

TAMAHERE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE FUTUREPROOF SUBMISSION

The Tamahere Community Committee has been set up in conjunction with the Waikato District Council and the Tamahere Ward Councillor, Wally Hayes.

The purpose of the Committee is to act as a sounding board for Council and Wally Hayes. In particular the Committee's focus is on the ongoing development, review and implementation of the Tamahere Community Plan, "The Lifestyle Community", 2004-2013.

The Committee meets monthly with Councillor Hayes along with the Mayor, other elected councillors and staff members on a regular basis.

The Committee's aim is to act as a portal for Community views on Council planning and issues that impact on the Tamahere community.

SUBMISSION

1. TCC supports the philosophy behind the Futureproof Growth Strategy using a mix of scenarios 2 & 3.
2. In scenario 3, "In Rural Areas" should contain the same comments as scenario 2 re transport networks and both should have a reference to public transport. Scenario 3 should also include the reference to "protect productive land"
3. Reserves and Public Spaces have to be set aside now for the next 60 years. This is particularly important in Tamahere, where population growth as shown in the Tamahere Structure Plan area will be strong in the next 20 years.

Council owned land needs to be kept secure for future reserves and infrastructure development.

4. The purpose of Futureproof is to provide an integrated approach to planning the development of the Waikato. The interface between Hamilton City and Waikato District has been a sensitive area. The boundaries of Hamilton City, settlements and villages need to have a buffer area which feathers the graduation between one area and another and one land use zone and another.

This is to ensure types of land use change gradually and take into account the growth plans of the various areas. Industrial and commercial developments need to be appropriately placed to ensure transport infrastructure can cope and that the mix of uses and appropriately interface with residential areas.

The Tamahere Community Committee wants to ensure that Futureproof planning is taken into account in dealing with major notified resource consents now and that Waikato District Council consults with its local government partners within the Futureproof project on consent applications in and around the buffer zones.