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Proposed process for regeneration planning announced

The proposed approach for developing a Regeneration Plan for the entire residential red zone along the Ōtākaro/Avon River corridor from Barbadoes Street to Bexley has been published today by Regenerate Christchurch.

[The draft Outline for the Ōtākaro/Avon River Corridor Regeneration Plan](#) is the first mandatory step in the statutory regeneration planning process, says Regenerate Christchurch Chief Executive Ivan Iafeta.

“The draft Outline sets out the process for developing the draft Regeneration Plan, which will include the development of an overall vision and an assessment of various options to achieve the optimal mix of uses and outcomes for the area that will best support Christchurch’s regeneration.

“The draft Outline also identifies how we will work with communities and our regeneration partners.

“This is an important first step as we undertake the largest regeneration opportunity in New Zealand’s history.

“We want to acknowledge that many groups and individuals have already put a huge amount of work and passion into developing ideas and proposals for the area. We want to build on this and also stimulate new ideas to enable consideration of a broad range of exciting, innovative and practical opportunities,” says Ivan Iafeta.

In an update to the approach initially signaled by Regenerate Christchurch, the draft Outline proposes to cover the whole Ōtākaro/Avon River corridor in one plan.

“We originally proposed a smaller and less complex area for developing the first draft Outline. While there are merits in either approach, after considerable detailed planning and feedback from people in the community, we have concluded that developing a single plan for the whole area is the best approach.

“It’s important to us that people have an opportunity to help shape the process, to share with us how they would like to be involved and to tell us if there is anything else they think Regenerate Christchurch should be thinking about as we begin developing the draft Regeneration Plan,” says Ivan Iafeta.

[People can comment on the draft Outline online](#) from today until 21 February or fill out a feedback form available at any Christchurch City Council library or service centre from early next week.

The draft Outline is also being reviewed by our statutory partners and will then go to Ōtākaro Limited for consent. It will then be submitted to the Minister supporting Greater Christchurch Regeneration for final approval.

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