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Changes to kerbside waste collection and draft Waste Management & Minimisation Plan

> **Submissions close at 4.30pm on Friday 22 September 2023.**

We're asking you for feedback about proposed changes to waste collection; including when to introduce a food waste collection service, options for reducing general waste collection to every two weeks, and if an opt-in green waste collection should be offered. We'd also like your views on our draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP).

DRAFT WMMP

The WMMP gets reviewed every six years. It outlines how we'll lower emissions and the amount of waste going to landfill, and to promote a circular economy where materials are used and re-used for as long as possible. We want your thoughts on our proposed **Vision, Goals, Objectives, Targets, and Actions**, as well as general feedback about our draft plan.

Victoria Araba, SDC Director – Assets, says the draft WMMP reflects community feedback and aligns the district's plan with the New Zealand Waste Strategy 2023 introduced by central government.

"Our proposed vision for the next six years is 'Empowering our Community to Eliminate Waste'. This speaks to our social responsibility as a council, but also to how we want to work with our people, organisations, schools, and businesses towards a zero-waste future. Do you think this is the right vision for us?"

FOOD WASTE COLLECTION AND REDUCTION IN RED LID BIN PICKUP

Under the government's new waste strategy, food waste collection must be in place by 2027. How soon it begins before that deadline is something you can have a say on, as it's got wider impacts on kerbside collections.



"Many people will find food waste collection to be a really handy service, and the sooner we collect food waste, the more savings we make because we can send less rubbish to landfill," explains Victoria.

"To make sure that the reduction in general waste happens, we will combine the start of food waste collection with a reduction in the pickup of general waste to every two weeks. Do people need a slightly bigger bin size if we do this? It's all part of what we're asking our residents."

OPT-IN GREEN WASTE COLLECTION

An opt-in green waste collection for compostable garden and lawn trimmings is also under investigation. The service, if adopted, would be at the resident's cost.

"We know many people have compost areas at home for garden waste already, or they might not produce enough green waste for a regular pickup service. We don't think a green waste collection service for everyone is a good use of ratepayer money, but an opt-in service could be possible if that's of interest to our community," says Victoria.

Plans unveiled for kid-friendly Transport Choices project. Tell us what you think!



> **Submissions close at 4pm on Friday 8 September 2023.**

Our School Safety Improvement Project is looking to put kids in the driving seat, or rather the bike seat. We've unveiled plans for a tamariki-friendly network

of safe walking and cycling paths between Stratford primary schools and key destinations in the community. View the plans for the first phase of the project and have your say about the proposed designs.

Plans for Phase 1 will see the development of safe walking and protected two-way cycle paths between Avon School, Stratford Primary School, and St Joseph's School.

Connections will be developed between the schools to Wai o Rua – Stratford Aquatic Centre, TET Multisports Stadium, and State Highway 3, and a safe crossing point installed on Pembroke Road for better access into and from Taranaki Diocesan School. The proposed changes will affect Hamlet, Regan and Portia Streets on the north side of Stratford, and Miranda, Celia and Hamlet Streets to the south.

Phase 2 plans, which will go out for public feedback later in the year, includes accessible crossing points on State Highway 3 and walking and cycling paths to improve connections from key residential areas to Stratford High School and destinations like Stratford Bike Park and Whakaahurangi Marae.

Victoria Araba, SDC Director – Assets, says the planned improvements will put Stratford on the road to having a healthy travel network that works for all members of the community.

"Our Transport Choices project is about giving our tamariki, whānau, and community the confidence to get out there and enjoy being active in our awesome town," says Victoria.

"We think we've got the right mix between looking after our vehicle users and encouraging environmentally friendly travel options, but would really like to hear the views of our local residents."

SDC's School Safety Improvement Project is being done with the support of Transport Choices, a \$348 million programme funded by the Climate Emergency Response Fund through Waka Kotahi, which aims to demonstrate what's possible for communities across Aotearoa New Zealand by quickly providing people with healthier, more affordable, and safer transport choices that are good for us, and for the environment.

The total value of both phases of the project is \$7.8M. Transport Choices funding will cover 80% of the project, with a 20% co-funding contribution from SDC.

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View all the info and give your feedback at [Stratford.govt.nz/HaveYourSay](https://stratford.govt.nz/HaveYourSay)

Paper submission forms and information is also available at Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre, Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre, and council's Service Centre on Miranda Street.



GOT QUESTIONS ABOUT KERBSIDE COLLECTION CHANGES AND OUR DRAFT WMMP?

Email Submissions@Stratford.govt.nz or give us a call on 06 765 6099.

Our waste management and minimisation team will also be available to talk through the proposals and answer questions on **Saturday 26 August** at:

- Prospero Markets in Prospero Place, Stratford, from 9am to 12pm
- The Stratford Repair Café in the Stratford War Memorial Centre from 12 – 3.30pm

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Monday – Friday 8.30am – 5.00pm

Saturday 9.00am – 1.00pm

Sunday & Public Holidays Closed

Transfer Station

Phone 06 765 8500

Monday – Friday 2.00pm – 5.00pm

Wednesday 10.00am – 1.00pm

Saturday & Sunday 1.00pm – 5.00pm

Wai O Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre

Phone 06 765 6275

Monday – Friday 6.00am – 6.30pm

Saturday 7.00am – 5.00pm

Sunday and Public Holidays

10.00am – 5.00pm

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