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?

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?

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?

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?

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

Respondent skipped this question

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

Respondent skipped this question

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?

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

I can see that a considerable amount of thought and effort has gone into the preparation of this Draft Growth Management Strategy. However, one major and very significant deficiency is the absence of any mention about how any corruption is to be anticipated, assessed, audited or mitigated against, by the Timaru District Council.

What is corruption with respect to the GMS? The GMS sets out regulations and conditions that are associated usually with creation of wealth. Council workers play an important role in this process and as such are vulnerable to exposure to corrupt practices. That simply means that for some consideration they may give the nod to the applicant. It happens and I have proof of that.

What should the Council do to address this deficiency?

First, the Council has to acknowledge that the activity covered by the GMS has a potential for corrupt practices involving Council staff. Second, this area has been extensively researched and many remedies exist that reduce the risk of corrupt practices. Third, the Council itself could be tainted and uses contradictory practices that may fall into the definition of corruption.

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Q11: Supporting documents

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