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## FAST—TRACK HOUSING POLICY FOR HAMILTON DRAFTED

Fast-tracked housing developments could start springing up around Hamilton under a proposed policy. In a bid to get more housing, faster - and cheaper - the city council signed a Housing Accord with the Government in December 2016. Now council's working on a Special Housing Areas policy which would speed up developments on "pockets of land" approved by council and Government.

### Consultation on Draft Special Housing Areas

Hamilton City Council's draft Special Housing Areas Policy is now open for public feedback until Friday 14 July 2017. The community is encouraged to provide feedback on the draft Policy. The purpose of the proposed policy is to set out the principles and intended outcomes of the policy. The proposed policy also sets out the agreed selection process and criteria for establishing Special Housing Areas (SHAs) in Hamilton. SHAs are proposed areas of land (including sites not currently zoned for residential) in the city that can be put forward for housing development by landowners or developers for consideration by the Council.

### Policy

Before you give feedback, we recommend you read the draft Housing Accord Policy and the accompanying Council report which provides a summary rationale of all the proposed policy positions in the draft.

Please find links to both these documents at;

<http://www.hamilton.govt.nz/our-council/strategiesandplans/Pages/Hamilton-Housing-Accord.aspx>

## 2017 NATIONAL FIELDAYS

The National Fieldays saw a record crowd attendance of 133,000 visitors up 3,000 from last years attendance figures. The new ITM site located closer to the main Gate 1 entry enabled our team to interact with more people making this year's event an extremely successful one. Congratulations Matamata Post & Rails ITM for taking home the award for BEST Agri-Business outdoor site.

Playing a strong supporting role the team from Legasea were able to raise almost \$2000 with their fish wall and 340 new people signed up for their email newsletter. We are proud to be associated with this very important conservation initiative.

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