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## Kaiapoi Domain to host first temporary accommodation

*Following discussions with the Department of Building and Housing, the Waimakariri District Council has agreed Kaiapoi Domain, on the corner of Ranfurly and Dale Streets, can be used to host the first cluster of temporary accommodation.*

This temporary housing will accommodate local residents who need to relocate during the rebuild or repair of their homes due to earthquake damage. A concept design for the site to accommodate 25 units is currently being prepared and will be made available to the community once completed.

Also to be released soon is a factsheet of answers to many detailed questions about the accommodation that are being asked by likely users as well as neighbours.

The site selection process which identified the Kaiapoi Domain from a number of possible sites included a range of criteria against which the suitability of potential hosting sites were assessed. Criteria included proximity to Kaiapoi, the ability to readily provide water and sewerage services, ground conditions, street lighting, overall impact on the local community, and the estimated number of units that could be hosted on each site.

Waimakariri District Mayor David Ayers says, "We want to ensure Kaiapoi people who need to be relocated to temporary housing are as close as possible to Kaiapoi shops, schools, community organisations, friends and family."

"We appreciate the hospitality Kaiapoi people have shown residents in their own homes, but the capacity Kaiapoi has to absorb more people in this way is limited, so purpose-built temporary accommodation is needed".

Mayor Ayers says while the Council is conscious of keeping reserves for recreational purposes and has taken this into account; it has also had to balance the need to quickly provide temporary houses to provide suitable accommodation for people who need to move into them.

"We are working closely with the Department of Building and Housing to ensure good standards of temporary accommodation will be provided. We understand temporary houses will be warm, well insulated and meet all Building Code standards."

Council Chief Executive Jim Palmer says although the Council has agreed on a public space to host the first temporary accommodation cluster, it is looking at alternative options for further hosting sites.

"While the Council has agreed Kaiapoi Domain should host the first temporary housing, we are conscious of not encroaching into greenspace used for recreation, hence our recent expression of interest for landowners to make land available for temporary housing."

The estimated completion date for the first cluster of temporary housing is within the next two to three months. Other accommodation options are also being assessed for those among the first clusters of homes to be rebuilt or repaired.

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