

PROPOSED CITY PLAN CENTRAL CITY OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

INTRODUCTION

Volume 2 of the Proposed City Plan contains objectives and policies. The following is a selection of the key objectives and policies that relate to the Central City. It should be noted that accompanying these objectives and policies there are 'explanation and reasons' and 'environmental results anticipated', however for the purpose of this summary these have not been included.

VOLUME 2 OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

City Identity

Objective: Form

- 4.1 The maintenance and enhancement of natural and physical features and characteristics contributing to the distinctive form of the city.

Policy: Central Business Area

- 4.1.1 To maintain and enhance the central business area as the principal physical focus of the city.

Objective: Amenity

- 4.2 A pleasant and attractive city.

Policy: Garden City

- 4.2.2 To recognise and promote the "Garden City" identity, heritage and character of Christchurch.

Policy: External appearance of buildings

- 4.2.3 To promote, and where appropriate, ensure the harmony and compatibility of buildings.

Policy: Public space

- 4.2.4 To ensure the development and protection of the quality of public open spaces.

Policy: Art in public places

- 4.2.5 To promote appropriate cultural development and the expression of art in buildings and areas accessible to the public.

URBAN GROWTH

Objective: Business activity and urban growth

- 6.2 Patterns of land use that promote and reinforce a close proximity and good accessibility between living, business and other employment areas.

Policy: Central city

- 6.2.1 To promote the central city as the principal focus for commercial, administration, employment, cultural and tourism activities.

TRANSPORT

Policy: Central city access

7.2.7 To provide a high standard of access for people to, from and within the central city.
Objective: Public transport

7.3 Recognition of the public transport needs of the people throughout the city and provision for meeting those needs

Policy: Planning

7.3.3 To plan and develop an efficient pattern of public transport routes and associated and associated terminus facilities, which best serve the public's needs.

Policy: Park and ride

7.3.5 To investigate the opportunities for park and ride facilities within the city.

Policy: Network development

7.4.5 To continue to develop a clearly identified cycle network throughout the city by:

- (a) providing safe, convenient cycle routes for school children;
- (b) using the secondary road network and using and creating vehicle free routes where possible; and
- (c) making special provision for cycle commuters on some arterial roads to allow direct access to the central city.
- (d) selecting cycle routes and enhancing additional routes to increase the safety and pleasantness of the network

Objective: Pedestrians

7.5 The safe movement of pedestrians in a pleasant environment

Policy: Facilities

7.5.1 To improve and develop pedestrian facilities throughout the city.

Policy: Safety

7.5.4 To reduce the conflict between vehicles and pedestrians throughout the city by providing pedestrian facilities.

Objective: Off street parking and loading

7.6 Sufficient and accessible off-street parking and loading facilities meeting the normal anticipated demands for each activity, while minimising the adverse effects of such facilities on the safety and efficiency of the transport system.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND IDENTITY

Policy: Cultural facilities

9.2.1 To promote the maintenance and establishment of metropolitan cultural facilities, particularly in the central city, and in other locations where appropriate.

LIVING

Objective: Diverse living environments

11.1 A diversity of living environments based on the differing characteristics of areas of the city.

Policy: Densities

11.1.4 To provide for various levels of building density within living areas, taking into account the existing character of these areas, the capacity of infrastructure and strategic objectives of urban consolidation.

Policy: Buffers between living and business areas of the city.

11.6.1 To establish buffers between living and business areas of the city.

BUSINESS

Objective: Role of the central city

12.1 To maintain and enhance the central city as a focus for the city, to provide for the greatest diversity, scale and intensity of activities, and to avoid remedy or mitigate the adverse effects of such activity on the city as a whole.

Policy: Compact pedestrian area

12.1.1 To ensure that a core pedestrian area is provided in the central city which is compact, convenient and safe for workers, shoppers, visitors and tourists.

Policy: Consolidation

12.1.2 To encourage intensification of activities and development of sites within the existing area of the central city.

Policy: Building density

12.1.3 To provide for the greatest concentration and scale of buildings to occur in the central city.

Policy: Diversity

12.1.4 To provide for a wide range of activities within the central city.

Policy: Residential activity

12.1.5 To encourage residential activity within the central city.

Policy: Retail areas

12.1.6 To provide for a retail environment which maintains the character of the central city, the diversity of opportunity it provides, and minimises adverse effects.

Policy: Leisure and recreation

12.1.7 To promote leisure and recreational activity within the central city.

Policy: Visitor accommodation

12.1.8 To encourage visitor accommodation within the central city.

Objective: Central city access and parking

12.2 A highly accessible central city for people and all forms of transport.

Policy: Access

12.2.1 To provide a high standard of access for people to, from and within the central city.

Policy: Parking

12.2.2 To ensure adequate and balanced provision of off-street and on-street vehicle parking for short term visitors and business needs in the central city.

Policy: Cash in lieu of parking

12.2.3 To provide for a financial contribution in lieu of car parking on sites in the central city where it is not practicable to provide car parking.

Policy: Pedestrian linkages

12.2.4 To develop a comprehensive network of pedestrian linkages within the central city.

Objective: Central city amenity

12.3 Enhancement of the amenity values, character and image of the central city, while avoiding, remedying or mitigating the adverse effects resulting from activity and development within this area.

Policy: Public open space

12.3.1 To improve and enhance the quality of public open spaces within the central city.

Policy: Daylight and sunlight

12.3.4 To ensure a reasonable level of access for daylight to public spaces, and a maximum level of direct sunlight access to important pedestrian streets in the central city.

Policy: Weather protection

12.3.5 To ensure that adverse climatic effects are minimised in areas of high pedestrian movements within the central city.

Policy: Urban form

12.3.6 To ensure that the shape, scale and physical form of the built environment in the central city appropriately reflects the environmental qualities of the area.

Policy: Layout

12.3.7 To reinforce the elements which provide the underlying pattern of the central city.

Policy: Transition to living areas

12.3.8 To ensure that the scale of development in the central city does not adversely affect the amenity values adjoining living areas.

Policy: Effects on amenity

12.3.9 To control the adverse effects of development and activity within the central city, consistent with maintaining amenity values.

Policy: Heritage items

12.3.10 To encourage the protection of heritage items within the central city.

Policy: Cumulative effects

12.4.4 To take into account the cumulative effects of the new commercial activities and development.