



# HERETAUNGA PLAINS URBAN DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

## Draft Strategy Vision

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*“In 2045, the Heretaunga Plains is a place where there are thriving communities, quality living environments with high levels of amenity, and where mana whenua values and aspirations are recognised and provided for, and where*

- *There is a growing and resilient economy which promotes opportunities to live, work, play and invest.*
- *The productive value of its soil and water resources are recognised and provided for, and sustainable use is promoted.*
- *The urban centres of Napier and Hastings have distinct identities and provide complementary living, working and learning opportunities.*
- *Community and physical infrastructure is integrated, sustainable and affordable.”*

## Draft Guiding Principles

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### Quality Living Environments with High Levels of Amenity and Thriving Communities

- Ensure that the settlement pattern avoids sensitive natural environments, (streams, wetlands, lakes, and rivers) and significant landscapes, and versatile soils.
- Ensure development is directed away from potential and known hazard areas.
- Maintain, enhance and create important ecological areas for the protection and enhancement of indigenous biodiversity.
- A range of densities in new residential development and more intensive redevelopment of existing urban areas that will continue to meet amenity values.
- Provide housing and lifestyle choice within defined locations with greater emphasis on good urban design outcomes as well as recognising an ageing population.
- Maintain and enhance the cultural and heritage values of the Heretaunga Plains.
- Maintain the separation of defined urban areas by green and open space.
- Recognize that the amenity of the Plains environment is characterised by the openness to the sky, and significant landscapes including skylines clear of development.
- Recognise and provide for the growth of towns and communities within agreed urban limits.
- Provide for papakainga development and associated live, work and play opportunities.

- Promote partnerships (government, local government and community) to assist in the delivery of a range of housing choices
- Ensure that collaborative implementation arrangements are in place for effective strategy governance and implementation.
- Ensure that the Strategy is integrated into the partners' and other implementation agencies' policy documents and plans.
- Encourage the partners to be advocates for the Heretaunga Plains Urban Development Strategy to central government and other implementation agencies.
- Encourage the community to have the opportunity to participate in key implementation actions and initiatives.

### **A Supporting Industrial and Commercial Environment which Promotes Opportunities to Live, Work, Invest, and Play**

- Encourage investment to grow the Heretaunga Plains economy and opportunities for wealth creation.
- Recognise opportunities to utilise the versatile soil resource of the Heretaunga Plains for production while minimising the loss of versatile soils to urban development.
- Recognition of the significance of the land based economy and encourage its further development.

### **Mana Whenua Values and Aspirations are Recognised and Provided For**

- Ensure that the aspirations, and responsibilities and the place of mana whenua are reflected and incorporated in strategy governance and implementation.
- Recognise the unique relationship that mana whenua have with the land, waterways and other people (manaakitanga)

### **Productive Value of its Soil and Water Resources are Recognised and Provided for and Used Sustainably**

- Recognise versatile soils for productive purposes through minimising the need for urban development on such soils and providing for rural lifestyle development in other locations.
- Ensure that the allocation and use of the water resource is efficient and sustainable.
- Protect the Heretaunga Plains aquifer system.
- Protect and enhance the water quality of streams, rivers, lakes and wetlands.

### **Urban Centres of Napier and Hastings have Distinct Identities and Provide Complementary Working, Living and Learning Opportunities**

- Ensure a cohesive commercial and retail strategy is maintained which recognises existing infrastructural and building investment, the social and cultural fabric of the existing CBD's, commercial and industrial centres, towns and communities within the Heretaunga Plains, so these places are vibrant and valued.

- Ensure there is choice in the supply and location of residential living, commercial and industrial opportunities.
- Encourage the enhanced provision of local tertiary education delivery and opportunities.



### **Community and Physical Infrastructure is Planned, Sustainable and Affordable**

- Recognize the development potential of existing settlements where it is possible to extend or provide infrastructure.
- Protect existing and future infrastructure and transport corridors from development that could constrain or compromise the efficiency of infrastructure and transport corridor operation.
- Ensure development supports efficient transport infrastructure, including public transport provision and reduced dependence on motor vehicles.
- Avoid duplication of large scale community facilities and services.
- Recognise the potential effects of climate change.
- Promote communities with services and amenities to reduce reliance on transport.
- Promote the successful delivery of social infrastructure such as new schools and affordable housing.
- Ensure that infrastructure servicing development is integrated with existing networks.
- Ensure the development of telecommunication initiatives that support people, living, working, and learning in the Heretaunga Plains.

### **Draft Values and Expectations**

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The strategy will aim to address a range of values and expectations, including

- Choice in where you live
- Protection of land resources for production
- An adaptive and innovative approach over time in dealing with growth management issues
- Regarding growth as making a positive contribution to the Heretaunga Plains community and maximising its benefit for the greater community good.
- Giving effect to the unique relationship that mana whenua have with their land waterways and other people
- Better management of rural residential development, its location and nature.
- Need for efficient and effective transport corridors which provide for a range of transport modes to operate.
- Protection of natural landscapes