

Planning and Urban Design Principles

A key tenet of this spatial plan is that urban change is accommodated in an appropriate way and that it avoids excessive sprawl, by considered the most suitable locations for people and businesses, and making the most use of our existing infrastructure. This means that much of the forthcoming urban change will occur within our existing urban environment. It's important to note that it won't all happen at once – change will be staged over 30 years.

Done well, intensification can enhance community vibrancy, improve safety, accessibility and connectivity, and provide greater housing choice and housing affordability, all while preserving our towns' character, our natural environment and our highly productive soils. To ensure it is done well, we have established six key Planning and Urban Design principles, which will form the basis for an Urban Design Framework that will guide the delivery of development 'on-the-ground'.

These are presented in Figure 16.

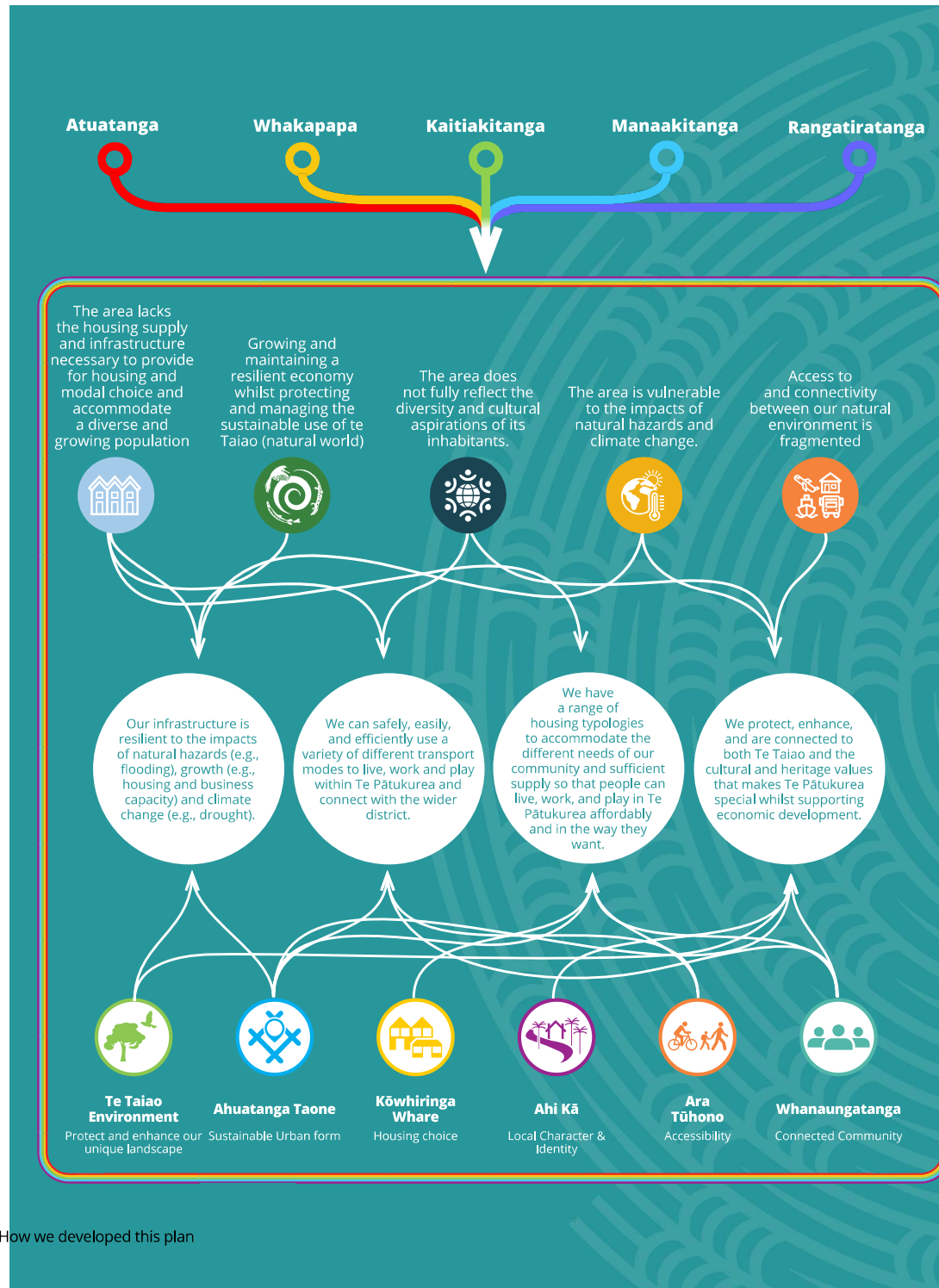








Figure 16:

Linking Community Challenges to Plan Objectives and Urban Design Principles

Te Pātukurea addresses key challenges identified by our community. Guided by cultural values, the plan sets strategic objectives that informed the development of our urban design principles. The diagram to the left illustrates the connection between the key challenges identified by our community and how they shaped the plan's objectives and urban design principles, ensuring a cohesive and community-focused approach to growth.

<p>Te Taiao Environment</p> 	<p>Ahuatanga Taone Sustainable Urban Form</p> 	<p>Kōwhiringa Whare Housing Choice</p> 	<p>Ahi Kā Local Character & Identity</p> 	<p>Ara Tūhono Accessibility</p> 	<p>Whanaungatanga Connected Community</p> 
<p>Protect and enhance our unique environment</p>	<p>Achieve an effective and efficient pattern of development</p>	<p>Foster increased diversity in housing choices</p>	<p>Reinforce an authentic local character and identity</p>	<p>Create a safe, efficient, and legible movement network</p>	<p>Foster social cohesion and community connectedness</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exercise kaitiakitanga through appropriate buffering and separation of urban areas from natural and cultural features of significant importance. • Acknowledge the relationships between people and the natural environment by providing for mahinga kai gathering, access to waterways, enhanced biodiversity and protection of taonga species. • Draw the natural environment into urban areas through blue-green corridors that are integrated with the movement network and social infrastructure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure a compact and efficient urban form which is supportive of future public transport aspirations. • Locate medium density housing closest to town and neighbourhood centres and social infrastructure. • Support a mix of activities and people-focused public spaces in town centres to encourage their use and increased vibrancy. • Consider grouping activities which are complementary to each other to support efficient patterns of development. • Enable the efficient provision of infrastructure through medium density housing in appropriate locations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Rangatiratanga by providing a wider range of housing typologies to ensure suitable and affordable housing options for all ages, household sizes, and lifestyle preferences. • Encourage housing that enables people to remain living in their community as they age. • Ensure different housing typologies integrate well into the urban environment and contribute positively to the local character. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to the strong sense of place through story telling that nurtures mana whenua and European cultural narratives and natural and horticultural landscapes. • More clearly define an authentic built character which is reflective of place. • Develop unique identities for Kerikeri and Waipapa which build on their distinctive local character and celebrate their differences. • Strengthen the small-town village character and charm of Kerikeri. • Improve the sense of arrival into Kerikeri and Waipapa by defining key urban gateways reflective of cultural identity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a connected and permeable urban structure with a clear hierarchy of streets and key routes. • Ensure high accessibility to town centres, employment, recreational and community infrastructure through a legible and connected network. • Reduce the need for local car trips and promote physical activity by providing safe and convenient walking, cycling, and micromobility options which are accessible for all ages and abilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure collaborative processes underpin decisions that affect the wider community. • Locate social infrastructure such as parks and community facilities which support community connectedness. Encourage supporting social infrastructure, such as schools, to co-locate with other community facilities where possible. • Encourage a range of activities that contribute to vibrant and economically successful centres which provides opportunities for all, including supporting tourism. • Create safe and socially connected neighbourhoods through spaces for social interaction and gathering which express our cultural values, arts and local identity.