



Where will we all fit in 2030?

Feedback on the Spatial Plan is due by October 5th

<https://planningforgrowth.wellington.govt.nz/your-views/consultations/draft-spatial-plan/consultation-form>

Here's the story so far....

The government requires all local bodies to follow the National Planning Rules for urban development and this changes height, parking spaces and other restrictions. WCC has two years to make changes to the District Plan which sets planning controls and building guidelines. The district plan is the first draft that will identify target areas. The discussion will go on for a while yet but at each step it becomes harder to shift the assumptions. Houghton Valley is not a targeted area, but we also need to consider the parts of the city that we value and the changes that could happen.

From the range of opinion out there....

- The city has to increase the rating base to meet costs of infrastructure
- Access to housing is going to get worse and radical change is needed
- This is only one step towards making housing more affordable
- WCC won't be doing the building so developers have to see incentives
- Everyone wants a liveable city and so far "greenfield" expansion is a less favoured option
- Inner city and inner suburbs intensification upwards is the preferred option in the plan so far
- Mt Vic, Karori, Berhampore, Brooklyn have concerns about the impact on infrastructure, transport, light and view corridors as well as heritage
- Newtown has advanced a local alternative to achieve the same goal
- Miramar, Tawa and Kilbirnie are also designated flood hazard zones
- Johnsonville still have not seen benefits from their 2014 Plan
- Heritage protection will apply to much narrower areas
- The Plan could be phased to match post-Covid population increases rather than a census estimate
- Areas that would benefit from intensification (Adelaide Road for example) should be phase one
- If there is no consensus, why not put this plan on pause until there is?

Resident's associations talk with each other, Council officers and councillors but this is only a small representation of residents. It's really difficult to get much feedback let alone consensus without individualised feedback.

If you are interested but need a sounding board for your ideas, drop into Koha Coffee on Saturday at the hall at 10.30 and Ken will provide as much information as he can.