

## Settlements Plan Change – Plan Change 53

This plan change is part of the Matamata-Piako District Plan review. The aim is to create appropriate plan provisions for our settlements and small rural house lots.

## **Walton Information Sheet**

This is an information sheet to help residents and stakeholders to understand the plan change and how it will help in our rural settlements.

Walton - Basic facts:

Walton is a small settlement with houses, recreational facilities, a community hall, grain store and Walton School.

There is no public wastewater or water supply.

We have population projections for our settlement areas which show marginal population increase in the future within the settlement.

The current zone map and aerial for Walton are shown on the following pages.

Why is the plan change necessary?

We want to make sure our plans support our rural settlements and communities to help landowners make better use of their properties.

Currently Walton is a Rural Zone. The Rural Zone and rule provisions do not reflect the type and nature of buildings and land use within the settlement area.

This can lead to additional costs and red tape for anyone proposing new buildings or businesses or requesting alterations to their home, land or business.

## What changes are proposed?

The scope and nature of the plan change will only be finalised after consultation and feedback, so we welcome you to have your say.

At this stage, the following changes are under consideration:

- Boundary and height standards for building small rural house lots;
- A review of the zone provisions;
- Subdivision and housing densities;
- Community Halls;
- Potential areas for new subdivision;
- What type of commercial and industrial development should be supported; and
- Making sure development potential is aligned to infrastructure and services.

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