

Chapter 7 – Heritage

Built Heritage, Archaeological Sites and Sites of Significance to Maori

Overview

The current Plan protects areas of heritage within the City which are identified on a register. The Heritage Register currently identifies 80 registered sites and items for protection. These include buildings, items, waahi tapu, archaeological sites and natural landscapes.

Key issues identified under the current Heritage Register include:

- The register is out of date. Some items listed no longer exist or have been moved.
- There is a requirement to re-assess heritage items in accordance with the Regional Policy Statement Plan Change No.1 criteria.
- The framework for managing heritage is inappropriate in context with the requirements of the RMA.
- The particular heritage values of sites, and the extent of some sites are not defined.

Current Rules

- Current objectives, policies and rules for heritage management relate to items contained on the heritage register.
- The extent of the work proposed to a heritage site or item determines the resource consent requirements and the extent of discretion that Council can apply.

Key Changes Proposed

- The introduction of categories for built heritage (buildings and structures) to recognise significance.
(Eg. A = national significance, B = regional significance and C = local significance).
- The identification of sites of significance to tangata whenua (shown as purple hatched on the Plan Maps).
- The identification of significant archaeological sites (shown as black hatched on the Plan Maps).

Reason for the Change

- Amendments to the Resource Management Act 1991 raised the status of heritage to a matter of national importance.
- The Resource Management Act 1991 requires council to recognise and provide for the protection of heritage, and to provide for the relationship of Maori with their culture and traditions.
- Heritage values to be re-assessed in accordance with the Regional Policy Statement.

Note: The provisions of the City Plan relating to Heritage shall have legal effect from the date of public notification of the Plan.

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