

IS THIS PLAN YOUR PLAN?

Let's find out

OAMARU, WESTON & KAKANUI SPATIAL PLAN

FIRST UP: WHAT'S A SPATIAL PLAN?

Our spatial plan is a 'blueprint' which sets out the guidelines for growth over the next 30 years.

And this Spatial Plan will help to guide what happens next in Oamaru, Kakanui and Weston. These are great places where people want to live. And we want them to stay that way.

Oamaru, Weston and Kakanui are growing. In 2051, there could be as many as 4,400 more people living here! That's 146 more people every year for the next 30 years. That will change how we live and where we live so we need to start planning now. This Spatial Plan looks at Oamaru because it will stay the biggest town in Waitaki for a long time. Weston and Kakanui are part of the Plan because they have strong links with Oamaru.

WHAT WILL OAMARU, WESTON & KAKANUI BE LIKE IN 2050?

That was the BIG question as we began the draft Spatial Plan. After feedback from councillors, staff, community groups, stakeholders and mana whenua, here's a TOP 10 list of issues to think about:

The draft Spatial Plan looks at:

1. Where we live now and could live in future
2. Our services now, including transport, and what we'll need in the future when we grow
3. How will cultural values be recognised?
4. What facilities and services will people need to grow connected communities?
5. What makes Oamaru, Weston and Kakanui attractive places to visit?
6. How do we keep a sense of neighbourhood and community?
7. How will people travel to and around Oamaru, Weston and Kakanui?
8. The areas people value and want to protect
9. The natural and other risks that could limit use of some areas
10. How will growth affect our heritage and environment and how can we protect and improve it?



Read the full draft Spatial Plan including maps and explanations on our website or at Council Offices

WHAT'S THE VISION?

The Spatial Plan begins with a vision. Like this...

'A thriving hub where the hinterland meets the coast and old and new grow together sustainably to support more choice, character and connection.'

But the Plan and Vision are only drafts now. Nothing gets signed off till you've told us what you think.

Do you like the vision? What would your vision be?

WHAT'S GUIDING THE PLAN?

The draft Spatial Plan has picked 6 key principles we think will help Oamaru, Weston and Kakanui develop in a good way.

To make the **Vision** real, our aim is to make sure these 6 themes do support the future of our "thriving hub".



Smart growth



Strong Cultural & Heritage Values



Vibrant & Prosperous Towns



Better Environmental Sustainability

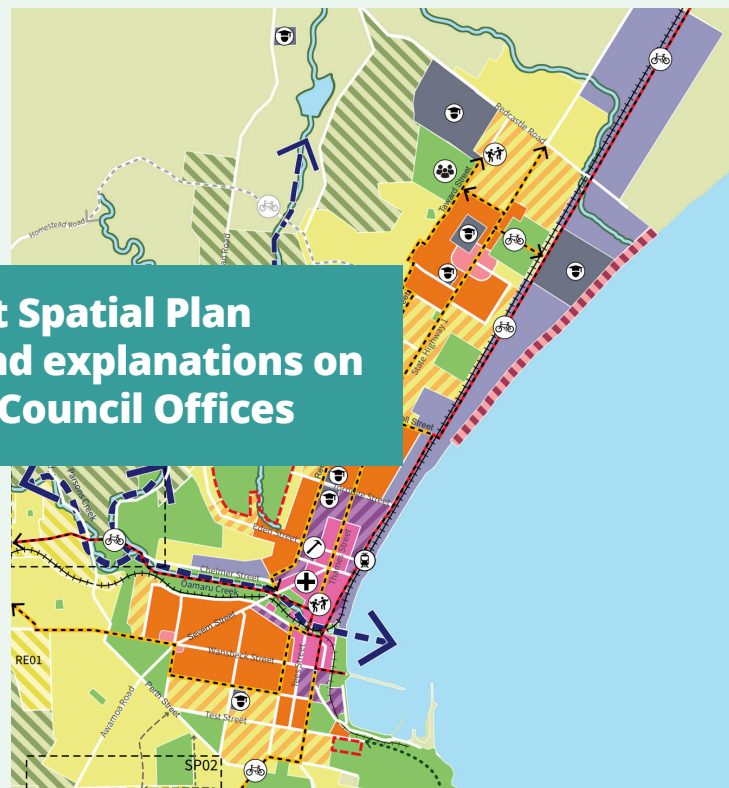


Accessible & Connected neighbourhoods



Thriving People & Communities

Do you support the Spatial Plan principles? Is there anything missing?



SPACE TO LIVE IN OAMARU

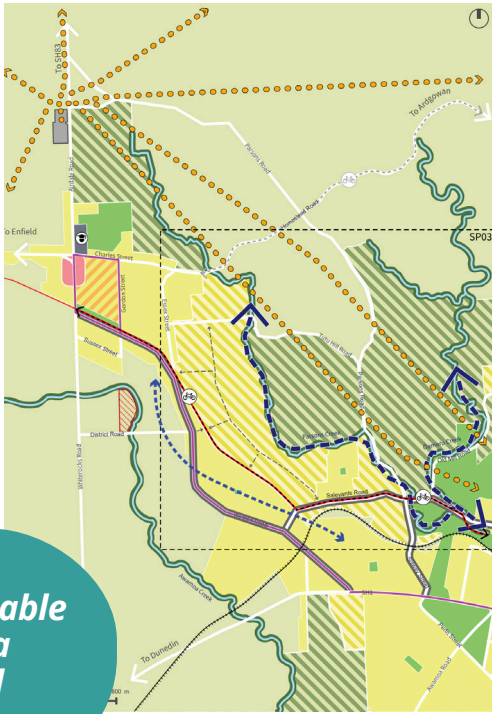
People have told us they want more housing choice, so we've looked at ways to make that happen. The draft Spatial Plan has new areas and new types of housing. Together, they should allow enough room for new houses to be built to cope with the population growth and community changes we expect.

The Plan also looks at office space, the future of retailing and the CBD, how to help owners looking to give new life and use to heritage buildings, plus 'mixed use' areas and tomorrow's transport needs.

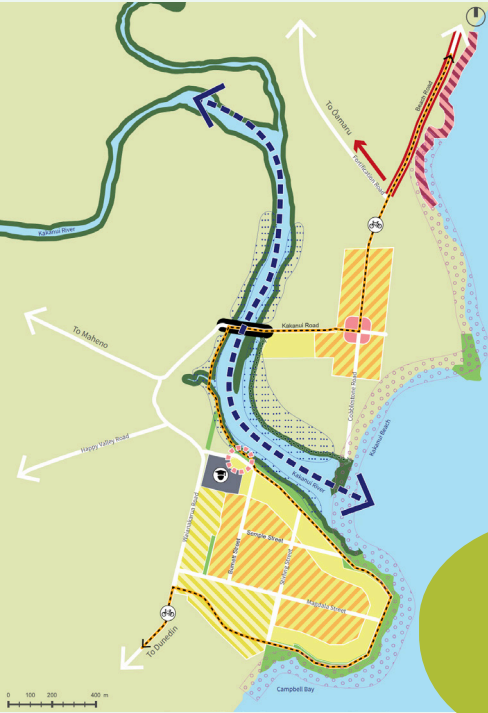
As you look at the maps and read the draft Spatial Plan we want your opinion: Do you like the housing plans for Oamaru? Do you think a Mixed Use area is a good idea? Do you think any under-used parts of Council reserves should be redeveloped?

WHICH WAY FOR WESTON?

We're going to need more places to live in Weston. People have told us they'd like an improved town centre, better footpaths, street lighting and an upgraded A20 cycleway, making it an all-year round travel link. Other issues include the need to protect highly productive land and a possible public transport link between Weston and Oamaru North. The plan also looks at improving Oamaru and Parson's creeks and the area around them to benefit the environment and give locals another recreation area.



Do you support a bigger town centre in Weston? Should there be less land available for rural residential use? Do you think a smaller section size for rural residential homes would be a good thing?



WHAT NEXT FOR KAKANUI?

There's been support for a larger local centre here, which could be developed north or south of the river. It's also possible for Kakanui to have more infill housing, and a small new housing area at the south of the village. The need to protect highly productive land is also a issue and people want the Kakanui River and environment around it improved. Coastal erosion and the uncertain future of some sections of Beach Road mean climate change mitigation will be a factor too.

Do you support a bigger town centre in Kakanui? Should it be north or south of the river? Would you support more housing in some areas?

SO WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

This draft Spatial Plan looks at the next 30 years and the best way for us to develop and change in that time. Council won't do that on its own.

Making it happen means working with the government, regional councils, non-government organisations, iwi, businesses and community groups. Having a Spatial Plan shows everyone where we're heading and will encourage everyone to play their part in developing the Spatial Plan area.

So we have prepared a draft **Action Plan** which we would like your input on.

This will show what activities and projects will be done in the Spatial Plan area and the timetable for doing them. Some will take longer than others and cost more.

Once it's approved, the Spatial Plan will feed into our new **District Plan**. If the Spatial Plan is the 'blueprint', the District Plan will have the details.

It will explain, for example, exactly what 'Medium Density Housing' will be and where it will go. If there are any Zone changes, these will also be set out in the District Plan.

So the two will go hand in hand and we will be asking people what they think before they are adopted.

Projects needed for the Spatial Plan will also be included in Annual or Long Term Plans.

To make sure the Spatial Plan keeps being a good Blueprint, it will be reviewed every 6 years - or more often if needed.

A FEW HOT TOPICS

It's fair to say the release of the draft Spatial plan has caused a bit of a stir - here are a few of the hot topics:

Parks and Reserves

Public open spaces haven't been targeted for sale to housing developers. This draws rather a long bow, and simply isn't true. There is no suggestion that reserves are 'for sale' or that a reserve transfer process is being fast tracked. Any sale of specific reserve land would need to be extensively publicly consulted on before it was considered.

We're simply asking if you think any **parts** of our reserve land, (which ratepayers pay to maintain), could be put to better use. Think our reserves should stay exactly as they are? Let us know - that's what this feedback period is all about.

Multi-story buildings and medium density housing

Affordable housing is a big problem in New Zealand and we'd like to be part of the solution. This doesn't mean the South Hill will look like the Gold Coast overnight.

But we can't ignore this problem in favour of the status quo. Should we plan to build smarter on the land that we have, or continue spreading out forever? Tell us what you think.

Growth promotion

We ARE growing and we DO want to attract more people to Waitaki, making it thriving place, and building the future of the district.

To stimy growth when we have an aging population is to step on the district's neck. We're losing too many of our bright young things to towns with more opportunities.

CHOOSE YOUR FUTURE HERE!

The draft Spatial Plan is intended to present ideas. Ideas start conversations and spark feedback.

Really getting into the nitty gritty will help Oamaru, Kakanui and Weston grow in a way that is best for everyone.

GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK before 19 November using the online form on the 'consultation' page on our website, or pick up a paper copy at Council offices and libraries.

For the full Spatial Plan, maps and to have your say visit: www.waitaki.govt.nz/spatial-plan-feedback

We need your feedback!
A spatial plan is like a cake that needs YOU as the special ingredient.