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Our Space Consultation
Greater Christchurch Partnership,
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Proposed Our Space 2018-2048 Greater Christchurch Settlement Pattern Update- Ministry of Education Submission

The Ministry of Education ('the Ministry') welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the Our Space 2018-2048 Greater Christchurch Settlement Pattern Update (Our Space).

Background:

Education contributes to New Zealand's social, cultural, economic and environmental wellbeing. It builds a future workforce that can participate in new and emerging jobs. It contributes to people's health and wellbeing and wellbeing outcomes, cultural identity and positive participation in society.

The Ministry is the Government's lead advisor on the New Zealand education system, shaping direction for education agencies and providers and contributing to the Government's goals for education. The Ministry has responsibility for all education property owned by the Crown. This involves managing the existing property portfolio, upgrading and improving the portfolio, purchasing and constructing the new property to meet increased demand, identifying and disposing of surplus State school sector property and managing teacher and caretaker housing.

The Ministry is therefore a considerable stakeholder in terms of activities that may impact on existing and future educational facilities and assets in the Greater Christchurch area.

The Proposed Our Space 2018-2048 Greater Christchurch Settlement Pattern Update in relation to the Ministry's interests:

Our Space is a review of the land use planning framework for Greater Christchurch. It outlines the Greater Christchurch Partnership's proposed settlement pattern and strategic planning framework to meet land use and infrastructure needs over the medium (next 10 years) and long term (10 to 30 years) periods. The population in Greater Christchurch is projected to grow to about 640,000 by 2048, being 150,000 more residents than in 2018. This population growth translates to about 74,000 new households in Greater Christchurch by 2048 with 54% of this growth in Christchurch City, 28% in Selwyn and 18% in Waimakariri.

The Submission

Overall, the Ministry supports the proposed strategy and the inclusion and consideration of social infrastructure such as schools. In particular, the Ministry submits on the following:

(i) Early Engagement

The Ministry notes that provision for new growth is generally to be accommodated by new greenfield areas in Rolleston, Rangiora and Kaiapoi and intensification in Christchurch City.

While the Ministry has been planning on the basis that these areas would be developed over time, it encourages Councils to continue to undertake early engagement with the Ministry when implementing these areas for development. The Ministry is comfortable with its planning for schools in the proposed greenfield areas, but notes that there is some uncertainty of the urban form and location of the intensification in the City and its implications for schools. Early engagement between the parties particularly where the urban form is uncertain, will enable a co-ordinated approach in which the Ministry



can be proactive in ensuring that schools are available and have capacity to respond to growth. Overall, the Ministry sees close collaboration with the Greater Christchurch Partnership as being crucial to the timely and effective provision of schools within the Greater Christchurch area to facilitate appropriate education opportunities.

(ii) Consolidated Growth and a “10-minute Neighbourhood”

The Ministry supports the concept of a 10-minute neighbourhood for key centres (although it appears Figure 19 is not referred to in the text and there is limited commentary on the 10-minute neighbourhood) and its implications for integrated transport including, walking, cycling and public transport. The Ministry looks forward to working with Councils in further implementing this concept.

(iii) Shared use of Facilities

While not explicitly referred to in the Our Space document the Ministry supports and encourages investigating opportunities for sharing recreation and community facilities with Councils, in particular in the interests of minimising duplication particularly in areas of limited space and where there are high costs. Some facilities are shared at present by the Ministry and Councils and there is likely to be further scope for these arrangements, including in those areas of intensification. These types of flexible uses and agreements assist in enabling accessible and quality facilities and activities for use by the students and community. It is also likely to assist in meeting the concept of a 10-minute neighbourhood.

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of this feedback please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned as consultant to the Ministry.



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