

Draft Our Space 2018-2048 Greater Christchurch Settlement Pattern Update Hearings Panel note to submitters – 10 December 2018

Purpose

1. To provide submitters with information and direction on the forthcoming hearings on the draft Our Space 2018-2048 Greater Christchurch Settlement Pattern Update.

Context

2. The Greater Christchurch Partnership (GCP) Committee established a hearings panel for the Our Space 2018-2048 Greater Christchurch Settlement Pattern Update (termed a Future Development Strategy or 'FDS' in the National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity) at its meeting on 13 July 2018.
3. The Hearings Panel is a subcommittee of the GCP Committee, and is to be chaired by Bill Wasley. The role of the Hearings Panel is to consider public submissions and the advice contained in an Officers' Report and make recommendations to the GCP Committee on any changes to the draft document released for public consultation throughout November 2018. The Terms of Reference for the Hearings Panel are included as Attachment A to this report.
4. The Hearings Panel representatives are:
 - Bill Wasley, GCP Independent Chair (Chair)
 - Cllr Peter Skelton, Canterbury Regional Council
 - Cllr Sara Templeton, Christchurch City Council
 - Deputy Mayor Malcolm Lyall, Selwyn District Council
 - Cllr Neville Atkinson, Waimakariri District Council
 - Gail Gordon, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (Ngāti Wheke)
 - Ta Mark Solomon, Canterbury District Health Board
 - Jim Harland, New Zealand Transport Agency

Hearings

5. Hearings will take place in February/March 2019 and will comprise:
 - a hearings week (25 February to 1 March as required)
 - a deliberations week (11 March to 15 March as required)
6. Hearing days will be held in venues in Christchurch, Rolleston and Rangiora. Meetings will be open for the public to attend.
7. All submissions will have been read by the Hearings Panel prior to the commencement of the Hearings.
8. Hearings therefore offer the opportunity for submitters to highlight the key points of a submission, and where appropriate elaborate on or clarify any matter raised therein. They also allow for a dialogue between the submitters and the panel to ensure submitter requests are clearly understood and considered.

9. An allocation of **20 minutes** is afforded to each submitter wishing to be heard. If a submitter wishes additional time to be heard this should be requested in writing, prior to the hearings. The submitter time allocation will include time for any question and answer discussion.
10. Submitters wishing additional time should contact the Hearings Administrator.

Officers' Report

11. An Officers' Report will be provided to the Hearings Panel and submitters in early February, prior to the commencement of the hearings.
12. The Officers' Report will:
 - outline the requirements of the NPS-UDC and related legislative mandate
 - summarise the process to develop the draft document
 - report the elements that comprised the public consultation process
 - note the key issues arising that the Hearings Panel might wish to have particular regard
 - provide partner staff comment and/or a recommendation on specific points raised in individual submissions.

Hearings Administration

13. The Hearings Panel and submitters will be assisted by a Hearings Administrator. Submitters seeking further information, requesting additional time at hearings, or on any other matter in relation to the Hearings should contact the Hearings Administrator.
14. The Hearings Administrator is: Tina von Pein
Mobile: 027 301 9000
tina.vonpein@greaterchristchurch.org.nz
15. The Hearings Administrator will be contacting those submitters wishing to be heard at the Hearings to arrange a convenient time and location.
16. All submissions are available to view on the Partnership website:
<http://www.greaterchristchurch.org.nz/ourspace/ourspace-submissions>
17. Hearing dates and venues are currently scheduled for¹:

Monday 25 February:	Council Chamber, Environment Canterbury offices, 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch
Tuesday 26 February:	Committee room 1, Civic Offices, 53 Hereford Street, Christchurch
Wednesday 27 February:	Council Chamber, Waimakariri District Council offices, 215 High St, Rangiora
Thursday 28 February:	Council Chamber, Selwyn District Council offices, 2 Norman Kirk Drive Rolleston
18. Deliberation meetings will all be held at the Christchurch City Council Civic Offices.

¹ Any changes will be communicated to submitters wishing to be heard and publicised on the Partnership website

Future Development Strategy Hearings Panel Subcommittee

Context

The Greater Christchurch Partnership is comprised of local authorities, iwi, health board and key government agencies. Governance for the Partnership is provided by a joint committee established under the Local Government Act 2002.

The Partnership oversees the Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy (UDS) which provides direction and a framework to guide long term growth and development across Greater Christchurch.

The Partnership is reviewing the settlement pattern aspects of the UDS necessary to meet the requirements of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity (NPS-UDC). The NPS-UDC requires high growth councils to prepare a Future Development Strategy (FDS) to provide sufficient, feasible development capacity for housing and business growth to meet demand in the short (3 years), medium (10 years) and long term (30 years).

The Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee resolved to collaboratively prepare a FDS (a 'Settlement Pattern Update') and to release a draft document for public consultation, allowing for submissions to be heard by a Hearings Panel. Consultation will be undertaken in accordance with Part 6 of the Local Government Act 2002 and the significance and engagement policies of the partner councils.

Terms of Reference

The Future Development Strategy Hearings Panel Subcommittee (the 'Panel'):

1. Will be comprised of one of the representatives of the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee from each of the following partner organisations:
 - i. Canterbury Regional Council
 - ii. Christchurch City Council
 - iii. Selwyn District Council
 - iv. Waimakariri District Council
 - v. Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu
 - vi. Canterbury District Health Board
 - vii. New Zealand Transport Agency
2. Includes the Greater Christchurch Partnership Independent Chair as a member and Chair of the Panel
3. Will have no provision for alternates
4. A quorum shall consist of at least four Panel members (including at least three of the partner council members)
5. All members have voting rights (except the NZTA representative)

6. Shall consider the content of all submissions, allowing an opportunity for submitters wishing to be heard to present submission points to the Panel.
7. Receive an officers' report (being the collective advice from the GCP Partnership Manager and key partner staff) in response to the matters raised through submissions.
8. Adopt appropriate procedures for hearing submissions and undertaking deliberations, including determining appropriate:
 - a. Locations for the Panel to hear from submitters
 - b. Timings allocated to submitters wishing to be heard
 - c. Any grouping of submissions to assist consideration by the Panel
9. Following the consideration of submissions, hearing from submitters, and receiving of an officers' report the Panel will hold deliberations and make recommendations to the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee on any changes considered necessary to the draft document.
10. May seek legal advice from the Partnership's legal counsel as necessary to assist deliberations and enable it to make recommendations.
11. Will be discharged at the point the final Settlement Pattern Update (FDS) document is ratified by Partner Councils, or when the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee deems appropriate.

Hearing Panel administrative support

The Panel will be provided administrative and logistical support as appropriate in order to fulfil its function and terms of reference. Where this is not able to be provided by partner staff, external temporary resourcing will be provided.