

Proposed Irongate Industrial Rezoning

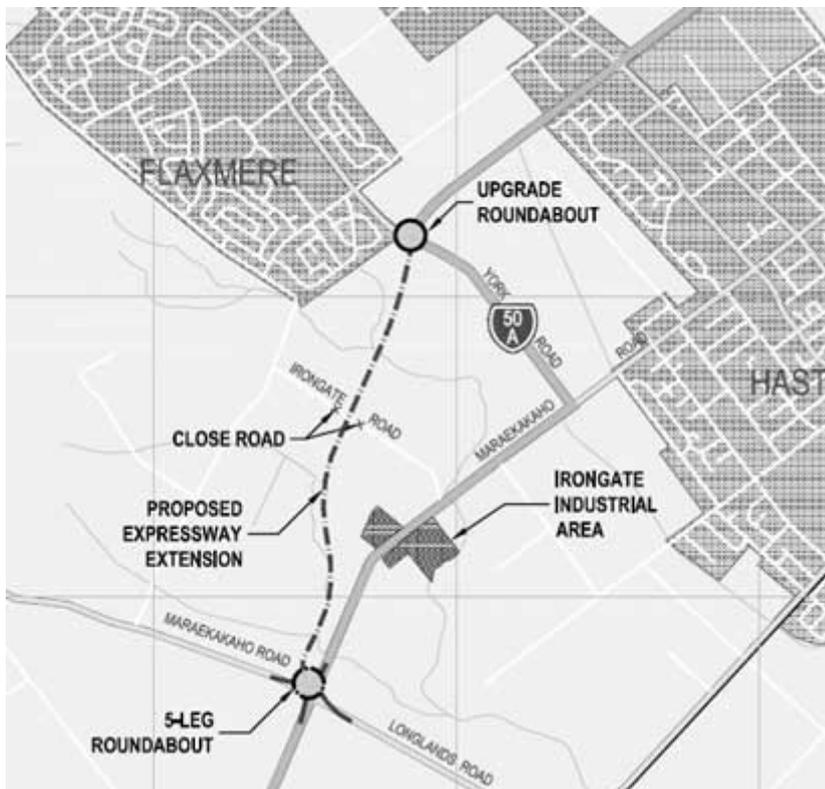
Project Update Sheet 1

December 2008

What's been happening?

In June this year the Hastings District Council sent out material on the Draft Irongate Structure Plan seeking your feedback on the proposed framework for the Plan Change, the infrastructure requirements, and the mechanisms to ensure the amenity of the area was adequately safeguarded.

We received feedback from landowners in the area of the proposed rezoning, interested parties and stakeholders in the process. We have used this feedback to further develop the proposal for rezoning of the area.



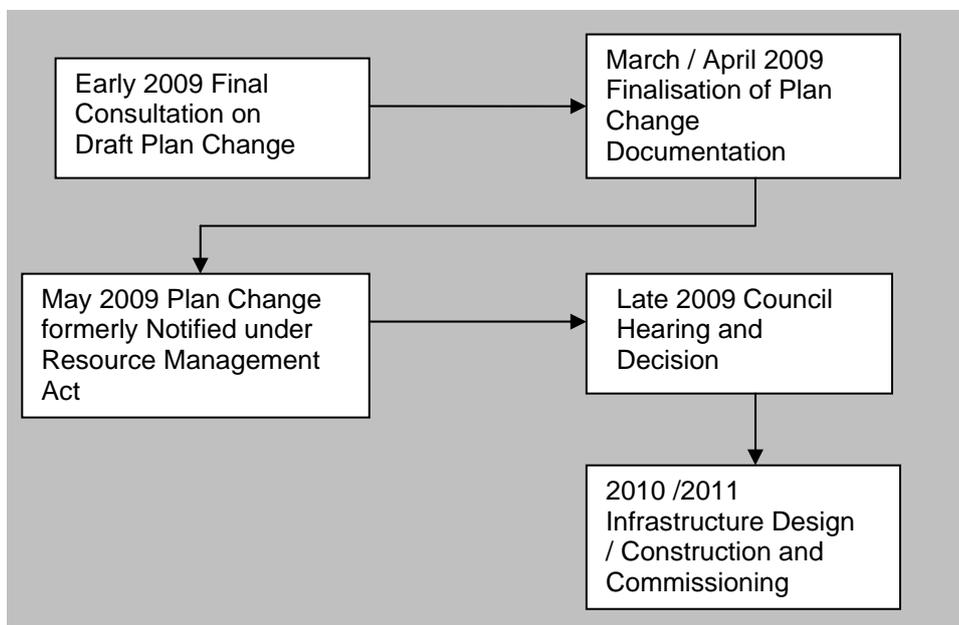
Since then the alignment for the southern extension to the expressway has been refined and the New Zealand Transport Agency (formerly Transit New Zealand) have lodged a Notice of Requirement in order to designate a strip of land between the Expressway / York Road intersection and the Maraekakaho Road / Longlands Road intersection. The Expressway will sever Irongate Road creating a 'no-exit' road off Maraekakaho Road. As a result of feedback received in relation to this an adjustment was made to the north-western boundary of the area proposed to be rezoned, extending it back out to the boundary with the Expressway.

We have been busy assessing the viability of this increase in land area and investigating the site to ensure that it can accommodate industrial development from a geotechnical perspective. We have also been assessing the implications of the increase in land area on providing road, water and wastewater services and the ability of the site to manage stormwater through onsite treatment and disposal methods.

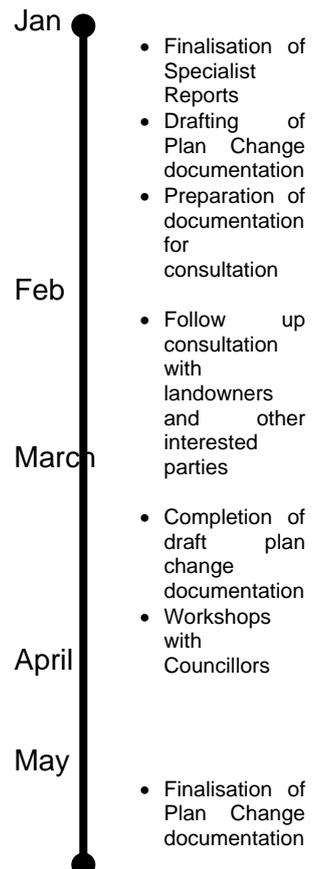
The results of these assessments along with the archaeological assessment of the general area and the ecological assessment on the potential for impacts on the Irongate Stream will be concluded in early January 2009.

The process from here

Following the receipt of the finalised specialist reports the Council will prepare final drafts of that changes proposed to the District Plan. This will be reported to Council and provided to interested parties for comment before being finalised for formal notification under the Resource Management Act 1991.



Time Line 2009



What Happens Now?

Council will be preparing documentation for consultation early in the New Year. There will be an opportunity for all interested parties to comment on the revised proposal before this is finalised for formal notification. Formal notification is expected to occur in early May 2009. This will provide affected and interested parties with an opportunity to make formal submissions on the proposal.

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