

**Greater Christchurch Partnership  
Our Space 2018-2048 - Greater Christchurch Settlement Pattern Update**

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Questions	
Question 1: Our Space highlights there is significant capacity for new housing through redevelopment in Christchurch City but to accommodate housing growth in Selwyn and Waimakariri it identifies additional greenfield land around Rolleston, Rangiora and Kaiapoi. <i>Do you agree or disagree with this approach and why?</i>	
Agree/disagree	Somewhat disagree
Comment	Our soils must be protected. We don't have transport methods ready for this sort of growth; this must only be done once we have rapid transport in place, else Christchurch will be gridlocked as commuters drive in from all these satellite towns. Further, the air quality will be greatly diminished by many more cars on the road. Do what is done in Auckland and build medium density around mass transit centres, like Mt Eden station and New Lynn.
Question 2: Our Space adopts the current planning framework that encourages a range of new housing types, especially in the central city, close to suburban centres within the City and around existing towns in Selwyn and Waimakariri. <i>Do you agree or disagree with this approach and why?</i>	
Agree/disagree	Agree
Comment	We need higher density housing.
Question 3: Our Space proposes to develop an action plan to increase the supply of social and affordable housing across Greater Christchurch and investigate with housing providers different models to make it easier for people to own their own home. <i>What elements should be included in this action plan?</i>	
Comment	Should be done in partnership with a separated rapid transport network - like Kiwibuild apartments along the future light rail corridor in Auckland.
Question 4: Our Space adopts the current planning framework that directs new commercial development (office and retail) to existing centres to retain their viability and vitality, especially the central city, suburban centres and town centres in Selwyn and Waimakariri. <i>Do you agree or disagree with this approach and why? What further measures would support such development?</i>	
Agree/disagree	Somewhat agree
Comment	
Question 5: The Canterbury Regional Policy Statement and the District Plans for Christchurch City and Selwyn and Waimakariri Districts have already identified sufficient capacity for new industrial businesses. <i>Do you agree or disagree this is sufficient and in the right location and why?</i>	
Agree/disagree	Agree

Comment	
Question 6: The proposals in Our Space are informed by a Capacity Assessment that considers future demands for housing and business land, based on demographic changes and projections from Statistics New Zealand, and likely changes in our economy (including through business sector trends and impacts from technological change). <i>Do you agree or disagree with our evidence base and why?</i>	
Agree/disagree	Agree
Comment	
Question 7: Our Space promotes greater densities around key centres to increase accessibility to employment and services by walking, cycling and public transport. This aligns with recent transport proposals that signal more high frequency bus routes and an intention to deliver rapid transit along the northern and south-west transport corridors. <i>Do you agree or disagree with this approach and why?</i>	
Agree/disagree	Agree
Comment	Absolutely agree. Christchurch has no hope of remaining a good city to live in if proper mass transit is not pursued. These proposals have been a long time coming and they must have business cases drawn up before greenfield development is permitted.
Question 8: Our Space aligns with broader infrastructure planning (including wastewater, water supply, stormwater, energy, telecommunications, community facilities, schools and healthcare) to help create sustainable, cohesive and connected communities. <i>Do you agree or disagree with this approach and why? What more could be done to integrate infrastructure planning?</i>	
Agree/disagree	Agree
Comment	
Question 9: What other points do you wish to make to inform the final Our Space 2018-2048: Greater Christchurch Settlement Pattern Update?	
Comment	The biggest point to make is that our soils are a finite resource. The class 1 and 2 soils must be protected - no more motorway or pavements over them. As the price of emissions increases there will be a massive incentive to move away from livestock and to vege farming - this can only be done with these high quality soils. Destroying the soils means removing any ability for lower carbon self-sustaining food production for Christchurch.
Attachments	