



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

STRATEGIC PARTNERS FORUM

**Held at the Christchurch Convention Centre, Christchurch
on Thursday 20 September 2007 at 10.00am**

FORUM MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bill Wasley	Independent Chair & Forum Chair
James Caygill	UDS Implementation Manger
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
Clare Sargeant	NZ Planning Institute
David Griffiths	Housing New Zealand
Dr Sue Jarvis	Enviorn Town (Lincoln)
Dr Ted Pryor	Christchurch Civic Trust
Gloria Weeks	Disabled Persons Reference Group
Ida Homan	Visitor
John Archer	Woodend Residents Association
Justine Baty	Ministry of Education
Keith Tallentire	Environment Canterbury
Matthew Cutler-Welsh	SPOKE
Nick Bryan	Ministry of Transport
Paul McNoe	Bus Operators Representative
Philippa Fussell	Department of Internal Affairs
Rebecca McLaughlan	NZ Institute of Architects
Simon Swaffield	Lincoln University

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ken Tremaine	Consultant
Laurie McCallum	Environment Canterbury (UDSIMG)
Trevor Ellis	Waimakariri District Council (UDSIMG)
Carolyn Ingles	Christchurch City Council (UDSIMG)
Steve Higgs	Transit NZ (UDSIMG)
Lisa Watson	UDS Project Coordinator

APOLOGIES RECEIVED:

David Corlett	Ministry of Transport
Dennis Parker	Sustainable Business Network
Grant McPhail	Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology
Jackie Curtis	Land Transport New Zealand
Julia Main	Department of Internal Affairs
Neville Smith	Ministry of Education
Pam Richardson	Federated Farmers
Peter Townsend	Canterbury Employers Chamber of Commerce
Sally Lathan	Migrant & Refugee Forum, Department of Internal Affairs
Selwyn Maister	Healthy Christchurch – Sport Canterbury
Sharon Torstonson	Council of Social Services
Simon Kingham	University of Canterbury
Sue Turner	Ministry of Youth Development

1. WELCOME

James Caygill (UDS Implementation Manger) introduced himself to the Forum members and presented an overview of the Forum agenda

2. RPS Process Update

James Caygill gave a short update on the timetable and process for the Proposed Change No.1 to the Regional Policy Statement. He noted that public submissions closed on October 31 2007.

3. TRANSPORT – RLTS PROCESS, TRIP PREVIEW

Ken Tremaine presented an overview of the Regional Land Transport Strategy (RLTS) process and a preview of the Canterbury Transport Implementation Plan (TRIP) entitled ‘Transportation Planning in Greater Christchurch and Canterbury’ (*pdf version is available on the UDS website: greaterchristchurch.org.nz*).

The following questions/issues were raised:

i. Underlying Assumptions of TRIP.

Transport Utilisation

The plan recognises the need for change (from business as usual) along with the requirement from Government to deliver a good package of transport proposals, including public transport and cycling.

Predicted Population Growth & Future Transport Use

The RLTS population assumptions are the underpinning population forecasts of the UDS. The population forecasts were developed and tested, along with global trends and issues, as part of the strategy development process. Peak oil and international issues will continue to influence future transport use and therefore continual monitoring is required.

- ii.** Risk Analysis & Management

The identification, analysis and management of risks to the UDS are addressed within the implementation section of the strategy under resilience and adoption. However issues need to be raised by the Strategic Partner Forum, as at every level of the UDS implementation structure to ensure appropriate and timely responses.

- iii.** Level of the RLTS i.e. does it include policies on local issues i.e. Car parking

Parking policies exist and are implemented at the Local body level i.e. City Plan not within the RLTS.

- iv.** Inconsistency and Alignment of Legislation & Policies

Inter-statutory challenges between the RMA & LGA were discussed along with the need to redirect thinking and implementation in a more flexible way.

Ken stated that alignment of regional and local body policies is a staged process as policies are interpreted and implemented through statutory mechanisms i.e. Long Term Plans, District Plans. James reassured the Forum that all the strategic partners were committed to policy alignment.

- v.** Affordability, Accessibility & Equality

Accessibility

Concerns were raised as to accessibility in relation to cost and time ‘can the public get to the places they need to get to in an affordable and timely way’, particularly in respect to meeting their social and medical needs.

Ken advised that affordability is at the core of the UDS land settlement pattern, upon which the RLTS is based. The RLTS also incorporates a shift to more multi modal transport, providing varied transport and price options.

A brief overview of the ‘Public Transport Review’ (PTR) was provided by Nick Bryan. The PTR is a detailed assessment of public transport based on ‘usefulness’ and ‘value for money’ in a central government sence, as opposed to ‘affordability’ in a community sence,. Ken agreed to go back and look at the review with regard to ‘affordability’.

Strategy Affordability

Questions were raised as to the affordability of the strategy at a city wide level, specifically in relation to the functions and forms of the city. It was proposed that city transport options be considered more in terms of modal and interchange points i.e. hub & spoke model, which operate in a comprehensive way.

Equality

The RLTS needs to recognise all uses including pedestrians, who are often overlooked.

4. INTENSIFICATION – HOW IS IT MEASURED, WHAT DOES IT MEAN

James Caygill presented an overview of intensification in a presentation entitled 'Intensification in Greater Christchurch 2007-2041. (*pdf version is available on the UDS website: greaterchristchurch.org.nz*).

The following questions/issues were raised:

i. Preservation of Heritage

James acknowledged that preservation of heritage was important, but that inevitably some heritage would be lost within the city; given that change is inevitable. However the challenge was striking the right balance and he noted that an action plan exists within the strategy to address the identification and preservation of heritage sites.

ii. Urban Design

Poor Urban Design

The Forum recognised the opportunities for intensification but questioned the impacts of poor urban design. The Forum expressed a strong desire to be involved in the development of options to achieve the allocated density targets. A workshop was proposed to assess different models of intensification in relationship to their characteristics, strengths, weaknesses and implications for the community.

Developers & Councils

The Forum acknowledged the fundamental role of developers and Councils in effecting good urban design. Questions were raised as to the membership and purpose of the Christchurch City Council 'Urban Design Panel'. Carolyn Ingles stated that the panel will provide independent, professional advice to resource consent applicants; the Council is looking at design and appearance rules in regard to L3 & L4.

iii. Council Processes

Concern was raised by the Forum with relation to the multi level development at New Brighton, and the lack of cognisance to the UDS. Ken suggested that due to the 2 year development period of the UDS, and the need for Councils to continue operating under current plans, the two processes had been caught up with one another.

5. AGENDA & MEETING ORGANISATION

The Forum requested that agenda items be discussed and determined by the Forum members and introductions be facilitated at the commencement of each meeting.

Next Meeting - Monday 19th November 10.00am – 12.00pm, Christchurch Convention Centre.

It is proposed to provide a schedule of meetings for the remainder of 2007 and all of 2008 after the local government elections (October) and once the meeting dates are set for the UDS Implementation Committee.

FORUM OUTCOME SUMMARY

Actions derived from meeting:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Forum recommendation to UDSIC: That a 'Pilot Scheme Project' be undertaken to assess different intensification models, based within local areas (A three dimensional model, in places we know). Assessment would include; characteristics, and implications.2. Ken to review the RLTS in regard to the issues raised, particularly in relation to affordability.
Information Requests	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work undertaken by Canterbury University regarding fossil fuels.
Items for Next Agenda	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Pilot Scheme Project2. Central City Revitalisation Strategy (to fit with concepts stated in the UDS)3. Social Implications of the Land Settlement Pattern (initiate discussions)4. Strategic Partners Information Needs
Topics noted for future discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development in Rural Areas• Mixed Use, what do people understand this to mean, and are the mixed uses compatible• Community Engagement Programme