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Dear Chris

**Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987**

We refer to your official information request dated 30 March 2025:

*‘Please provide all documents, memos and meeting notes relating to the development of the parts of the proposed district plan relating to Sites of Significance to Maori and Highly Productive Land in respect of any consultation that occurred prior to the release of the proposed district plan, excluding inclusion in meeting agenda papers, with individuals, groups, and the public at large, specifically:*

- 1) who was consulted (individuals, groups, agencies, entities, or other people)*
- 2) how and when were the opportunities to be consulted notified by council*
- 3) who was notified*
- 4) were the general public notified*
- 5) on what date(s) did consultation occur*
- 6) who attended consultation meetings or supplied feedback via some other means*
- 7) what feedback was recorded”*

**Answer:**

For context, consultation for the development of the Proposed District Plan has primarily involved the following:

1. The Shaping Your City engagement  
This was engagement on to identify the general issues and options for the District Plan Review. While not specifically relevant for these topics, information on this engagement has been included to provide the wider context for engagement for the District Plan Review.
2. Engagement on a Draft District Plan  
This was engagement on a draft of a new District Plan. It took place in late 2023/early 2024.
3. Engagement with iwi authorities

The response to your request is broken down into these three parts.

Note: While the engagement has ‘primarily’ involved the types of engagement listed above, there have also been ongoing discussions with people and organisations with an interest in the District Plan Review (such as Greater Wellington Regional Council, infrastructure providers, and members of the community who took a particular interest in parts of the District Plan Review). These discussions typically followed on from the Shaping Your City and Draft District Plan engagement.

For Highly Productive Land, this included discussions with some owners of property with the draft Highly Productive Land Overlay who took a particular interest in the process.

For Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori, there were no such discussions beyond those with iwi authorities (detailed below).

### **Shaping Your City engagement**

The Shaping Your City engagement was public engagement. It included:

1. An online survey,
2. The opportunity to provide any general feedback on issues and options for the District Plan Review, and
3. Public open days.

At the time, the District Plan Review had not progressed to the stage of identifying what the Proposed District Plan would mean for specific properties. As a result, there was not direct notification of property owners. However, people and organisations with a particular interest in the District Plan Review (such as Greater Wellington Regional Council, infrastructure providers and community interest groups) were directly notified of the engagement.

The Shaping Your City engagement was publicised through the Hutt News, Council's website, Council's social media channels and information displays at local libraries and the foyer the Council administration building.

The engagement took place between Tuesday, 6 April and Friday, 23 April 2021. The opportunity to be involved in this engagement was publicised at the beginning of this period.

The dates for the public open days were:

- Koraunui, Stokes Valley Community Hub – Tuesday, 6 April, 6–8pm
- Naenae Library – Thursday, 8 April, 2–4pm
- Little Theatre – Thursday, 8 April, 6–8pm
- Riverbank Market – Saturday, 10 April, 11–1pm
- Walter Nash Centre – Tuesday, 13 April, 6–8pm
- Petone Library – Tuesday, 13 April, 6–8pm
- Hardwick Smith Lounge, Norfolk Street, Belmont – Wednesday, 14 April, 6–8pm
- Wainuiomata Community Hub – Thursday, 15 April, 5–7pm
- Eastbourne Hall – Saturday, 17 April, 12–2pm
- Queensgate Mall – Saturday, 17 April, 1.30–3.30pm
- Naenae Market, Hillary Court – Saturday, 24 April, 11–1pm

There were no specific consultation meetings as part of the Shaping Your City engagement for Highly Productive Land.

There were no specific consultation meetings as part of the Shaping Your City engagement for Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori other than the engagement with Mana Whenua (discussed below).

For Highly Productive Land, the only feedback received during the Shaping Your City engagement was a single statement from a single person who primarily provided feedback on intensification. They said that Council could look at development where land is not productive and not native vegetation.

For Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori, the only feedback received during the Shaping Your City engagement was from a single person who raised concerns that sites of cultural significance are not identified and protected appropriately in the current District Plan.

### **Draft District Plan engagement**

Engagement on the Draft District Plan was public engagement. It included:

- An online version of the Draft District Plan,
- Online information, including an introductory video, series of fact sheets, and further information on key topics (paper copies were available on request),
- An online survey (paper copies also available on request),
- Letters to owners of properties that would be particularly affected by the Draft District Plan (approximately 6,500 letters in total),
- Emails to stakeholders and other people who had previously expressed an interest in parts of the District Plan Review,
- A series of posts on Council's Facebook page and ads in the Hutt News, inviting people to find out more and provide their feedback,
- Presentations through community board meetings, and
- A community drop-in session at Petone Library and community meeting at Manor Park.

In relation to Highly Productive Land:

- The General Rural Zone chapter included provisions for the protection of Highly Productive Land. This was mentioned in the factsheet on Rural Zones (attached).
- The Draft District Plan maps included a draft Highly Productive Land Overlay.
- All owners of properties in the draft Highly Productive Land Overlay were directly notified of the Draft District Plan engagement (by post).

In relation to Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori:

- The Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori chapter included draft objectives and policies in relation to Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori.
- No Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori were identified on the Draft District Plan maps (as the identification of the locations for these sites and areas was a work in progress at the time).

As with the Shaping Your City engagement, people and organisations with a particular interest in the District Plan Review were directly notified of the engagement.

The Draft District Plan engagement was publicised through the Hutt News, Council's website and Council's social media channels.

The Draft District Plan engagement took place in November and December 2023, although in some cases engagement carried over into January 2024. The

opportunity to be involved in the engagement was publicised at the beginning of this period.

In relation to Highly Productive Land, letters to owners of property within the draft Highly Productive Land Overlay were sent out on 8 November 2023.

There were no specific consultation meetings as part of the Draft District Plan Review engagement for Highly Productive Land other than meetings with owners of property within the draft Highly Productive Land Overlay (at their request).

There were no specific consultation meetings as part of the Shaping Your City engagement for Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori other than the engagement with Mana Whenua (discussed below).

To access the full written feedback on the draft District Plan, please see attachments 1 and 2 of the response.

### **Engagement with iwi authorities for Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori**

Consultation with tangata whenua, through iwi authorities, is required during the preparation of a proposed district plan under Clause 3(1) of the Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

The development of the Proposed District Plan has involved consultation with iwi authorities, particularly with regard to the Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori part of the Proposed District Plan.

The iwi authorities that have been consulted are:

- Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika Trust
- Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira Incorporated
- Wellington Tenth's Trust
- Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust
- Te Rūnanganui o Te Āti Awa ki Te Upoko o Te Ika a Māui Incorporated

The consultation with Mana Whenua with regard to Sites and Areas of Significance is outlined in section 4.2.3 of the Section 32 Evaluation Report for the Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori chapter of the Proposed District Plan. This report is available on Council's website [here](#).

In addition, as part of the engagement with iwi authorities we have been provided with documents on the locations and narratives of some of these Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori. Please see attachment 3 and 4. (Documents are as provided to us).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

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Yours sincerely

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