

Chapter 2A: Strategic Direction

2A.1 Strategic Direction

(a) The overarching vision of the Waikato District Council is to create liveable, thriving, connected communities.

(b) Liveable communities are well-planned and people friendly providing for a range of quality residential options, social infrastructure walkways and open spaces. They reflect what's important to people and support a shared sense of belonging both at the local community and the wider district.

(c) Thriving communities participating in council decision making and community-led projects, having the capacity and capability to provide input into the management of their local assets and sustain the local business sectors providing local employment

(d) Connected communities have fit-for-purpose physical and social infrastructure to create liveable thriving communities. Connectivity through roads, cycle ways, walkways and digital capabilities enable rapid information sharing and engagement in activities together. By these means, people in communities access services and amenities that meet their social, health, education, employment and wellbeing needs

(e) The following strategic objectives apply district-wide and will help in achieving this vision.

2A.2 Strategic Objectives

4.1.1 2A.2.1 Objective – Strategic

- (a) Liveable, thriving and connected communities that are sustainable, efficient and co-ordinated.
- (b) National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity Minimum Targets

The minimum targets for sufficient, feasible development capacity for housing in the Waikato District area are met, in accordance with the requirements of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity 2016.

Area	Minimum Targets (number of dwellings)		
	Short to Medium 1-10 years (2017-2026)	Long term 11-30 years (2027-2046)	Total
Waikato District	7,100	12,300	19,400

Development patterns enable efficient public transport services to occur

- 4.2.19 Policy – Retirement Villages
- 4.2.18 Policy - Multi unit development
- 6.5.2 Policy – Construction and operation of the land transport network
- 6.4.5 Policy – Roading infrastructure
- 6.1.13 Policy – Future growth areas
- 6.1.2 Policy – Development, operation and maintenance
- 6.1.4 Policy – Infrastructure and benefits

2A.2.7 Objective – Development density

Higher-density development occurs in and around town centres and in areas of high amenity within towns

- 4.1.5 Policy – Density

2A.2.8 Objective – Employment opportunities

Increased employment opportunities are provided for in the district in and around existing towns.

- 4.1.6 Policy – Commercial and industrial activities
Refer section 4.5 for objectives and policies in respect to Business and Business Town Centre Zones.
Refer section 4.6 for objectives and policies in respect to Industrial and Heavy Industrial Zones.
- 5.3.2 Policy – Productive rural activities
- 5.3.4 Policy – Industrial and commercial activities
- 5.3.6 Policy – Intensive farming activities
- 5.4.2 Policy – Access to minerals and extractive industries

2A.2.9 Objective – Use of existing infrastructure

Development occurs in a manner that maximises the existing infrastructure networks

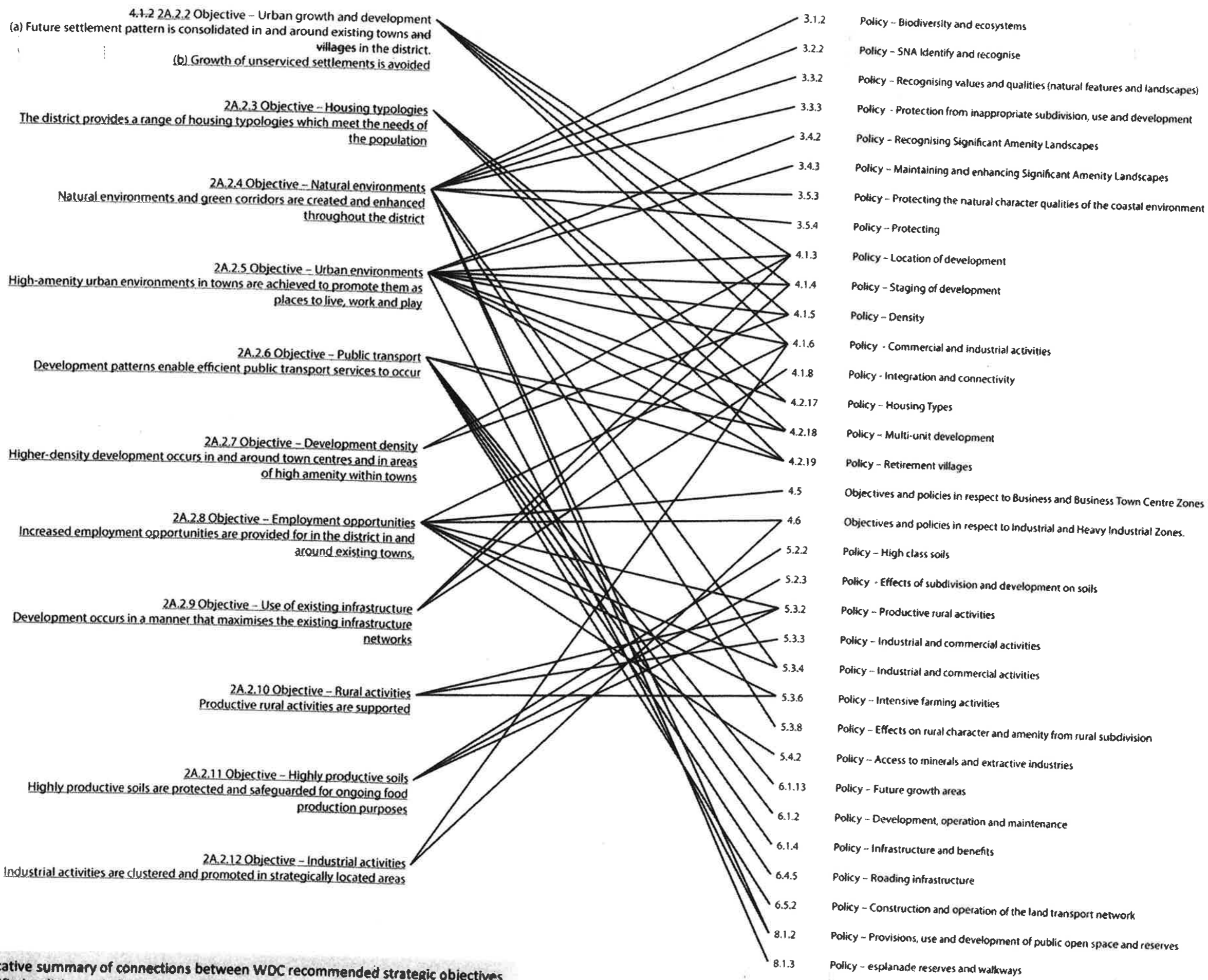
- 4.1.3 Policy – Location of Development
- 4.1.4 Policy – Staging of development
- 4.1.8 Policy - Integration and connectivity

2A.2.10 Objective – Rural activities

Productive rural activities are supported

- 5.3.2 Policy – Productive rural activities
- 5.3.3 Policy – Industrial and commercial activities
- 5.3.6 Policy – Intensive farming activities

2A.2.11 Objective – Highly productive soils



Note: Indicative summary of connections between WDC recommended strategic objectives and as notified policies and objectives under the WPDP