## Plan Change 53 - Settlements **Discussion Document** Introduction











## **Settlements Plan Change – Plan Change 53**

This plan change is part of the Matamata-Piako District Plan review and looks at how our plans are working for our small settlements and rural house sites.

We are now at the second stage of community and stakeholder consultation process. Last October, we sought feedback from the community and stakeholders about how our settlements can be supported and developed. We received a great range of feedback and this has been summarised in a document which is available to download on our website <a href="https://www.mpdc.nz/settlements">www.mpdc.nz/settlements</a>.

Based on this feedback and further assessment of the planning provisions which would best help our settlements, we have prepared a draft set of provisions and options. We are now seeking feedback on these draft provisions so these can be further assessed and refined before we notify the plan change.

The material that we have prepared includes:

- A discussion paper and outline of the type of zone and rule provisions that have been considered and a proposal for further feedback. This includes some new plan provisions which have been prepared specifically for our settlement areas. In some cases, these may be considered across other zones within the District however this will require a separate process and is outside the scope of the current plan change.
- A draft set of zone maps for each of our settlement areas.
- A draft plan section for inclusion in the District Plan which give details of how the proposed rules apply.

## What areas are affected?

The Settlements Plan Change affects our small settlements and also rural house sites in the rural zone.

**Small settlements** are now proposed to include; Waihou, Waitoa, Tahuna, Mangateparu, Motumaoho, Walton, Hinuera, Te Poi, Manawaru, and Te Aroha West. The group of small settlements may be further reviewed through the plan change process.

Rural house sites are proposed to be defined as a site of less than 2,500m<sup>2</sup> in the Rural Zone.

## **Need more information?**

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