



16 September 2022

File Ref: 5-IM-2

Dear [REDACTED],

Local Government Official Information Request

Thank you for your request made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA), relating to the spatial plan, received on 10 September 2022.

All requests to the Council for information are required to be considered in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (**LGOIMA**). This is because all requests are deemed to have been made under section 10 of LGOIMA, regardless of the form of a request, or whether or not it specifically references LGOIMA.

The Council has an internal system for recording and handling LGOIMA requests. Not every request will necessarily be recorded in and dealt with as part of that system. For example, the Council will not usually record business-as-usual requests for information that is already available via the Council's website, or which is regularly sent out (e.g. requests for Council minutes or application forms). In those instances, the Council will simply provide the information requested. The Council manages all other requests in accordance with its system and its policies, in order to ensure proper maintenance of its records and compliance with its LGOIMA obligations.

More information about how the Council handles LGOIMA requests can be found in the Council's [LGOIMA Request Policy - Rangitikei District Council](#), which is available on the Council's website.

Our responses to your questions are below:

1. When will the draft Spatial Plan be released for public consultation?

Response:

We anticipate the draft spatial plan document will be released for community consultation in approximately January/February 2023.

2. Please provide the number of responses to the surveys received from the community during the community engagement process held during March/April 2022.

Response:

The initial community engagement process ran through March/April 2022. This engagement process did not call for formal submissions, feedback was received via several methods:

- 7 surveys were open to the community covering a range of topics with a combined 241 responses.
 - **Township:** 206 responses

Town	Number of survey responses
Taihape	35
Marton	42
Bulls	23
Hunterville	12
Koitiata	55
Rātana Pā	3
Mangaweka	9
Turakina	9
Scott's Ferry	2
Utiku	2
Ōhingaiti	3
Mataroa	5
Whangaehu	1
Kauangaroa	1
Moawhango	0
Ōhotu	0
Other	4
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- **Rural Environments:** 10 responses (respondents were not asked to specify what town they were from).
- **Vision and Values:** 4 responses (respondents were not asked to specify what town they were from).
- **Nature Networks:** 3 responses (respondents were not asked to specify what town they were from).
- **Transport Networks:** 5 responses (respondents were not asked to specify what town they were from).
- **Protecting What's important:** 4 responses (respondents were not asked to specify what town they were from).
- **Challenges and opportunities:** 9 responses (Marton 3; Taihape 3; Bulls 1; Hunterville 1; not specified 1).

- 371 ideas were placed on the interactive map (Note: this includes the comments from the community drop-in sessions excluding Koitiata drop-in session). The interactive map is still available on our website www.rangitikei.govt.nz/paetawhiti

Town	Number of ideas
Taihape	63
Marton	70
Bulls	149
Hunterville	3
Koitiata	0
Rātana Pā	21
Mangaweka	0
Turakina	35
Scott's Ferry	21

Utiku	1
Ōhingaiti	0
Mataroa	0
Whangaehu	1
Kauangaroa	0
Moawhango	0
Ōhotu	0
Other	7
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- Written feedback was received from 5 agencies/stakeholder groups.
- Meetings were held with several agencies/stakeholders throughout the wider spatial plan development process (e.g. Ministry of Education, Waka Kotahi).
- One engagement session was held with the Rangitikei Youth Council, one engagement session with a class from South Makirikiri School, one engagement session with a class from James Cook School, and two engagement sessions with students from Rangitikei College.
- 38 responses to the business survey (April 2022)

3. Can you breakdown the surveys respondents into all the areas i.e. Marton, Bulls, Hunterville, Taihape

Response:

Breakdown is provided with the response above.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests, where appropriate. Our response to your request will be published shortly at <https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/council/about/contact-us/official-information> with your personal information removed.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Kezia Spence on 06 327 0099.

Yours sincerely



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