

Te whakamahinga whenua

Land use



Why it's a proposed priority

How we use land affects everyday life in Kāpiti – where people live, how they move around, where businesses can grow, and how easy it is to access parks, services, and community facilities.

More homes are already planned, and national planning changes are influencing how and where development happens. The challenge is making sure local voices and local needs still help shape good decisions.

Land across the district is under pressure for many different uses, from housing and business to food production, reserves, infrastructure, and community spaces. We need to make careful choices so we protect the whenua and Kāpiti can grow in a way that works for people now, and for future generations.

Our role

Under legislation Council has a role in setting planning requirements for local development and growth. This includes facilitating and developing growth plans, setting the district plan and zoning rules, spatial planning, assessing consents, recognising sites of significance for iwi and implementing plans for infrastructure to support local development.

Actions to shift the dial

- Progress plan changes related to natural hazards and approved exemptions, while keeping an eye on potential RMA reform requirements so rework and duplicated effort is avoided
- Continue to work with regional partners on the next stage of regional spatial planning
- Introduce levers outside of plan change requirements to support good urban design and maintain the unique character of Kāpiti as we grow
- Assess the success of intensification in our district
- Review Council's landholdings to determine whether any existing land should be released, or whether new holdings are needed to enable future capacity and outcomes.

How we'll know

These are our proposed measures of success:

- Residents agree that Kāpiti is heading in the right direction to achieve community aspirations
- Council can affordably deliver capacity for growth now and in the long term.

Learn more about our district plan which outlines the controls for land use and subdivision in our district, and specifies our desired environmental outcomes.

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