a Council initiated and maintained low pressure pumped sewer main and we formally request that the Timaru District Council consider this further in terms of their Infrastructure Strategy, the Long Term Community Plan and also the current review of the Timaru District Plan.
- 6.21 On behalf of the various owners comprising this joint submission, we extend an invitation for the commissioner and hearings panel to view the subject properties and site access can be co-ordinated through Milward Finlay Lobb Ltd on an as needed basis.

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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix 1 Site plan of the various land parcels subject to this submission at a scale of 1:8500.

Appendix 2 Environment Canterbury - Aerial Photo sourced online on 12 May 2017 at a scale of 1:8000.

Appendix 3 Proposed northern extension to 'Kellands Heights' Rural Residential Zone.

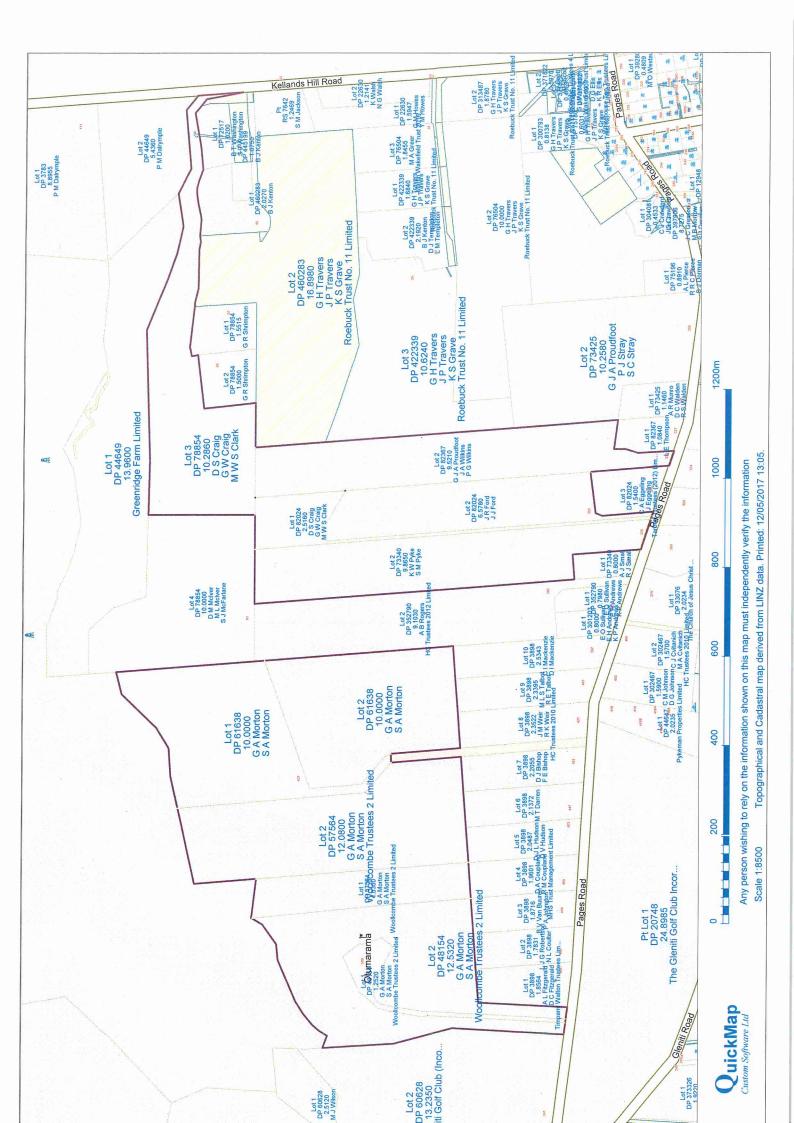
Appendix 4 Timaru District Council Zone Map 22.

Appendix 5 www.stuff.co.nz – Timaru Herald article dated 31 March 2017.

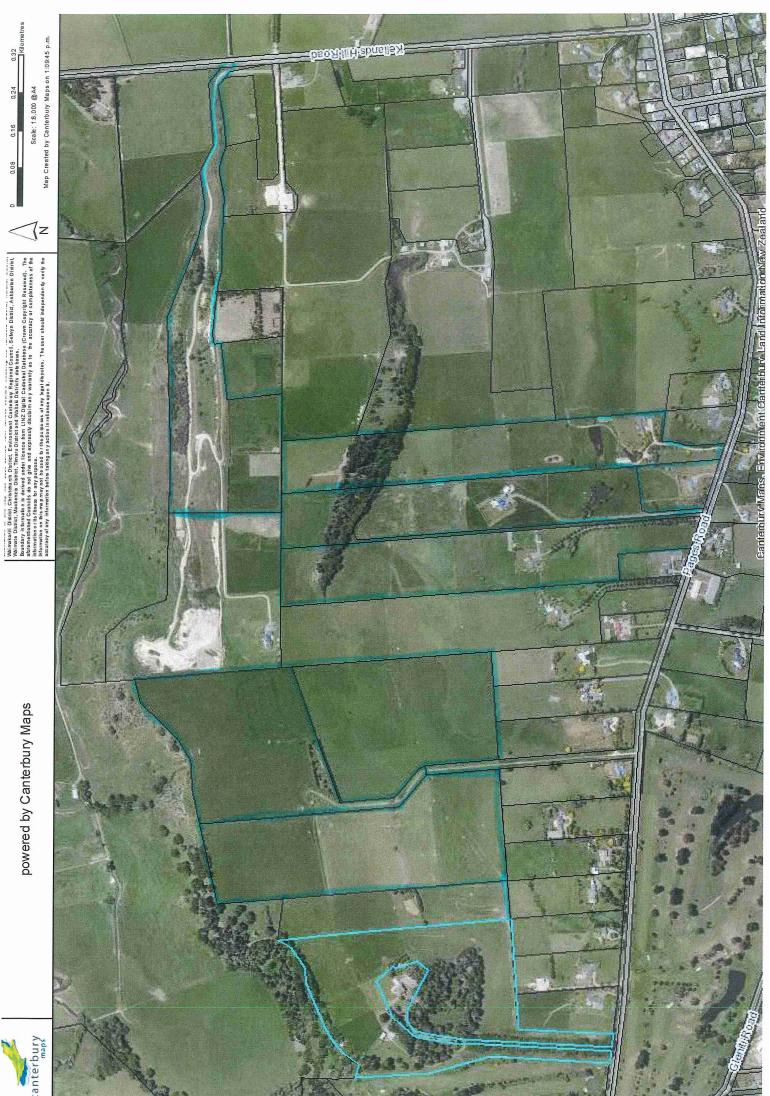
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Appendix 6 Ashburton District Plan – Planning Map Legend and Urban Ashburton Zoning Index.

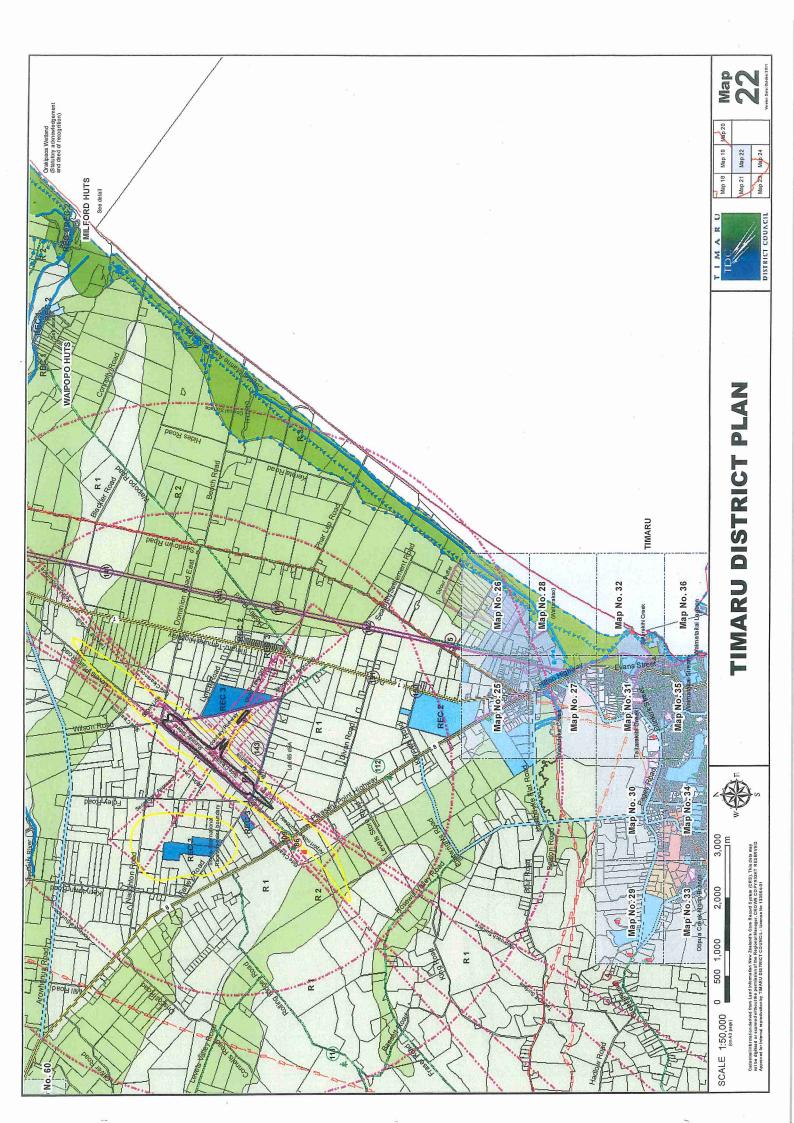
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Growth Management Strategy not 'ambitious' enough for Timaru, business leader says

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The South Canterbury Chamber of Commerce chief executive says the Timaru District Council's Growth Management Strategy was not ambitious

Divisions appear to be emerging between the South Canterbury Chamber of Commerce and the Timaru District Council following claims the council's draft Growth Management Strategy is not "ambitious" enough.

Chamber of Commerce chief executive Wendy Smith said the newly released strategy, which uses Statistics New Zealand data, did not appear to reflect wider development in South Canterbury, and called on the council to be more aggressive in its growth targets.

Meanwhile a senior economist says the council should be planning for a future where dairy intensification is not a key driver of the regional economy because of growing environmental concerns.

South Canterbury Chamber of Commerce chief executive Wendy Smith.

Timaru District mayor Damon Odey was disappointed by Smith's comments and said the chamber should be working with the council.

- * 2000 more homes needed to cope with growth
- * Long-term strategy required to address ad-hoc development in Timaru

"[The] Chamber is looking like a big wheel when they should be working alongside the council."

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Timaru District Mayor Damon Odey.

Suggestions about dairy intensification in the regional economy were generalist, and if done properly, dairy intensification would not further impact the environment, he said.

Their comments follow the release of the council's Growth Management Strategy on Thursday. The draft strategy is a 30-year blueprint which allows the district to respond to growth pressures and changing demographics.

The draft document indicates dairy intensification, alongside expansion of Washdyke and Timaru's port, local factories, forestry and the freight sectors, was expected to remain a major driver and contributor to the local economy over the next 30 years.

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Council district planning manager Mark Geddes holds the draft Growth Management Strategy on Thursday.

Chamber chief executive Wendy Smith was pleased the council had carried out the work on the strategy.

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However, she believed it was not as ambitious as it should be.

The extent of development taking place, with tourism development in the Mackenzie Country and associated growth, the impact of the Port of Tauranga investments, impact of irrigation now and further irrigation projects in the works, might not be accounted for in "typical Statistics New Zealand numbers", Smith said.

"We would suggest them to be more ambitious in its growth strategies."

The council should look to further growth, with a two-stage approach, ensuring an ambitious growth plan and a separate model for infrastructure and investment, she said.

A second, more conservative, model would protect the council from "unreasonable obligations".

Infometrics senior economist Benje Patterson said, while the district had seen "enormous" expansion in the dairy industry, dairy farm intensification was likely to "stop" because of

growing environmental concerns.

The district would eventually see a dairy "de-intensification", but when that would occur was "difficult and uncertain to predict", Patterson said.

In the year 2000, there were approximately 28,000 cows in the Timaru District. Now there were more than 130,000 cows, he said.

There was growing public awareness of the impact dairy intensification has on waterways, significant media coverage, and global concerns around environment.

He urged the council to start considering what the "downside" could be for Timaru.

"Thats not to say the dairy sector couldn't continue to grow."

Diversifying into other higher value processing, such as Fonterra's new mozzarella plant, could drive the dairy industry in the district, he said.

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However, Odey said he was disappointed in Smith's comments and said the council consulted with the chamber, and other stakeholders, throughout the process

The council had sought clarification about the stats being used in the process, "because we did challenge" them, Odey said.

"That's a pretty standard measure, to use Stats NZ data."

The council had very strict measures in place to ensure concerns around dairy intensification.

He said comments about the future of dairy intensification in Timaru were "generalist".

Dairy intensification, when done properly, and in conjunction with other work such restoring water ways, "won't cause further impact to the environment", he said

Odey said the council was bound to using Stats NZ data, and he was confident it was a robust plan.

"My ambition, and my vision, for this district is to exceed those numbers."

The plan would be discussed at the council meeting on Tuesday during a publicly excluded session.

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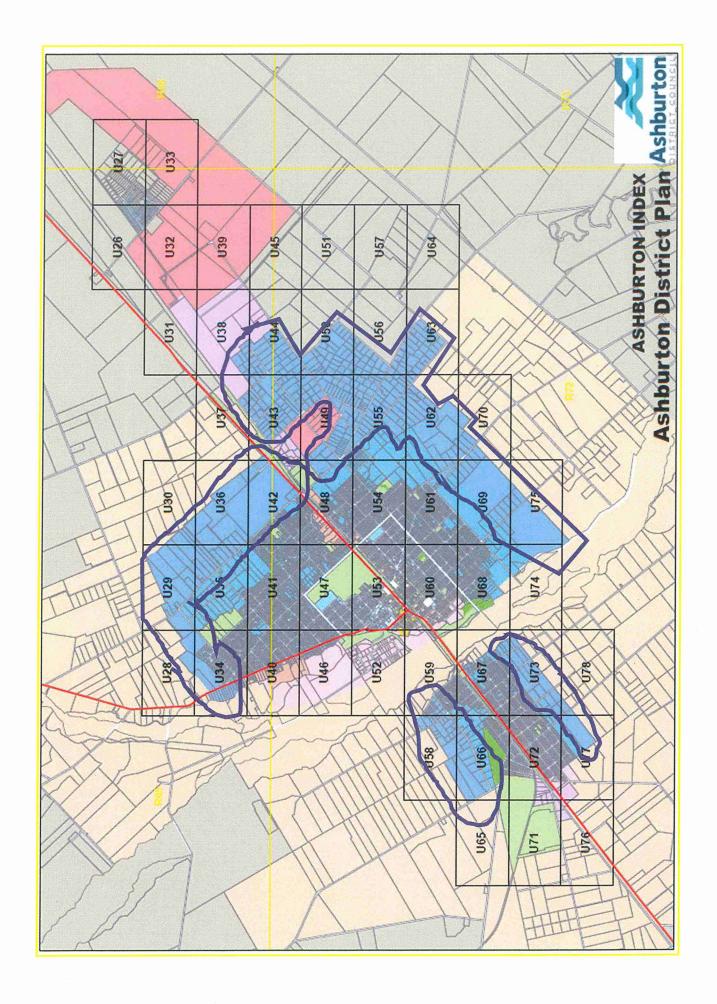
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Business A	-++ Railway	Geoconservation Fault Line (Refer to Appendix 3-3)
Business B	District Council Boundary	Geoconservation Area (Refer to Appendix 3-3)
Business C	Heritage Site (Refer to Appendix 12-1)	Area of Significant Nature Conservation Value (ASCV)
Business D	Protected Tree or Group of Trees (Refer to Appendix 12-4)	ASCV Group 1 (Refer to Appendix 3-2)
Business E	Designation (Refer to Appendix 14-1)	ASCV Group 2 (Refer to Appendix 3-2)
Business F	Irrigation Designation (Refer to Appendix 14-1) D84 Valetta Irrigation Co-Operative Society 14	
Open Space A	D85 Ashburton Lyndhurst Irrigation Limited	Lake
Open Space B	D86 Mayfield Hinds Irrigation Limited	Mean High Water Springs (MHWS)
Residential A	Scheduled Activity (Refer to Appendix 8-1)	
Residential B	Shelter Belt Areas	Stopbank Locations
Residential C	 Outstanding Natural Landscape (ONL) Boundary ONL A - Front Ranges 	
Rural A	ONL B - Hakatere Basin	
Rural B	ONL D - Major Rivers	
Rural C	Altitudinal Land Use	
		Ashburton District Council should be consulted
		before undertaking any activity in the vicinity of
		Mean High Water to establish the actual line of
		Mean High Water Springs

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Ashburton, New Zealand

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Ashburton (Māori: *Hakatere*) is a large town in the Canterbury Region, on the east coast of the South Island of New Zealand. The town is the seat of the Ashburton **District**, a territorial authority encompassing the town and the surrounding rural area, which is also known as Mid Canterbury. It is 85 kilometres (53 mi) south west of Christchurch and is sometimes regarded as a satellite town of Christchurch.^[4]

Ashburton township has a population of 19,850, with an additional 12,400 living in the wider district. The town is the 23rd largest urban area in New Zealand and the third-largest urban area in the Canterbury Region, after Christchurch and Timaru.

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Naming



Ashburton's historic train station before it was demolished in 2013^[5]

was named by the surveyor Captain Joseph Thomas of the New Zealand Land Association, after Francis

Ashburton

Baring, 3rd Baron Ashburton, who was a member of the Canterbury Association. The town is laid out around two central squares either side of the railway line and main highway, Baring Square East and Baring Square West.

"Ashvegas", Ashburton's common nickname, is an

Ashburton Hakatere (Māori)

Secondary urban area



Aerial view of Ashburton, looking west. The Ashburton River or Hakatere is visible at left.

Nickname(s): Ashvegas



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