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Abstract Remit	<p>The presentation is in two parts.</p> <p>Firstly, Rodney District Council has prepared a non-statutory urban design guide. This document is designed to encourage better design outcomes. Drawings and photographs are used to illustrate what is considered to be "good" and "bad". Good development should respond to its local context but should also be designed with the end user in mind. From an urban design perspective our urban areas need to be carefully laid out so that they encourage walking, cycling, can accommodate public transport and private motor cars. Too often the pedestrian has been left to fend for themselves and I believe it is time to redress the balance. The presentation will discuss the design guide and how I hope it will encourage walking.</p> <p>Secondly, I will discuss the master plan for Masdar the world's first sustainable city in Abu Dhabi. The settlement will house 90,000 people (50,000 residents plus 40,000 commuters) and has been designed by the British architect Lord Norman Foster. Masdar will be a dense walled city which uses a large photovoltaic power plant for energy. It will also be car free in that there will be no fossil fuel cars within the city's boundary. It is billed as being zero carbon, zero waste, setting a new benchmark for future sustainable cities. The presentation will discuss this exciting and innovative development.</p> <p>A workshop could follow the Masdar presentation. The discussion would centre upon how future New Zealand urban areas might look if they were based on the same principles.</p>		
Author Profile	<p>Andrew Trevelyan is a UK trained urban designer who is currently working at Rodney District Council. He has a particular interest in designing settlements for pedestrians for two reasons. Firstly walking is the most sustainable form of transport and secondly, pedestrians help add life and vibrancy to our environment.</p>		