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Woodend Pegasus Development Strategy Under Way

Waimakariri District Council have begun work on a strategy for the future development of the Woodend Pegasus area.

A significant increase in the demand for residential development as a result of the relocation of earthquake affected people from Kaiapoi and eastern Christchurch suburbs has intensified the need for management of growth and development in the area and the broadening of a scope for a development strategy.

A Woodend Pegasus Development Strategy steering group has been set up. Supported by Council staff, the steering group comprises the Mayor, three Councillors and members of the Woodend Ashley Community Board, and representatives from the Woodend and Pegasus residents' associations, the boards of trustees of Woodend and Waikuku schools and businesses from Woodend and Pegasus.

Issues to be addressed in the strategy focus on population, business and the town centre(s), connectivity and community. The strategy will also consider the implications of population and household projections, the New Zealand Transport Agency's (NZTA) position on the future of State Highway 1 at Woodend, availability of public transport, the adequacy of existing community facilities, green spaces, walkways and cycleways, the complementarity

of business zones in the wider area, enhancement of the Woodend town centre environment, the possible future demand for community development and other social services, and other issues and opportunities as they emerge.

Mayor David Ayers, who chairs the steering group, says "Woodend and Pegasus are both growing towns, and there is also potential for growth in such surrounding rural areas as Waikuku Village. There is a lot to think about in relation to such things as the town centres, links between the various areas and community facilities. We look forward to working with residents, community organisations, schools and business people in this area as we put this development strategy together".

The Council has created a dedicated project page on their website (waimakariri.govt.nz) for people to find out more and register to stay informed throughout the process.

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