

# Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy

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

### STRATEGIC PARTNERS FORUM

Held at the Christchurch Convention Centre, Christchurch  
on Monday, 07 April 2008 at 10.00am

#### FORUM MEMBERS PRESENT:

James Caygill	UDS Implementation Manger (Acting Chair)
Brian Wearing	Automobile Association
Carolyn Ingles	Christchurch City Council (UDSIMG)
Cathy Robinson	Canterbury Intersectoral Physical Activity & Nutrition
Chris Kissling	Lincoln University
Dan Coward	New Zealand Fire Services
David Corlett	Ministry of Transport
Deborah Parker	Christchurch City Council (Senior Communications Advisor)
Dr Ted Pryor	Christchurch Civic Trust
Elizabeth Resl	NZ Planning Institute
Gloria Weeks	Disabled Persons Reference Group
Hamish Douch	Representative of the Development Community
Jill Atkins	ECan (UDSING)
John Peet	Sustainable Otautahi-Christchurch
Karen Banwell	Christchurch City Council (Senior Policy Analyst)
Laurie McCallum	Environment Canterbury (UDSIMG)
Martin Maguire	Department of Internal Affairs
Mike Moore	Statistics New Zealand
Paul McNoe	Bus Operators Representative
Peter Goodwin	NZ Road Transport Association
Ralph Ross	Christchurch Combined Residents Association
Ray Tye	Christchurch City Council
Sally Latham	The Department of Internal Affairs Te Tari Taiwhenua
Simon Kingham	University of Canterbury
Simon Swaffield	Lincoln University
Steve Higgs	Transit (UDSIMG)

#### APOLOGIES RECEIVED:

Alan Turner	Automobile Association
Anna Stevenson	District Health Board
Bill Wasley	UDS Independent Chair & Forum Chair
Collin Knaggs	Transit New Zealand
Dennis Parker	Sustainable Business Network
Dr Sue Jarvis	Enviro Town (Lincoln)

Jackie Curtis	Land Transport New Zealand
Jan Harrison	Sustainable Business Network
John Archer	Woodend Residents Association
Julia Main	Department of Internal Affairs
Kate Hewson	Sustainable Otautahi Christchurch (SOC)
Lesley Keast	
Mark Chubb	Christchurch Fire Protection
Pam Richardson	Federated Farmers
Peter Townsend	Canterbury Employers Chamber of Commerce
Stephanie Styles	NZ Planning Institute
Warren Parker	Landcare Research

## **1. Welcome**

James Caygill apologised for Bill Wesley's absence. He flew to Auckland but flight from Auckland to Christchurch was cancelled.

James Caygill presented an overview of the Forum agenda

James corrected the minutes of previous meeting dated 19<sup>th</sup> November 2007.

## **2. Regional Policy Strategy Update**

Laurie McCallum explained and discussed the background, process and variations to the Regional Policy Strategy in detail. The document addressed to submitters was circulated to all at the meeting. This document outlines the process that will be followed.

The documents and process is supported by the UDS partners (Christchurch City Council, Transit, Environment Canterbury, Waimakariri and Selwyn District).

Questions regarding transport, implementation of the plan, priorities and having adequate resources were discussed.

It was noted that Canterbury does have a transport implement plan in place.

Carolyn Ingles briefly touched on the Area Plans already in progress i.e. South West Area Plan and Belfast and that the same methods would be used for suburban intensification and that the council was mindful of existing urban areas.

James Caygill would get someone from the City Council to do a presentation explaining the Belfast Area Plan at the next opportunity. This would allow everyone the opportunity to see the "bigger picture" for comprehensive planning and that transport was only one small aspect of the bigger picture.

There will be a meeting with Kim Dunstan from Stats NZ this month to assess and discuss the UDS Growth Projections.

A discussion around the constraints such as climate change, peak oil and the international system followed.

### 3. Transport

Bill was unfortunately not available to give feedback and as James had little to say in his place. This point of the agenda would be carried over to the next meeting.

### 4. UDS Action Plan

James Caygill expressed his concern that he was not confident whether appropriate engagement was taking place between lead and support agencies. There needed to be consultation between lead and support agencies to progress some of the activities. This forum has a role to play in ensuring that this happens.

James explained that the UDS action plans were set when the strategy was adopted in July 2007 and we would have to live with them until the next review. The first review was set for 3 years, which will be coming up soon. There are issues which will be addressed at the next review but should anyone have any queries, or suggestions to the action plan, to please let him know in the mean time so James can incorporate them into his mental list.

There was a suggestion of the 182 action points to be categorised into two phases.

Carolyn Ingles gave a clearer picture of the spatial and topical aspects of the UDS. The forum clearly communicated the need to grapple with issues of robustness and resilience of the UDS.

### 5. Other Matters

- i. Concern over the design and safety of bus boarders was expressed.
- ii. "Energy" action vs. Transport \$ per barrel of oil – An energy budget analysis was suggested.
- iii. It was suggested that various scenarios are looked at to prevent the plan moving towards "impossibilities". Some members felt strongly that the \$ per barrel of oil situation should be more seriously monitored.
- iv. The UDS should not be seen as a "dead document" but rather an continually invigorating process.

### FORUM OUTCOME SUMMARY

<b>Actions derived from meeting:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Belfast plan presentation.</li><li>2. Robustness &amp; resilience testing</li></ol>
<b>Information Requests</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Will bus boarders be implemented or removed?</li><li>2. Intensification information</li><li>3. Results from the public transport study</li></ol>
<b>Items for Next Agenda</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Progress on intensification models.</li><li>2. Transport</li><li>3. Area Plans</li></ol>
<b>Topics noted for future discussion</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Timeframe for the Health and Social Services planning project</li><li>2. Addressing affordable housing issues and housing affordability</li></ol>