

Media Release

Residential chapter release paves way for vibrant central city living

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The path to central city residential development has been made simpler with the introduction of a Residential Chapter of the Christchurch Central Recovery Plan.

A Liveable City – finalised after public comment was considered last year – provides simplified rules for residential development in central Christchurch, while maintaining development standards, says Christchurch Central Development Unit Director Warwick Isaacs.

"A Liveable City creates a new Central City Residential Zone which gives those building homes more flexibility in their design and allows a range of housing types for those who are keen to look at living in a vibrant central city," says Mr Isaacs.

"We have a goal of seeing more than 20,000 people living in the central city in attractive neighbourhoods with diverse communities. The residential chapter includes more information on development initiatives such as residential development in the East Frame, an area that will be home to approximately 2000 people and which will begin construction towards the end of the this year."

"The boost to residential activity will also encourage further commercial growth and investment as people move into the central city."

A Liveable City outlines the vision and objectives for living in the central city along with revised District Plan provisions and several initiatives to stimulate the development of housing and communities.

The residential chapter can be found at www.ccdugovt.nz/the-plan.

The approved changes, made under the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Act 2011, will amend the Christchurch Central Recovery Plan and direct that the required changes are made to the City Plan (being the District Plan under the Resource Management Act 1991). The amendments have now been publically notified.