

Rodney Local Board – Unitary Plan Stakeholder Workshop

Date & Time: 11 October 2012 6.30-8.30pm

Venue: Orewa Service Centre

Thank you for agreeing to attend Rodney Local Board Unitary Plan targeted stakeholder workshop. Your participation and input is greatly appreciated at this preliminary stage of the development of the draft Unitary Plan.

The workshop gives us the opportunity to discuss the issues raised through the Unitary Plan. Much of this of course stems from the Auckland Plan that was finalised and adopted earlier this year. The Unitary Plan is a key tool that gives effect to the Auckland Plan, and it is in this context that we need to look at the issues for our local board area, including the initial draft map and how it interprets the Auckland Plan at a local level.

Our feedback will be used by Council staff to develop the draft plan, which will go out for wider public consultation in March next year.

For background to our discussion, I have attached:

- an Auckland Council overview that outlines the benefits of the Unitary Plan and the key role it will play in taking forward the strategic directions of the Auckland Plan.
- a one page outline of each of the packages
- a summary of the packages that will be discussed at the workshop.

At the workshop we would like to discuss the following topics with you:

1. Residential and Character

Maintenance and enhancement of rural and coastal character of towns and villages and the natural character of the coastal environment - Residential/village/coastal character definitions and development controls e.g. site size and density.

2. Rural Zones/Natural Environment

What will be incorporated in the rural and mixed rural zones in terms of prioritising farming, limiting rural subdivision opportunities and enabling flexibility in zoning for entrepreneurial commercial activities to establish.

3. Rural Urban Boundary/Growth

A clear rural urban edge around our towns and villages.

4. Business Zones

The justification for and location of business zones in Rodney i.e. the proposed business parks in Kumeu and Warkworth and the future needs based on the Auckland Plan objectives.

Your feedback at the workshop will assist the Rodney Local Board in working with the Governing Body on the development of the draft Unitary Plan. If at all possible, please read through the material accompanying this letter before the workshop.

There is further background on the Unitary Plan on the Auckland Council website if you are interested at www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/unitaryplan.

Best regards and see you on Thursday 11 October.

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Chairman Rodney Local Board