



SmartGrowth Environment & Sustainability Forum

Balcony Room, Historic Village, 17th Avenue, Tauranga

Agenda

Tuesday 1st November 2016

1. Apologies	Chair
2. Minutes and Actions from the previous 6 September 2016 meeting <i>(Paper A)</i>	Chair
3. Position Paper Matrix update <i>(Paper B)</i>	Karen Summerhays
4. Te Tumu discussion prior to Cam's presentation Te Tumu Strategic Planning Study - Outcomes Report Overview (2.3mb pdf) Te Tumu Strategic Planning Study - Outcomes Report part 2 (8mb pdf)	Forum
5. Environment Considerations at Te Tumu <i>(Paper C – Constraints map)</i>	Campbell Larking
6. General Business	Chair

Upcoming E&S Meetings

2017 meeting schedule – to be confirmed

Paper A

Environment and Sustainability Forum

Tuesday 6th September 2016, 1.30-3.30pm

The Balcony Room, Historic Village, 17th Avenue

Present	Jo Wills (Sustainability Options – Chair), Karen Summerhays (SmartGrowth), Kate Akers (Waiairiki Bay of Plenty Polytechnic), Hans Pendergrast (Otanewainuku Kiwi Trust), James Hughes (The Sustainability Society), Glen Crowther (Sustainable Business Network), Michelle Elborn (TCC), Gray Southon (Carbon Reduction Group), Eddie Orsulich (Aongatete Forest Restoration Trust and Forest & Bird), Steph Macdonald (BOPRC), Michelle Adams (Toi Te Ora), Mary Dillon (Envirohub and Welcome bay Community Centre), John Garwood (Fruit growers Assn.), Paul Hickson (Surfbreak Society), Megan Rumble (SmartGrowth)	
Apologies	Athole Herbert (Papamoa Progressive Assn.), Barry Roberts (Federated Farmers), Julie Midson (Kaimai Settlers Assn.)	
Previous Minutes		<p>Kate Akers added to apologies and one amendment from Michelle Adams (Michelle's organisation is Toi Te Ora not WBOPDC) – Actioned. The forum agreed to the previous minutes with no other matters arising.</p> <p>Moved: Jo Wills Seconded: Julian Fitter</p> <p><u>Previous actions</u></p> <p>Jo Wills to invite a representative from NZTA to join the forum. Forum members to send their organisation blurbs to Megan. Megan to send individual reminders to those outstanding.</p>
Position Paper Analysis	Discussion	<p>Karen gave an overview on consultant Liz Davies analysis paper. The paper highlighted six key themes that stood out in the nine position papers. Discussion followed. The feeling was that everything in the E&S position paper is essential and there are concerns around losing the detail. Karen confirmed the appendix on the last page of the report will get due diligence. Concern was expressed by the forum that the environment nor climate change wasn't mentioned at all in the six themes. It was made clear that the forum doesn't want to lose the E&S perspective.</p> <p>Karen noted that the position papers are not just seen as submissions to a process. They are going to travel with the forum for a long time. Karen advised that SmartGrowth are looking at developing a matrix so that all actions in</p>

		<p>the position papers can be monitored and reported back on. This would be a living document. The matrix will be bought back to the next meeting for feedback.</p> <p>Jo Wills made reference to Rod Orams Sunday Star times column http://www.stuff.co.nz/sunday-star-times/columnists/rod-oram Jo also spoke about Rod's new book – 'Three Cities; Seeking Hope in the Anthropocene' and encouraged everyone to buy and read this – the book can be purchased for \$15.00 online.</p> <p>It was agreed that the forum would submit a response to the position paper analysis capturing the importance of environmental integrity and climate change. The response will also highlight that the forum wants the whole of the E&S paper to be considered.</p> <p>It was agreed that Jo would draft the initial response and circulate to the forum members for comment.</p> <p><u>Post note:</u> After the draft response was circulated to the forum for comment the following response was submitted to SmartGrowth Implementation Manager, Bernie Walsh, on Tuesday 20 September:</p> <p>The E & S forum acknowledges the opportunity to respond to the analysis of the position papers and have agreed the need to include the following paragraph as a prelude to the six most common themes identified to demonstrate and articulate the urgency of environmental sustainability as essential to all considerations as part of the settlement pattern review.</p> <p><i>It is of paramount importance to apply a comprehensive environmental lens to all aspects of the settlement pattern review in order to work towards achieving sustainable environmental, social and economic prosperity. Preparedness for climate change along with minimisation of our contribution to greenhouse gas emissions must be included as key actions in all considerations.</i></p> <p>The E & S forum presents this response on the basis our position paper is offered as a guiding document of environmental principles essential to the continuation of the SmartGrowth planning and implementation.</p>
Te Tumu Urban Growth Area Discussion	Discussion	<p>Karen set the scene for the Te Tumu conversation. Concern has been raised around the development of the Te Tumu area and how the dunes will respond to sea level rise. The environment in general is fragile and discussion was had around whether or not a coastal strip such as Te Tumu, with all that we know, is a wise area for development.</p> <p>Concern was raised around the future development of areas such as Te Tumu and Tauriko West given we are working toward a Compact City. Karen noted The Compact City is not an alternative to greenfield development but</p>

		<p>more a way of working/building to accommodate the growth and housing typologies our growing population requires. The Compact City way of working will be reflected in the development of Te Tumu. It was also noted that compacting the city alone will not support the growth of the next 30 years.</p> <p>It was noted that the developable land in the Te Tumu urban growth area has decreased to 46% of the land area based on the constraints analysis undertaken by TCC.</p> <p>Discussion was had and it was recommended that to help offset the resulting negative developmental impacts on the natural environment there should be an upgrade in Te Tumu Reserve's natural environmental features:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Re-classifying Te Tumu's coastal dunelands from <i>Important Amenity Landscape</i> to <i>Outstanding Natural Features & Landscapes</i> through a process of protecting and enhancing the natural ecosystem features. 2. Re-classifying Te Tumu's special ecological areas from <i>Special Ecological Area (Category 2)</i> to <i>Special Ecological Area (Category 1)</i> through a process of protecting and enhancing the natural ecosystem features. <p>It was noted that RPS amendments will be needed to accommodate the Settlement Pattern Review urban growth areas and any recommended changes from this forum based on the above information and the information from TCC at the next meeting could be looked at the same time.</p> <p>It was decided that the paper on the environmental considerations/constraints analysis around Te Tumu would be requested from TCC. It was also requested that E&S have Campbell Larking from TCC come and speak at the next meeting.</p>
	Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen to make contact with Cam Larking to request the environmental considerations paper and ask him to speak to the forum at the November meeting. • Kate Akers to send through land classifications for circulation. <p>Post note: Land classifications have been sent through and circulated to the forum on 20 September.</p>
SmartGrowth Thankyou Function	Update	The SmartGrowth Thank you function will be held at the Tauranga Yacht Club at Sulphur Point on Thursday 22 nd September 2016. Please RSVP to Megan for catering purposes. Live entertainment and refreshments will be provided.
General Business	Discussion	17 August press release - Concern was raised that although this is SmartGrowth the way of working is not 'smart' at all and this was reflected in the press release. Concern was expressed that we are working toward a Compact City yet we are sprawling which seemed a contradiction. Karen reiterated that the Compact City is a way of working and it was noted that greenfield and brownfield areas will need to be developed together in order to accommodate

		<p>the projected growth. It was noted that the National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity may require us to intensify more than SmartGrowth has presently allowed for.</p> <p>The general feeling was that the views expressed in the press release did not adequately express the views of the E&S forum. Jo would speak to Bill Wasley at the next opportunity about being considerate to the views of the E&S forum in any further press releases.</p>
	Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All forum members to keep an eye on the press releases and bring any concerns to the future meetings.

Meeting closed 3.25pm. Next meeting Tuesday 1st November 1.30-3.30pm, The Balcony Room, Historic Village, 17th Avenue.

Environment and Sustainability Forum Outstanding Actions

May	Jo to approach NZTA and invite a representative to join the forum.
July/Sept	Forum members to email overview of their organisation to Megan Rumble – Megan to email individual reminders.
September	Karen to make contact with Cam Larking to request the environmental considerations paper and ask him to speak to the forum at the November meeting.
September	Kate Akers to send through land classifications for circulation.
September	All forum members to keep an eye on the press releases and bring any concerns to the future meetings.

SmartGrowth Forums: Position Paper Response Framework

Report prepared by Cheryl Steiner, Strategic Planning Consultant

Background

SmartGrowth Forums were invited to prepare a position statement to articulate what they believe is important and requires consideration through the Settlement Pattern Review. The SmartGrowth Forum Position Papers were first presented to SGIC at the 20 July 2016 meeting.

At the August 2016 SGIC meeting, a summary of the nine position papers was presented that outlined six themes identified by five or more of the forums. The report stated that *the themes represent what the eight forums and the Bay of Plenty District Health Board collectively believe to be essential ingredients for consideration in the Settlement Pattern Review process*. Further detail and comments are included in each position paper.

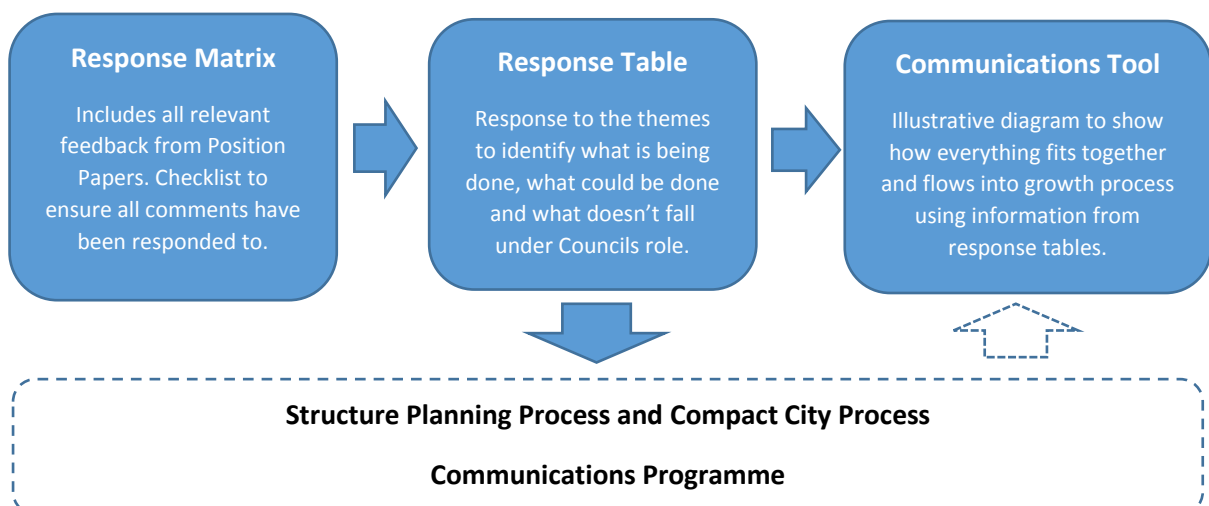
SGIC recommended that the partner councils agree to a number of core decision-making objectives to accompany recommendation on the Settlement Pattern Review process, one of which was providing a response to the SmartGrowth position papers.

Response process

The development and content of the position papers presents an opportunity for SmartGrowth to:

- Provide a written response to matters raised by each of the forums,
- Use this as an avenue to educate and inform forums members on what is currently considered in the growth planning process and what determines the requirements (e.g. strategies, levels of service, guidelines) and
- Identify areas of further work or gaps at a strategy, policy or implementation level.

In recognition of the time spent developing the position papers and the importance of the matters raised, it is intended to develop three pieces of work that together form a response. See diagram below and explanation. As per the SGIC August meeting, running parallel to this work will be commencement of the structure plan processes, compact city process and development of a communications programme that will essentially outline how SmartGrowth and the partner Councils will respond to many of the matters raised in the “community involvement in landuse planning” theme.



The **Response Matrix** is a spreadsheet that includes all relevant points¹ made in the position papers and reference where this has been picked up in the Response Tables. If there are comments made that do not logically fit within the Response Table template this will need to be noted in the Response Matrix with some explanation as to why this is the case. This could be a bit of an iterative process as we go through the information and try to determine where it should sit and what the response should be to try and make sure that the information is as meaningful as possible.

The purpose of the Response Matrix is twofold – to help SmartGrowth make sure that all comments have been responded to, and to help Forums track where their comments have been responded to.

The **Response Table** takes the six themes identified in the August 2016 summary report (plus a further four themes identified as we have undertaken a more detailed assessment of the position papers) and the key components of each theme, and provides a response to the matters raised through three possible categories:

- what is currently considered in growth planning processes and where the direction comes from, along with who has primary responsibility for this and an example of application and investment,
- what has been raised and could be considered further (this could be things that have only recently been considered by Councils and that have the potential to become more integrated into growth planning processes), and
- what currently does not fall under the role of Councils (and who it may fall under if relevant).

The “community involvement in landuse planning” theme is likely to be picked up through the process and communications programme discussions so may not need a template.

An example template is attached for the Active Transport Options and Public Transport theme. Note that this was used to illustrate what information could be provided and to test the template, and will not be the final outcome for this theme as it has not yet been reviewed by Council staff.

Council staff will initially be responsible for filling out the relevant information. The opportunity for other key stakeholders to add to this could occur as we start to build up the information.

Response Templates have been developed for the following themes:

- Community Involvement
- Urban Design
- Social Infrastructure
- Compact Urban Form
- Housing
- Active Transport
- Growth Planning
- Environmental Sustainability
- Community
- Culture and Heritage

¹ The papers generally followed a standard template so for the purpose of this exercise ‘relevant’ means all of the points that fit under the headings that require some type of action and include information under the following headings - critical factors, position statements and specific outcomes sought.

What this information does is educate and inform on what is already in place, and therefore what will need to be (or has started to be) applied to the relevant stages of the four integrated urban growth projects – Tauranga Compact City, Te Tumu, Keenan Road and Tauriko West. It also provides a basis for further consideration of some matters and provides a starting point for a discussion on matters that do not currently fall under Council responsibility but might have the potential to in the future (likely to be subject to political discussion), or matters that are not currently a consideration in the Settlement Pattern Review process.

The **Communications Tool** is intended to provide a visual and summarised illustration of the responses provided in the Response Table. This could be used by the Forums and by Councils to show what is considered and how this has been applied to growth areas planning processes. It has the potential to be developed as a live tool or visual checklist that can be updated to show progress against the four integrated urban growth projects, and others as they come about.

[Progress update \(as at 26 October 2016\)](#)

- The proposed approach was discussed at the October 2016 IMG meeting.
- The Response Tables for the initial six themes have been circulated to partner Councils to populate.
- Four additional Response Tables have been developed and will be sent out to partner Councils this week.
- The Response Matrix has started to be developed by SmartGrowth staff.
- SmartGrowth are working through the process, format and timeframes for reporting this information back to the Forums and back to SGIC and partner Councils.

Note that it may be that additional information is required to assist in explaining the response, for example a glossary and hierarchy of document types to better explain how direction is determined and extent of influence it has on the outcomes. This will be developed as required to assist in the report back process.

Active Transport Options and Public Transport The importance of creating healthy urban environments that reduce the need for private vehicles and increase cycling and walking opportunities was frequently identified in position statements as critical for successful community building.	1.				2.	3.
	What is currently considered in the growth planning process				What could be considered further	What currently does not fall under the role of Councils
	What determines requirements	Who has primary responsibility	Example of application (either existing or planned)	Example of investment (either existing or planned)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Walkable neighbourhoods for good connectivity. - Walk and cycle ways which facilitate commuting and recreation. - Appropriate infrastructure e.g. cycle racks. 	Tauranga Transport Strategy, Western Bay Cycling Strategy, Western Bay Transport Strategy	TCC/WBOPDC		\$1.2m included in TCC 2015-25 LTP for completion of urban cycleway network.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public transport nodes linked to and between neighbourhoods/cities/towns, that is reliable and of sufficient frequency and accessible to specific destinations e.g. hospitals. 	Regional Public Transport Plan, Draft Public Transport Blueprint	BOPRC				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Take into account disability access to transport. 	Regional Public Transport Plan, Draft Public Transport Blueprint, Disability Strategy	TCC/WBOPDC/ BOPRC				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Destination planning. - Shared transport options. 	Tauranga Transport Strategy, Western Bay Cycling Strategy, Western Bay Transport Strategy, Regional Public Transport Plan, Draft Public Transport Blueprint	TCC/WBOPDC/ BOPRC				

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- Electric vehicles supported.					TCC have provided an electric car charging station in the CBD.	
- Increase proportion of freight volume transported by rail.						For consideration by Upper North Island Strategic Alliance, KiwiRail and NZTA.

