Peri-urban landscapes

Rethinking the land around cities for housing + food production





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The issue











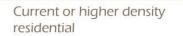
Town centre

(highest density)

What the research showed









Public open space

- Community garden
- Other landscape features
- Farmer's markets
- Sport fields
- Playgrounds
- Fruit trees
- Allotments

• Conventional fa

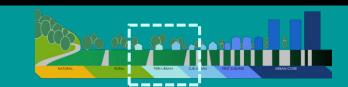
- Conventional farming
- Large scale

Rural farm

Commercial













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'Pack mob' behaviour of boy racers intimidates North Canterbury residents o

Jody O'Callaghan - 17:31, Apr 08 2021









Connection: What are the social and cultural outcomes of peri-urban catchments?

The future of farming could be up, not out

keeps on giving











Urban farming's popularity rising in New Zealand as low carbon growing alternative







Dublin Bay development "beggars belief" reverse sensitivity concerns emerge

Marjorie Cook - 09:16, Sep 08 2015







GREENPEACE

Two thirds of tested rural bore water above cancer risk limit for nitrate



stuff ≡

BUSINESS

manawatū standard

10 minutes to read

Police name last two men who died in fishing boat sinking ... read more

Urban sprawl and the land that

Fonterra's complaining neighbour request

Janine Rankin · 06:38, Nov 07 2012











Fonterra wants to be protected from new neighbours moving in close to its sites in Palmerston North, and then complaining about its activities.

Facts 'overrated' in farming's fight for social licence

Glen Herud · 05:30, May 14 2019











For regions to survive, they must avoid the temptation of urban sprawl

James Goodhue · 05:00, May 09 2021

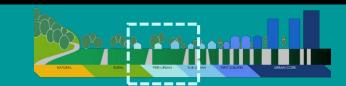












The potential



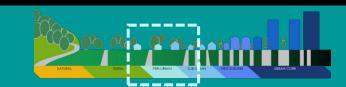












Food + the City











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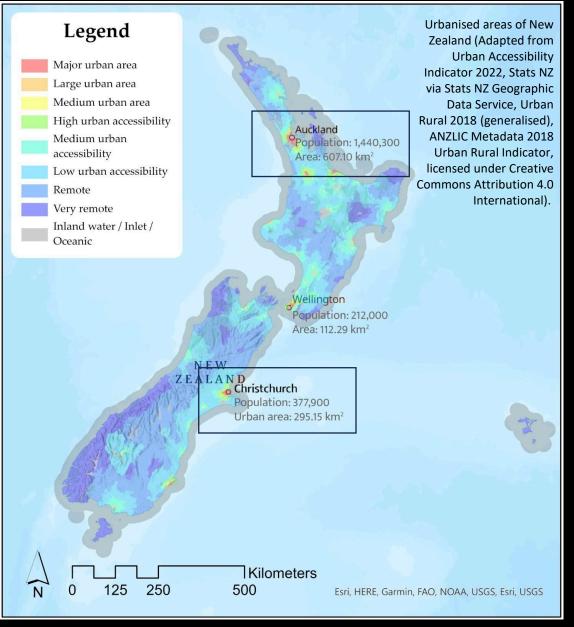


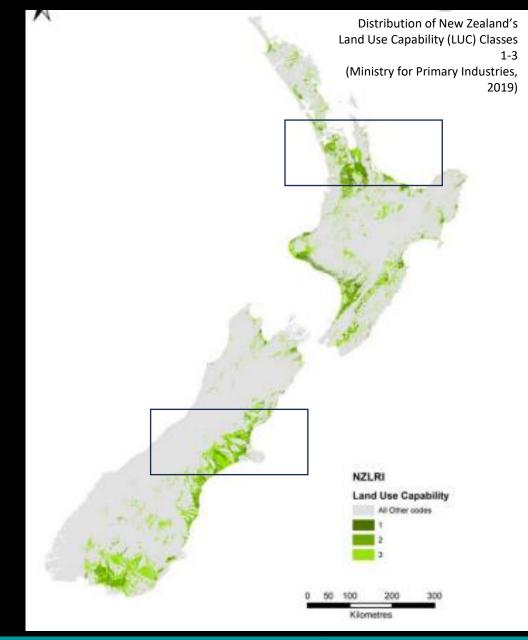
















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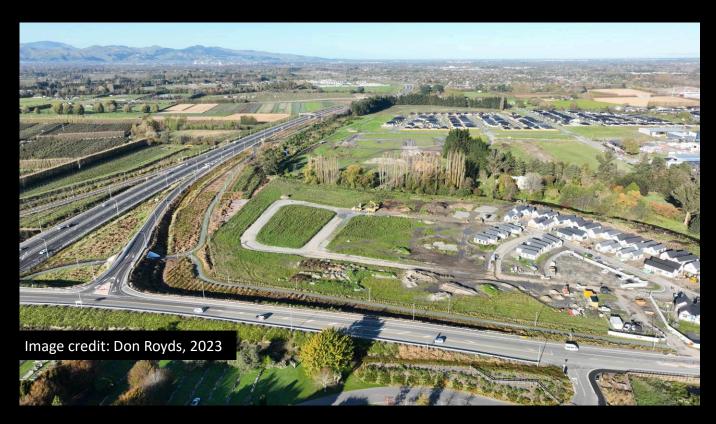


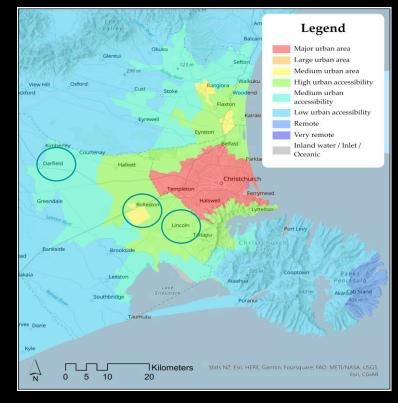
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The peri-urban zone





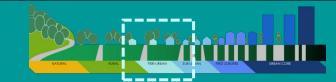


Former? Peri-urban zone in north Christchurch, looking south towards Christchurch city. Image credit: Don Royds

Peri-urban areas (including the medium urban area, high urban accessibility area, and medium urban accessibility area) around Ōtautahi Christchurch (Adapted from Urban Accessibility Indicator 2022, Stats NZ via Stats NZ Geographic Data Service, licensed under Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International).

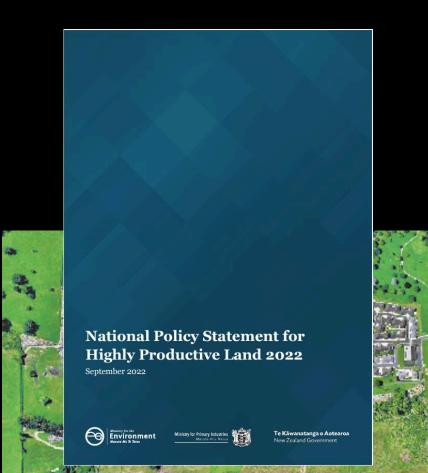






Policy Context







National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020

May 2022

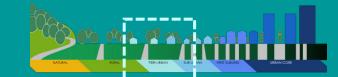






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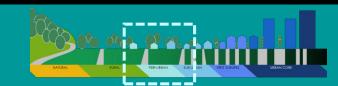




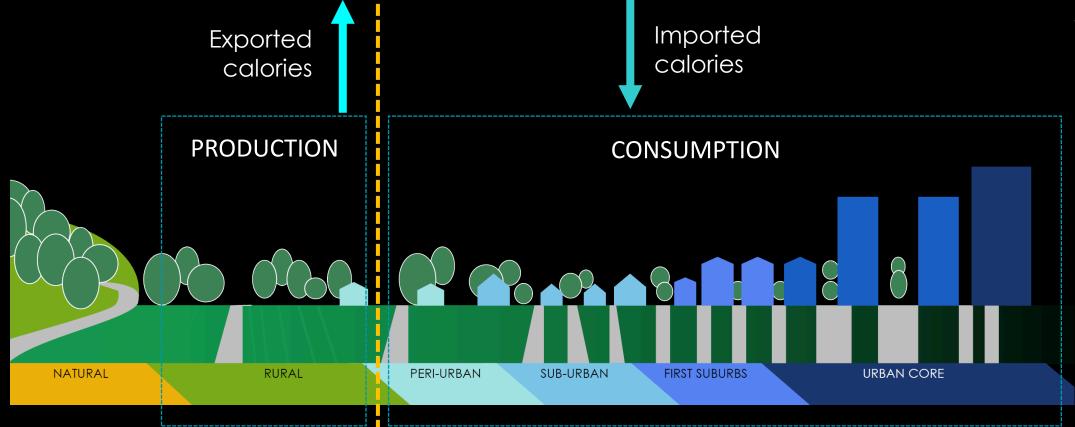
How can landscapes for both food production and people prosper within peri-urban New Zealand?







Where do New Zealanders get their food?



PRODUCTION ENABLED

PRODUCTION DISABLED

A spatial representation of rural to urban 'zones' and generalised food production/consumption relationship (adapted from Boffa Miskell Ltd, 2020. Unpublished work. Copyright permission from Boffa Miskell Ltd)







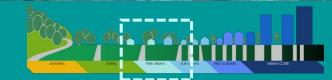




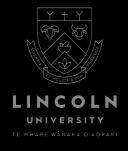
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urban expansion onto agricultural land





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existing farms being 'designed out'

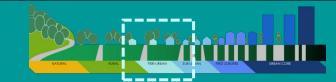
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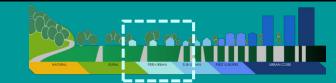
productive land fragmentation





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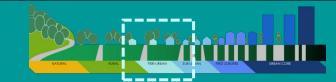
unproductive land use

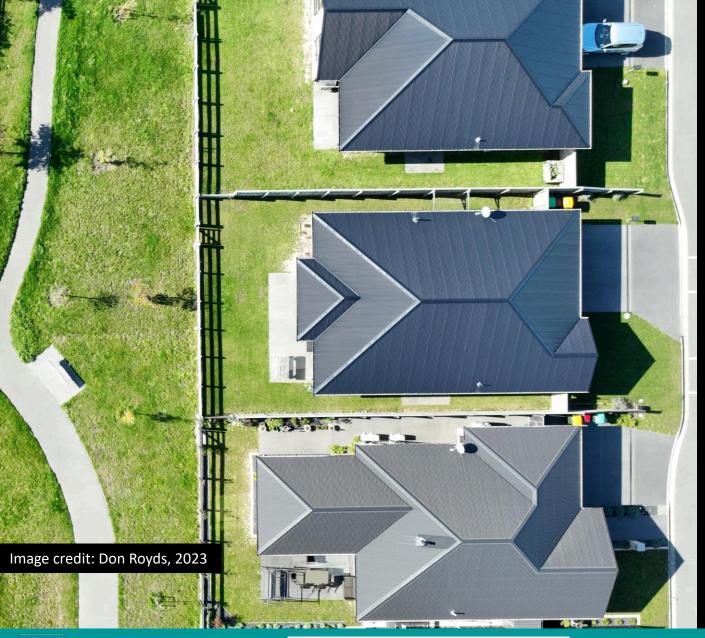




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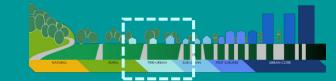
large houses, no garden





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Housing VERSUS Food



Housing AND Food

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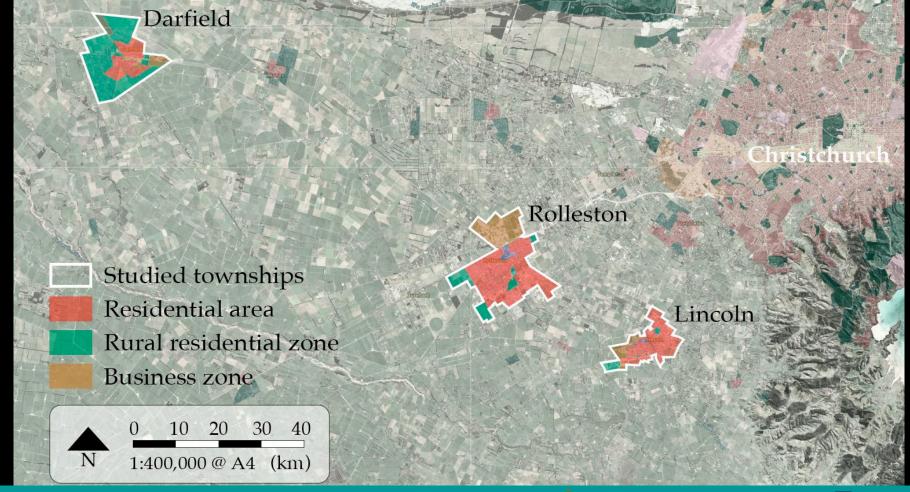
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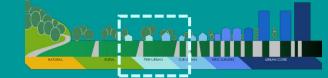
Case study ŌTAUTAHI CHRISTCHURCH

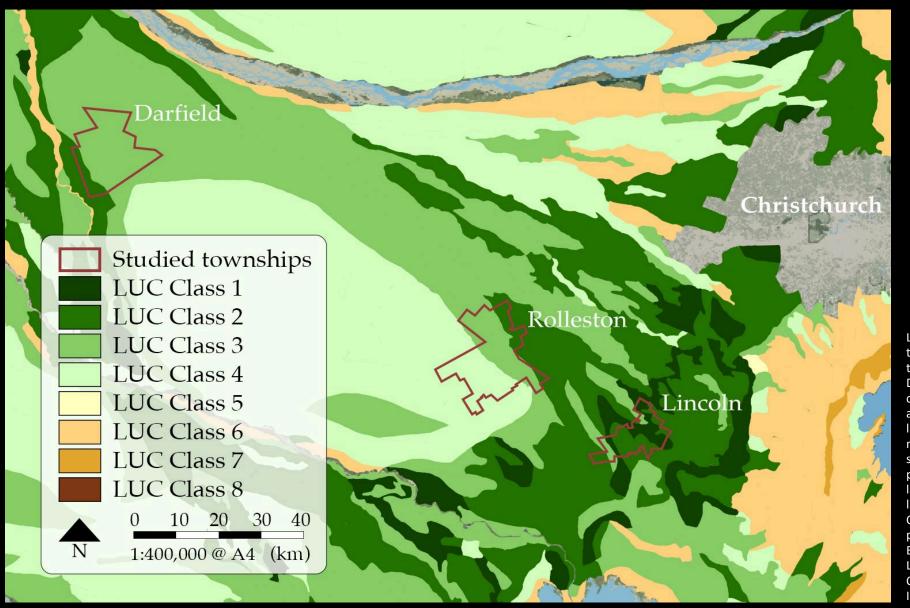












Land Use Capability (LUC) map illustrating the soil productivity of the land around the townships of Lincoln, Rolleston, and Darfield. This soil classification system categorizes land into eight classes according to the physical qualities of the land, soil, and environment. Class 1 is the most versatile multiple-use land highly suitable for all types of agricultural productions, while Class 8 is non-arable land with very severe to extreme limitations to all productive land uses. LUC Class 1-3 are considered 'highly (Adapted productive' from Our Environment by Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research, licensed under Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International (CC BY 4.0)).



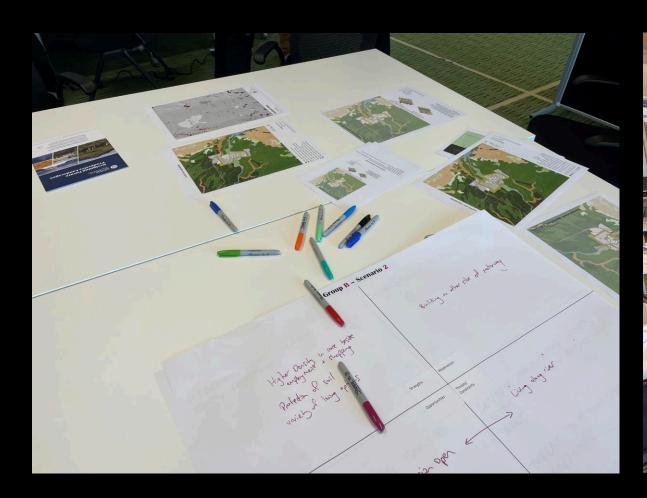


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Design Thinking

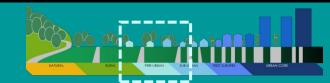












Design Thinking

What ideas do you have about how food production and housing can best co-exist at the edges of New Zealand's cities and settlements, in the future?





DEFINE







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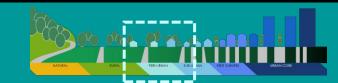


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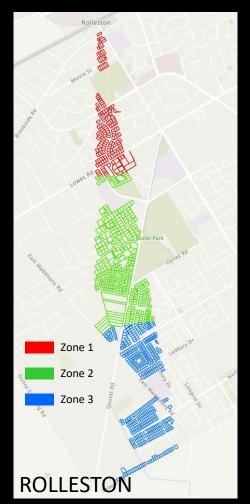






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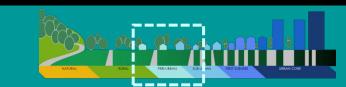


RESPONSE RATE BY TOWN AND ZONE

	ROLLEST	ON		LINCOLN			DARFIEL	Total			
	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Total	
Distributed	180	589	654	79	136	215	126	47	34	2060	
Response collected	15	34	36	21	30	18	19	11	6	190	
Response accepted	15	31	34	20	25	18	19	11	6	179	
Response rate	8.33%	5.26%	5.20%	25.32%	18.38%	8.37%	15.08%	23.40%	17.65%	8.69%	









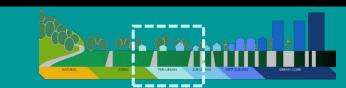


Attribute	Description	Count	N	Percentage
	Extremely positive	107		60.11%
Overall perception	Mostly positive	57		32.02%
towards food-	Neutral	11	178	6.18%
producing landscapes	Mostly negative	3		1.69%
	Extremely negative	0		0.00%

I like seeing cows and sometimes sheep over the back fence. It's important to me for my daughter to have a strong connection to farming and agriculture.









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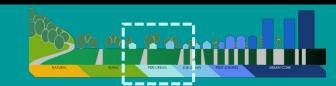
Production practice	Extremely positive	Mostly positive	Neutral	Mostly negative	Extremely negative	No known farms	N
Dairy	29	59	22	17	11	40	178
Beef	44	52	20	8	2	52	178
Lamb	56	55	14	5	2	46	178
Market garden products	81	39	14	2	1	39	176
Orchard fruits (excl. berries)	58	28	11	1	1	75	174
Berries	69	33	12	0	0	59	173
Honey	72	27	8	1	0	65	173
Field Crops for human consumption	69	34	9	1	0	62	175
Crops for livestock consumption	57	50	20	2	2	45	176



The NZ dairy industry practices have moved over recent years to high yields with less concerns over the immediate effects they are having on the environment. We see this locally with shelterbelts being removed, reduced biodiversity and token efforts to remove/reduce herd access to waterways.









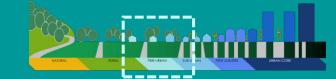


Approach	Extremely positive	Mostly positive	Neutral	Mostly negative	Extremely negative	Never heard of it	N
Conventional farming	61	75	27	8	2	5	178
Organic farming	87	62	22	3	0	3	177
Regenerative farming	75	44	19	2	0	33	173
Mahika kai/Mahinga kai and Māri kai	49	18	15	0	1	85	168
Community garden	98	53	22	1	0	4	178

The ... area has a rich history of farming and this should be both encouraged and protected. Far too much arable farming land is being converted to residential use with little consideration to the selection of less productive ground for housing.







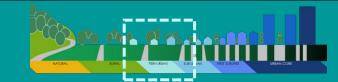
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	00. General farming practice + all production	All production	General farming practices	01. Dairy	02. Beef	03. Sheep or lamb	04. Market garden products	05. Orchard fruits	06. Berries	07. Honey	08. Field crops for human	09. Crops for livestock	10. Animal-based farming practices	12. Community garden	Livestock-based production	Pick your own	Pig farm	Taken over by developments	Total
1:0. Others	0	0	0	3	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	6
2:1. Impacts on human health and quality of life	1	0	1	22	11	6	2	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	28
3 : Chemicals and sprays	1	0	1	2	2	2	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
4 : Health issues	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
5 : Noise	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
6 : Smell	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
7 : Traffic related issues	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
8 : Unable to access the produce locally	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
9 : Water pollution; nitrogen	0	0	0	19	9	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	21
10 : 2. Impacts on the environment	2	0	2	27	12	6	1	1	0	0	1	4	1	0	2	0	0	1	35
11 : Chemicals and sprays	1	0	1	2	2	2	1	1	0	0	=	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
12 : Environmental impacts	0	0	0	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	1	0	0	0	6
13 : Environmentally unsustainable	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
14 : Excessive water consumption	0	0	0	10	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	11
15 : Greenhouse gas emission	0	0	0	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	8
16 : Monoculture	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
17 : Negative impacts on biodiversity	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
18 : Negative impacts on the land or soil	0	0	0	5	2	2	0	0	0	0	=	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
19 : Too intensive	1	0	1	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
20 : Trees were taken out	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
21 : Water pollution; nitrogen	0	0	0	19	9	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	21
22 : 3. Unwise land use	0	0	0	6	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	15
23: Food production & productive lands should be preserved	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
24 : Not make the best use of the land	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	7
25 : Unsuitable soil or climate for such production	0	0	0	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
26 : 4. Ethical concerns	0	0	0	7	3	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	8
27 : Poor animal welfare	0	0	0	7	3	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	8
Total	2	0	2	33	15	10	3	1	1	1	1	4	2	0	4	0	1	10	50







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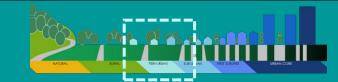
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2 : 01. Produce-related benefits			Г	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г	Г					Г				г
3 : Access to local produce				0	0	0	9	2	9	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
4 : Better quality				1	1	0	1	1	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
5 : Enjoy the produce				-	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
6 : Fresh				0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
7 : Lower costs of the produce				0	0	0	0	-	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	Τ.	0	0	3
8 : 02. Environmental benefits																			
9 : Less transport and fuel consumption				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
10 : Less waste				0	0	0	0	-	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	1
11 : Pollination				0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
12:03. Associative benefits																			
13 : Able to pick your own				0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
14 : Fun				0	0	0	0	Ψ.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	т	0	0	1
15 : General positive feeling				2	1	2	1	1	4	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
16: 04. Perceptual benefits																			
17 : Farming landscape + rural outlook & feel				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
18 : 05. Socio-economic benefits																			
19 : Feed the population				0	0	Ψ.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
20 : Important for economy				0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
21 : Prevents reliance on imported foods				0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
22 : Resilience				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
23 : Social benefits				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
24 : 06. Awareness and education				Ш	L				Ш						Ш				
25 : Farming practice is something to be expected + links us to the land + education	al			1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
26 : Good to know where our food comes from				-	1	0	1	-	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
27 : 07. Good land use				3	3	3	7	5	6	2	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
28 : 08. Good farming practice			oxdot	oxdot											\Box				
29 : Good animal welfare			\Box	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
30 : Responsible and efficient farming practice			$ldsymbol{oxed}$	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
31:09. Being supportive			L	$oxed{\Box}$	L			$ldsymbol{oxed}$	\Box						$oxed{\Box}$				\vdash
32 : Positive image of farmers				1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
33 : Support local farmers or farmig practice				0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
34 : 10. Personal connections to farming practices			oxdot	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Total				11	8	9	21	11	23	14	10	13	0	0	0	1	0	0	95





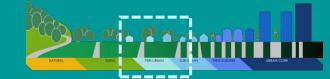














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Farm + Food accessibility



Sell and buy locallyproduced food, locally



accessible

Open farms to Create the public and community make them gardens within the peri-urban



Plant fruit trees, berries. vegetables, and herbs on public land for local community

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Create greenbelts and buffer zones between housing and farms to reduce reverse sensitivity



Protect high class soils for food production



Create small scale and diverse production systems, with low stocking rates



hinterland

Environmental Create higherdensity housing areas within Health + Protection existing urban footprint to reduce pressure on the productive

Health + Wealth



artificial inputs (chemical sprays and fertiliser) to reduce negative environmental impacts



Reduce artificial inputs (chemical sprays and fertilizer) to reduce negative human impacts reverse



Manage production 'type' within impactful distance of residents to reduce reverse sensitivity issues



Organic farms



Create and support wealth for families and communities through selling local and global



Support consumer cost saving through buying direct from the producers



Make food production visible and accessible for community groups, schools. children and neighbours

Education + Communication







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Open farms to the public and make them accessible



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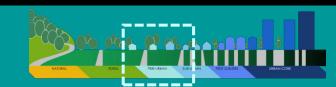


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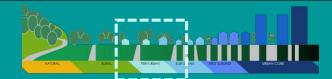


Create higherdensity housing areas within existing urban footprint to reduce pressure on the productive hinterland

Environmental Health + Protection









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Reduce

artificial inputs (chemical sprays and fertiliser) to reduce negative environmental impacts



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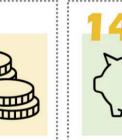
Manage production 'type' within impactful distance of residents to reduce reverse sensitivity issues



only

Organic farms Create and support wealth for families and communities through selling

local and global

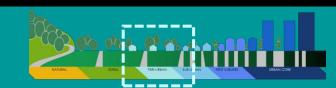


Support consumer cost saving through buying direct from the producers

Health + Wealth









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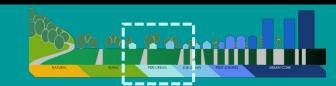


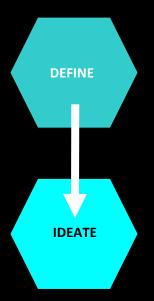
Make food production visible and accessible for community groups, schools, children and neighbours

Education + Communication









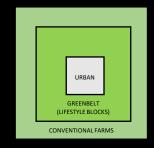
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Hard urban boundary is placed around the existing urban area. The rural zone is protected and retained for rural land use. No residential expansion.



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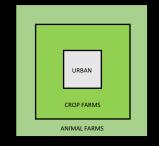
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Public green corridors traverse rural and urban zones.



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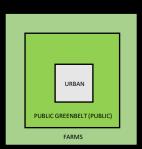
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The urban settlement area is surrounded by a small-scale commercial farming belt that buffers the conventional large-scale farms and their activities.



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Farmers' Markets are located within the urban settlement area. A small-scale farming belt sits directly around the urban area to supply the local markets. Then outside that, conventional/export focused agriculture is located.



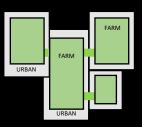
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Urban settlement is surrounded by a public greenbelt that acts as a 'buffer' and amenity space for urban zoned households.



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Small-medium scale farms and market gardens located within existing urban settlement area and new urban zones, including public parks.



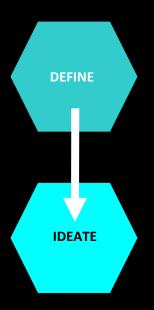
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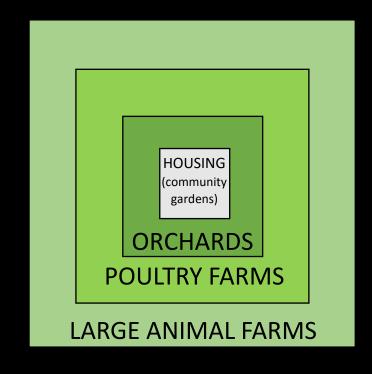
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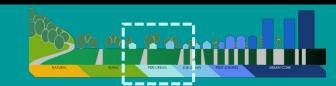


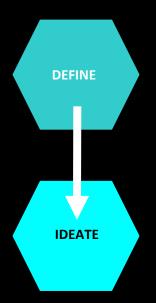


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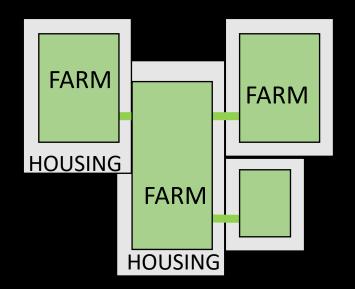




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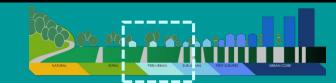




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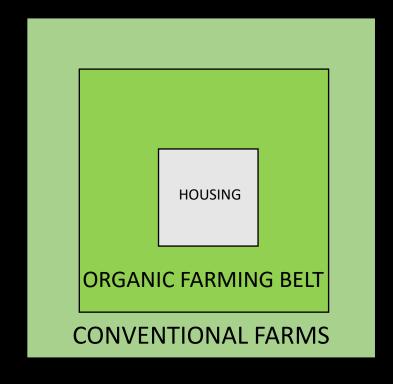






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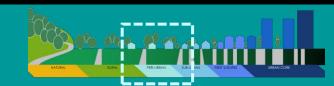


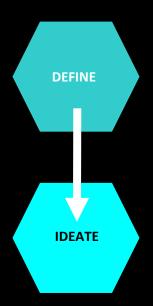


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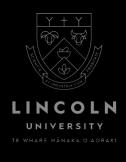


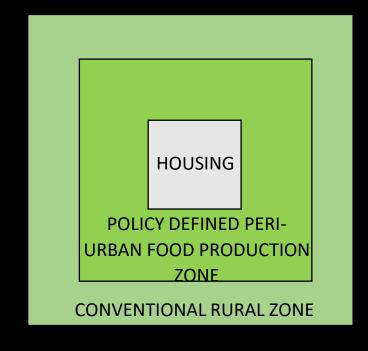




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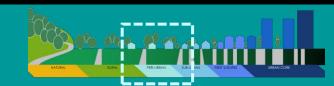




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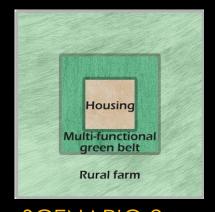




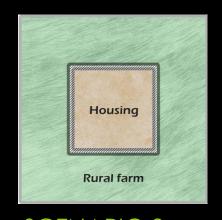




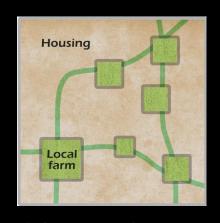
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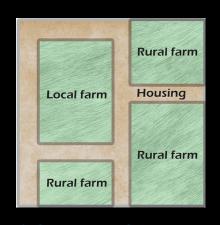
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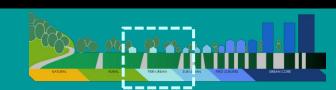
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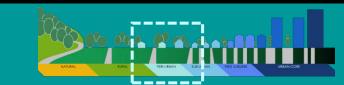
























Low-impact farming belt

The **Low Impact Farming Belt** consists of organic, small scale, plant-based farms that produced kai primarily for the local market. The belt would not be publicly accessible but would host a range of community food outreach.





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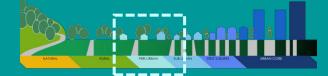
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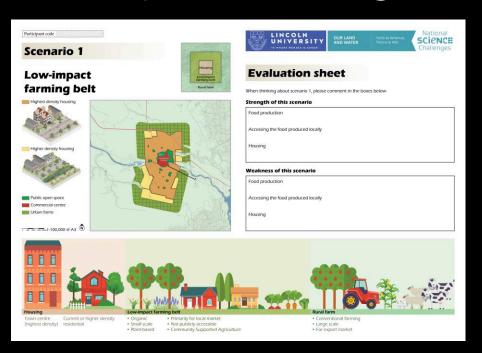








Low-impact farming belt



Local grown low impact farming. Direct link between residents and farmers

Housing still encroaching on farmland.





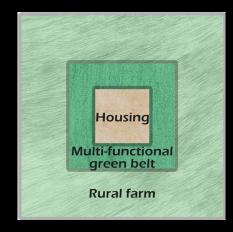








The **Multifunctional Green Belt** acts as a buffer to the rural farms, and includes such activities as public open spaces, community gardens, sports fields, allotments, walking tracks, native plantings, stormwater management zones and playgrounds. The greenbelt is publicly accessible.





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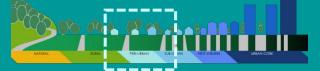
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Multifunctional greenbelt





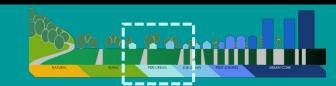
Love the idea of amenity horticulture - we don't focus on this enough in urban planning.



Large scale produce must still be accessed from large retail complexes.













Hard urban/rural boundary

The **Hard Boundary** approach sees housing and urban growth occur only on the existing footprint of the urban area protecting the soil that surrounds the township and leaving the agricultural land to produce food. In this scenario it is proposed that the food produced is primarily for the export market.





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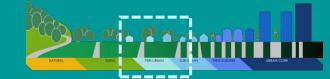
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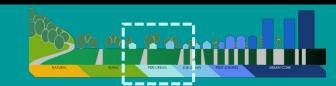
Clear zones for development.
Developers would need to rethink
'expansionist' strategies. Residents
could learn more about farming
practices and the work to get
food to plate.



The 'hard boundary' will just get pushed out under pressure from developers.





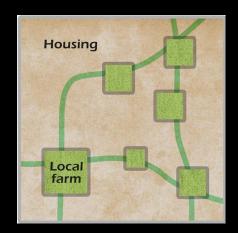








The **Urban Farms Connected by Green Corridors** scenario sees existing public open spaces converted to farms, along with any new residential development required to include planned urban farms. These farms would be linked by public 'right of ways' / green corridors, and would be small, diverse and would produce products primarily for the local market.





- · Higher density housing with urban infill
- · Limited urban expansion
- · Housing neighbourhoods directly border farms
- · Urban farms accessible to neighbourhoods

- Reserves
- Trees
- Wetlands

- · Small urban farms
- Connected by greenways
- Farmer's markets
- Produce for local market

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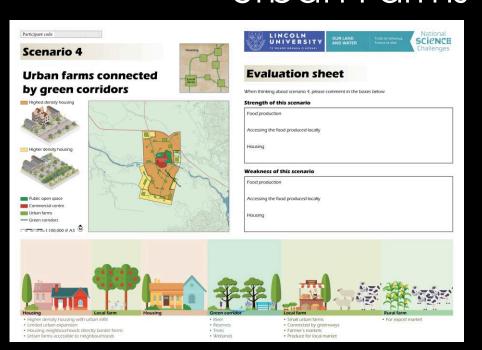








SCENARIO 4 Urban Farms





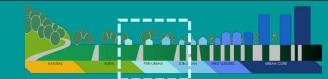
Love this! Great opportunity for producer/consumer relationships.



Access to farms by trucks and farm machinery might be disruptive for other residents.













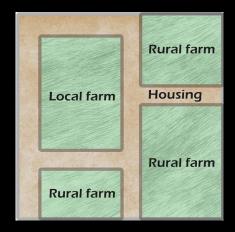






Farm-based neighbourhoods

The Farm-based Neighbourhoods concept sees farming within the peri-urban zone being the dominant landscape 'matrix' (the predominant land use sitting as the foundation to housing). Highest density housing corridors would sit between farms. Produce from the agricultural land is focused on supplying the local market when it is situated close to the existing township and dense housing areas and would be export orientated the further away from housing it is located.







Maximised rural outlook

· Produce for local market

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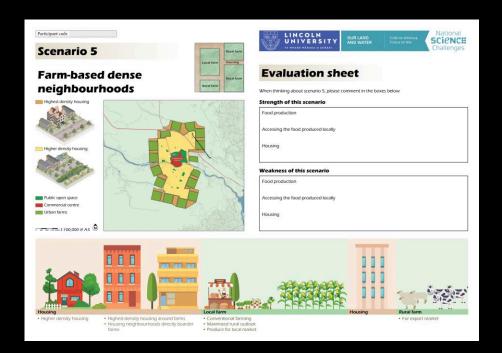








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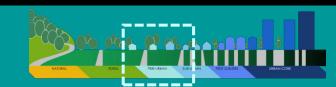
Population base is higher to help support and fund this idea.



Having high density housing in the midst of farm and rural cart work. Infrastructure conflicts.



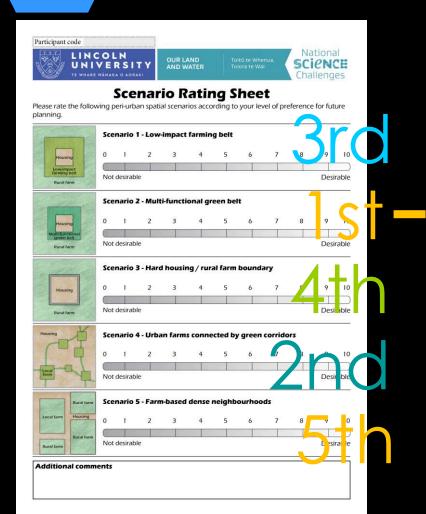




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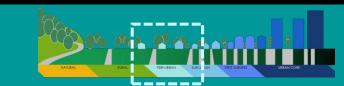








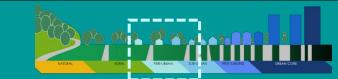












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