

4.5 TE KAUWHATA AND RANGIRIRI

Snapshot

Population (Te Kauwhata): 1,769 (2016 estimate), with growth projected to reach 3,093 by 2045.

Location: Te Kauwhata is situated at the northern end of Lake Waikare, and south of the Whangamarino wetland. Te Kauwhata is east of SH1 and accessed by an interchange. It is located on the rail line between Meremere and Ohinewai.

Rangiriri is approximately 4km south of Te Kauwhata, alongside SH1, accessed by a separate interchange, and situated between the Waikato River to the west and Lake Kopuera to the east.

Consultation feedback

During consultation sessions the following key issues and ideas for Te Kauwhata and Rangiriri were put forward:

- Te Kauwhata's natural assets should be promoted and capitalised on with greater access to them and walking and cycle ways along them. Providing access to and from the Te Araroa walkway provides a tourism opportunity.
- Te Kauwhata is centrally located between Auckland, Hamilton and the Coromandel. It also has a strong sense of community. This leads to growth pressures that need to be addressed.
- Te Kauwhata is perceived as an attractive place to live which locals are eager to maintain.
- There is a need for more community, health, educational, recreational and commercial facilities.
- Growth is welcomed, but the 'village feel' should be retained. The focus should be on quality

development and diversity in style and size should be encouraged.

- The local markets are an attractive and popular event that can further benefit from improved facilities.
- Te Kauwhata's future lies in clever, niche employment for which conditions should be created, banking on the town's identity and amenity.
- Trucks using the main street cause safety and amenity concerns.
- There is a strong desire for improved public transport accessibility (train and bus) among the community. This includes ensuring that the level of service is reliable and meaningful enough to support commuters.
- There is a shortage of wastewater treatment capacity as the town develops, which has an impact on the quality of the lake.

Refer to **Appendix A** for a comprehensive documentation of the consultation feedback.

Top priority initiatives

The top priority initiatives for Te Kauwhata and Rangiriri include:

- Building a strong identity for the town.
- Considering rezoning the site of the existing primary school as commercial to allow for a central business hub.

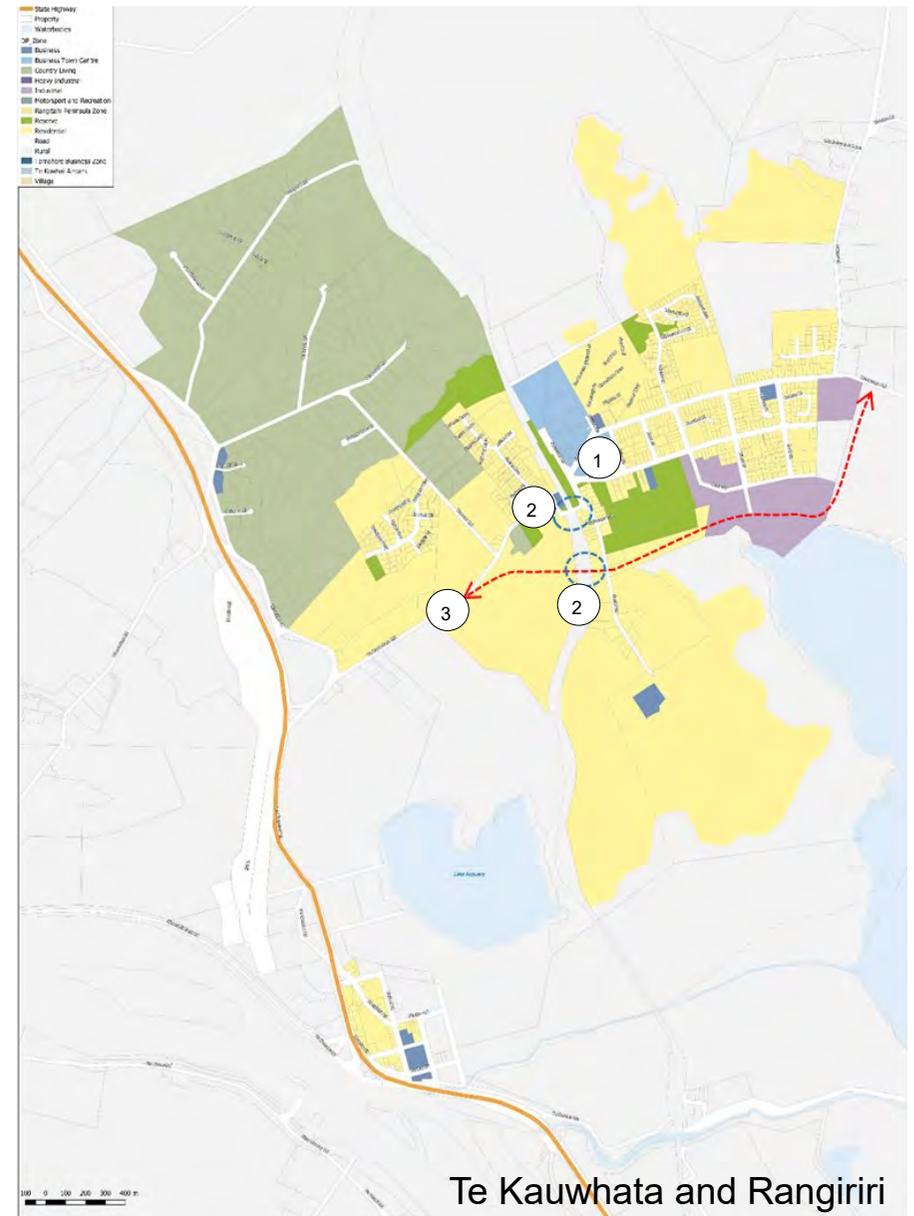
Refer to the table overleaf for more detail.



Proposed initiatives for Te Kauwhata and Rangiriri

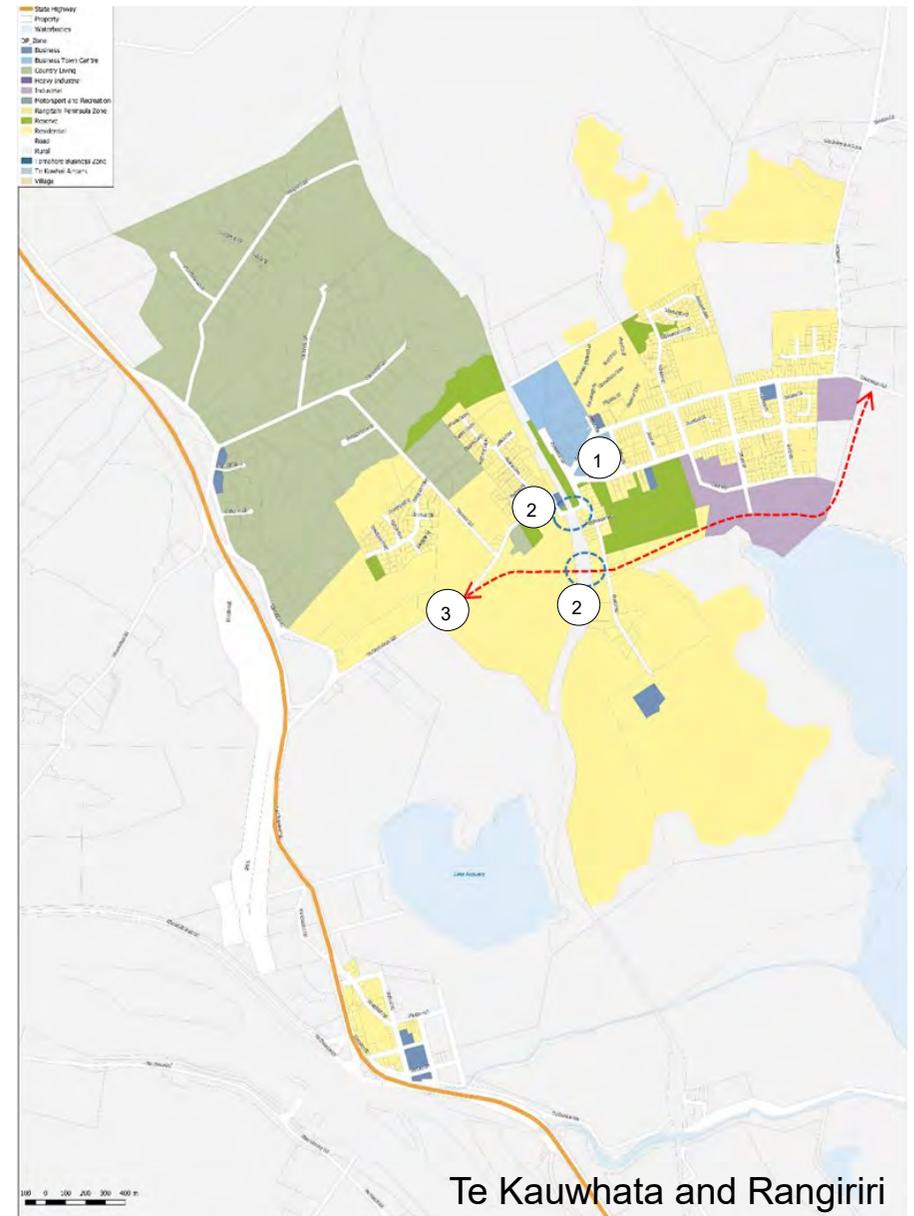
Theme	NO.	Action	Priority
Identity	TK1.1	Build a strong identity based on the river corridor, and the unique qualities of the local area (refer to DW1.1 to 1.4). For Te Kauwhata, consider viticultural history, Lake Waikare, and the Whangamarino wetlands. Develop a heritage trail highlighting the viticultural history of Te Kauwhata.	Top
	TK1.2	Promote Rangiriri, highlighting the area's history.	Medium
Communities	TK4.1	Work with the Ministry of Education to agree an integrated approach to delivering additional educational capacity, especially where associated with new residential areas (1).	High
	TK4.2	Promote the provision of health services.	Medium
	TK4.3	Consider the provision of facilities to accommodate community, and active and passive recreational activities.	High
Growth	TK5.1	Consider measures to ensure high quality new residential environments.	Medium
	TK5.2	Provide design guidance to ensure housing diversity for different family sizes.	High
Economy	TK6.1	Consider rezoning the site of the existing primary school as commercial to allow for a central business hub (in conjunction with the initiative to identify additional educational facilities elsewhere, see TK4.1).	Top
	TK6.2	Determine key town centre strategy and management needs.	High

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Theme	NO.	Action	Priority
	TK6.3	Strengthen and emphasise linkages to the Waikato River and the Te Araroa Trail, and leverage for tourism.	Medium
	TK6.4	Provide a covered facility to accommodate the markets.	Low
	TK6.5	Identify if, how much, and where, possible additional employment land for office development is needed beyond the zoning in the Proposed District Plan.	Very high
	TK6.6	Identify if, how much, and where, possible additional employment land for retail development is needed beyond the zoning in the Proposed District Plan.	Very high
Transport	TK7.1	Produce a cycling and walking strategy to develop local connections and paths, including around the lakes and the Whangamarino Wetland.	Very high
	TK7.2	Consider alternatives to the bypass that achieves the aims of reducing trucks through the village (2).	Low
	TK7.3	Consider facilitating a grade-separated rail crossing, at existing or possible bypass location (3).	Low



Refer to the proposed District-wide actions related to public transport and waste water and water infrastructure upgrades for Te Kauwhata and Rangiriri.