

KOMITI ITI AROTAKE MAHERE-Ā-ROHE
DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE

Meeting to be held in the Hutt City Council Chambers,
2nd Floor, 30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt on
Thursday 19 May 2022 commencing at 2.00pm

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER

PUBLIC BUSINESS

6. DRAFT INTENSIFICATION PLANNING INSTRUMENT (22/1009)

Additional appendices to the report dated 26 April 2022.

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DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE

Membership: Chair of Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee
4 other councillors
Up to 2 representatives appointed by Iwi

NOTE:

Elected members should hold current certification under the Making Good Decisions Training, Assessment and Certification Programme for RMA Decision-Makers. The Chair should in addition hold Chair certification. Standing Orders 30 and 31 outlining provisions for Tangata Whenua and Taura Here do not apply to this Subcommittee, and Iwi appointees will have full voting rights as members of the Subcommittee under Standing Orders.

Meeting Cycle: As required
Quorum: 4

Reports to: Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee

PURPOSE:

To make recommendations to the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee, for recommendation to Council on the matters to be addressed in the full review of the District Plan and development of a Proposed District Plan.

Provide:

Direction to Council officers on all matters relating to the drafting of content for the review of the District Plan. This includes but is not limited to:

- scoping and investigation of the issues
- engagement on possible content
- development of discussion documents and other draft documents for consultation
- development of a Draft District Plan for consultation
- development of a Proposed District Plan for statutory consultation.

General:

Any other matters delegated to the Subcommittee by Council in accordance with approved policies and bylaws.



District Plan Review Subcommittee

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Community Engagement on Future Intensification in Lower Hutt (PC56) May 2022

Following is a summary of the feedback received from the community on the proposals to implement the Government's legislative changes to enable higher and denser housing.

The engagement period ran for 4 weeks and the public were invited to complete an online survey through the Council's Have Your Say platform. Alternatively, feedback could be provided in longer formats such as email or letter.

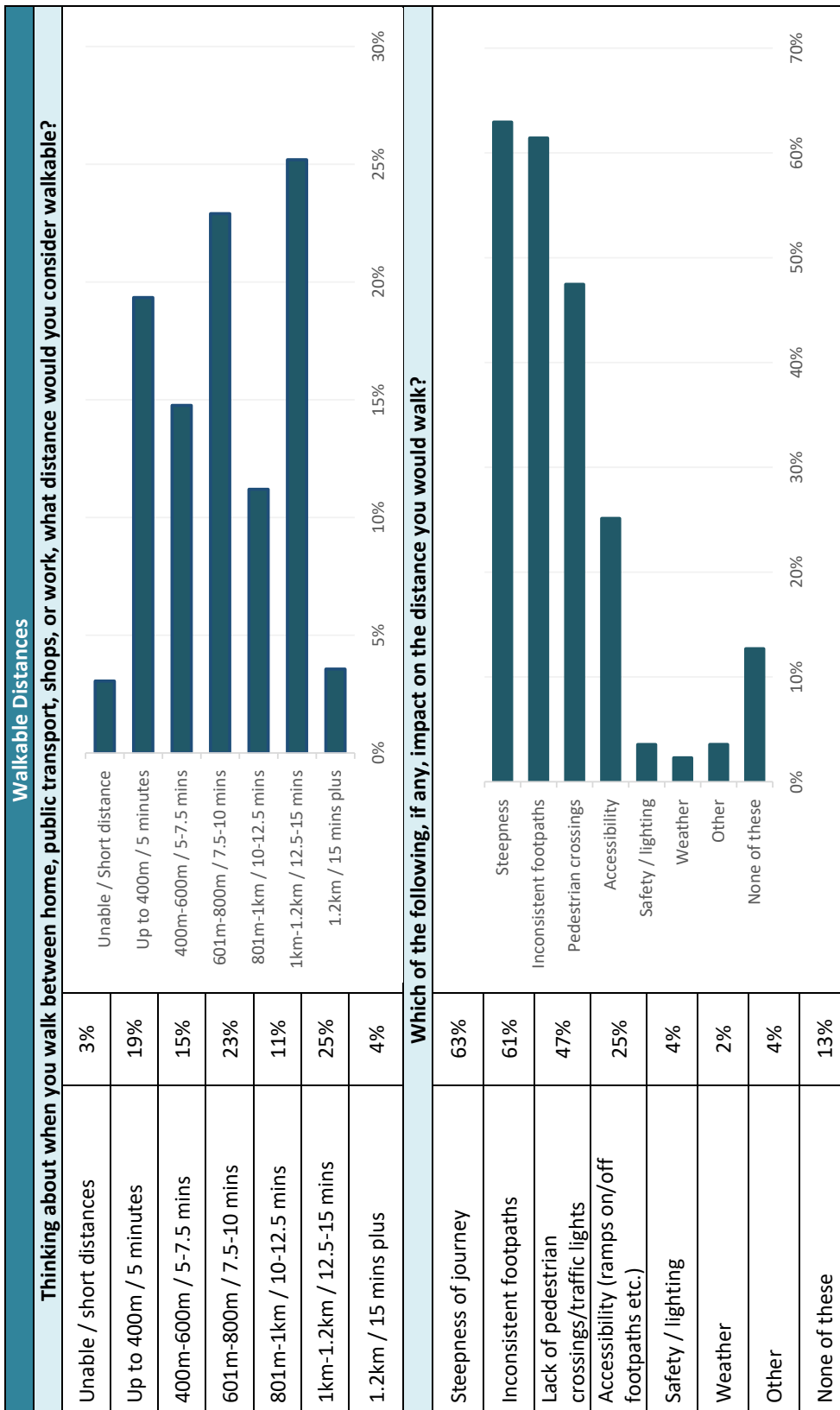
Many of the changes that will be made to the existing planning rules are mandatory requirements through the legislation. However, there are still some matters that the community can influence and this was the focus of this engagement. These matters include the scope of 'walkable catchments' (which will determine the extent of increased building heights and densities around key centres and public transport stops) and design standards that could be introduced to support intensification.

A total of 394 responses were received to the online form provided on Council's Have Your Say platform.

In addition to the online form responses 24 emails and other feedback items were received (see Appendix 6). This included feedback from 17 individuals and seven organisations:

- Alfred Memelink Artspace Gallery
- Cuttriss Consultants Ltd.
- Earthquake Commission
- Kāinga Ora
- Petone Community Board
- Petone Historical Society
- Voluntary Heritage Group

The feedback received through this engagement will inform the changes to the District Plan via a statutory District Plan change process (Intensification Planning Instrument) in August 2022.



Comments about walking distances in Lower Hutt							
Key themes	Footpaths	Safety	Public Transport	Demographic	Suburbs	Topography	Other
Number of comments	21	21	20	10	10	7	21

Footpaths
 Several respondents stated that footpaths were a problem due to their lack of maintenance, which had impacted their usability for demographics more prone to mobility issues, such as elderly and people with mobility impairments. The presence of intrusive objects on the footpaths, such as bins, tree roots, and cars, were also noted as an issue that impacted respondents' experience on the footpaths.

Safety
 Safety included lighting, crossings, and accessibility concerns. Respondents noted that having good street lighting and more visible places to cross the road were important to their view of safety in Lower Hutt. The high speed of vehicles near existing pedestrian crossings impacted some respondents' perception of safety, along with lighting at night while walking through their neighbourhood.

Public Transport
 Accessibility of public transport and concerns relating to the weather were frequently mentioned. Public transport was also often mentioned in relation to comments about what respondents considered to be walkable distances. Some noted that public transport was unsuitable for certain purposes, such as for carrying shopping or transporting children, which affected their choice on whether to drive or not. Adequate shelter from the weather while walking to the station or waiting for the train also impacted on respondents' choices.

Demographics
 Walking distances was a prominent theme related to demographics, as several respondents mentioned the mobility needs of the elderly or people with mobility impairments. It was noted by some that accessibility was not to a high standard on footpaths or for long distances.

Suburbs (locations)
 These comments referred to suburbs or geographical areas when discussing walkability and the density of buildings. The central business district and Petone were cited for having more amenities and a flatter terrain that was more suitable to walk on. Some respondents thought that the areas directly surrounding the central business district would be suitable for higher density development given their proximity to amenities.

Topography (steepness)
 The steep terrain of the western hills was noted as being more difficult to walk on, and thus impacted respondents' decisions to use public transport.

Other
 Other comments outside the parameters of the coding above noted "other" issues that respondents faced, including the weather or questioning the definition of what a 'walking distance' was considered to be. Some thought that a practical walking distance was likely to vary from person to person.

Full verbatim comments grouped by theme are available in "Appendix 1: Walkable Distances"

