

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GREATER CHRISTCHURCH
URBAN DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY**

STRATEGIC PARTNERS FORUM

**Held at the Christchurch Convention Centre, Christchurch
on Monday, 19 November 2007 at 10.00am**

FORUM MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bill Wasley	Independent Chair & Forum Chair
James Caygill	UDS Implementation Manger
Alan Turner?	Automobile Association
Clare Sargeant	NZ Planning Institute
Gloria Weeks	Disabled Persons Reference Group
John Peet	Sustainable Otautahi-Christchurch
Julia Main	Department of Internal Affairs
Keith Tallentire	Environment Canterbury
Melissa MacFarlane	
Peter Retimanu	
Sally Lathan	Migrant & Refugee Forum, Department of Internal Affairs
Selwyn Maister	Healthy Christchurch – Sport Canterbury
Sharon Torstonsen	Council of Social Services
Simon Kingham	University of Canterbury
Simon Swaffield	Lincoln University

IN ATTENDANCE:

Alan Bywater	Christchurch City Council (Programme Manager, Strong Communities)
Carolyn Ingles	Christchurch City Council (UDSIMG)
Hugh Nicholson	Christchurch City Council (Principal Advisor Urban Design)
Karen Banwell	Christchurch City Council (Senior Policy Analyst)
Maree Holland	Christchurch City Council (Student)
Maurice Roers	Christchurch City Council (Senior Policy Planner)
Penelope McIlwrick	Christchurch City Council

APOLOGIES RECEIVED:

Andrew Hunter	Statistics New Zealand
Brian Wearing	Automobile Association
Carey Clark	Ministry of Education
Cathy Robinson	Canterbury Intersectoral Physical Activity & Nutrition
Chrissie Williams	Sustainable Otautahi/Avon Heathcote Estuary Ihutai Trust
David Corlett	Ministry of Transport
David Griffiths	Housing New Zealand
Dennis Parker	Sustainable Business Network
Dr Sue Jarvis	Enviro Town (Lincoln)
Dr Ted Pryor	Christchurch Civic Trust
Grant McPhail	Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology
Ida Homan	Visitor
Jackie Curtis	Land Transport New Zealand
John Archer	Woodend Residents Association
Justine Baty	Ministry of Education
Matthew Cutler-Welsh	SPOKE
Neville Smith	Ministry of Education
Nick Bryan	Ministry of Transport
Pam Richardson	Federated Farmers
Paul McNoe	Bus Operators Representative
Peter Goodwin	NZ Road Transport Association
Peter Townsend	Canterbury Employers Chamber of Commerce
Philippa Fussell	Department of Internal Affairs
Ralph Ross	Christchurch Combined Residents Association
Rebecca McLaughlan	NZ Institute of Architects
Rob Saunders	Transalpine Fire Region
Steve Higgs	Transit
Sue Turner	Ministry of Youth Development
Warren Parker	Landcare Research

1. WELCOME

James Caygill presented an overview of the Forum agenda

James Caygill reported the forum recommendation for a 'Pilot Scheme Project' to assess different intensification models to the UDSIC in response to Action 1 from the September Strategic Partners Forum.

2. Health and Social Services Planning

Alan Bywater presented an overview of UDS Action 6.6.4.1 (*pdf version is available on the UDS website: www.greaterchristchurch.org.nz*)

The following questions/issues were raised:

- i. Information accessibility to meet all the needs of the community
The cross agency group will focus on issues like this once the plan is completed (approx March 08) and a further update will be provided.
- ii. Adaptability built into the programme
Like the UDS, health and social services planning is a linear process but with regular checks and formal reviews it can be adaptable. Serious shocks like peak oil will go to local authorities but there will be contingency planning to ensure a multi-modal, flexible system.

- iii. Central Government planning vs. UDS
Knowledge of UDS is slowly increasing in Central Government Agencies and their decisions will improve as a result. One of the emerging issues is that some outlying communities may feel access has been reduced.

3. Central City Revitalisation Strategy – Stage II

Carolyn Ingles presented an overview of Christchurch City Council's work on intensification of the Central City (the area within the four avenues) and this will be a model for the next intensification project, suburban intensification.

Maurice Roers presented a response to comments taken back to Christchurch City Council staff re Action 1 from the September Strategic Partners Forum. (*pdf version is available on the UDS website: www.greaterchristchurch.org.nz*)

The following questions/issues were raised:

- i. Questions were raised on traffic flow in the Central City and the Council aim is to slow traffic for the area to become more cycle/pedestrian friendly.
- ii. Living in the Central City.
Concern was raised that intensification will push housing prices out of reach for residents in boarding houses but it is envisaged the market will take care of the pricing and it should be noted the Council has less social housing in the Central City than other parts of the city. Part of the L3/L4 work in the future is to provide a wide range of housing needs but Council does not have to operate in the same timeframe as developers so will have the opportunity to investigate affordable housing and housing affordability.
It was suggested a socio-economic mix be considered when planning revitalisation and a process be imbedded to address housing in the City Plan. Council are watching and learning from the Queenstown Lakes Housing Trust but housing is not all a local government responsibility as there are national issues and other agency issues.
Concern that well funded developers may be able to use a lawyer to get around the City Plan was raised but the Council not needing an instant return should prevent this. The Council is working with developers to ensure the City Plan is adhered to and the bar is raised for developments. Council is involved now with Feltex to provide a non statutory role.
Achieving harmonious living within the Central City where sound attenuation is higher is planned by encouraging the sharing of office space and night life space with resident space separate.
The L3/L4 review is looking at safer housing perceptions.
- iii. Increasing Open Space in the Central City
The Turners & Growers site in the east is progressing and Council is working with Greenspace to find areas to develop as pocket parks. To prevent recreating suburbia in the Central City open space needs to be redefined as a perception to include piazza's, squares etc.
- iv. The stance on building stock and using roof spans for capturing energy.
This should be in the Building Code rather than the City Plan but all Council investments will be green and the newly formed Urban Regeneration Agency may focus on this.

- v. Integrating passenger rail to link with the new bus exchange.
UDS, with Ecan as the lead partner, have commissioned a small study on this option including light transit and to see if there is a way for this to work in the Central City. These findings are due back in March/April 2008 and will be reported at a Strategic Partners Forum. UDS are protecting potential rail options and rail transport to AMI Stadium for the Rugby World Cup is also being investigated.

4. Other Matters

- i. Concern over the design and safety of bus boarders was expressed.
- ii. The establishment of an Urban Design Panel has been approved and institutes have been invited to nominate members for what is essentially an advocacy panel offering free advice to developers. The panel is due to commence a three year trial in March/April 2008.
- iii. It is proposed to provide a schedule of meetings for 2008 once meeting dates are set for the UDS Implementation Committee.
- iv. There is a UDSIC meeting on 17 December 2007 at 1.30pm at Environment Canterbury which members of the Strategic Partners Forum are welcome to attend but this meeting will be focussed on providing UDS background to the new members of the Implementation Committee.

FORUM OUTCOME SUMMARY

Actions derived from meeting:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bill will follow up for partner agencies are not getting support from the collaborative approach forum as UDS can assist solving issues or presenting to Central Government. 2. Future discussions on rail and light transport options will be regularly updated to the Strategic Partners Forum.
Information Requests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will bus boarders be implemented or removed? • Intensification information • Results from the rail and light transport study
Items for Next Agenda	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Progress on intensification models.
Topics noted for future discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timeframe for the Health and Social Services planning project • Addressing affordable housing issues and housing affordability