

ABOUT THE PLANS

What is a Structure Plan?

A Structure plan is a 30-year guiding document for the development or redevelopment of an area that will help define the future development and land use patterns, areas of open space, the layout and nature of infrastructure (including transportation links), cultural aspects, constraints and key features that influence the effects of development are also considered and managed.

What is a Town Centre Plan?

A town centre is more than just a place where people shop and work. It's the 'heart' of the town where the community and visitors can enjoy socialising and recreation. To revitalise the Ngaaruawaahia Town Centre and to ensure it remains a great place for everyone, it's important to have a plan to guide the town centre's future development. The town centre plan will focus on the revitalisation of the town centre by encouraging a mix of uses, prioritising public transport and walkability, promoting sustainable development, planning for growth, fostering a sense of place, and celebrating creativity and innovation.

THE JOURNEY SO FAR

- Gap analysis and data collection of the study area – 2022
- Iwi/hapu and Key Stakeholder Collaboration – Ongoing
- Mana Whenua Survey – September 2022
- Community Survey – October 2022
- Tainui Games – February 2023
- Regatta – March 2023
- Technical progression April 2023 – August 2023
- Drop-in sessions – Possible project ideas – September 2023



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How long does it usually take to complete such a project?

A structure plan process can vary between one and three years, depending on the complexity of the towns/villages.

Will our Public Transport improve?

Ngaaruawaahia is indicated as being on a rapid transport corridor in the Hamilton- Waikato Metropolitan Spatial Plan.

Will the plan consider walking/cycling connections within and between the towns/villages?

Yes, the structure plan is investigating possible walking/cycling connections within and between Ngaaruawaahia, Hopuhopu, and Taupiri.

Will the structure plan improve the quality of our Awa?

The structure plan will give effect to Te Ture Whaimana (Vision and Strategy of the Waikato River) and Tai Tumu, Tai Pari, Tai Ao.

How can the community get involved?

Public workshops will be held as part of the Structure Plan Process. In the meantime, please like the Waikato District Council Facebook page (www.facebook.com/WaikatoDistrictCouncil) to stay up to date on the project.

How will crime be considered as part of these projects?

As part of this process, crime prevention will be considered through our urban design assessment. The assessment will consider CPTED principles (crime prevention through environmental design) to enhance the look and feel, the where and when and how we use these spaces to help prevent crime from occurring.

Will the structure plan consider climate change, e.g., flooding?

The structure plan will consider climate change and climate resilience (how we can best plan for the future of our towns and villages to mitigate the impact of future storm events).

KEY AREAS OF FOCUS

- Consider how to enhance Jesmond Street, Ngaaruawaahia including how to improve transport, walking and cycling connections.
- Consider the future form and function of Te Putu Street, Taupiri.
- Apply urban design principles to enhance the look and feel of Ngaaruawaahia and Taupiri
- Celebrate and reflect community identity in Ngaaruawaahia and Taupiri.
- Undertake a Cultural Impact Assessment.
- Consider land use (residential, commercial & industrial) to meet demand.
- Understand community facility requirements (e.g. Community Hub) to meet the needs of the community.
- Understand future reserve, neighbourhood parks and open space requirements.
- Identify future walking and cycling connections throughout the study area.
- Identify new transport connections and appropriate network upgrades.
- Review the existing Stormwater Catchment Management Plan.

