SD — Strategic Direction

This chapter provides the overarching direction for the District Plan, including for developing the other chapters in the District Plan, and for its subsequent implementation and interpretation.

Climate Change and Natural Hazards

CCSD-O1	Carbon Neutral
The urban form and built development in Lower Hutt supports the transition of the city to be carbon neutral by 2050.	

CCSD-O2	Natural Hazards
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.	

Infrastructure

INFSD-O1	Integration
Land use and development is integrated with the provision of infrastructure, including transport and three waters services, and open space.	

INFSD-O2	Coordination
The nature, timing and sequencing of new development is co-ordinated with the funding, implementation and operation of necessary transport and other infrastructure.	

INFSD-O3	National and Regional Significance
Infrastructure of national and regional significance is supported and protected.	

INFSD-O4	Multi-Modal Land Transport Network
A multi-modal land transport network, including connections between rail, road and sea transport networks, operates safely and efficiently.	

INFSD-O5	Accessibility
Urban environments and transport networks are integrated to: a. Enable people to access opportunities, including employment and education, by a range of transport modes, and b. Support an increase in active and public transport use.	

INFSD-O6	Water Sensitive Design
New development integrates water sensitive design to improve freshwater quality and avoid or mitigate the risks of flooding.	

Natural Environment

NESD-O1	Te Awa Kairangi / Hutt River
The health and wellbeing of Te Awa Kairangi / the Hutt River is restored and protected, and the River is recognised as the heart of the city.	

NESD-O2	Significant Water Bodies
Protect the values of the city's significant water bodies, including Te Awa Kairangi / the Hutt River, Wainuiomata River and Waiwhetū Stream.	

NESD-O3	Natural Character, Natural Features and Landscapes, Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity
Protect and enhance the natural character, natural features and landscapes, ecosystems and indigenous biodiversity of the city.	

NESD-O4	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.	

Tangata Whenua

TWSD-O1	Role of Tangata Whenua
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.	

TWSD-O2	Active Participation
Enable the active participation of tangata whenua in the implementation of the District Plan.	

TWSD-O3	Wāhi Taonga and Sites and Areas of Significance to Tangata Whenua
Wāhi taonga and sites of significance to tangata whenua are protected.	

TWSD-O4	Culture, Traditions and Social and Economic Aspirations
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

UDSD-O1	Well-Functioning Urban Environment
A well-functioning urban environment that enables all people and communities to provide for their social, economic, and cultural wellbeing, and for their health and safety, now and into the future.	

UDSD-O2	Outcomes for Well-Functioning Urban Environments
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 micro-mobility 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, and i. Adaptable over time and responsive to their evolving, more intensive surrounding context.	

UDSD-O3	Urban Form
The city's urban form consolidates and intensifies the existing urban area, with greenfield development only taking place within identified areas.	

UDSD-O4	Location of Urban Development
Urban development takes place within areas identified for this purpose in a manner which uses land and infrastructure	

most efficiently.

UDSD-O5	Development Capacity

Sufficient feasible development capacity for housing is provided to meet the targets of:
a. Short Term to Medium Term (2022 — 2032): 6,450 dwelling units
b. Long Term (2032 — 2052): 11,551 dwelling units

UDSD-O6	Housing Choice

A range of housing opportunities are available to meet the needs of a diverse range of people and communities, including:
a. A choice in housing types, densities and locations, and
b. Affordable, community and social housing and papakāinga.

UDSD-O7	Housing Quality

Housing is to provide a quality living environment, both for occupants and the wider community.

UDSD-O8	Rural and Open Space Areas

Rural and open space areas that surround the urban area in the form of a greenbelt are retained. These areas extend along the Western and Eastern Hills, and along the Eastern Bays to the southern coast, and:
a. Enable ongoing primary production and active and passive recreation uses, and
b. Protect the cultural, heritage and natural values of these areas.

UDSD-O9	City-Wide Network of Open Spaces

A city-wide network of open spaces that are valued for their:
a. Active and passive recreation and community uses,
b. Cultural, heritage and natural values, and
c. Resilience role in emergencies,
is maintained and enhanced.

UDSD-O10	Community Spaces

A range of community spaces are available to meet the needs of a diverse range of people and communities.

UDSD-O11	Special Values

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

UDSD-O12	Centres as Community Focal Points

Maintain and enhance the central city and neighbourhood centres as community focal points with a wide diversity and concentration of activities.

UDSD-O13	Centres Hierarchy

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.

UDSD-O14	Industrial and Business Activities

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