

How does planning for growth happen?

Planning for growth and change is a collaborative effort between Auckland City, the community, and agencies and investors whose activities affect communities. The latter includes government providers of services such as education and health, community organisations, developers and financiers, and transport agencies.

Urban living communities

For urban living communities, Auckland City will work with these groups to develop liveable community plans for each of the areas of change. This planning process takes time and investment, and the council will phase in new areas as resources become available.

Liveable community plans outline a comprehensive framework for managing growth and development within an area of change. The plan will indicate how additional households and businesses will be provided for, what resources are needed to maintain or improve the liveability of each area and the actions needed to ensure that the physical and social infrastructure can cater for growth.

Liveable Communities

- n are safe
- n encourage cycling and walking
- n are attractive
- n offer a choice of lifestyle
- n have mixed use at their core
- n have access to a choice of transport
- n create a sense of belonging

Business development communities

For business development communities, Auckland City follows a similar process to find out the needs of businesses in the area and what is required to attract further economic development, for example better access, facilities for workers, and services. In general, business development communities will support a mix of uses that are not compatible with residential use and that provide a high level of employment.



Planning with the community

The main steps involved in developing a liveable community plan are outlined below.

Developing the vision

- Engage the local community in the planning process
- Run focus group meetings and open planning sessions.
- Provide resources and technical skills.
- Assemble background information.
- Identify key issues.
- Develop shared vision.



Developing the liveable community plan

- Coordinate development of the liveable community plan.
- Coordinate council and community input.
- Communicate the vision.
- Develop actions.
- Identify key projects for council and others.
- Make a commitment to sustaining the strategy.



Implementing the liveable community plan

- Ensure ongoing budget and works implementation.
- Achieve and celebrate milestones.
- Review progress and identify next milestones.
- Respond to changing circumstances.
- Start community initiatives.



Action Plan

Once the liveable communities plan is in place, Auckland City develops an action plan for each centre. The action plan puts the liveable communities plan into practice. It will be different for each centre and may include some of the following.

- n Making changes to the district plan to allow increased density in certain areas, using the new Residential 8 zone. (see next page for more detail) Any changes to the district plan have to go through a statutory process which can take up to two years. Controls for urban design are included in plan changes to ensure high-quality development in growth areas.
- n Adding projects to the council's annual budgets, such as upgrading main streets, developing facilities like pools and parks, and infrastructure and or road projects.
- n Making changes to infrastructure such as drainage, council buildings or roads.
- n Changing council services, such as waste management and recreation, to better suit the growing community.
- n Entering partnership projects with other agencies, such as economic or community development activities that improve the community's ability to cope with change and growth.
- n Working with the private sector to attract investment and quality development.

