

Summary of Information

Priority buildings – Earthquake prone buildings

Reason for the Proposal

The system for identifying and managing earthquake-prone buildings changed on 1 July 2017. The new system prioritises identification and remediation of earthquake-prone buildings that either pose a high risk to life safety, or are critical to recovery in an emergency.

Council must consult on whether buildings are priority buildings due to:

- their location beside vehicular and pedestrian thoroughfares with sufficient traffic to warrant prioritisation; and
- the potential impact of their failure in an earthquake on people.

Priority buildings must be identified and remediated in half the usual time, to reduce the risks to life safety more promptly. This means that Council must identify potentially earthquake-prone priority buildings in this district within 2.5 years, and building owners must strengthen or demolish earthquake-prone priority buildings within 7.5 years.

Council has proposed areas in Levin, Foxton and Shannon which it considers have sufficient vehicular or pedestrian access to warrant prioritisation. See attached maps.

Council would like comment on the following questions.

Questions

1. Do you agree with the thoroughfares identified for prioritisation?
2. If not, which thoroughfares do you disagree with and why?
3. Are there any other thoroughfares that meet the criteria but are not listed?

More Information

Where to get a copy of the Statement of Proposal?

The Statement of Proposal may be collected from Council's Service and Community Centres in Levin, Foxton and Shannon and from Council's Main Office in Levin, or from the Council's website www.horowhenua.govt.nz. You may request a copy be posted to you by calling 063660999.

Period for Consultation

Written submissions on the proposal may be made from **Wednesday 21 February 2018** until **5pm Monday 26 March 2018**.

Those who make a written submission may choose to make an oral submission. Hearings of oral submissions are scheduled for April / May 2017, further details will be confirmed with submitters. Please indicate on your submission form if you wish to speak to your submission.

If you have any questions please contact Cathryn Pollock, Project Coordination Lead at cathrynp@horowhenua.govt.nz