

Notification of Lower Hutt's Proposed District Plan

Hutt City Council has prepared a Proposed District Plan for Lower Hutt. The Plan will be publicly notified on 6 February 2025 (Pursuant to Clause 5 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991). The Proposed District Plan is proposed to replace the current District Plan, which has been operative since 2003/2004.

About the Proposed District Plan

The District Plan is required under the Resource Management Act. The purpose of the District Plan is to assist the Council in carrying out its functions in order to achieve the purpose of the Act, which is to promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources.

The Proposed District Plan deals with some of the city's key issues like enabling housing, protecting the natural environment and managing natural hazard risk. It includes objectives, policies and rules for land use and development in Lower Hutt, and applies to every property in the city.

From 6 February, the Proposed District Plan will be available on the Council website at hutt.city/dpreview. The website will also include further information on the Proposed District Plan, including evaluation reports and other technical documents for the Plan, as well as information on how to make a submission on the proposal.

Making a submission

Anyone may make a submission on the Proposed District Plan. However, if you could gain an advantage in trade competition through the submission, then you may only make a submission if you are directly affected by an effect of the proposal that adversely affects the environment and does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

Submissions may be lodged in any of the following ways:

- By email (preferably): district.plan@huttcity.govt.nz
- Post: Policy Planning Team, Hutt City Council, Private Bag 31912, Lower Hutt 5040
- In person: Council Administration Building, 30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt.

Submissions must be written on or in accordance with Form 5 of the Resource Management (Forms, Fees, and Procedure) Regulations 2003.

Copies of Form 5 are available:

- On Council's website: hutt.city/dpreview
- At the Customer Services Counter, Council Administration Building, 30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt
- By contacting Hutt City Council on district.plan@huttcity.govt.nz or 04-570-6666

Submissions must include:

- Details on the specific provisions the submission relates to,
- Whether the specific provision is supported or opposed or proposed to be amended, with reasons,
- Details on the decision that is sought from Council,
- Whether your submission relates to trade competition or the effects of trade competition, and
- Whether you wish to be heard in support of your submission at a hearing.

If you have any questions about the Proposed District Plan, or how to make a submission, please contact the Policy Planning team on district.plan@huttcity.govt.nz or phone 04-570-7426.

Submissions close on Friday, 4 April 2025 at 5:00pm

Process for the Proposed District Plan

The process for public participation in the consideration of the Proposed District Plan (set by Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act) is as follows:

- After the closing date for submissions, the Council must prepare a summary of decisions requested by submitters. This summary must be publicly notified.
- There must be an opportunity for the following persons to make a further submission in support of, or in opposition to, the submissions already made:
 - Any person representing a relevant aspect of the public interest.
 - Any person who has an interest in the proposal greater than the general public has.
 - The local authority itself.
- If a person making a submission asks to be heard in support of their submission, a hearing must be held. This is likely to be the case, and the hearing is likely to be conducted by an independent hearings panel, who would make recommendations to Hutt City Council on matters raised in submissions.
- Hutt City Council must give its decision on the provisions and matters raised in the submissions (including its reasons for accepting or rejecting submissions) and give public notice of its decision within two years of notifying the proposal, and serve it on every person who made a submission.
- Any person who has made a submission has the right to appeal against the decision on the proposal to the Environment Court if:
 - In relation to a provision or matter that is the subject of the appeal, the person referred to the provision or matter in the person's submission on the proposal, and
 - In the case of a proposal that is a proposed policy statement or plan, the appeal does not seek the withdrawal of the proposal as a whole.

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