

## **Draft Kingsland Forest Development Plan - Public Consultation**

Email from Alan Bywater (TDC) to resident

We have developed a Draft Kingsland Forest Development Plan and invite the Association to consider whether it wants to make a submission on the Draft Plan.

A new harvesting cycle is about to start in Kingsland Forest. That cycle will take the next 20 years to complete as parts of the Forest are progressively harvested. We need to decide now whether to replant pines for future harvest or to manage the forest solely as a recreational and biodiversity asset for Richmond, replanting in either native or permanent exotic species.

Over the next 20 years the draft Kingsland Forest Development Plan (Plan) proposes to gradually retire Kingsland Forest from commercial forestry operations as plantation forestry blocks mature and are harvested. The forest will be replanted in a mix of native and permanent exotic trees, and recreational tracks will be progressively improved over time.

The draft Plan aims to ensure:

- the protection of natural and heritage values
- provision of a range of community uses of the forest while reducing the potential for conflict between different types of uses through careful design and management
- the forest's contribution to the community is maximised by considering all potential benefits, including commercial, natural, cultural and recreational outcomes
- provision of a range of recreational opportunities that cater for people of all ages and abilities
- opportunities for biodiversity and recreational connections with the urban area and the wider Barnicoat Range and beyond

- partnerships with iwi and the community to build on the natural, cultural and recreational values of the forest

## **Have your say**

If you're keen to see the full detail of the plan, including all the objectives and actions, you can find it on our website [www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback) or at Council offices and libraries.

We want to know what you think of the draft Kingsland Forest Development Plan.

You can have your say by:

- Making an online submission. Visit [www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback)
- Downloading a submission form from our website or picking one up from any Council office or library. You can return it either by:
  - emailing to [info@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:info@tasman.govt.nz) with Kingsland Forest draft development plan in the subject line
  - dropping it in to any Council office or library
  - posting it to Kingsland Forest Draft Plan, Tasman District Council, 189 Queen Street, Private Bag 4, Richmond 7020.

**Public consultation open from 18 December 2019 to 6 March 2020**