

Summary of Information

PRIORITY AREAS – EARTHQUAKE-PRONE BUILDINGS

Reason for the Proposal

The system for identifying and managing earthquake-prone buildings changed on 1 July 2017. Under the new system Council must consult with the community on areas where the strengthening of earthquake-prone buildings should occur faster due to their location in areas where there are high numbers of people or traffic.

Council has proposed areas in Bulls, Marton, Hunterville and Taihape which it considers have enough vehicular or pedestrian traffic to warrant prioritisation.

Earthquake-prone buildings in priority areas must be identified and remediated in half the time of other earthquake-prone buildings, to reduce the risks to life safety more promptly.

This means that Council must identify potentially earthquake-prone buildings in priority areas within 2.5 years, and building owners must strengthen or demolish earthquake-prone priority buildings within 7.5 years after the date the earthquake-prone building notice is issued.

Council would like comment on the following questions.

Questions

- 1. Do you agree with the thoroughfares identified for prioritisation?
- 2. If not, which thoroughfares do you disagree with and why?
- 3. Are there any other thoroughfares that meet the criteria (identified in the Statement of Proposal) but are not listed?

Public meetings

Public meetings will be held in both Marton and Taihape as follows:

- 6pm Tuesday 17 October, Taihape Council Chambers
- 6pm Wednesday 18 October, Marton Council Chambers

Period for Consultation

Written submissions on the proposal may be made from **until 12pm noon 07 November 2017**.

Those who make a written submission may choose to make an oral submission. Hearings of oral submissions are scheduled for **Thursday 09 November 2017 at the Council Chambers in Marton**. Please indicate on your submission form if you wish to speak to your submission.

More Information

Where to get a copy of the Statement of Proposal

The Statement of Proposal may be collected from Council's libraries in Bulls, Marton and Taihape, from the Council's Main Office in Marton, or from the Council's website <u>www.rangitikei.govt.nz</u>. You may request a copy be posted to you by calling 0800 422 522.

If you have any questions please contact Johan Cullis, Environment and Regulatory Services Team Leader on 0800 422 522.