

**Appendix 4: Summary of the actions undertaken by the Council in accordance with the streamlined planning process and the Minister's Statement of Expectations**

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### 1. Streamlined planning process – steps and timeframes

The table below sets out the actions undertaken by the Canterbury Regional Council (**Council**) in compliance with the steps and timeframes for the streamlined planning process (**SPP**), as set out in The Resource Management (Direction to Canterbury Regional Council to Enter the Streamlined Planning Process for a Proposed Change to Chapter 6 of the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement) Notice 2020 (**Minister's Direction**).<sup>1</sup>

Step	Timeframe	Action
1	Undertake pre-notification consultation with Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (the iwi authority) and Ngāi Tūāhuriri (being a hapū of Ngāi Tahu) in accordance with clause 4A of Schedule 1 of the RMA.	To be completed no later than 15 working days after the date that this notice comes into force.  The notice came into effect on 26 May 2020, 20 working days after its publication.  Pre-notification consultation with Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and Ngāi Tūāhuriri in accordance with clause 4A of Schedule 1 was completed by 16 June 2020, being 15 working days of the notice coming into force.  In accordance with the reporting requirements set out in the notice, a report demonstrating compliance with Step 1 was provided to the Minister for the Environment ( <b>Minister</b> ) on 29 June 2020.
2	Publicly notify the proposed change to Chapter 6 of the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement for written submissions in accordance with clause 5 of Schedule 1 of the RMA.  A period of 20 working days for submissions must be specified in the public notice	To be publicly notified no later than 140 working days after completion of pre-notification consultation (Step 1).  The Proposed Change was publicly notified on 16 January 2021, being within 140 working days of completion of the pre-notification consultation required under Step 1.  A period of 20 working days for submissions was specified in the public notice. The notice can be viewed on the Council's website:  <a href="https://haveyoursay.ecan.govt.nz/chapter6CRPS">https://haveyoursay.ecan.govt.nz/chapter6CRPS</a>
3	Provide an opportunity for written submissions in accordance with clause 6 of Schedule 1 of the RMA.	Public submissions to be received no later than 20 working days  An opportunity for written submissions was provided in accordance with clause 6 of Schedule 1 of the RMA.

<sup>1</sup> As amended by, Amending a Notice—The Resource Management (Direction to Canterbury Regional Council to Enter the Streamlined Planning Process for a Proposed Change to Chapter 6 of the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement) Notice 2020.

Step		Timeframe	Action
		after public notification (Step 2).	<p>The submission period closed on 15 February 2021, 20 working days after public notification.</p> <p>A total of 54 written submissions were received (including one late submission).</p> <p>In accordance with the reporting requirements set out in the notice, a report demonstrating compliance with Steps 2 and 3 was provided to the Minister on 1 March 2021.</p>
4	<p>Provide for a written recommendations report to be submitted for the Minister for the Environment's consideration, showing how submissions have been considered and the changes (if any) recommended to the proposed planning instrument, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The evaluation report under sections 32 and 32AA; and</li> <li>ii. A report summarising how the persons making the recommendation have had regard to the evaluation report; and</li> </ul> <p>The reports and documents required by clause 83(1) of Schedule 1 for the Minister's consideration.</p>	To be submitted to the Minister no later than 30 working days after the close of submissions (Step 3).	<p>This recommendations report addresses the Minister's requirements under Step 4 of the Direction and the provisions of clause 83(1) of the RMA (see paragraphs 9-12 of this report).</p> <p>In accordance with the specified timeframes, this report will be submitted within 30 working days of the close of submissions, i.e. by 29 March 2021.</p> <p>In accordance with clause 78(5) of Schedule 1 of the RMA, the Minister directed the Council to engage an appropriately skilled independent commissioner to undertake a technical peer review of the recommendations report. Under the Minister's Direction the independent commissioner is required to produce a formal technical peer review report, and the Council is required to demonstrate how the commissioner's comments have been addressed or incorporated into the final recommendations report.</p> <p>The Council appointed former High Court Judge Hon. Lester Chisholm, as the independent commissioner to undertake this role. In accordance with the Minister's Direction the commissioner produced a formal technical peer review report for the Council (Appendix 7 to this report). The commissioner's comments have been addressed or incorporated in this final Recommendations Report.</p>

Under the Minister's Direction (as amended), the SPP for the Proposed Change must be completed no later than 205 working days after the notice came into force – i.e. by 29 March 2021. The process is considered to be complete when the documents referred to in Step 4 above are submitted to the Minister for the Environment. In accordance with this requirement, the documents set out above will be submitted to the Minister by 29 March 2021.

## 2. Minister's Statement of Expectations

Step 4 of the Minister's Direction requires the Council to provide the reports and documents required by clause 83(1) of Schedule 1 of the RMA for the Minister's consideration.

Clause 83(1)(e) of Schedule 1 requires the Council to submit a summary document showing how the local authority has had regard to the Minister for the Environment's Statement of Expectations set out in the Direction.

A table summarising how the Minister's expectations have been met is set out below.

Expectation	Action
a. Include in the proposed change policy direction for the Future Development Areas to provide higher density living environments, including mixed use developments and a greater range of housing types, and enables the efficient provision and use of network infrastructure.	<p>This expectation has been provided for in Proposed Policy 6.3.12, which provides (as relevant):</p> <p><b>6.3.12 Future Development Areas</b></p> <p>"Enable urban development in the Future Development Areas identified on Map A, in the following circumstances:</p> <p>...</p> <p>2. The development would promote the efficient use of urban land and support the pattern of settlement and principles for future urban growth set out in Objectives 6.2.1 and 6.2.2 and related policies including by:</p> <p>a. Providing opportunities for higher density living environments, including appropriate mixed use development, and housing choices that meet the needs of people and communities for a range of dwelling types; and</p> <p>b. Enabling the efficient provision and use of network infrastructure; and ... "</p> <p>The proposed provisions do not specify a minimum density requirement for the FDAs. The inclusion of a minimum density requirement (for example 12 or 15 households per hectare) was considered during development of the draft provisions and further in response to pre-notification consultation feedback and in the light of the Minister's expectation. However, this was ruled out as not being reasonably practicable primarily because the evidence base is not yet sufficiently advanced. The Greater Christchurch Partnership is working collaboratively to review the appropriateness of existing minimum densities specified in the CRPS to inform district planning and the review of the CRPS. A method to this effect has been included in the proposed provisions. Until this work is complete, <i>Our Space 2018-2048</i> sets out that new urban housing in FDAs should achieve a minimum net density of 12 households per hectare. This is a 20 per cent increase on current density requirements for greenfield</p>

	<p>locations in Selwyn and Waimakariri Districts. (s32 report, page 49).</p> <p>New urban growth areas will be integrated into the relevant territorial authority's existing reticulated infrastructure networks. Growing existing urban areas makes more efficient use of existing assets and results in less physical and social infrastructure costs per household. (s32 report, page 61-62).</p>
b. Place on a publicly accessible website, the dates and anticipated timeframes for the process steps (and updates as necessary).	<p>The dates and anticipated timeframes for the process steps (and any updates) have been placed on the Council's website at the following website addresses: <a href="https://www.ecan.govt.nz/your-region/plans-strategies-and-bylaws/canterbury-regional-policy-statement/change-chapter-6/">https://www.ecan.govt.nz/your-region/plans-strategies-and-bylaws/canterbury-regional-policy-statement/change-chapter-6/</a> and <a href="https://haveyoursay.ecan.govt.nz/chapter6crps">https://haveyoursay.ecan.govt.nz/chapter6crps</a></p>
c. Make available on a publicly accessible website, all submissions received no later than five working days after the submission period closes.	<p>The submission period for the Proposed Change closed on 15 February 2021. All submissions received by the Council within the submissions period were made available on the Council's website at <a href="https://www.ecan.govt.nz/your-region/plans-strategies-and-bylaws/canterbury-regional-policy-statement/change-chapter-6/">https://www.ecan.govt.nz/your-region/plans-strategies-and-bylaws/canterbury-regional-policy-statement/change-chapter-6/</a> on 19 February 2021, being no later than five working days after the submission period closed.</p> <p>One late submission was received on 2 March. This was made available on the above webpage on 4 March.</p>

### 3. Reporting Requirements

The Minister's Direction requires the Council to provide a written report to the Minister for the Environment within 10 working days of the completion of each of steps 1 (pre-notification consultation) and 3 (submissions) above. These reports must demonstrate compliance with the preceding steps and identify any issues which may affect the Council's ability to comply with the Minister's Direction.

The first report, demonstrating compliance with Step 1 of the SPP, was submitted to the Minister on 29 June 2020, being within 10 working days of the completion of pre-notification consultation with Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and Ngāi Tūāhuriri.

The second report, demonstrating compliance with Steps 2 and 3 of the SPP, was submitted to the Minister on 1 March 2021, being within 10 working days of the close of submissions on 15 February.