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Draft Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan

Purpose

 The purpose of this briefing is to provide the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee (GCPC) members with an update on the Draft Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan (GCSP) consultation process.

Consultation update

2. As outlined in Table 1, the GCSP was open for consultation between 19 June 2023 and 23 July 2023. The draft GCSP and consultation collateral can be accessed on the website https://greaterchristchurch.org.nz/.

Table 1: Consultation Phase		
Monday June 19 to Sunday 23 July 2023	Consultation	
Mid July to early August 2023	Submission Summary	
Late July – late September 2023	Officer Report Prepared	
Late October – late November 2023	Hearings, Deliberations, and Hearings Panel Recommendations Report prepared	
December 2023 (or early February 2024)	Whakawhanake Kāinga Komiti meeting Recommend to partner governance to adopt the Spatial Plan. Date to be confirmed	
February 2024 – March 2024	Partner governance meetings Adopt the Spatial Plan	

- 3. Key elements of the consultation included:
 - **Webinar** held on Tuesday 27 June and presented by Mark Stevenson, Tim Harris, Tracy Tierney. Sixty people attended the webinar with several questions answered verbally on the day or in writing following the webinar.
 - Website The draft spatial plan, supporting information and submission form available on the website with supporting print and online advertising promoting the website for further information. (Note: Hard copies of the draft plan were also provided to each Council for distribution).

- **Channels** Partner agency channels, Huihui Mai social media channels and electronic newsletters to GCP databases were all utilised. Social media promotion proved to be successful with 1,453 actively engaged across a range of platforms.
- **Hui** Members of the project team were invited to attend huis with a range of organisations including:
 - Spokes Canterbury
 - Envirohub
 - CIAL
 - Transpower
 - Richmond Residents Association
 - Drop-in session at the New Brighton Library
- Youth Building on the successful youth engagement and networks developed through the Huihui Mai engagement, huis were held with several schools across the Greater Christchurch area during the consultation phase. Youth were encouraged to consider the draft spatial plan and make a submission. Subsequently 19 youth groups have made a submission representing the views of approximately 200 youth with many groups asking to participate in the hearing process.

Submission and Hearing update

- 4. 355 submissions had been received. Approximately 80% of these were based around the 'Have Your Say' questions provided on the submission form. The remaining submissions have provided separate documentation to support their position, in a more 'bespoke' manner. These tend to be through lawyers or planning consultancies on behalf of larger groups, stakeholders, and developers. These also tend to be more complex and detailed submissions.
- 5. Indicative figures for submissions by area based on addresses supplied provided in Table 2.

Table 2: Submission Break Down		
District	Number of submissions	
Christchurch City	205	
Selwyn District	55	
Waimakariri District	17	
Other/Unknown	78	
Total	355	

- 6. At this stage approximately 144 submitters have indicated they wish to present to the Hearing Panel.
- 7. It is notable that around 40 submissions were received that had points of limited relevance to the content of the draft GCSP. These instead raised a range of matters including global agendas undermining local democracy, population control, forcing people into particular forms of settlement and other ideologies. Many of these submitters have also indicated they wish to be heard. Unfortunately, there were also a handful of submissions received that were obscene, offensive and/or derogatory in nature. Advice is being sought from Stephen Daysh, as Independent Chair, on how best to manage these submissions both in terms of scope, acceptance (or not) of out-of-scope submissions and appropriate management of the hearing

- process. Consideration will be given to how to run the hearings effectively while ensuring the safety of the Panel, staff and the public.
- 8. The Hearings have been set for the following dates and venues. The GCP secretariat has been in touch with the members of the Hearings Panel (the Panel) and have confirmed their availability.
 - Thursday 26 October 2023 CCC Chambers
 - Friday 27 October 2023 WDC Chambers
 - Monday 30 October 2023 SDC Chambers
 - Thursday 2 November 2023 CCC Chambers
 - Friday 3 November Venue suitable for Youth Day (to be confirmed) and/or possible extra full hearing day
- 9. Given the number of submitters who have indicated they wish to be heard, depending on how the Panel choose to run the hearing process i.e. length of time allocated to each speaker, additional hearing day(s) may be required.
- 10. In discussion with the Independent Chair, Stephen Daysh, a workshop with the Panel will be held on 24 and 25 August to allow the Panel members to come together and meet each other, learn more around the context and background to the GCP, understand the process and work though what hearing 'procedures' are to be issued. The Panel will also undertake site visits across the Greater Christchurch area to increase their familiarity with key sites/areas of interest.