



Spatial Plan FAQ's

What is a Spatial Plan?

Spatial plans are high-level documents which set out a long-term direction for development. They are used to determine where and what types of development are required throughout the plan period, to balance the needs of the community whilst responsibly managing natural resources and protection of the environment.

Spatial Plans are visual strategies, which identify new areas of development and opportunities for greater density.

Spatial Plans are non-statutory documents, prepared outside of the Resource Management Act 1991 but can be subject to the Local Government Act 2002 consultation process. They are proactive and adaptive, however are reliant on statutory processes which require changes to other Council documents such as the District Plan (planning rules) and Long-Term Plans (council budget), to implement change.

What will the Kaikōura Spatial Plan do?

The Kaikōura Spatial Plan sets out how and where the Kaikōura district should grow and develop over the next 30 years. The extended time frame allows the district to proactively address and plan for anticipated changes, ensuring that any development growth aligns with the values and aspirations of the community.

The Kaikōura Spatial Plan will play a crucial role in shaping future land use patterns and guiding decisions relating to new zoning within the Kaikōura District Plan. The Plan will be used not only to inform local initiatives but will also have potential to influence regional and central government investment decisions.

What consultation has happened to date?

The Kaikōura Spatial Plan has been collaboratively produced, integrating diverse perspectives from a range of partners (i.e. Kaikōura District Council Councillors and Te Rūnanga o Kaikōura), landowners, stakeholders, and the community. This inclusive approach fostered the creation of a shared vision that sets expectations for future growth, development, and connectivity within the district's townships and rural settlements.

Community events and stakeholder workshops were conducted in spring and summer of 2023, which formed the scope and vision of Spatial Plan. Further refinement of the Plan has been undertaken since this, through the means of hui with Te Rūnanga o Kaikōura and workshops with District Council Councillors.

The Spatial Plan is now open to public comment, until 5pm on Friday 18th October 2024. The Spatial Plan can be downloaded on our website at URL <https://www.Kaikōura.govt.nz/council/public-notice>

or hard copies are available to view at the Council office and library at 96 West End, Kaikōura. Consultation forms are available on the website to fill in.

What are the next steps?

At the end of the consultation on 18th October, we will collate all submissions and produce a summary table of all submissions. Submissions will be considered by the Council and elected Councillors will have final say in the direction of the Spatial Plan. This is expected to occur at the November Council meeting.