

Media Release



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Southern Settlements Structure Plan goes ahead

Taupō District Council has adopted the Southern Settlements Structure Plan. The decision was made at the Tuesday 28 May Council meeting.

The hearing for the Southern Settlements Structure Plan was held in February. An ad hoc hearing committee consisting of councillors and Turangi Tongariro Community Board members was formed to hear and deliberate on submissions. The committee heard 15 submissions and deliberated between February and April 2013. They then made their recommended changes to the structure plan. The changes have now been finalised and the structure plan has been adopted by Council.

The key changes to come out of submissions and deliberations are an extension of the Omori growth area up to Omori Road and further explanation around the commercial and community areas. The Kuratau 'recreation corridor' has been removed from the map so that its delineation can be determined at the time of a future plan change.

The Southern Settlements Structure Plan assesses potential for residential growth and development in and around Turangi, Omori, Kuratau, Whareroa and Motuoapa and will be used to inform future private plan changes to the Taupō District Plan. The plan will increase certainty for landowners about Council's expectations for growth management in the southern part of the Taupō District.

For more information about the Southern Settlements Structure Plan visit www.taupo.govt.nz.

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