



Open briefing: Spatial Planning: Sustainable Growth Strategy 2025–2035

6 November 2024 – 4:00pm

Attendees

Elected Members: Cr Barratt, Cr Briggs, Cr Brown, Cr Dyer, Cr Edwards, Cr Mitchell, Cr Morgan, Cr Parkin, Cr Shaw, Cr Stallinger, Cr Tupou.

Staff: J Livschitz, Group Chief Financial Officer; A Blackshaw, Director Neighbourhoods and Communities; J Griffiths, Director Strategy and Engagement; J Kingsbury, Director Economy and Development; A Geddes, Director Environment and Sustainability; and J Kilty, Democracy Advisor.

Apologies

Mayor Barry, Deputy Mayor Tui Lewis, Karen Yung (Petone Community Board).

Presenters

Lucie Desrosiers, Head of Urban Development

Key Objectives of the Briefing

The purpose of the briefing was to discuss the spatial planning sustainable growth strategy 2025–2035.

Introduction – Presentation by the Head of Urban Development

Slide 1 – Rautaki Whakatipu – Sustainable Growth Strategy 2025–2035

Slide 2 – Agenda

Slide 3 – The journey so far

Slide 4 – In February, the District Plan Review Committee approved the purpose of the Spatial Plan

Slide 5 – In July, the District Plan Review Committee:

Slide 6 – What has changed?

Slide 7 – Since July, we have:

Slide 8 – Mana Whenua feedback (1)

Slide 9 – Mana Whenua feedback (2)

Slide 10 – Overview of the Growth Strategy

Slide 11 – Chapter 1 – introduction

Slide 12 – Chapter 2 – Lower Hutt Today

Slide 13 – Chapter 3 – Lower Hutt in 30 Years

Slide 14 – Strategic Moves

In response to a question from a member, the Head of Urban Development noted that details regarding on-site parking would sit within the District Plan.

Slide 15 – Chapter 4 – Action Plan

In response to a question from a member, the Head of Urban Development noted that point 5 of the Action Plan ensured businesses thrived in Lower Hutt, while point 4 facilitated people living in the central city.

Slide 16 – Next Steps

Slide 17 – Next Steps (2)

Slide 18 – Questions?

Questions and discussion points

In response to a question from a member, the Head of Urban Development noted that officers could set possible measurements against larger, international goals. She said that the officers would develop a monitoring and information plan, and that benchmarks would be considered.

Next steps

The draft document will be considered at the District Plan Review Committee meeting in November 2024.

Open briefing materials

Attachment 1 – Presentation: Rautaki Whakatipu – Sustainable Growth Strategy 2025–2035 (attached at page 4 of the open briefing notes).

The open briefing closed at 4:23 pm

Rautaki Whakatipu

Sustainable Growth Strategy 2025–2055

Councillors briefing – 6 November 2024

Agenda

- The journey so far
- What has changed
- Overview of the Growth Strategy
- Next steps



The journey so far

In February, the District Plan Review Committee approved the purpose of the Spatial Plan:

- To provide strategic direction for **urban growth over the next 30 years**.
- To **bring together strategic planning** for land use, transport, three-waters infrastructure, community facilities, parks & open spaces, climate adaptation and business & economy **into a single document**.
- To identify an integrated **plan of action** to accommodate population growth.
- To identify improvements in existing neighbourhoods to address deficits.
- To update and replace the Urban Growth Strategy 2012–32.

In July, the District Plan Review Committee :

- Approved the **general direction** of the Spatial Plan;
- Instructed officers to prepare a Draft Spatial Plan for community engagement;
- Approve the approach to community engagement, i.e. Draft Spatial Plan and Proposed District Plan to be consulted on at the same time;
- Approved **changing the name** of the document from “Spatial Plan” to “**Sustainable Growth Strategy 2025-2055**”.

Whathaschanged

Since July, we have:

- Incorporated feedback from Councillors.
- Engaged with Mana Whenua and incorporated of their input into relevant parts of the Strategy.
- Expanded the Climate Change section.
- Added Te Reo Māori titles.
- Added the Mayor's acknowledgement.

Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai
Lower Hutt

Rautaki Whakatipu Sustainable Growth Strategy 2025-2055



- Moved the full analysis of opportunities and constraints to an appendix.
- Improved maps and graphic design.

Mana Whenua feedback (1):

- Importance of **papakāinga**.
- Incorporate **matauranga Māori** into environmental planning.
- Include Mana Whenua knowledge in **water-related planning**.
- **Wastewater** being released in our waterways is not acceptable to Mana Whenua.
- **Opportunity to innovate** in upgrades, e.g., planting along awa, supporting healthier habitats.



- Align with aspirations from **Te Mahere Wai** (Mana Whenua whaitua implementation plan).

Mana Whenua feedback (2):

- Make the **Cultural Identity** section broader, with a dedicated section on Mana Whenua.
- Utilise **cultural narratives** and knowledge in development and planning.
- Recognise that many **sites of significance** to Māori have been built over and urbanised.
- Support the revitalisation of local **Marae** as community spaces.
- Acknowledge the aspirations of Mana Whenua around



improving **economic and social development**.

- Add Mana Whenua as **partners** in relevant actions.

Overview of the Growth Strategy

Chapter 1

He whakatakinga

Introduction

Introduces the purpose and strategic context of the Strategy.



National Policy Statement for Urban Development (NPS-UD)

Aims to make sure that New Zealand's towns and cities are well-functioning urban environments that meet the changing needs of our diverse communities.



Regional Future Development Strategy

A statutory document required under the NPS-UD, which sets out a long-term plan to ensure a 'well functioning' urban environment, showing where growth will be, in what form, and what infrastructure is needed to support that growth.



Sustainable Growth Strategy 2025-2055

Guides how we want our city to change over the next 30 years.

Intends to inform decision-making and investment decisions by Council, government and private sector.

Other Plans and Strategies

Various local and regional plans and strategies inform the Growth Strategy.



Lower Hutt Long Term Plan 2024-2034

Hutt City Council's priorities and projects for the next 10 years inform the Growth Strategy.



Tō tātou tāone i nāianeī rangi

Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt Today

This chapter provides an overview of Lower Hutt and presents the challenges and opportunities our city faces as we grow and change over the next 30 years.



The key themes are:

- 1. Ngā hanganga**
Housing
- 2. Ngā waka**
Transport
- 3. Ngā puna wai**
Water Infrastructure
- 4. Pākihi me te ōhanga**
Business and Economy
- 5. Tuakiritanga**
Cultural Identity
- 6. Huringa āhuarangi me ngā mōrearea**
Changing Climate and Natural Hazards
- 7. Taiao me ngā whenua tāpui**
Open Space, Recreation and Environment
- 8. Pokapū hapori**
Community Facilities

Te anamata o tō tātou tāone

Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt in 30 Years

This chapter sets out our direction for Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt in 30 years, the outcomes we want to see delivered and the strategic moves we need to get there. It spells out our “sustainable growth strategy” for the city.



Long Term Plan

Purpose

A connected, resilient and inclusive city where everyone thrives

Principles

Livable city and vibrant neighbourhoods

Supporting and enhancing the environment

Being a future-fit city

Cultural recognition

Outcomes

- Urban growth in suitable areas
- Thriving local centres
- Affordable housing
- Transport options

- Compact urban footprint
- Mana Whenua as kaitiaki
- Healthy natural systems
- Resilient environment

- Zero-carbon city
- Targeted infrastructure upgrades
- Diverse business environment

- Mana Whenua history and identity
- Distinct neighbourhoods

Sustainable Growth Strategy

Strategic Moves



Enhance the heart of the city



Build up the central and northern Valley Floor



Grow with Te Awa Kairangi Hutt River



Foster prepared coastal and low-lying communities



Cultivate well-connected economic precincts



Support neighbourhoods outside the Valley Floor



Strengthen transport options



Create a greener and healthier city

Actions

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Te ara whakamua

Strategic Moves

The next section explains each strategic move, their rationale, what types of actions are recommended to give effect to them, and what their expected benefits are.



1 Enhance the heart of the city

Revitalise the city centre to create a thriving neighbourhood and destination.



2 Build up the central and northern Valley Floor

Concentrate new housing in the central and northern Valley Floor.



3 Grow with Te Awa Kairangi Hutt River

Enhance resilience, recreation and biodiversity along the river.



4 Foster prepared coastal and low-lying communities

Recognise the risks of climate change and building community preparedness.



5 Cultivate well-connected economic precincts

Improve resilience of and access to employment areas.



6 Support neighbourhoods outside the Valley Floor

Sustain the access, character and services of neighbourhoods.



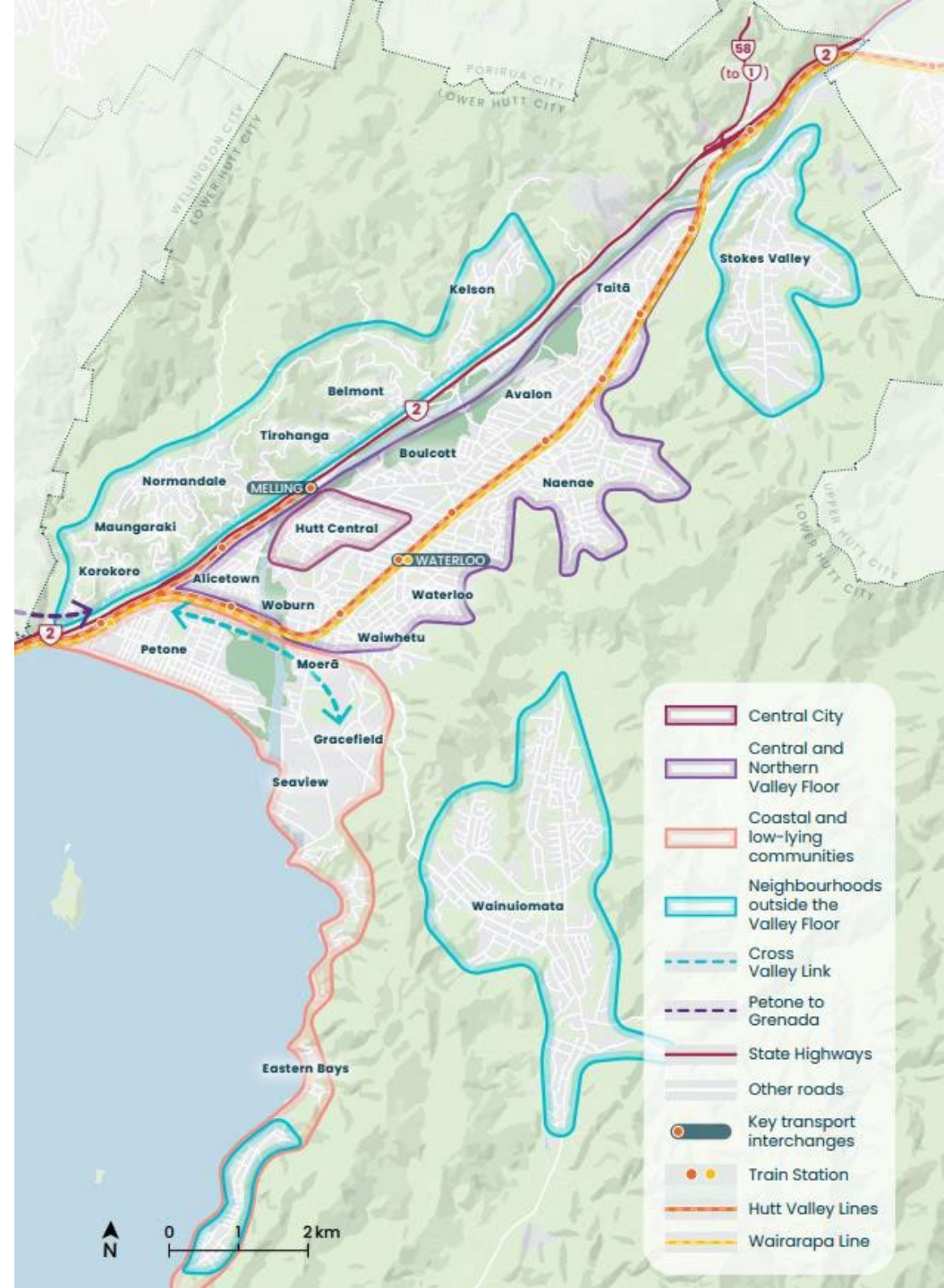
7 Strengthen transport options

Provide a variety of transport options that make it easy to get to and around the city.



8 Create a greener and healthier city

Improve the health and wellbeing of the city and its ecosystems.



Ngā tukanga Action Plan

This chapter presents a list of actions to give effect to our strategic moves.



Te whakamana i te pokapū o Te Awa Kairangi

Enhance the heart of the city

Action	Action Description	Status	Lead Agency/team	
			Council	Other Agency
1. Support Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi project	This project includes improved flood protection, the relocation of the Melling train station, a new pedestrian bridge across the river linking the station to the city centre, a new interchange on State Highway 2 and improvements to local streets and riverside park. These initiatives, plus the redevelopment of surplus land for apartments and businesses, will help regenerate the city centre.	Underway (funded)	City Delivery	GWRC, NZTA and Mana Whenua
2. Improve wastewater capacity in Hutt Central through the IAF wastewater upgrades	The wastewater project will deliver a new bypass, redirecting existing wastewater flow (from Hutt Central catchment) to the Western Hills trunk main. This strategic diversion will alleviate strain on the current infrastructure, thereby unlocking additional housing capacity and reducing the risk of overflow discharge in this area.	Underway (funded)	City Delivery	
3. Reduce flood risk in Hutt Central through the IAF stormwater upgrades	The existing stormwater infrastructure in the Opahu Stream catchment is currently operating at full capacity. The objective of the stormwater project is to expand capacity within the trunk network.	Underway (funded)	City Delivery	

Next steps

November - District Plan Review Committee / Council

Approval of draft document for community engagement

February & March 2025

Community engagement

April 2025 – Councillors briefing

Summary of feedback received and changes recommended

May 2025 – Council

Adoption of final document



Questions?
