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Request for Information under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) (the LGOIMA)

Thank you for your email of 29 May 2023 with the following request for information:

“I am writing to inquire about the dates for the next review of your district plan. Our organization is deeply interested in staying informed and actively participating in the planning process. Recognising the significance of the district plan in shaping our community's development, infrastructure, and overall quality of life, I kindly request any information you can provide regarding the scheduled dates or estimated timeline for the next district plan review. To ensure our active involvement, I would appreciate your response to the following inquiries:

1. When is the next review of the district plan scheduled to take place?

The Council's [Long Term Plan 2021-41](#) (pg.254) has defined the major projects and initiatives for 2021-24, including an omnibus review of areas within the district plan. In future, the Council will also implement changes when required under national policy directions, and will be responsible for processing private plan change requests.

2. Will there be opportunities for public consultation or community engagement during the review process?

Public consultation is a key aspect of any proposed plan change which the Council intends to action. The Council endeavours to consult early, widely and exceeds Resource Management Act requirements when consulting on plan changes. For instance, recent practice has been to release an exposure draft plan change for community feedback. All plan changes are then publicly notified for formal public submissions.

Please note that any information provided in response to your request may be published on the Council website, with your personal details removed.

3. Are there any specific key objectives or focus areas that the council intends to address during this review?

At the moment, the district plan rolling review includes an omnibus plan change covering a range of topics such as indigenous vegetation, election signage, open space, natural space zoning, etc; and specific plan changes in relation to mana whenua values, coastal issues, flood risks and urban development.

4. How can interested stakeholders, including our organisation, stay updated on the progress of the review and any associated meetings or events?

The Council notifies all the proposals for community feedback on its website. Any person may access the Council's website and link to the relevant webpages. The information about all the proposals open to public feedback can be found under [Ngā Kaupapa | What's on, Have Your Say](#). Each webpage will contain all the information relevant to the proposals. Any person may also [sign-up](#) to the email newsletter from the council, for updates on Council activities, upcoming events and opportunities to get involved and give feedback.

5. Moreover, if there are any preliminary documents, reports, or additional resources that offer background information on the district plan review, we would be grateful if you could share them with us. This will enable us to familiarise ourselves with the current state of affairs and make more meaningful contributions to the process. Obtaining this information will help us plan effectively and engage constructively in the review process.”

You could refer to our [Operative District Plan 2021](#) in the first instance to understand the latest provisions within the district. Information on district plan changes in preparation can be found on the Council website at: <https://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/your-council/forms-documents/district-plan/>. Additionally, you could refer to our Long Term Plan 2021-41, [Housing Strategy](#) and [Growth Strategy 2022](#), for a broad understanding of what the Council intends to achieve in the district and potential projects and initiatives that will be worked on.

Should you have any specific questions around your request that are not covered, feel free to contact Jason Holland, the District Plan Team Manager, to discuss via Jason.Holland@kapiticoast.govt.nz.

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