

SD – Strategic directions

Introduction

This chapter:

- (a) Provides the overarching direction for the District Plan, including for developing the other chapters within the Plan, and its subsequent implementation and interpretation; and
- (b) Has primacy over the objectives and policies in the other chapters of the Plan, which must be consistent with the strategic objectives in this chapter.

The strategic objectives in this chapter are provided in no order of priority.

Objectives

SD-O1 Socio-economic advancement.

The District has a thriving economy.

SD-O2 Tangata whenua.

Tangata whenua's relationships, interests, including commercial interests, and associations with their culture, traditions, ancestral lands, waterbodies, sites, areas and landscapes, and other taonga are recognised and provided for.

SD-O3 Growth targets.

The following growth targets are planned for:

	Minimum targets (number of dwellings)		
	2017-2026	2027-2046	Total
Waikato District	7,100	12,300	19,400

SD-O4 Housing variety.

A variety of housing types are available to meet the community's housing needs.

SD-O5 Integration of infrastructure and land use.

New development is integrated with the provision of infrastructure.

SD-O6 Hamilton's urban expansion area.

Land uses within Hamilton's Urban Expansion Area do not compromise its future urban development.

SD-O7 Regionally significant infrastructure and industry.

Recognise the importance of regionally significant infrastructure and regionally significant industry.

SD-O8 Highly productive soils.

High quality soils are protected from urban development, except in areas identified for future growth in the District Plan.

- SD-O9 Rural activities.
The rural environment provides for a range of rural activities, including primary production and food supply.
- SD-O10 Reverse sensitivity.
Existing activities are protected from reverse sensitivity effects.
- SD-O11 Historic heritage.
Historic heritage contributes to the district's sense of place and identity.
- SD-O12 Natural environment.
Outstanding natural features and landscapes, and significant indigenous terrestrial flora and fauna are protected.
- SD-O13 Climate change.
Land use is planned to recognise, and avoid, remedy or mitigate the potential adverse effects of climate change induced weather variability and sea level rise.

Policy

- SD-PI Activities within Hamilton's urban expansion area.
Avoid subdivision, use and development within Hamilton's urban expansion area to ensure that future urban development is not compromised.