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Historic Places Wellington makes the following submission on the Draft Future Development Strategy.

1. Historic Places Wellington is an incorporated society which aims to promote the identification and protection of heritage places in the Wellington region and inform the public of their significance. I am the Chair of the Society's Committee.
2. We wish to be heard by the WRLC Hearings Subcommittee on Monday 11 December.
3. Our submission generally supports the background information in the draft FDS, and makes the following specific comments.
4. In relation to Question 3, about prioritising housing development near strategic transport hubs and routes, we note that many of Wellington's oldest buildings are in those areas following earlier patterns of urban development of our city. It is important to recognise and respect areas of heritage and character in those places and collaborate with the people of those places in designing and encouraging appropriate development.
5. The specific areas of high cultural value along the LGWM MRT Corridor include the Wellington CBD, and the old inner suburbs of Thorndon, Mount Victoria, Mount Cook, Newtown and Berhampore. HPW does not support the Wellington Spatial Plan (referred to in Appendix 2 of the draft FDS) as it was adopted by slim majority vote by Wellington City Council in mid-2022 despite much controversy and more than 3000 submissions, the majority of which were disregarded.
6. Additionally, there are many other specific sites of interest identified in the Wellington District Plan and in other planning documents for the Wellington regional area (including important sites in areas of green space or subject to the Crown disposal process), and others identified by Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga.
7. In relation to Question 4 we support the acknowledgment of the need "to protect the places we love", and in particular by avoiding development in "areas of high cultural value".
8. We support the proposal identified in Question 4, and its recognition of areas of high cultural value having a specific acknowledgement in the FDS.

9. We particularly support Principle 6 of the Placemaking Principles in Appendix 3 to the FDS, “Fit with Local Landscape, and Natural and Historic Heritage”, given the importance of character, histories and heritage to placemaking.

10. We were disappointed not to be invited to participate in any engagement about developing the FDS and wish to make further specific comments in due course.

Regards and nga mihi

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HPW Committee Chair