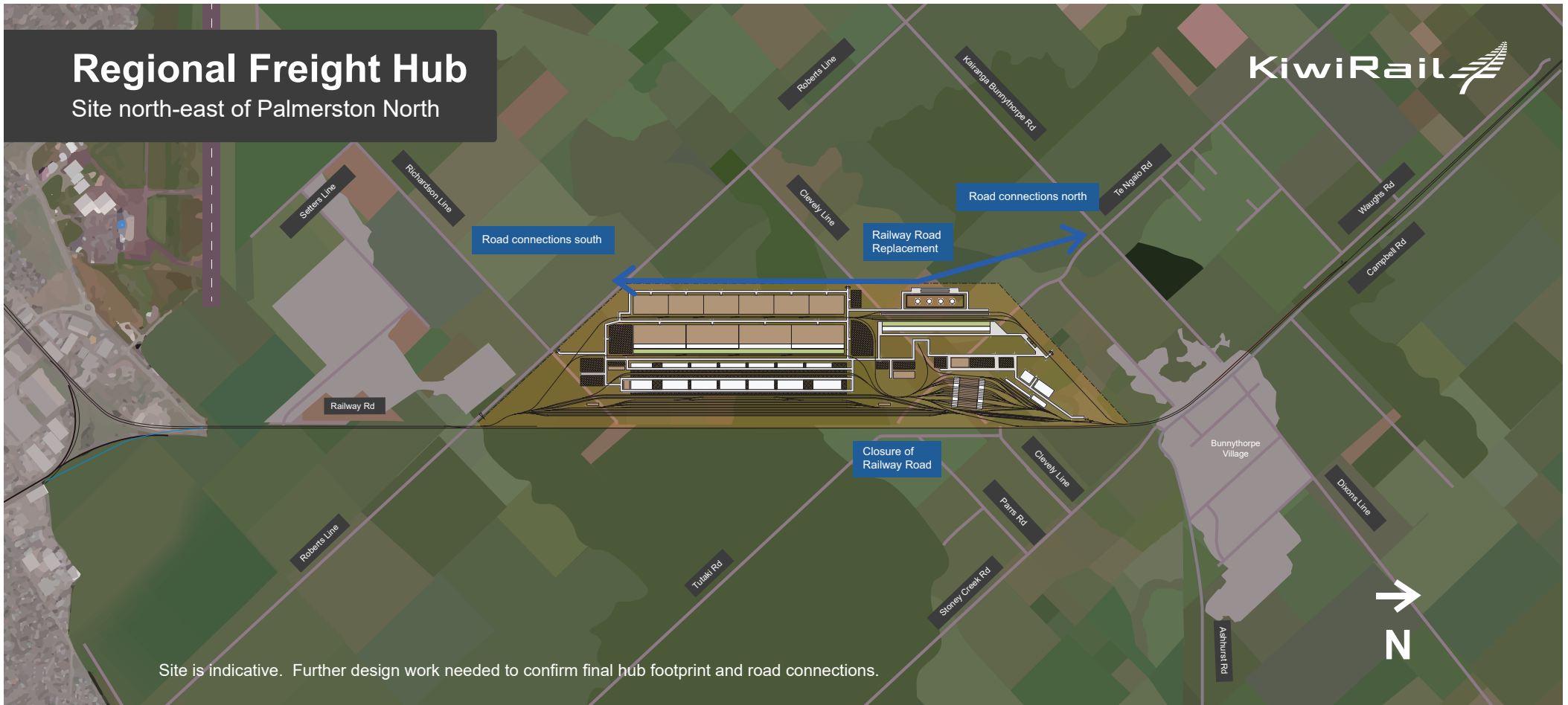


Regional Freight Hub

Site north-east of Palmerston North



Site is indicative. Further design work needed to confirm final hub footprint and road connections.

KiwiRail is progressing plans for a new intermodal freight hub near Palmerston North, to help meet the needs of future freight volumes across the lower North Island.

We would like your feedback on the Hub as part of finalising the design and developing mitigations. Feedback from the local community is a crucial part of final design process.

More information can be found on our website:

<https://www.kiwirail.co.nz/what-we-do/projects/regional-freight-hub/>

You can fill in our survey and leave pins on our map here:

<https://kiwirail.mysocialpinpoint.com/regional-economic-freight-hub>



Site north-east of Palmerston North

- Could attract up to \$4bn of investment to Palmerston North
- More than 100 ha
- Designed to accommodate longer, more economical 1,500 metre trains – increasing capacity, network and asset utilisation by 60%
- A crucial connection between the North Island rail network and short-haul road operators, supporting regional freight growth
- Links all markets – importers, exporters and domestic freight and logistics operators – to rail services
- Combined services approach – cutting edge, designed by international experts to be fully integrated and as future-focused as possible
- Using rail to unlock the value of integrated logistics options – to improve efficiency and reduce costs for our customers for the next 100 years.

Long-term vision for the Regional Freight Hub:

- The hub of KiwiRail's Central North Island operations and core gateway for cross-Cook Strait freight
- Provision for KiwiRail's current and future operational needs including a diesel, electric and battery powered locomotive and wagon service centre; track maintenance depot, for hardware and machinery; Network Services and maintenance facilities; and a future potential train control and rail operation centre
- Container terminal – including inland port services for import/export containers and potential export free trade with blockchain technology for Belt and Road international trade
- Warehousing and distribution facilities for freight forwarders and key partners – including large format, siding-served facilities
- A refrigeration and temperature-controlled HACCP plug-in capability
- Log loading and storage facilities
- Bulk goods silos
- Land secured for expansion over the next 100+ years

