

# Strategic Directions Section of New Lower Hutt District Plan

## Attachment 1: Initial Working Draft of Strategic Directions chapter

### Objectives

#### Tangata Whenua

1. [Placeholder with input from mana whenua required] The role of tangata whenua as kaitiaki in the protection and management of the natural and physical resources of an area is acknowledged and provided for.
2. [Placeholder with input from mana whenua required] Enable the active participation of tangata whenua in the implementation of the District Plan.
3. [Placeholder with input from mana whenua required] Wāhi taonga and sites of significance to tangata whenua are protected.
4. [Placeholder with input from mana whenua required] Tangata whenua are able to protect, develop and use Whenua Māori in a way that is consistent with their culture and traditions and their social and economic aspirations.

#### Urban Form and Development

5. The city's urban form consolidates and intensifies the existing urban area, with greenfield development only taking place within identified areas.
6. Urban development takes place within areas identified for this purpose in a manner which uses land and infrastructure most efficiently.
7. Urban development supports the creation of liveable, well-functioning urban environments that are:
  - a. Safe and well-designed
  - b. Walkable and connected by public transport and sustainable travel choices, including micromobility modes
  - c. Serviced by the necessary infrastructure appropriate to the intensity, scale and function of the development
  - d. Connected to open space and the natural environment
  - e. Ecologically sensitive
  - f. Close to employment opportunities
  - g. Resilient to the impacts of natural hazards and climate change
  - h. Respectful of and integrated with the city's historic heritage
  - i. Adaptable over time and responsive to their evolving, more intensive surrounding context.
8. Sufficient feasible development capacity for housing is provided to meet the targets of:
  - a. Short to Medium Term (2022 – 2032): XYZ dwelling units
  - b. Long Term (2032 – 2052): ABC dwelling units
9. A range of housing types and densities is available to meet the needs of a diverse range of people and communities.

10. Rural and open space areas are retained surrounding the urban area in the form a greenbelt which extends along the western and eastern hills, and along the eastern bays to the southern coast, that:
  - a. Enables the ongoing primary production and active and passive recreation uses; and
  - b. Protects the cultural, heritage, and natural values of these areas.
11. A city wide network of open spaces is maintained and enhanced which are valued for their:
  - a. Active and passive recreation and community uses
  - b. Cultural, heritage and natural values
  - c. Resilience role in emergencies.

#### Caring for and Protecting the Environment

12. The health and wellbeing of the Te Awa Kairangi Hutt River is restored and protected and the River is recognised as the heart of the city.
13. Protect the values of the city's significant waterbodies, including Te Awa Kairangi Hutt River, Wainuiomata River and Waiwhetu Stream.
14. Protect natural character, natural features and landscapes, ecosystems and indigenous biodiversity of the city.
15. Protect and enhance the natural character, natural features and landscapes, ecosystems and indigenous biodiversity and recreation values of the Harbour edge.
16. Mātiu–Makāro–Mokopuna  
Mouri Motu, Mouri Tangata, Mouri Ora  
Protecting and strengthening the mouri of the Harbour Islands and their ecosystems to revitalise and enhance the health and well-being of people and communities involved with the Islands, and be life-sustaining for all<sup>1</sup>

#### Climate Change and Natural Hazards

17. The urban form and built development in Lower Hutt enables the city to transition to be carbon neutral by 2050.
18. The risk to people, communities, and property from natural hazards, and from the potential effects of climate change on natural hazards, is avoided or minimised to acceptable levels.

#### Connected Communities

19. A range of community spaces are available to meet the needs of diverse range of people and communities.
20. Maintain and enhance the central city and neighbourhood centres as community focal points with a wide diversity and concentration of activities.

#### Supporting Economy and Employment

21. Establish and maintain a hierarchy of viable and vibrant business centres that provide a focus for retail, commercial, entertainment, education and employment activities and serve the social, cultural, environmental and economic needs of the community.

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<sup>1</sup> Wellington Harbour Islands Kaitiaki Plan, 2012, Department of Conservation

22. Industrial and business activities contribute to the economic, cultural, social and environmental wellbeing and prosperity of the community.

Attractive City

23. Lower Hutt's significant character, heritage and open space values are reflected in its built environment.

Provision for Infrastructure

24. Land use and development is integrated with the provision of infrastructure (including transport, three waters services and open space).

25. Coordinates the nature, timing and sequencing of new development with the funding, implementation and operation of necessary transport and other infrastructure.

26. Infrastructure of national and regional significance is supported and protected.

27. A multi-modal land transport network, including connections between rail, road and sea transport networks operates safely and efficiently.