

Media Release

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New location proposed for Dargaville Township

Moving the Dargaville town centre up Hokianga Road is one of the bold new ideas the Kaipara District Council is currently floating in their draft spatial plan consultation that runs until Friday 29 November 2019.

The Council is asking the community for their views on the three top planning options for Dargaville, Kaiwaka and Maungaturoto. The draft plans build on feedback already received from businesses, industry and communities. They include development areas for residential housing, light and heavy industry and spaces to meet growth, and increase sustainability. Proposals for Mangawhai will be available in December.

Alongside a new down-town for Dargaville are proposals for how to extend Maungaturoto towards the rail line, and to intensify the build-up along State Highway 1 in Kaiwaka.

Mayor of Kaipara, Dr Jason Smith encourages people to get involved in shaping the future of Kaipara's main towns. "We're thinking 30 years into the future and together with community we all need to get on with shaping some important decisions now. The spatial plans are like nothing that's ever been done for planning in Kaipara, and I hope people will take a fresh look here. The spatial plans will help Kaipara, as one of the fastest growing districts in New Zealand, thrive through changes ahead it. They will help us preserve things we value about Kaipara and make the best of our opportunities for a sustainable future."

District Planner, Paul Waanders echoes the Mayor's statement saying "We've considered how we use the areas that are most likely to be affected by climate change and natural disasters, like earthquakes. We've also considered where our most fertile land is and how to keep it productive. We're thinking about transport routes and where industry needs to go. There are a lot of possibilities and we'd like to hear what you think.

The spatial plan will feed into a new District Plan which will have a direct impact on how your growing towns accommodates or welcomes change."

To learn more about the Spatial Plan and have your input visit www.kaipara.govt.nz/haveyoursay or attend one of the Drop - In sessions being hosted across the district –

- **Dargaville** – Monday 18 November 2019, Dargaville Town Hall, 3.30pm – 7.30pm
- **Maungaturoto** – Tuesday 19 November 2019, Maungaturoto Centennial Hall, 3.30pm – 7.30pm
- **Kaiwaka** - Wednesday 20 November, Kaiwaka Sports Complex, 4.00pm – 7.30pm

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What is a Spatial Plan?

A spatial plan is a high level look at how a place will grow to improve the future social, economic, cultural and environmental well-being of a community.

The purpose of this spatial plan is to create a framework for future development in three Kaipara District towns and to help leverage growth and development opportunities associated with the overflow of the Auckland region's growth and the hidden tourism potential of the area. This planning will also enable and support other agencies in health, education and business to provide the right services at the right time.

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