



Your Town/City in the Future

Learning objectives

Students will develop:

- awareness of the built environment issues that affect their town/city now and into the future, and an understanding of potential solutions.

Process

- As a class, identify the built environment issues that your town/city is facing, or will face in the future. Potential issues could include traffic congestion, urban sprawl, lack of housing supply, and energy supply.
- Select one issue that students feel strongly about. As a class, identify the different interest groups involved in or affected by the issue. Divide the class into small groups. Ask each group to represent a different interest group and to consider the issue from this group's viewpoint.
- As a class, discuss potential solutions to the issue. Identify the pros and cons of each solution from the viewpoints of the interest groups involved in, or affected by, the issue.
- Invite a representative from your local council to give a presentation on the issue. The council representative should explain the issue and its causes and outline how the council is addressing the issue.
- Present the suggested solutions of the class to the council representative.

Resources needed

You will need the following resources:

- paper and pens.

Council contacts

For contact details of your local council visit www.localgovt.co.nz

More information

Visit our website: www.mfe.govt.nz/issues/urban/ or contact the Ministry for the Environment's Urban Group by emailing urban.design@mfe.govt.nz or phoning (04) 439 7400.