



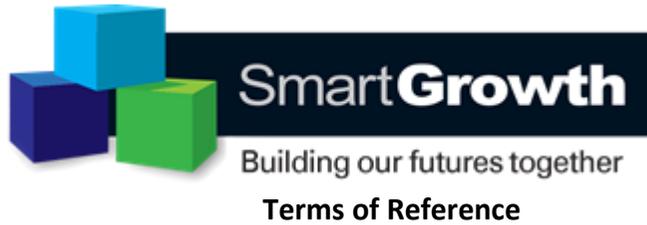
SmartGrowth Environment & Sustainability Forum

School House, Historic Village, 17th Avenue, Tauranga

Agenda

Tuesday 27 November, 2018 1.30 – 3.30pm

1. Apologies	Chair
2. Minutes and actions from the previous 16 October 2018 meeting (Paper A) - E&S Forum submission to the Future Development Strategy & Tauranga Urban Strategy (Paper B)	Chair
3. Tauranga City Council Resource Wise Education Programme	Cayley McLean
4. Bay of Plenty National Park	Laura Wragg
5. Feedback from 21 November SmartGrowth Leadership Group Meeting	Chair
6. SmartGrowth Partnership Report – November 2018	For information
7. General Business	All
8. Key message for SmartGrowth Leadership Group	Chair



1. Membership Criteria

The Environment and Sustainability Sector Forum is intended to be a voice for the non-government and not for profit sector. Other organisations and government agencies are welcome to attend as participating observers.

2. Purpose

The purpose of the Environment and Sustainability (E&S) Sector Forum ('the forum') is to draw on existing experience and to positively contribute to the on-going evolution and success of the SmartGrowth Strategy ('the Strategy')

The forum will provide a view that reflects the interests of E&S groups across the wider western Bay of Plenty.

The forum will enable E&S groups/organisations and the sector industry direct participation in the strategy implementation and monitoring in order to provide vital sector input, in collaboration with the strategy partners and lead agencies into the wide range of challenges faced in the sub-region, including specific input into:

- Sustaining and improving the environment.
- Building the Community
- Urban form and design
- Housing affordability
- The contribution of the E&S sector to economic growth and wellbeing of the people.

3. Role

The Forum will have on-going input into the Strategy development and implementation including the following specific aspects:

- Providing input and feedback in respect of partner projects relating to strategy actions where such input is sought by the SmartGrowth Strategic (Managers) Group (SSG) particularly with regard to sustainable development/management considerations
- Monitoring of relevant strategy actions.
- The development of statutory and non-statutory policies by the SmartGrowth Partners that either arise from the strategy or have the potential to impact on the strategy.
- SmartGrowth representations to regional and national forums and central government.
- Using the grassroots knowledge of the forum to alert SmartGrowth to emerging environmental matters and sustainability developments that may impact on SmartGrowth policy and direction.



4. Membership

The forum membership is representative of the wider community within the western Bay of Plenty and currently has representation from the following organisations:

- Papamoa Progressive Association
- Master Painters BOP
- Sustainability Options
- Sustainable Business Network
- Envirohub
- Toi-Ohomai Institute of Technology
- Tauranga Carbon Reduction Group
- Surf Break Protection Society
- Maketu Ongatoro Wetland Society
- Uretara Estuary Managers
- Friends of Puketoki and Friends of the Blade
- Welcome Bay Community Centre
- Aongatete Forest Restoration Trust
- Federated Farmers
- Fruit Growers Association
- New Zealand Planning Institute
- Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ
- Te Puke Environment Forum
- The Rock – Papamoa Community Garden
- The Sustainability Society
- Bay Conservation Alliance
- Toi Te Ora – Public Health Service BOPDHB
- Kaimai Settlers Association
- Permaculture NZ

5. Other SmartGrowth Forums and the SmartGrowth Strategic (Managers) Group (SSG) – Linkages and Reporting



In order to provide transparency, a member (an alternate can be appointed) of the other SmartGrowth Forums and the SSG (as selected by those groups) will be invited to attend and participate in the E&S Sector Forum meetings. The E&S Sector Forum may also appoint a member to attend and contribute to the wider Strategic Partner Forum. Meeting minutes and reports from each of the SmartGrowth Partner Forums will be made available to the other forums, to SSG and to SLG.

6. SmartGrowth Leadership Group (SLG) – Linkages and Reporting

The forum members are able to present to the SLG at any of the formal meetings with agreement of SLG Chair and at any agreed workshops, held between SLG and the forum. Annually SLG hosts a workshop with the forum (or combined with other forums) to discuss a range of matters and issues. The minutes of the forum meetings are provided to SLG as part of the regular reporting process and any particular issues are drawn out and highlighted in the bi-monthly report presented to SLG by the Independent Chair, Implementation Manager and Strategic Advisor.

7. Information Provision and Feedback

Relevant draft reports, ideas, submissions, and proposed initiatives are provided to the Forum for discussion and input prior to matters going to SLG for decision-making. These may be part of a meeting agenda item, or if between meetings, circulated by email to the Forum Chair, for feedback. This feedback will be presented to SLG.

8. Meetings Attendance and Presentations

The Independent Chair, Implementation Manager, Strategic Adviser and Well-Beings Implementation Officer may attend meetings from time to time, provide written reports, advice and seek input on various matters. SLG members may also be invited to attend the Forum from time to time.

Frequency - The Forum will meet bi-monthly, prior to the SLG meeting to provide information and feedback on specific issues directly relating to Strategy implementation.

Servicing - The Forum will be serviced by SmartGrowth through the Implementation Manager, for matters including venues, agenda circulation, minute-taking and report materials.

Chair - A chair will be appointed by the Forum



Environment and Sustainability Forum (E&S Forum) – Membership

Current Members	Representation
Barry Roberts	Federated Farmers
Buddy Mikaere	Combined Tangata Whenua Forum
Dean Tully	Toi-Ohomai Institute of Technology
Eddie Orsulich	Aongatete Forest Restoration Trust
Glen Crowther	Sustainable Business Network
Gray Southon	Tauranga Carbon Reduction Group
James Hughes	The Sustainability Society
Jo Wills	Sustainability Options
John Garwood	Fruit Growers Association
Julian Fitter	Maketu Ongatoro Wetland Society
Julie Midson	Kaimai Settlers Association
Lawrie Donald	Uretara Estuary Managers
Leo Murray	Permaculture NZ
Mary Dillon	Envirohub BOP
Mel Arnold	Toi Te Ora – Public Health Service BOPDHB
Michelle Elborn	Bay Conservation Alliance
Paul Hickson	Surf Break Protection Society
Riki Nelson	Master Painters BOP
SmartGrowth Partner Staff	
Glenn Ayo	Western Bay of Plenty District Council
Stephanie Macdonald	Bay of Plenty Regional Council

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Forum Members Present	Eddie Orsulich (Aongatete Forest Restoration Trust), Paul Hickson (Surf Break Protection Society), Julian Fitter (Maketu Ongatoro Wetland Society), Mary Dillon (Envirohub), Gray Southern (Carbon Action Group), Glen Crowther (Sustainable Business Network), Dean Tully (Toi-Ohomai Institute of Technology)	
SmartGrowth	Megan Rumble (Minutes)	
Other	Lisa Hickling (Calibre Consultancy)	
Partner Staff	Adam Fort (BOPRC), Ana Hancock (TCC)	
Apologies (forum members)	John Garwood (Fruit Growers Association)	
Previous minutes and matters arising		The minutes of the 31 July 2018 meeting were accepted as a true and correct record Previous actions: All completed Dean Tully advised Ian Mclean has moved on from Toi Ohomai - removed from membership.
	ACTION	Megan to remove Ian Mclean from membership post note: actioned by Megan
Future Development Strategy and; Tauranga Urban Strategy	UPDATE	Adam Fort and Ana Hancock provided an overview of the Future Development Strategy (FDS) and Tauranga Urban Strategy (TUS). These two strategies sit alongside one another and are being consulted on at the same time from 5 October to 5 November 2018. Lisa Hickling from Calibre Consultancy has been contracted by SmartGrowth to draft the E&S forums submission to the two strategies and was present to receive comments and feedback. Submissions will be presented by the forum to the SLG at a workshop on 31 October. FDS: Councils in high growth areas are required, under the National Policy Statement for Urban Development Capacity (NPS-UDC), to create a development strategy to show there is sufficient capacity for the projected population growth over the next 30 years. TUS: Ana noted 86% of new housing in the last ten years has been located in greenfield areas. The city needs a balance between intensification and greenfield development and we need to do it smartly with good use of space and transport links,

		<p>while balancing economic, social, cultural and environmental outcomes for our community. The TUS looks to create great places for people to live, providing housing choice, accessibility, vibrant centres and connected neighbourhoods.</p> <p>The TUS is based on four key outcomes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We use our land and resources efficiently while reducing our impact on the environment 2. Our centres, neighbourhoods and marae are vibrant, thriving and accessible 3. Our centres, neighbourhoods and marae support healthy, safe, connected communities 4. Our streets and public spaces are distinctive and reflect the character and identity of the community <p>Discussion followed and Lisa took comments and feedback to begin creating the E&S forums submission. Forums will present their submissions to the SmartGrowth Leadership Group at a 31 October workshop.</p>
	ACTION	Lisa Hickling to circulate draft submission for comment and tweaks post note: circulated to the forum 17 October 2018.
SmartGrowth Partnership Report	UPDATE	For reading and information: http://www.smartgrowthbop.org.nz/media/2081/smartgrowth-partnership-reports-bi-monthly-report-august-2018-part-b.pdf
	ACTION	Nothing to note
General Business	DISCUSSION	Nothing to note
	ACTION	Nothing to note
Key message for SmartGrowth Leadership Group		That the SmartGrowth Leadership Group receives the E&S Forum submission to the FDS and TUS.

Meeting closed 3.37pm. Next meeting Tuesday 27 November 2018 1.30-3.30pm. The School House, Historic Village, 17th Avenue.

Environment and Sustainability Forum Outstanding Actions

October	Megan to remove Ian Mclean from membership post note: actioned by Megan
October	Lisa Hickling to circulate draft submission for comment and tweaks post note: circulated to the forum 17 October 2018.



SUBMISSION

On: Proposed SmartGrowth Future Development Strategy (FDS) and the Proposed Tauranga Urban Strategy (TUS)

By: SmartGrowth Environment and Sustainability Forum

Date: 4 November 2018

General observations

The E&S forum would like to acknowledge the substantial efforts dedicated so far to the drafting of the FDS and TUS.

This entire exercise needs to take into account, as a priority, the impacts of climate change and our response to those effects in the light of the proposed zero emissions act.

Our impression is that the FDS is a statutory document that has been expanded to cover a little more than is directed by the NPS. It seems quite like business as usual when in fact, a major change in approach and thinking is required. The major issues facing the sub-region are transport, housing, aging population, infrastructural funding and implementation of the Compact City concept. These are interrelated and should be considered holistically together with associated social and environmental options and risks.

Overall, there is broad support for the TUS but the timelines still favour the development of further greenfield growth. This could be seen as delivering the wrong message.

1. **A future focussed approach** requires long term **courageous leadership** that must come from the elected members. This includes the up-front **provision of in-house Council resources** that can drive the compact city agenda and take the community along in support.

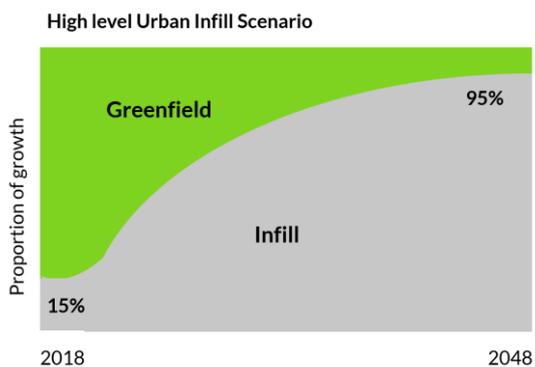
Regardless of the statutory requirements of the FDS it seems a little simplistic to meet them without taking heed of the repeated tone of government direction over the last year: less concerned about simply meeting targets and much more concern about cities embracing future focussed sustainable development approaches. The FDS seems predicated upon future growth more or less as we know it now rather than rethinking the very basis of a future that is sustainable, resilient, and co-generative and putting the key building blocks in place as priorities.

2. **Compact City as a priority and resourced accordingly:** Despite the committed words about a compact city, the work plan timelines proposed suggest that greenfields land will receive planning priority over the very urgent work of developing a compact city. This approach virtually guarantees that all of the greenfield land proposed in the FDS will be required as the compact city work is not being immediately resourced. We would like to see this approach re-assessed and the resources needed to ramp up the compact city work urgently prioritised. We would then meet some sustainable objectives as envisaged by the compact city proposal. We have wasted, (since 2007), nearly ten years in relation to this matter and this time needs to be urgently clawed back. The compact city work must receive planning and development preference with a clear workplan, timelines and funding.
3. **A different approach:** Whilst the FDS may meet some statutory obligation it does little to produce a direction for the western Bay of Plenty sub-region that will deliver sustainable outcomes across the four well beings in either the short or long term. Should we therefore present in our draft report to Government two scenarios
 - The first is a **highly resourced Compact City approach** that develops across a range of centres much more rapidly and that also considers the further development of centres such as Paengaroa and Te Puke where there is high work availability. In such a scenario we would not be able to meet the requirements of the FDS with certainty as the provision of further greenfield sites in addition to TeTumu, Tauriko West and Omokoroa will depend upon the success of the compact city approach. The FDS would then become the first stage of a sub-regional spatial plan that would be built around the SmartGrowth framework, the settlement pattern and would not follow just an urban form approach but would consider social, environmental and cultural factors as well. In this scenario the city urban boundaries would be fixed (but include Tauriko West) in order to focus on creating an outstanding compact city.
 - The second scenario would be the **FDS as proposed**. Whilst this may, more or less, meet the government requirements in the NPS it falls far short of delivering a compact sustainable city that can reduce its emissions in order to meet the GHG targets by 2050 or earlier. And then there is the 50 years after 2050. The FDS simply delivers the message that eating up more and more land for housing is acceptable. It isn't.
4. **Transport:** Earlier forum involvement in the development of the FDS highlighted the importance of rail as a means of transport however, there is now no mention of rail at all. Government has indicated an intention to bring passenger rail to Tauranga from Auckland/Hamilton – and yet neither plan makes any mention of this, or takes it into account.
5. More consideration should be given to the better use of existing railway and the reinstatement of railway lines for transportation. The issue we need to debate is the long term environmental benefits (e.g., less pollution, reduction in emissions, less investment in fossil based roading infrastructure, better health outcomes) of investing in rail rather than the bottom line cost/benefit based analysis typically employed which is unlikely to be favourable.

6. The consequences of these Strategies extend beyond 2050 so it is imperative that the fundamental principles, drivers and formulas used are the correct ones;
 - a. **Sustainable development**, as a high level principle underpinning planning, needs to given a greater focus in the FDS and to be reflected in planning considerations for example, the values and style of development promoted. There is little reference in the FDS about how sustainable development and climate change are addressed in relation to building a sustainable city. While there is some consideration of this in the Strategy, overall there should be greater priority given to how Council will fully engage with the sustainability agenda and promote it through community engagement.
 - b. An **environmental strategy** is still being developed so there is, at this point a limited environmental overview. The lack of priority given to the environment can be seen in the FDS in the economically driven planning decisions made in relation to for example, transportation (e.g., no mention of rail). The result of this is that the FDS is less anchored in the realities of the future than it should be and risks inadequate consideration of current central government strategic and policy directives in relation to the environment and sustainability.
 - c. Need to balance the choice for people (e.g. residential property development needs) with a choice for a sustainable environment. "Choice" is a key word used for discussing housing typology. Maybe we should consider the word choice as focussing as well on environmental and sustainable considerations
 - d. A focus on "sustainably managing and planning for projected growth" should be driving planning, not "growth for economic outputs"
7. Growth areas should be connected to, and prioritised in relation to industry development, for example kiwifruit growth in the East (Te Puke/Paengaroa).
8. There is no parallel strategy for the Western Bay of Plenty which diminishes the meaningfulness of the TUS (which is itself dependent on continuous commitment of local government politicians over subsequent elections).
9. The region would benefit from greater links between rural and urban planning and a more cohesive regional approach. It is important that the strategies of the councils are linked and that the linkages are clearly visible to people who are researching a particular strategy so that the broader picture can be seen.
10. The issue of transport access to and from Te Tumu including the decision or not for a new bridge the Kaituna. Access connecting Te Tumu to the TEL would require development across high quality ecological sites and is not considered a preferred option. A decision driven by consideration for the environment would see the resources saved from not building a bridge invested in a quality, regular public transport system that meets community needs.

Specific feedback

1. The rationale for growth area prioritisation should be more clearly explained in the Strategy including the provision of supporting population and household projections. We suggest to add this numerical data as an appendix to the strategy. For example, “over the next 30 years Paengaroa is projected to increase by x%”
2. Diagram on pg. 47 “Future Growth Balance - Greenfield vs Urban Infill Scenario” needs revising as the “low level urban infill scenario” should not actually be considered as a viable option (but one extreme option). Three options should be presented so that high level infill is not viewed as extreme (see below suggested depiction of options).



3. In addition, each option should be labelled and the implications of each need to be made explicit for example, greater infill housing increases need for shared community amenities, significant attention to placemaking, etc. The first box should be removed from the diagram or relabelled as such a continuing approach would be irresponsible in the future.
4. The maps do not explain that greenfields areas already under development are included in the greenfields percentages for future development. This is not clear to the casual reader of the development maps. This needs to be explained together with the clarifying figures.
5. Greenfield development should be mandated (directed) at significantly more than 15 houses per hectare which is already achieved.

Finally, and reemphasising our introduction, all of our future is now overlaid with the necessity to respond rapidly to climate change. In our area the best way to meet zero GHG emissions targets by 2050 is to **reduce the use of private cars in particular and to focus on rail and plants lots and lots of trees.** This is certainly achievable.

We have been told by 91% of our communities that the things that they most value about our area are our natural environment, our climate and our clean air. As councils who shape the future we are stewards of outstanding resources and guardians of their use and development. We should discharge those responsibilities wisely for us and for future generations.