



RESIDENTIAL INTENSIFICATION IN NELSON

Survey of Residents Living in Higher Density Housing

Dear Resident,

Residential intensification has been identified as a preferred approach for accommodating future growth in our region (as expressed in the Nelson Urban Growth Strategy). You live in an area of higher density housing, so your experiences could help with the planning of future residential development. This survey is to get community feedback on residential intensification (i.e. more houses per area of land).

The results of the enclosed survey will feed into future policy decisions, which will consider where, what and how more residential intensification might happen.

Your thoughts would be much appreciated.

OBJECTIVE OF SURVEY

We need to find out about the current and potential role of higher density housing, including:

- who currently lives in higher density housing in Nelson,
- why people live in this type of housing,
- what people think of living in higher density housing,
- what people think of the future of residential intensification,
- the good and bad things about residential intensification,
- what services people require in close proximity,
- where this type of higher density housing should be located.

OUR APPROACH TO THE SURVEY

We are contacting a range of people living in higher density housing within Nelson via this mail-out survey. You are welcome to answer any or all questions in the survey – *no response is mandatory*. Information collected will remain confidential to the Council and *individual responses will not be identified when results of the survey are reported*.

A copy of the survey is enclosed. Alternatively, it can be filled in online at [\(webpage\)](#)

All responses received by **5pm on Friday 12th March 2010** will go in the draw to **win a \$200 Fresh Choice supermarket voucher**.

DEFINITIONS

1. Higher density housing refers to medium to high density housing with 15 or more dwellings per hectare.



THE SURVEY

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Prize draw

NCC would appreciate all surveys returned by **5pm on Friday 12th March 2010**. To show our appreciation all responses received before this date, which include contact details, will go in the draw to **win a \$200 voucher for Fresh Choice supermarket**. The winner will be randomly selected and notified by mail.

SECTION A: YOUR HOME

1. What is the address of your house? _____

2. Which of the following best describes the type of house you live in?



Mixed Use (i.e. residential and commercial in the one building)



Apartment



Terrace/townhouse/duplex (i.e. homes that share the same party wall)



Detached house



Accessory dwelling (i.e. granny flat or sleepout)

Other (please specify) _____

3. How many bedrooms does your house have?

One Two Three Four Five More than five

4. Which of the following best describes your situation?

Owner Renting Boarder Living with family Other (please specify) _____

If you rent, how much is the weekly rent for the house?

<\$150 \$151-250 \$251-350 \$351-450 \$451-550 \$550+ Don't know

5. How long have you lived in the house?

- Less than 6 months Between 6 and 12 months Between 1 and 2 years
 Between 2 and 3 years Between 3 and 4 years More than 4 years

6. How big is your house?

- < 50 sq metres 51-75 sq metres 76-100 sq metres over 100 sq metres

SECTION C: HOME LIVING

7. In what type of housing did you previously live (i.e. last place you lived before your current home)?

- Mixed Use Apartment
 Terrace/townhouse/duplex Accessory Dwelling
 Detached house in low density area Detached house in higher density area
 Detached house in rural area Other (please specify) _____

8. What are the three most important reasons for you choosing to live in higher density housing?

- Affordable Close to work Close to family/friends
 Close to shops Close to schools/childcare Close to parks & recreational facilities
 Low maintenance Better safety & security Wanted a smaller place to live
 Lifestyle Lack of housing choice Good design of unit/building in terms of:
 Outdoor living & open space
 Style & aesthetics
 Privacy
 Sunlight
 Other (please specify) _____

9. What are the three things you like least about higher density housing living?

- Expensive Too far from work Too far from family/friends
 Too far from shops Too far from schools/childcare Too far from parks & recreational facilities
 High maintenance Poor safety & security Wanted a bigger place to live
 Lifestyle Lack of housing choice Poor design of unit/building in terms of:
 Outdoor living & open space
 Style & aesthetics
 Privacy
 Sunlight
 Other (please specify) _____

How might these be improved? (please comment) _____

10. Are you likely to move in the next 12 months? Yes No Don't know

If answered 'Yes' to Q10 please complete questions 11-12. Otherwise go directly to Q13.

11. What are the three main reasons for why you are considering moving?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

12. What is the type of housing you would most prefer to live in? (please tick one)

- Mixed Use Apartment
- Terrace/townhouse/duplex Accessory Dwelling
- Detached house in low density area Detached house in higher density area
- Detached house in rural area Other (please specify) _____
- Don't know

SECTION D: TRANSPORT

13. How many cars are owned by the household?

- None One Two Three Four More than four

14. Where do you usually park your car(s) while at home?

- In your garage/carport On-site car park On-street
- Other (please specify) _____

SECTION E: SPACE

15. What type of private outdoor living area does your house have (i.e. outdoor space accessible only to you)?

- Ground level garden/courtyard Small balcony Large balcony
- Rooftop area No private open space
- Other (please specify) _____

16. Do you feel this private outdoor living area is big enough for your needs? Yes No

Please give reasons _____

17. Does your house have a shared outdoor living area (i.e. shared with your neighbours)?

- Yes No **If answered 'yes' please complete Q18-19, otherwise go to Q20**

18. How often do you use the shared outdoor living area?

- Daily Weekly Monthly Never

19. What do you think of the quality of the shared outdoor living area?

- Excellent Good Average Poor

Please give reasons _____

20. Does your house have a shared service area (e.g. laundry, storage or waste you share with your neighbours)?

- Yes No **If answered 'yes' please complete Q21-22, otherwise go to Q23**

21. How often do you use the shared service area?

- Daily Weekly Monthly Never

22. What do you think of the quality of the shared service area?

- Excellent Good Average Poor

Please give reasons _____

23. Does your house have shared vehicle access and/or parking?

- Yes No **If answered 'yes' please complete Q24-25, otherwise go to Q26**

24. How often do you use the shared vehicle access and/or parking?

- Daily Weekly Monthly Never

25. What do you think of the quality of the shared vehicle access and parking?

- Excellent Good Average Poor

Please give reasons _____

26. Do you like the physical appearance (i.e. how it looks) of your:

House? Yes No

Please give reasons _____

Neighbourhood? Yes No

Please give reasons _____

SECTION F: COMMUNITY

27. Do you feel a "sense of community" with your:

Immediate neighbours? Yes No

Neighbourhood? Yes No

28. Do you think your building's design and layout contributes to those feelings towards your:

Immediate neighbours? Yes No

Neighbourhood? Yes No

29. Do you think a "sense of community" is important with your:

Immediate neighbours? Yes No

Neighbourhood? Yes No

30. Do you have, and would you use, any of the following services/facilities located within a 10 minute walk from your house? (please circle the most appropriate)

	Do you have?	Would you use?
Childcare services (e.g. kindergarten, youth programmes)	Yes/No	Yes/No
Community support services (e.g. Citizens Advice Bureau)	Yes/No	Yes/No
Recreational services (e.g. open spaces, swimming pools, gym)	Yes/No	Yes/No
Information services (e.g. library)	Yes/No	Yes/No
Other facilities used to meet with your social networks (e.g. church)	Yes/No	Yes/No

31. Are there any services/facilities not provided within a 10 minute walk from your house that you would like to see? _____

SECTION G: ABOUT YOU

32. Which of the following age groups do you fall into?

16-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65+

33. Which of these best describes your household?

Single/one person household Single person with children
 Group – e.g. flatmates Couple with children
 Couple without children Other (please specify) _____

34. How many people live in your house, including yourself?

One Two Three Four Five More than five

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. PLEASE CONTINUE OVER PAGE →

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

Nelson City Council is interested in continuing discussions with people who live in higher density housing within the area so we can better understand your future needs. Would you be interested in further participation?

Yes (please ensure you complete your contact details below) No

If you have any questions about this questionnaire, please contact Sharleen Gargiulo, Policy Contractor on: ph 03 546 0429 or email tempenvpol@ncc.govt.nz

Please enter your contact details below. We will need these if you wish to win the prize draw.

Name: _____ Postal Address: _____

Ph: _____ Email: _____

**Please return surveys to: Nelson City Council, Freepost 76919, PO Box 645, Nelson 7040
by 5pm on Friday 12th March 2010.**