

Item 1: Te Kirikiri Frankton Structure Plan Update

SESSION TYPE: Briefing

PURPOSE/DESIRED OUTCOME:

This workshop provides councillors with an update on progress on the Te Kirikiri Frankton Structure Plan.

DATE/START TIME:

Tuesday, 22 September 2026 at 11.00am (approximately)

TIME BREAKDOWN:

Presentation: 20 mins
Questions or Debate/Discussion: 10 mins

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A	Slides: Te Kirikiri Frankton Structure Plan Update
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Te Kirikiri Frankton Structure Plan

Moving from evidence gathering into spatial
testing

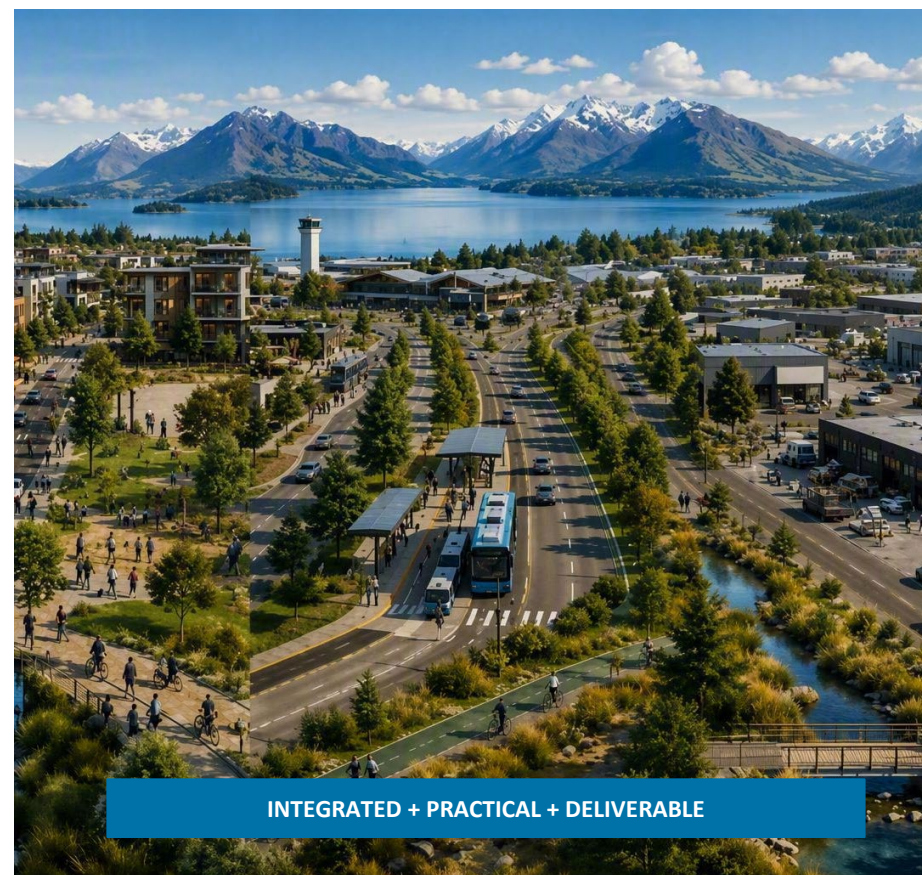


A long-term spatial direction for Frankton

The Structure Plan will connect decisions that are currently made across separate systems.

The plan is intended to:

- Establish a shared, long-term spatial direction
- Integrate land use, movement, infrastructure, open space and community outcomes
- Bring together technical evidence, community values, landowner aspirations and Council priorities
- Guide future planning, investment and implementation
- Provide an evidence-based and deliverable framework



Build on the 2020 Masterplan, do not start again

The core intent remains relevant, while today's constraints and delivery realities need renewed testing.

What still holds

- Plan Frankton as an integrated whole
- Improve connections across SH6
- Strengthen public and active transport
- Link centres, destinations, lake and river edges
- Provide greener streets and more urban parks
- Recognise Kāi Tahu histories and cultural associations

CONTINUITY

What the Structure Plan adds

- Updated evidence and development intentions
- Frankton's confirmed metropolitan centre role and purpose
- Greater focus on housing and business capacity (eg housing typologies)
- Clearer treatment of airport, infrastructure and industrial land constraints
- Testing of earlier ideas against implementation and delivery

UPDATED RESPONSE

The direction is relevant, but the context has changed

Growth, policy settings and delivery constraints have increased the pressure and complexity around Frankton.



RETEST THE DELIVERY REALITY

Six connected matters are being worked through

Each issue affects the others, so the preferred direction must be assessed as an integrated spatial framework.

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ROLE + CENTRES

Frankton's regional and sub-regional role, and how its centres and nodes relate

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MOVEMENT

Connections between key destinations across all modes

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SH6 SEVERANCE

Realistic pedestrian crossings, links, active travel and transit moves

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LAND-USE BALANCE

Housing and mixed use alongside employment and services

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PLACE + ENVIRONMENT

Lake, rivers, trails, parks and recreation (eg QEC) as a network

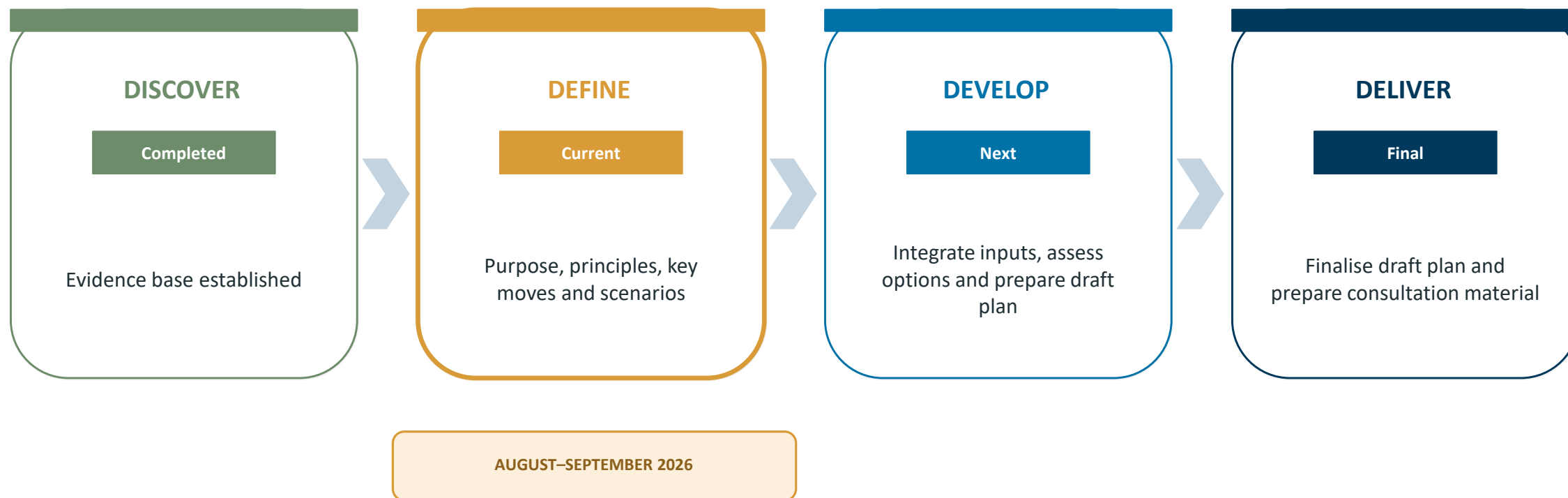
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DELIVERY

Essential moves, sequencing and implementation mechanisms

Where the project is now: the Define phase

Discovery is complete. The project is now confirming principles and testing spatial directions.



Testing Frankton's overlapping roles

Frankton already performs all three roles, but they compromise each other. The options are stress tests of whether a direction eases that tension — not mutually exclusive futures.



METROPOLITAN CENTRE

Everyday retail, housing, community, education, healthcare and recreation

ARRIVAL + CONNECTOR

Movement, public transport, airport and visitor infrastructure

PRODUCTIVE CENTRE

Industry, trades, services and airport-related employment

BALANCE THE ROLES THROUGH ONE PLAN

How the next stage works: test, learn and refine

Workshop material will make opportunities, constraints and trade-offs visible before a preferred direction is developed.



Survey purpose: test ideas and trade-offs, not select a final Structure Plan.

KEY MESSAGE

The project is moving from evidence gathering into spatial testing.

The next stage will identify how Frankton's different roles can be integrated into a realistic, coordinated and deliverable long-term framework.

Current focus

Test Frankton's overlapping roles with the community via survey to understand the trade-offs between them before a preferred spatial direction is developed.