

Our Places – Eastern Bay Spatial Plan

E hiahiatia ana kia rongo kōrero i a koe

We want to hear from you

You can influence the future of the Eastern Bay, for you and for future generations.

We have an idea about how and where development can happen, like Matatā, Awakeri or Hukutaia, but need your help to make sure we are on the right track and that we take the right approaches to development.

1 What are your thoughts about where to plan for 5,500 new houses and land for businesses by 2055?

We believe that significantly increasing housing in the Whakatāne and Ōpōtiki townships may not be the best approach due to the risk of natural hazards. While Kawerau could support some infill housing, it won't be enough to meet the demand. This means we need to explore new greenfield areas to accommodate the additional housing required.

What we want to know:

a Have we got it right with Scenario 1, and do you agree we are looking at the right places for growth? If not, what would you want us to change or consider?

b Have we considered all the important factors? This could be things about the environment, society, economy, culture, or climate change and natural hazards.

c If we deliver Scenario 1, what else is important to you for us to take into account? This could be in terms of transport, design, public art, parks, open spaces and community facilities, or how you see these places taking shape.

2 What do you want us to think about and plan for to support your community and other communities across the Eastern Bay?

There are many short-term problems facing us, but this is an opportunity to lift our heads up from the day-to-day and think about what the future of the Eastern Bay could look like.

By better understanding the future expectations of you and your community, we can collectively work towards what is most important to the people of the Eastern Bay.

What we want to know:

a What do you value the most about your local community or the wider Eastern Bay?

This could be a place you cherish, like a park or beach, being able to have a short walk to the shops, a great walking pathway nearby, being able to live off the grid or get out into the many natural open spaces we have, or anything else that makes you proud to live where you do.

b What do you want to see change? What are the biggest opportunities for improvement that you see?

This could be about the environment, parks and open spaces, or how we travel around and use our streets. We want to hear your ideas about what the future could be.

About you:

**These questions are required for all online and hardcopy consultations.*

This section tells us a little bit more about you. By capturing this information, we can better understand our communities and who is/isn't giving us feedback. This submission form is not a stand-alone document. We recommend you read the 'Our Starting Point' document or find out more by heading to ourplacesebop.org.nz

Contact details (Please print clearly)

We will use this to contact you if you would like the opportunity to provide verbal feedback or if you wish to see the Draft Our Places – Eastern Bay Spatial Plan.

Name:

Organisation (if responding on behalf of):

Phone:

Email:

Where do you live?

Which district do you reside in?

- Whakatāne District Ōpōtiki District Kawerau District
 Elsewhere in New Zealand (please state your town) _____

What is your age group? (at your last birthday)

- Under 16 16-19 20-24 25-29 30-34
 35-39 40-44 45-49 50-54 55-59
 60-64 65-69 70-74 75-79 80+

Do you want to know the final outcome?

- Once the consultation is complete, we'll create the Draft Our Places – Eastern Bay Spatial Plan. If you would like to view the Draft Our Places – Eastern Bay Spatial Plan, please tick the box and ensure your contact details are completed above.

Do you want to present your feedback?

You can provide your feedback at a meeting with our Project Governance Group on 2 December 2024. If you would like to be involved, please get in touch by 5pm, 17 November 2024 by emailing kiaora@ourplacesebop.org.nz

Privacy statement: The Local Government Act 2002 requires submissions to be made available to the public. Your name and/or organisation will be published with your submission and made available in a report to elected members and to the public. Other personal information supplied will be used for administration and reporting purposes only.

Te tuku kōrero mai a te hapori How the community can have their say

People can join the conversation many ways including:

Email:

kiaora@ourplacesebop.org.nz

Online:

ourplacesebop.org.nz

Post feedback to:

Whakatāne District Council,
Private Bag 1002, Whakatāne 3158

Ōpōtiki District Council
PO Box 44 Ōpōtiki 3162

Kawerau District Council
Private Bag 1004. Kawerau 3169

Phone enquires:

Whakatāne (07) 306 0500

Ōpōtiki (07) 315 3030

Kawerau (07) 306 9009

Facebook:

The community can also keep up to date by visiting each Council's Facebook page

@WhakataneDistrictCouncil,

@OpotikiDistrictCouncil,

@KawerauDistrictCouncil

Drop off a submission form to:

Whakatāne District Council,
4 Commerce Street, Whakatāne

Murupara Service Centre,
Pine Drive, Murupara,

Ōpōtiki District Council,
108 Saint John Street, Ōpōtiki,

Kawerau District Council,
2 Ranfurly Court, Kawerau

People can have their say from 14 October to 17 November 2024

Me pēhea e tutuki ai ngā whenua whakatū whare, pakihi hoki hei te 30 tau e ara mai nei?

How can we meet the demand for residential and business land for the next 30 years?

One of the important decisions we need to make is about where new urban development could happen. We can then work on how to make it happen.

Based on the information we have, including projected population growth, environmental constraints and key areas for economic development, three high-level scenarios were created to support discussions on how we could accommodate current and future needs.

Below is a summary of the three scenarios. The draft Scenarios and Development Options Report sets out the rationale and explains how specific locations were assessed for suitability for development. Visit ourplacesebop.org.nz for further details.

Scenario 1



Resilient greenfield areas

Provide a long-term supply of housing and business land in a series of new greenfield areas: Matatā, Awakeri, Hukutaia. There would be a low level of residential infill and a low level of rural residential development.

Scenario 2



Un-serviced rural residential focus

Enable demand for housing to shift into rural locations, with a relaxed regulatory approach (and avoiding highly productive land, areas prone to natural hazards). There would be a high level of rural residential development. Over time this could encourage a high level of infill and intensification of townships and villages.

Scenario 3



Growth outside the sub-region

Demand shifts out of Whakatāne and Kawerau to Western Bay of Plenty and Rotorua because there are no new greenfield areas and rural residential development is not enabled. There would be a low level of rural residential development. Over time this could encourage a high rate of intensification and infill of townships and villages because there are few other options for housing growth in the districts.