

TAMAHERE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE FUTUREPROOF DRAFT STRATEGY 2009 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 revised Tamahere Community Plan, "The Lifestyle Community", 2004-2013, which was submitted to Waikato District Council in December 2008.

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

We support:

1. **Key Features/Strategy/Bullet Point 5:**
Development being directed away from hazard areas.
2. **Key Features/Strategy/Bullet Point 9:**
The protection of productive farmland.
3. **Strategic Themes/Affordable and Sustainable Infrastructure/Paragraph 3:**
A network approach to the provision of infrastructure, rather than a piecemeal individual project approach.
4. **Guiding Principles/Item 2/Paragraph 2 & 5**
Ensuring the sub-regions towns and villages retain their individual identities and that ad hoc commercial and industrial activities do not occur in rural residential areas.
5. **Context/Planning Responses/Bullet Points 2-5**
Creating walking neighbourhoods; encouraging community and stakeholder collaboration; fostering distinctive; attractive communities with a strong sense of place; and making development decisions predictable, fair and cost effective.
6. **Strategy Development Process/Commercial Development Business Land/Bullet Point 3**
Large scale devolved retail not being encouraged where this undermines the city heart...
7. **Strategy Development Process/Transport/Bullet Point 1**
The need to recognise stronger links between land use and transport.
8. **Future Proof Settlement Pattern/Hamilton City/Bullet Point 8:**
Transport routes to support new areas, which should also include developed areas with no public transport, e.g. Tamahere, Matangi, Eureka, Tauwhare.

9. **Broad Aims of the Settlement Pattern/Allocation of Commercial Business Land/Retail Focus for the Sub-Region:**
New growth emphasising development around existing commercial centres and zones, while minimising development in new areas.
10. **Broad Aims of the Settlement Pattern/Allocation of Commercial Business Land/Hamilton City:**
That given the high level of existing development capacity within established commercial centres, there is no need in the short to medium term to plan for any major new retail centre anywhere around the city.
11. **Broad Aims of the Settlement Pattern/Allocation of Commercial Business Land/Waikato District Council/Bullet Point 1:**
Existing retail centres, especially in Hamilton City, minimising the potential for any significant expansion particularly in areas of specialist and large-format retail.
12. **Broad Aims of the Settlement Pattern/Allocation of Commercial Business Land/Waikato District Council/Bullet Point 2:**
Rural residential growth into village nodes that will help create nucleus community centres that can support an improved offer in convenience-retail.

We object to the following and suggest the following changes:

1. **Funding:** We do not want another layer of bureaucracy & associated costs. Future Proof is a philosophy which will be implemented by existing bodies. However if a new body is created then all other organisations who are involved, being Tanagata Whenua, New Zealand Transport Agency and Matamata-Piako District Council, should also contribute to it's funding.
2. **Replication and Duplication::**
As per the Royal Commission for the SuperCity wouldn't it be logical for FutureProof to become the LTCCP for one Super Council for the whole Waikato area rather than replicating it five times over 5 different councils... Doing this only provides inconsistencies between each council's planning documents and unnecessary duplication and costs.
3. **Water Supply/Growth Issues**
All rural residential areas should rely solely on rain water with filtration rather than utilising the already limited water resources of Hamilton City.
4. **Energy/Key Approaches/Bullet Point 6**
Public information to highlight and identify all savings that can be made on resources should be held rather than just concentrating on energy alone.