

New Housing coming to Kensington

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Much needed new public homes are being built in your neighbourhood.

Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities are holding a community drop-in session in Kensington. We want to let you know about our plans for new public homes in the area to meet the urgent need for housing in Te Tai Tokerau.

Drop-In Session

We invite you to join us at our Community Drop-In Session. This will be an opportunity to meet our team, learn more about the projects, and ask any questions you may have.

Date: Thursday 3 August 2023

Time: Drop in anytime between 4pm – 6pm

Location: McKay Lounge 1, McKay Stadium, 97 Western Hills Drive, Kensington

Nau mai haere mai – everyone is welcome.

Why we are engaging now

Kāinga Ora has a long-standing presence within the Kensington community, actively engaged in providing homes for around 80 people in the area. While we will continue to maintain these homes, many of them will require extensive upgrades in the future, and this gives us the opportunity to consider how we can make best use of the land.

We are looking at where we can replace older public houses with more new homes. We are also working with developers to purchase new homes. This is on top of significantly upgrading a number of our existing public homes.

The Whangarei District Council has identified Kensington as a high-growth area, with zoning rules that allow for medium density development. These developments are strategically situated within easy walking distance of parks, shops, and essential services. The council has also established a Plan that focuses on meeting the demand for housing, enhancing amenities, and developing necessary infrastructure, among other key objectives.



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Questions?

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With this plan in place, designed to support population growth and foster connected communities, Kensington presents an ideal location for a diverse mix of housing types. These include standalone and duplex dwellings, terraced housing, and three-story walk ups. The range of housing options reflects our commitment to creating a thriving and inclusive community in Kensington.

What we are looking at building

Kainga Ora has an exciting opportunity to deliver new homes in Kensington:

20-20A Churchill Street

- 6 new two-storey two-bedroom terraced/duplex homes proposed

13-15 King Street

- 6 new two-storey two-bedroom terraced homes proposed

57-59 King Street

- 4 new two-storey homes proposed
- 3 two-bedroom terraced homes and 1 five-bedroom standalone home
- 1 home accessible to full universal design

58-60 King Street

- 6 new two-storey two-bedroom terraced homes proposed

32-34 Lovatt Crescent

- 5 new two-storey terraced/duplex homes proposed
- 3 two-bedroom homes and 2 three-bedroom homes

These warm, dry and modern houses would replace existing Kāinga Ora houses, and will help provide Whangārei whānau in need of housing with a place to call home. The homes would be in a range of mixed-earth tone colours and clad with timber. They would be fully insulated, with double glazing, carpets and curtains and be warmer, drier and more energy efficient than ever. Each home would have a have outdoor space with easy to maintain fenced private section.

Who will live in the new homes

Kāinga Ora will match homes to people and families on the Housing Register. These would be their long term homes, with priority given to those in the greatest need. We will be taking into consideration individual factors, for example proximity to work, whānau, and education.

Engaging with respect

We value open and constructive dialogue, and we appreciate that some community members may have concerns and questions regarding our plans for Kensington. We are committed to listening attentively and respectfully to your feedback.

During our Drop-In Session, we kindly request that everyone maintains a respectful and considerate attitude towards our dedicated staff. It is important to remember that derogatory remarks towards our staff or the individuals we assist, as well as racially charged comments, will not be tolerated. We strive to create a welcoming and inclusive environment for all attendees.

In the event that such comments arise, we may ask the individuals responsible to leave, or we may need to conclude the Drop-In Session early. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in fostering a positive and constructive atmosphere for everyone.



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