

## SD — Strategic Direction

This chapter provides the overarching direction for the District Plan, including for developing the other chapters in the District Plan, and for its subsequent implementation and interpretation.

### Climate Change and Natural Hazards

<b>CCSD-01</b>	<b>Carbon Neutral</b>
The urban form and built development in Lower Hutt supports the transition of the city to be carbon neutral by 2050.	

<b>CCSD-02</b>	<b>Natural Hazards</b>
The risk to people, communities, and property from natural hazards, and from the potential effects of climate change on natural hazards, is avoided or minimised to acceptable levels.	

### Infrastructure

<b>INFSD-01</b>	<b>Integration</b>
Land use and development is integrated with the provision of infrastructure, including transport and three waters services, and open space.	

<b>INFSD-02</b>	<b>Coordination</b>
The nature, timing and sequencing of new development is co-ordinated with the funding, implementation and operation of necessary transport and other infrastructure.	

<b>INFSD-03</b>	<b>National and Regional Significance</b>
Infrastructure of national and regional significance is supported and protected.	

<b>INFSD-04</b>	<b>Multi-Modal Land Transport Network</b>
A multi-modal land transport network, including connections between rail, road and sea transport networks, operates safely and efficiently.	

<b>INFSD-05</b>	<b>Accessibility</b>
Urban environments and transport networks are integrated to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enable people to access opportunities, including employment and education, by a range of transport modes, and</li> <li>Support an increase in active and public transport use.</li> </ol>	

<b>INFSD-06</b>	<b>Water Sensitive Design</b>
New development integrates water sensitive design to improve freshwater quality and avoid or mitigate the risks of flooding.	

### Natural Environment

<b>NESD-01</b>	<b>Te Awa Kairangi / Hutt River</b>
The health and wellbeing of Te Awa Kairangi / the Hutt River is restored and protected, and the River is recognised as the heart of the city.	

<b>NESD-02</b>	<b>Significant Water Bodies</b>
Protect the values of the city's significant water bodies, including Te Awa Kairangi / the Hutt River, Wainuiomata River and Waiwhetū Stream.	

<b>NESD-03</b>	<b>Natural Character, Natural Features and Landscapes, Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity</b>
Protect and enhance the natural character, natural features and landscapes, ecosystems and indigenous biodiversity of the city.	

<b>NESD-04</b>	<b>Mātiu - Makāro - Mokopuna</b>
Mouri Motu, Mouri Tangata, Mouri Ora.	
Protecting and strengthening the mouri of the Harbour Islands and their ecosystems to revitalise and enhance the health and well-being of people and communities involved with the Islands, and be life-sustaining for all.	

## Tangata Whenua

<b>TWSD-01</b>	<b>Role of Tangata Whenua</b>
The role of tangata whenua as kaitiaki in the protection and management of the natural and physical resources of an area is acknowledged and provided for.	

<b>TWSD-02</b>	<b>Active Participation</b>
Enable the active participation of tangata whenua in the implementation of the District Plan.	

<b>TWSD-03</b>	<b>Wāhi Taonga and Sites and Areas of Significance to Tangata Whenua</b>
Wāhi taonga and sites of significance to tangata whenua are protected.	

<b>TWSD-04</b>	<b>Culture, Traditions and Social and Economic Aspirations</b>
Tangata whenua are able to protect, develop and use Whenua Māori in a way that is consistent with their culture and traditions and their social and economic aspirations.	

## Urban Form and Development

<b>UDSD-01</b>	<b>Well-Functioning Urban Environment</b>
A well-functioning urban environment that enables all people and communities to provide for their social, economic, and cultural wellbeing, and for their health and safety, now and into the future.	

<b>UDSD-02</b>	<b>Outcomes for Well-Functioning Urban Environments</b>
<p>Urban development supports the creation of liveable, well-functioning urban environments that are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safe and well-designed,</li> <li>Walkable and connected by public transport and sustainable travel choices, including micro-mobility modes,</li> <li>Serviced by the necessary infrastructure appropriate to the intensity, scale and function of the development,</li> <li>Connected to open space and the natural environment,</li> <li>Ecologically sensitive,</li> <li>Close to employment opportunities,</li> <li>Resilient to the impacts of natural hazards and climate change,</li> <li>Respectful of, and integrated with, the city's historic heritage, and</li> <li>Adaptable over time and responsive to their evolving, more intensive surrounding context.</li> </ol>	

<b>UDSD-03</b>	<b>Urban Form</b>
The city's urban form consolidates and intensifies the existing urban area, with greenfield development only taking place within identified areas.	

<b>UDSD-04</b>	<b>Location of Urban Development</b>
Urban development takes place within areas identified for this purpose in a manner which uses land and infrastructure	

most efficiently.

<b>UDSD-05</b>	<b>Development Capacity</b>
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Sufficient feasible development capacity for housing is provided to meet the targets of:

- a. Short Term to Medium Term (2022 — 2032): 6,450 dwelling units
- b. Long Term (2032 — 2052): 11,551 dwelling units

<b>UDSD-06</b>	<b>Housing Choice</b>
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A range of housing opportunities are available to meet the needs of a diverse range of people and communities, including:

- a. A choice in housing types, densities and locations, and
- b. Affordable, community and social housing and papakāinga.

<b>UDSD-07</b>	<b>Housing Quality</b>
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Housing is to provide a quality living environment, both for occupants and the wider community.

<b>UDSD-08</b>	<b>Rural and Open Space Areas</b>
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Rural and open space areas that surround the urban area in the form of a greenbelt are retained. These areas extend along the Western and Eastern Hills, and along the Eastern Bays to the southern coast, and:

- a. Enable ongoing primary production and active and passive recreation uses, and
- b. Protect the cultural, heritage and natural values of these areas.

<b>UDSD-09</b>	<b>City-Wide Network of Open Spaces</b>
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A city-wide network of open spaces that are valued for their:

- a. Active and passive recreation and community uses,
- b. Cultural, heritage and natural values, and
- c. Resilience role in emergencies,

is maintained and enhanced.

<b>UDSD-010</b>	<b>Community Spaces</b>
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A range of community spaces are available to meet the needs of a diverse range of people and communities.

<b>UDSD-011</b>	<b>Special Values</b>
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Lower Hutt's significant character, heritage and open space values are reflected in its built environment.

<b>UDSD-012</b>	<b>Centres as Community Focal Points</b>
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Maintain and enhance the central city and neighbourhood centres as community focal points with a wide diversity and concentration of activities.

<b>UDSD-013</b>	<b>Centres Hierarchy</b>
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Establish and maintain a hierarchy of viable and vibrant business centres that provide a focus for retail, commercial, entertainment, education and employment activities and serve the social, cultural, environmental and economic needs of the community.

<b>UDSD-014</b>	<b>Industrial and Business Activities</b>
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Industrial and business activities contribute to the economic, cultural, social and environmental wellbeing and prosperity of the community.