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5. RESIDENTIAL RULES

5.1 Permitted Activities

The following activities are permitted in Residential Areas (which includes the Inner and Outer Residential Areas as shown on the planning maps) provided that they comply with any specified conditions and payment of any financial contribution (refer to rule 3.4).

Where Inner Residential Areas are situated within the Central Area Boundary as defined on the planning maps, the relevant Residential objectives, policies and rules will apply to those Inner Residential Areas.

5.1.1 Residential activities are Permitted Activities provided that they comply with the following conditions:

5.1.1.1 Noise

5.1.1.1.1 Noise emission levels resulting from noise associated with power generation, heating, ventilation or air conditioning systems, or water or sewage pumping/treatment systems or other similar domestic installations when measured at or within the boundary of any site, other than the site from which the noise is generated, in the Residential Area shall not exceed the following limits:

Inner Residential Area

Monday to Saturday 7 am to 10 pm	50dBA(L10)
At all other times	40dBA(L10)
All days 10pm to 7am	65dBA(Lmax)

Outer Residential Area

Monday to Saturday 7am to 10pm	45dBA(L10)
At all other times	40dBA(L10)
All days 10pm to 7am	65dBA(Lmax)

5.1.1.1.2 Where it is impractical to measure outside a residential building, then measurements shall be made inside (with windows closed). Where indoor measurements are made the noise limits stated above shall be reduced by 15dBA.

5.1.1.1.3 Any activity occurring within the Residential Area when measured from any other area listed in Appendix 1 must comply with the stated noise limits.

5.1.1.2 Vehicle Parking

On-site parking shall be provided as follows:

- residential activities: minimum 1 space per household unit.
- [visitor parking for residential activities: minimum 1 dedicated space for every four household units for any proposal considered under Rules 5.3.4, 5.3.10, 5.4.6 or 5.4.8.](#)

This rule applies to those sources that can be readily controlled by the noise performance standards. Other day to day residential activities which may cause a noise nuisance will be controlled using the excessive noise provisions of the Act.

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Where an assessment of the required parking standards results in a fractional space, any fraction under one half shall be disregarded. Any fraction of one half and greater shall be counted as one visitor space.

- for boarding houses the parking requirement shall be 1 space per 4 residents
- all parking must be provided and maintained in accordance with the standards set out in Appendix 2.

5.1.1.3 Site Access

5.1.1.3.1 No vehicle access is permitted to a site across any restricted road frontage identified on District Plan Maps 43 to 46.

5.1.1.3.2 Site access for vehicles must be formalised by a legal right of way instrument where not directly from a public road and be provided and maintained in accordance with the standards set out in Appendix 3.

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5.1.1.3.3 There shall be a maximum of one vehicular access to a site, except that a site with more than one road frontage may have one access per frontage.

5.1.1.3.4 The width of any vehicular access to a site shall not exceed 3.7 metres in the Inner Residential Area and shall not exceed 6 metres in the Outer Residential Area.

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5.1.1.3.5 No access shall be provided to a primary street on sites with frontage to a secondary street.

5.1.1.3.6 As shown in Appendix 3 the minimum distances of any vehicular access to an intersection shall be:

Arterial and principal streets	20m
Collector streets	15m
Other streets	10m

Suburban areas provide the environment where most people in the City live. Residential activities are therefore permitted as they are in accordance with the outcomes sought. The conditions on these activities are designed to ensure that the amenities enjoyed by residents are reasonably protected. The parking and access conditions are aimed at maintaining access and safety on suburban streets but parking is not required for every person on a site who may own a vehicle.

5.1.2 Work from home activities are Permitted Activities providing that they comply with the following conditions:

5.1.3 The construction, alteration of, and addition to, residential buildings, accessory buildings, [and residential structures,]¹ is a Permitted Activity (except in residential character areas or on a legal road) provided the new building [or structure]² or the new part of the building [or structure]³ complies with the following conditions:

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For Lot 2 DP 71465 off Stockden Place, Karori refer to Appendix 13

5.1.3.1 Number of Household Units

Not more than two household units shall be permitted on any site except that:

- in that part of the Inner Residential Area identified in Appendix 8 no more than 1 household unit shall be permitted on any site
- in Thorndon, Mt Victoria and [Aro Valley]⁴ (shown in Appendix 9) no more than 1 household unit shall be permitted on any site
- in the Oriental Bay Height Area (shown in Appendix 4) there shall be no limit to the number of household units. [New buildings, and significant alterations and additions to buildings, will be assessed against the requirements of the Oriental Parade Design Guide under rule 5.3.13.]¹
 - [no more than one household unit shall be permitted on any part of a site that is within the Hazard (Fault Line) Area.]²

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For Ridvan Gardens, off Downing Street, Ngaio refer to Appendix 16

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Provided that Rule 5.1.3.1 does not apply where the construction, alteration or addition does not increase the number of household units on the site.

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Front Yards

Inner Residential Area –

5.1.3.2.1 A minimum of 1 metre except for the Oriental Bay Height Area (as shown in Appendix 4) where there is no minimum front yard requirement; or

less than 1 metre if the part of the building nearest the street does not project forward of a line from the forward most part of the two adjoining residential buildings (excluding accessory buildings). This provision does not apply to corner or rear sites.



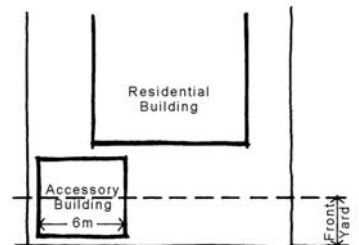
5.1.3.2.2 Accessory buildings, [including structures,]³ may be erected in front yards to a maximum width of 6 metres measured across the front boundary, [except:

- fences and walls up to 2 metres high are permitted (see rule 5.1.3.6).]⁴

Outer Residential Area –

5.1.3.2.3 A minimum of 3 metres, or 10 metres less half the width of the road, whichever is the lesser; or

less than 3 metres if the part of the building nearest the road does not project forward of a line from the forward most part of the two adjoining residential buildings (excluding accessory buildings). This does not apply to corner or rear sites.



5.1.3.2.4 Accessory buildings, [including structures,]⁵ may be erected in front yards to a maximum width of 6 metres measured across the front boundary, [except:

- fences and walls up to 2 metres high are permitted (see rule 5.1.3.6).]⁶

Side and Rear Yards

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5.1.3.2.5 There are no minimum side or rear yards in either the Inner or Outer Residential Areas except that:

- on all sites, outdoor access to any open area to the rear of a building is to be provided with a minimum width of 1 metre

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- a minimum width of 1 metre must be maintained between buildings where a residential building (other than an accessory building) on an adjoining site is sited less than 1 metre from the boundary
- on all sites within Mt Victoria (as shown in Appendix 9) a minimum 1.5 metre rear yard is required.

[5.1.3.2.5A] ¹Decks, terraces, [or] ²balconies with a finished floor, [paving or turf] ³level of 1.5 metres or more above ground level [at the boundary] ⁴ shall be located no closer than 2 metres to any side or rear boundary, [except for the following:

- driveways and parking structures
- pedestrian walkways, provided they are not more than 1.5 metres wide
- stairs and stair landings, provided that the area of any individual stair tread or landing is not more than 4 square metres
- Where a side or rear boundary abuts an access lot, access strip, public accessway or drainage reserve, the boundary may be taken from the furthest boundary of the access lot, access strip, public accessway or drainage reserve or any combination of these areas.] ⁵

5.1.3.2.6 5.1.3.2.5 [and 5.1.3.2.5A do] ⁶ not apply to the Oriental Bay Height Area (as shown in Appendix 4) except

- for 282-300 Oriental Parade a minimum 1 metre rear yard is required
- for 232-234 Oriental Parade a minimum 6 metre rear yard is required.

General Yards

5.1.3.2.7 No building [or structure, including a fence or wall,] ⁷ shall be located closer than 3 metres to a waterbody or the coastal marine area, excluding artificial ponds or channels, [or closer than 5 metres to the Porirua Stream within the Tawa Hazard (Flooding) Area.] ⁸

5.1.3.2.8 No impervious surface associated with the use of the site shall extend closer than 3 metres to a waterbody or the coastal marine area, excluding artificial ponds or channels.

5.1.3.2A Open Space (Mt Cook, Newtown and Berhampore (as shown in Appendix 9))
Provision subject to Plan Change 39.

5.1.3.2B Open Space

Inner Residential (except in the Oriental Bay Height Area)

5.1.3.2B.1 On-site ground level open space shall be provided at a minimum of 35 square metres per household unit. Open space shall be calculated as an aggregate total for the site and may be provided as either private or shared open space.

5.1.3.2B.2 No area of ground level open space shall be used for vehicle accessways, parking or manoeuvring areas, or be covered by buildings. Balconies or verandahs may extend out of ground level open space up to a maximum depth of 1.5 metres. Uncovered decks less than 1m above ground are regarded as ground level open space for this rule.

5.1.3.2B.3 All areas of ground level open space must have a minimum width of at least 3 metres and be directly accessible from the dwelling.

5.1.3.2B.4 Any household unit that has less than 20 square metres of private ground level open space must also provide private open space in the

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form of a deck or balcony. A total deck area of at least 6 square metres is required for one bedroom units, while units with two or more bedrooms must provide a deck area of at least 10 square metres. All decks must have a minimum dimension of at least 2 metres. Open space provided as decks does not contribute towards the aggregate open space total for the site.

5.1.3.2.B.5 For the purpose of this rule:

Private Open Space means open space that adjoins the unit to which it relates and which is for the exclusive use of the occupiers of that unit.

Shared Open Space means open space that is provided on-site but which is not for the exclusive use of any specific occupier. Shared open space may be provided in more than one area on site, but each area of shared open space shall have a minimum area of 30 square metres and a minimum width of 3 metres.

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5.1.3.2B.6 On-site ground level open space shall be provided at a minimum of 50 square metres per household unit.

5.1.3.2B.7 No area of ground level open space shall be used for vehicle accessways, parking or manoeuvring areas, or be covered by buildings. Balconies or verandahs may extend out over ground level open space up to a maximum depth of 1.5 metres. Uncovered decks less than 1m above ground are regarded as ground level open space for this rule.

5.1.3.2B.7 All areas of ground level open space must have a minimum width of at least 4 metres and be directly accessible from the dwelling.

5.1.3.3 Site Coverage

5.1.3.3.1 In the Inner Residential Area the maximum coverage is 50 percent except for the following:

- in the Oriental Bay Height Area (as shown in Appendix 4) there is no maximum coverage
- in the Aro Valley Area (as shown in Appendix 10) the maximum coverage is 40 percent.

5.1.3.3.2 In the **Outer Residential Area** the maximum coverage is 35 percent, except for the following:

- site coverage can be increased above 35%, to a maximum of 40% [where the extra site coverage is comprised of uncovered decks.]⁹ This excludes the Mitchelltown and Roseneath Areas referred to in this rule

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- for the Mitchelltown Area (as shown in Appendix 5):
 - in density area (1) the maximum coverage is 40 percent
 - in density area (2) the maximum coverage is 30 percent
 - in density area (3) the maximum coverage is 20 percent
- for the Roseneath Area (as shown in Appendix 7) the maximum site coverage is 45%.

5.1.3.4 **[Maximum]¹ Height. Subject to rules 5.1.3.5 and 5.1.3.6, the following applies:**

5.1.3.4.1 In the Inner Residential Area the maximum height [for buildings and structures, including fences and walls,]² is 10 metres, except for the following:

- [for fences or walls within 1 metre of a boundary or in a front yard (refer to rule 5.1.3.6)]³
- for [maximum]⁴ heights in the Thorndon Character Area refer to the design guide Volume 2
- in the Aro Valley Area (as shown in Appendix 10) the maximum height is 7.5 metres
- in the Oriental Bay Height Area the maximum height is as shown in Appendix 4
- in the North Kelburn/Bolton St Area the maximum height is as shown in Appendix 6.

5.1.3.4.2 In the Outer Residential Area the maximum height is 8 metres, except for the following:

- in the Roseneath area (as shown in Appendix 7) the maximum height is 10 metres
- [within the land shown in Appendix 24 (16-50 Rhine Street, Island Bay) no part of any building or structure shall extend above or penetrate a horizontal line over the land at a height of 70 metres above mean sea level.

For the avoidance of doubt proposals shall comply with whichever is the lesser (i.e. the lower height) of this height plane condition and the maximum building height of 8 metres.]⁵

5.1.3.4.3 Height of a second household unit on an Outer Residential Area site

In the Outer Residential Area, the maximum height of a second household unit which is outside the footprint of the existing household unit and on a fee-simple site area of less than 1000m² shall be 4.5 metres.

5.1.3.5 **Sunlight Access**

Inner Residential

5.1.3.5.1 All buildings [and structures, including fences and walls,]⁶ shall be contained within a sunlight access control envelope (in form of a “tent” constructed by drawing sunlight access control lines over the site from all parts of all boundaries, except for any boundary fronting a road), and provided further that gable end roofs may penetrate the sunlight access control line by no more than one-third of the gable height.

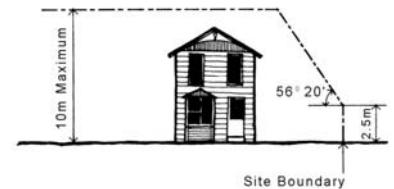
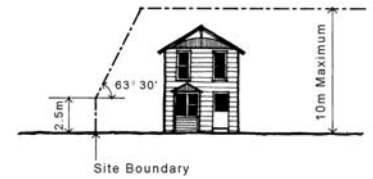
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5.1.3.5.2 Each sunlight access control line shall rise vertically for 2.5m from ground level at the boundary and then incline inwards, at 90° to the boundary in plan, at an angle to the horizontal related to the orientation of the boundary and its bearing.

5.1.3.5.3 Determination of the angle of inclination of the sunlight access control line.

The inclination of the sunlight access control line to the horizontal shall be based upon the direction in which the boundary faces which is ascertained by the bearing of a line drawn outwards from the site at 90° to that boundary line, so that:

- for a boundary that faces between 330° and 30°, the angle of inclination shall be 3 vertical to 1 horizontal (71° 30' approximately)
- for a boundary that faces between 270° and 330° or between 30° and 90°, the angle of inclination shall be 2 vertical to 1 horizontal (63° 30' approximately)
- for a boundary that faces between 90° and 150° or between 210° and 270°, the angle of inclination shall be 1.5 vertical to 1 horizontal (56° 20' approximately)
- for a boundary that faces between 150° and 210°, the angle of inclination shall be 1 vertical to 1 horizontal (45°)
- in the Aro Valley Area (as shown in Appendix 10) for a boundary that faces between 150° and 210°, the angle of inclination shall be 0.5 vertical to 1 horizontal (26° 34' approximately). For boundaries that face between 30° and 150° and 210° and 330°, the angle of inclination shall be 0.85 vertical to 1 horizontal (40° 21' approximately). For a boundary that faces between 330° and 30° the angle of inclination shall be 3 vertical to 1 horizontal (71° 30' approximately)
- where a bearing lies exactly on a boundary between two of the above sectors, the owner of the site may use either of the two sector inclinations
- no account shall be taken of aerials, chimneys or decorative features that do not exceed 1 metre in any horizontal direction
- gable end roofs may penetrate the [sunlight access] plane by no more than one third of the gable height.

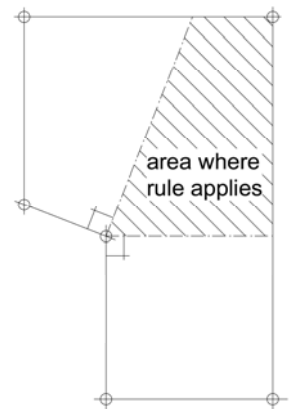


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5.1.3.5.3A Where two boundaries of a site have an angle between them that is greater than 180° (meaning the sunlight access planes cannot be inclined at right angles in plan from the boundaries to all the areas adjoining the boundaries), a sunlight access control plane shall be inclined to cover the whole area between the two closest positions where lines can be drawn at right angles to the boundaries. Where the two boundaries are in different bearing sectors the owner of the site may use either of the two sector inclinations for the area between the boundaries.]¹

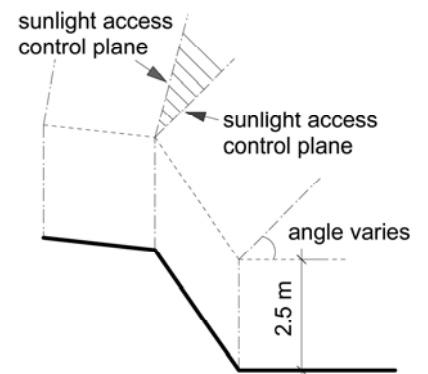


5.1.3.5.4 Rules 5.1.3.5.1 to 5.1.3.5.3 shall not apply to site boundaries fronting the street.

5.1.3.5.5 Rule 5.1.3.5.1 shall not apply in the Oriental Bay Height Area (as shown in Appendix 4) except on the boundary of adjacent residential properties not situated within the Oriental Bay Height Area.

5.1.3.5.6 Rule 5.1.3.5.1 shall not apply in the Thorndon Character Area except for boundaries on the edge of the Character Area.

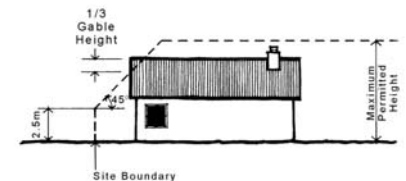
5.1.3.5.7 [Where a boundary abuts an access lot, access strip, public accessway or drainage reserve, the boundary may be taken from the furthest boundary of the access lot, access strip, public accessway or drainage reserve or any combination of these areas.]²



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5.1.3.5.8 All parts of a building [or structure, including a fence or wall,]³ shall be contained within a 45° plane commencing at a point 2.5 metres above ground level inclined inwards at right angles in plan from all parts of the site's boundaries, except:

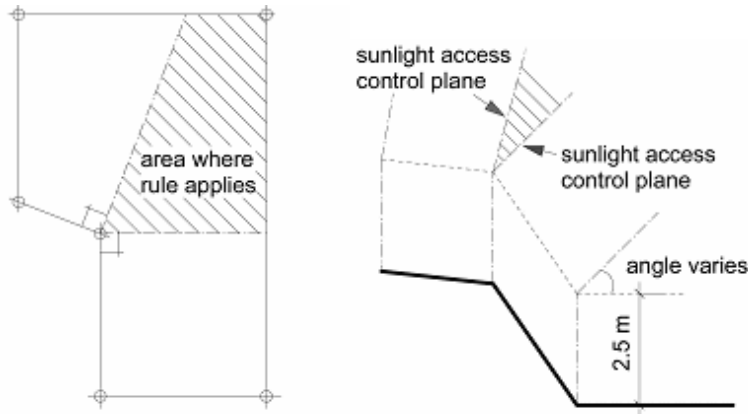
- gable end roofs may penetrate the 45° plane by no more than one third of the gable height
- no account shall be taken of aerials, chimneys or decorative features that do not exceed 1 metre in any horizontal direction
- rule 5.1.3.5.8 shall not apply to site boundaries fronting the street.



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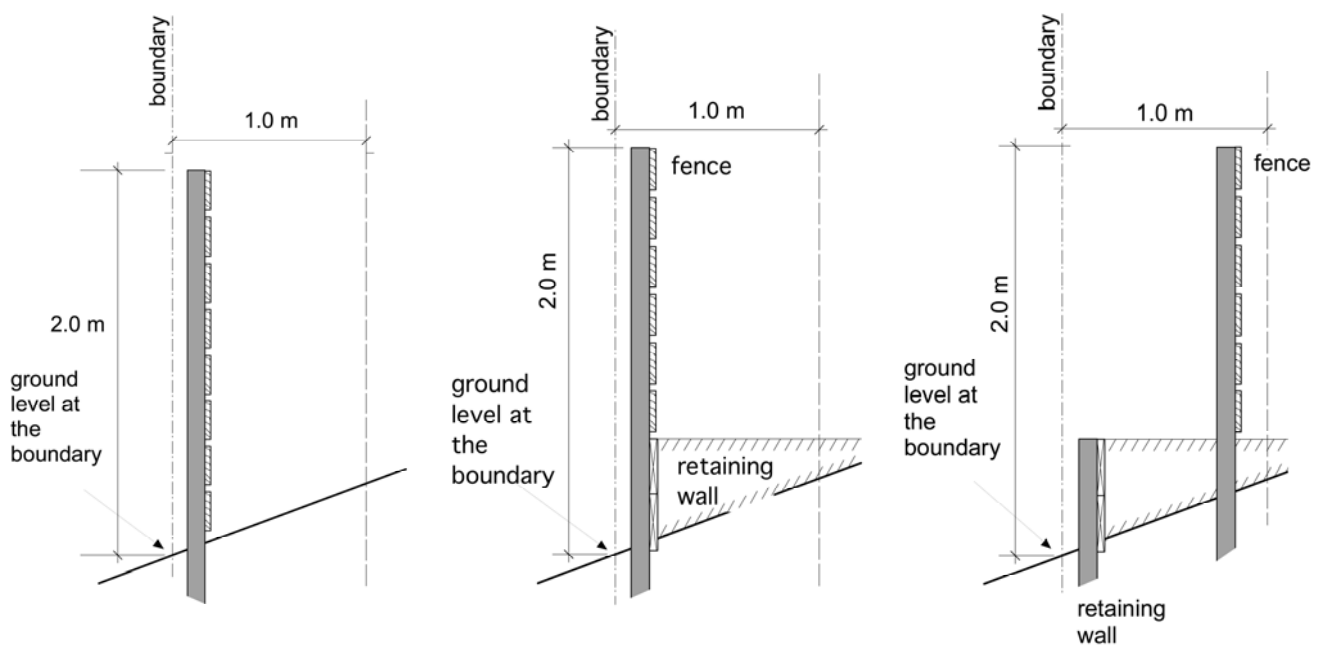
[5.1.3.5.8A Where two boundaries of a site have an angle between them that is greater than 180° (meaning the sunlight access planes cannot be inclined at right angles in plan from the boundaries to all the areas adjoining the boundaries), a sunlight access control plane shall be inclined at 45°, commencing at a point 2.5 metres above ground level, to cover the whole area between the two closest positions where lines can be drawn at right angles to the boundaries.]¹



5.1.3.5.9 [Where a boundary abuts an access lot, access strip, public accessway or drainage reserve, the boundary may be taken from the furthest boundary of the access lot, access strip, public accessway or drainage reserve or any combination of these areas.]²

5.1.3.6 Maximum Fence Height

[Within 1 metre of a boundary or in a front yard, a fence or wall, or combination of these structures (whether separate or joined together), shall have a maximum height of 2 metres measured from the ground level at the boundary.]³



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[5.1.3.7 Residential buildings within a Hazard (Fault Line) Area.

In any Hazard (Fault Line) Area, residential buildings shall have a maximum height of 8m and be built with a light roof and light wall cladding.]¹

5.1.3.8 Noise Insulation: Airport Area

Any new residential dwelling inside the airnoise boundary depicted on Map 35 must be designed and constructed so as to achieve an internal level of 45 dBA Ldn inside any habitable room with the doors and windows closed.

The certification of an approved acoustical engineer will be accepted as evidence that designs meet the insulation standard. A list of approved acoustical engineers shall be agreed between the Council and the Airnoise Management Committee and shall be made available on request by the Council.

5.1.3.9 Proximity to High Voltage Transmission Lines

Any residential buildings, including additions, shall be further than 30 metres from high voltage transmission lines (as measured from the centreline at ground level).

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The essential visual character of particular neighbourhoods is determined by the bulk and location of residences and the amount of open space around them.

The rules which apply to residential buildings are designed to ensure that [a reasonable level of](#) development can proceed with minimum restriction while the primary visual character [and amenity](#) of residential neighbourhoods is maintained. The standards have been varied in neighbourhoods where special provisions such as Design Guides apply. [Sunlight access provisions allow a reasonable amount of](#) sunshine to reach neighbouring sites by requiring the location of development away from boundaries. [Less restrictive sunlight access provisions apply in the inner-city residential areas where the encouragement of existing building forms is also a consideration.](#)

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There are no controls to protect views from private property. This is a matter which Council considers is better dealt with by private agreement.

[The rules adopted to ensure better management of infill housing in existing residential areas include a reduced permitted height level for the second dwelling on a site and introducing an open space requirement for each dwelling on site.](#)

[The requirement to provide open space is an important tool in maintaining a sense of openness and space between buildings. The open space standards are set to reflect typical density patterns of the Inner and Outer Residential Areas. It will also have a benefit for occupants though increased amenity values, and provide space for the retention of vegetation.](#)

[High fences \[and walls\] along or close to the boundary of residential sites are controlled to enable the effects of shading on adjoining sites to be assessed.](#)

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[The restrictions of residential buildings within the Hazard (Fault Line) Area is intended to promote the safety and welfare of both occupiers and neighbours by reducing the risk of building failure following a fault rupture.]³

[Residential buildings have been managed in the Porirua Stream catchment to prevent as much as possible any increase in the flooding hazard.]⁴

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In Residential Areas any new residential building, including additions must be located further than 30 metres from high voltage transmission lines as defined on the Planning Maps (refer to Policy 4.2.11.3).

5.1.3.A The alteration of, and addition to existing residential buildings that do not comply with any of the following

- 5.1.3.2 (yards)
- 5.1.3.4 (maximum height)
- 5.1.3.5 (sunlight access)

are a Permitted Activities provided any new part of the building complies with the following conditions:

5.1.3.A.1 the part of the existing building that does not comply was constructed before 27 July 2000.

5.1.3.A.2 any addition and alteration (within the footprint of the existing building) complies with rules 5.1.3.4 (maximum height) or 5.1.3.5 (sunlight access).

5.1.3.A.3 any addition that increases the footprint of the existing building does not exceed a height of 4.5 metres and complies with rules 5.1.3.2 (yards) and 5.1.3.5 (sunlight access).

5.1.3.A.4 the existing building with the alterations and/or additions complies with rules 5.1.3.1 (number of household units), 5.1.3.2.A and 5.1.3.2.B (open space), 5.1.3.3 (site coverage), 5.1.3.7 (Hazard (Fault Line) Area), 5.1.3.8 (noise insulation: Airport Area) and 5.1.3.9 (high voltage transmission lines).

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Rule 5.1.3 contains bulk and location provisions that guide the scale of building works that can occur on sites within Residential Areas. The provisions are set at levels that provide for a reasonable scale of development, while at the same time providing neighbouring properties with appropriate access to sunlight, daylight and amenity.

Many older buildings, particularly in the Inner Residential Area, do not comply with the bulk and location provisions. This is because these buildings are often built close to side boundaries and are unable to comply with the yard and sunlight access requirements. Because of the non-compliance created by the existing building, undertaking 'complying' additions and alterations to these buildings often requires an assessment to consider the combined effect of the proposed work and the areas of non-compliance created by the existing building (or structure). Rule 5.1.3.A stipulates the scale of work that can be undertaken on an existing 'non-complying' building as a permitted activity.

Additions and alterations to an existing building are permitted provided they are contained within the existing building footprint, and comply with the rules for maximum height and sunlight access. Additions that increase the footprint of the building are limited to a single storey (measured as being below 4.5 metres in height) are considered appropriate as the potential for shading or loss of privacy on adjoining sites is limited. Accordingly Rule 5.1.3.A provides for these additions as a permitted activity, provided they comply with the other bulk and location standards contained in Rule 5.1.3. This will make additions to character houses easier, encouraging their retention and adaptation.

When an existing building does not comply with the bulk and location standards in the District Plan, any new works to that building not provided for under Rule 5.1.3.A will be subject to an existing use rights assessment under section 10 of the Resource Management Act.

In order to carry out work under existing use rights, the proposal must be able to demonstrate that the combined effects of the proposed works and the existing dwelling, will be the same (or similar) in character, scale and intensity, as the effects created by the existing dwelling. If the proposed work does not fall within the ambit of existing use

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rights, a resource consent would need to be sought and granted before work can be undertaken.

5.1.11 Except for company lease, cross lease and unit title subdivision, any subdivision around an existing lawfully established residential building which does not result in the creation of any new undeveloped allotment that contains no residential building is a Permitted Activity provided that it complies with the following conditions:

- 5.1.11.1 Every building [or structure]⁴ adjoining a new boundary must comply fully with all conditions in rule 5.1.3 unless a resource consent has been obtained for any non-complying aspect which is generated by the proposed subdivision.
- 5.1.11.2 Any new services must be in compliance with the City Bylaws and if applicable the Council's Code of Practice for Land Development.
- 5.1.11.3 Every allotment must have practical, physical and legal access directly to a formed legal road or by way of a registered right-of-way.

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- 5.1.11.4 Every allotment must have drive-on vehicle access and parking constructed in accordance with rules [5.1.1.2 and] 5.1.1.3.
- 5.1.11.5 Any earthworks are authorised by rule 5.1.9.
- 5.1.11.6 No part of any allotment being subdivided may be within 20 metres of any river whose bed has an average width of 3 metres or more where the river flows through or adjoins an allotment.
- 5.1.11.7 No part of any allotment being subdivided may be within 20 metres of the line of mean high water springs.
- 5.1.11.8 No subdivision may occur within a heritage area or on a site associated with a heritage item unless in the latter case the subdivision involves land that is not occupied by the heritage item and is not specifically identified for preservation by the Plan as important to the setting of the item.
- 5.1.11.9 A Certificate of Compliance must be obtained for the subdivision to allow Council to assess survey plans for approval. An applicant must supply the following:
- information to allow Council to assess compliance with conditions 5.1.11.1 to 5.1.11.8
 - a certificate stating that all existing services have been located so that they are all contained entirely within the boundaries of the site being serviced, or within such existing or proposed right of way or easement relating to the site and are in accordance with the City Bylaws and if applicable the Council's Code of Practice for Land Development
 - current copies of titles for all affected properties
 - accurately drawn A4 plans at a scale of 1:500 or at a larger scale as appropriate

All certificates, plans and information supplied must be signed by a registered surveyor or other suitably qualified person certifying their accuracy.

Because of the diversity of the situations that arise and the need to ensure that particular circumstances are covered by appropriate conditions, most subdivisions will require a resource consent. Subdivisions resulting in the issue of separate certificates of title for existing residential buildings can be permitted subject to specified conditions. This will facilitate any subdivision of land which has no effect on the existing topography or building development.

Applicants are reminded of the need for proposed subdivisions to comply with the City Bylaws. In addition, where private infrastructure is proposed to be vested in the Council or where private stormwater, water and sewerage lines are connected or proposed to be connected to public infrastructure, applicants will need to liaise with the Council concerning the requirements set out in the Council's Code of Practice for Land Development so that the Council will either accept the vesting of such infrastructure or will authorise connection or continued connection to public infrastructure. Refer to Section 3.9 of the Plan.

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¹ District Plan Change No.34 – General Amendments to District Plan Text and Maps (Operative 6 July 2006)

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[5.1.12 In the Tawa Hazard (Flooding) Area, internal alterations, minor additions to existing residential buildings and new accessory buildings are Permitted Activities provided that they comply with the following conditions:

5.1.12.1 Additions shall not be below the floor level of the existing dwelling and shall not exceed 10m².

5.1.12.2 The floor area of accessory buildings shall not exceed 10m².

Minor additions to existing residential buildings and accessory buildings not in excess of 10m² have been provided as Permitted Activities in the Tawa Hazard (Flooding) Area. This recognises that minor development works of this scale would not significantly increase the flood hazard risk, whilst taking into account the practical and aesthetic implications of allowing minor buildings and additions at a similar floor level to the existing dwelling.]¹

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¹ District Plan Change No. 1 – Tawa Flooding (Operative 12 July 2002)

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5.2 Controlled Activities

Section 5.2 describes which activities are Controlled Activities in Residential Areas. A resource consent will be required but consent cannot be refused. Conditions may be imposed relating to the matters specified in Rules 5.2.1 to 5.2.5. The decision on whether or not a resource consent will be notified will be made in accordance with the provisions on notification in the Act.

5.2.1 Early childhood centres catering for up to 30 children, except within the Inner Residential Area north of John Street/ Hutchinson Road, are Controlled Activities in respect of:

5.2.1.1 landscaping and site layout

5.2.1.2 vehicle parking

5.2.1.3 site access.

[5.2.2 Non-residential activities in existing non-residential buildings (that contain a shopfront display window adjacent to the footpath) and extensions to existing non-residential buildings (that contain a shopfront display window adjacent to the footpath), are Controlled Activities in respect of:

5.2.2.1 the design and external appearance of buildings

5.2.2.2 the effects of the generation of noise, dust, glare, vibration, fumes, smoke, electromagnetic radiation, odours or the discharge of contaminants

5.2.2.3 hours of operation

5.2.2.4 vehicle parking.]¹

5.2.3 In residential character areas identified on the District Plan maps, the construction, alteration of, and addition to residential buildings, accessory buildings [and residential structures]¹, are Controlled Activities in respect of:

5.2.3.1 design, external appearance and siting

5.2.3.2 [maximum]² height in the Thorndon Character Area.

For location of residential character areas, refer to District Plan Maps 12, 17 and 18

Non-notification

The written approval of affected persons will not be necessary in respect of applications relating to matters specified in the relevant character area Design Guide. [Notice of applications need not be served on affected persons]³ and applications need not be notified.

Standards and Terms

[All the conditions in rule 5.1.3 must be met]⁴

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Assessment Criteria

In determining the conditions to be imposed, if any, Council will have regard to the following criteria:

- 5.2.3.3 In the Thorndon Character Area the extent to which the proposal meets the provisions of the Thorndon Character Area Design Guide.
- 5.2.3.4 In the Mt Victoria North Character Area the extent to which the proposal meets the provisions of the Mt Victoria North Character Area Design Guide. In this area control in respect of design and external appearance for existing buildings only applies to the north or northwest frontage of buildings.

Within the Residential Areas, local areas with a special visual character or amenity have been identified. To protect and enhance these areas, all new development will be assessed with reference to the provisions of a Design Guide. The Design Guides, by way of written statements and illustrations, provide the criteria for assessment. It is Council's view that the use of Design Guides provides the most effective means of encouraging appropriate building development in special residential neighbourhoods.

^{1 and 2} District Plan Change No.6 – Residential Rules and Definitions (Operative 1 November 2004)

³ District Plan Change No. 28 – Non-notification Statements (Operative 6 July 2006)

⁴ District Plan Change No. 11 – Controlled and Discretionary Activities (Operative 6 October 2003)

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5.2.4 Except where covered by rule 5.3.10 [and Rule 5.4.8]¹, the construction, alteration of, and addition to residential buildings, accessory buildings [and residential structures,]² in that part of the Inner Residential Area identified in Appendix 8 where the result will be two household units on any site is a Controlled Activity in respect of:

5.2.4.1 The streetscape character

Non-notification

The written approval of affected persons will not be necessary in respect of item 5.2.4.1. [Notice of applications need not be served on affected persons]³ and applications need not be notified.

Standards and Terms

[All the conditions in rule 5.1.3 (except 5.1.3.1) must be met.]⁴

Assessment Criteria

In determining the conditions to be imposed, if any, Council will have regard to the following criteria:

5.2.4.2 In respect of streetscape character for the identified Appendix 8 areas, the extent to which the proposal meets the Character provisions of the [Residential Design Guide](#).

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Within the Inner Residential Areas identified in Appendix 8 two unit multi-unit developments have been made a Controlled Activity to enable the effects on streetscape character to be assessed. The Inner Residential Area around the city retains high concentrations of original housing stock which is important in projecting the image of typical inner city residential development and maintaining the identity of the city as a whole. Council seeks to maintain and enhance these areas of local character by ensuring that two unit developments are sensitive to established streetscape patterns.

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5.3 Discretionary Activities (Restricted)

Section 5.3 describes which activities are Discretionary Activities (Restricted) in Residential Areas. Consent may be refused or granted subject to conditions. Grounds for refusal and conditions will be restricted to the matters specified in rules 5.3.1 to 5.3.11. The decision on whether or not a resource consent application will be notified will be made in accordance with the provisions on notification in the Act.

[5.3.1 Residential activities that do not comply with one or more of the following conditions for Permitted Activities in rule 5.1.1:

5.3.1.1 noise

5.3.1.2 vehicle parking

5.3.1.3 site access

are Discretionary Activities (Restricted) in respect of the condition(s) not met.]¹

Non-notification

The written approval of affected persons will not be necessary in respect of items 5.3.1.2 and 5.3.1.3. [Notice of applications need not be served on affected persons]² and applications need not be notified.

Standards and Terms

[Noise emission levels under rule 5.1.1.1. shall not be exceeded by more than 5 decibels.]³

Assessment Criteria

In determining whether to grant consent and what conditions, if any, to impose, Council will have regard to the following criteria:

- 5.3.1.4 Whether the topography, size or shape of the site or the location of any natural or built feature(s) on the site or other requirements such as easements, rights-of-way or restrictive covenants impose constraints that make compliance impracticable.
- 5.3.1.5 Whether the use will not generate the demand for the required parking.
- 5.3.1.6 Whether the creation of on-site parking ([particularly if located in the front yard](#)) will detract from the visual appearance of the property, [and adversely affect the streetscape](#).
- 5.3.1.7 Whether suitable alternative provision for parking can be made.

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- 5.3.1.8 Whether parking can be easily accommodated on nearby streets without causing congestion or danger.
- 5.3.1.9 Whether the nature of adjacent roads is such that the entry, exit and manoeuvring of vehicles can be conducted safely.
- 5.3.1.10 In respect of noise the extent to which noise emissions will be intrusive. Council will seek to ensure that the best practicable option is used to mitigate noise and that adverse effects are minor.
- 5.3.1.11 Whether an increase in the width of the vehicle access to the site will result in a loss of on-street parking in streets where on-street parking is at a premium, or reduce streetscape values as a result of vehicle dominance of the front yard, loss of street trees or affect pedestrian safety.

The maintenance of amenities, road safety and the minimisation of congestion on roads are important objectives for the Residential Areas. Nevertheless Residential Areas are very diverse and conditions for Permitted Activities should be able to be reduced or varied to allow for worthwhile new development. Care will be taken to ensure that any variation from amenity standards is minor. In particular Council will seek to ensure that in the Inner Residential Area, site amenity standards are not compromised by the provision of off street parking.

[5.3.3 The construction, alteration of, and addition to residential buildings, accessory buildings [and residential structures]², which do not comply with any one or more of the following conditions for Permitted Activities in rule 5.1.3:

5.3.3.1 Yards

5.3.3.2 site coverage

5.3.3.3 [maximum]³ height (except the requirement in 5.1.4.3.4 – height of a second dwelling)

5.3.3.4 sunlight access

[5.3.3.4A maximum fence height]⁴

5.3.3.4C open space

are Discretionary Activities (Restricted) in respect of the condition(s) that are not met.]¹

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⁵[Rule 5.1.3.3 relating to site coverage may only be exceeded by a maximum of 20% in:

- the Inner Residential Area including the Aro Valley Area (Appendix 10)
- the Mitchelltown Area (Appendix 5)
- the Roseneath Area (Appendix 7)

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In the remainder of the Outer Residential Area, the maximum site coverage including decks shall not exceed 42%.

Rule 5.1.3.4 relating to [maximum]⁶ height may only be exceeded by a maximum of 20%. [In the Oriental Bay Height Area rule 5.1.3.4 relating to maximum height may only be exceeded by 20% for the property at 20A Oriental Terrace. For other properties in the Oriental Bay Height Area (Appendix 4) the height limited specified in Appendix 4 shall not be exceeded.]⁷]⁵

[Rule 5.1.3.5 relating to sunlight access may only be exceeded by a maximum of 3 metres (the maximum of 3 metres cannot be increased by the gable end roof allowance).]⁸

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Assessment Criteria

In determining whether to grant consent and what conditions, if any, to impose, Council will have regard to the following criteria:

- 5.3.3.5 Whether a better standard of development can be achieved by varying the specified conditions.
- 5.3.3.6 Whether the topography of the site or the location of any built feature(s) on the site or other requirements such as easements or rights-of-way impose constraints that make compliance impracticable.
- 5.3.3.7 Whether the form, scale and character of the new building [or structure]¹ is compatible with that of buildings [and structures]² in the immediate vicinity of the site, and streetscape amenities can be maintained. For multi-unit residential development Council will have regard to the [Residential Design Guide](#). For all development subject to this rule in Thorndon, Mt Victoria and [Aro Valley]³, Council will have regard to the relevant area related appendix to the Multi-unit Design Guide.
- 5.3.3.8 Whether new building work will cause significant loss of sunlight, daylight or privacy to adjoining sites.
- 5.3.3.9 The extent to which it can be demonstrated that buildings [or structures]⁴ adjoining Conservation Sites will have no adverse effects on the ecological values of the Conservation Site.
- 5.3.3.10 *Assess. Criterion added by PC 39 (Newtown, Berhampore and Mt Cook)*
- 5.3.3.11 *Where a proposal results in a breach of site coverage, the extent to which that breach will adversely affect the amenity of adjoining sites as well as the cumulative effect of over-development on the surrounding environment.*
- 5.3.3.12 *Where a proposal fails to provide the specified open space requirement per unit, the degree to which it results in a development density that is not consistent or compatible with the surrounding residential environment (see Policy 4.2.3.1A).*
- 5.3.3.13 *Where a proposal involves breaches to several permitted activity conditions, the extent to which the cumulative effects of that proposal results in a development that is out of scale with the surrounding residential development and whether it will create adverse effects on the amenity of that residential environment that are not reasonably anticipated by the Plan.*

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The conditions for permitted dwellinghouse activities [and]⁵ accessory buildings, [including fences and walls,]⁶ are designed to ensure that the visual amenities of both the Inner and Outer Residential Areas are generally maintained. However, because residential building development in the City is very diverse and

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Wellington's topography is rugged, conditions will need to be varied on occasion. Variations to the extent specified are flexible enough to allow the establishment of new residential development while maintaining general amenity standards.

Proposals that involve more than one breach of the permitted activity conditions (especially site coverage, sunlight access planes and height standards) may result in cumulative effects on the surrounding environment that are not anticipated by the Plan. It is likely that the proposal will be of an intensity and scale that is not in keeping with the surrounding residential environment. Council will consider the cumulative effects and seek to ensure that the proposal adopts measures that will mitigate any such effects.

[In the Oriental Bay Height Area, building heights have been set to maximise potential for residential development, while at the same time offering protection for the amenity of properties to the rear, the public amenity along Oriental Parade, and views of St Gerard's Monastery and the escarpment below the monastery from along Oriental Parade and further a field. Because permitted building heights in the Oriental Bay Height Area have been assessed and set on a site by site basis, the flexibility provided by discretionary height increases is not required.] [The exception to this is the property at 20A Oriental Terrace, where provision for a discretionary height increase has been provided in recognition of the constraints placed on developing the property by its inclusion in the Oriental Bay Height Area (rather than the Inner Residential Area) combined with the site topography and elevation above the mean sea level.]⁸

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5.3.4a The construction, alteration of, and addition to residential buildings, accessory buildings [and residential structures]³, where the result will be three or more household units on any site, except

- **in the area shown in Appendix 9 (Thorndon, Mt Victoria and [Aro Valley]¹)**
- **in the Thorndon and Mt Victoria North Character Areas**
- **[in the circumstances where Rule 5.4.8 applies]² in a Hazard (Faultline) Area**
- **inside the airnoise boundary depicted on Map 35;**

or

5.3.4b where the result will be two household units on any site and the proposal does not meet condition 5.1.3.4.3; the proposal is a Discretionary Activity (Restricted) in respect of:

5.3.4.1 Design (including building bulk and scale), external appearance, and siting

5.3.4.2 site landscaping

5.3.4.3 parking and site access

5.3.4.4 where relevant, height of proposed 2nd dwelling on a site

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Non-notification

In respect of rule 5.3.4 applications do not need to be publicly notified and do not need to be served on affected persons. This non-notification clause does not apply if the proposal for residential development requires land use consent under rule 5.3.3 for failure to meet the permitted activity conditions, or where consent is required under rule 5.3.4 for failure to comply with rule 5.1.3.4.3.

Standards and Terms

[All activities, buildings and structures must meet the conditions for parking (5.1.1.2), site access (5.1.1.3) and building (5.1.3.2 - 5.1.3.6, and 5.1.3.9 but excluding 5.1.3.4.3) unless consent is concurrently sought and granted for the condition(s) not met.]⁵

A proposed development under Rule 5.3.4.4 (relating to the maximum height of a second unit on a site) may not exceed 7 metres.

Assessment Criteria

In determining whether to grant consent and what conditions, if any, to impose, Council will have regard to the following criteria:

- 5.3.4.4 The Design Guide for Residential Development.
- 5.3.4.5 Where rules 5.1.3 for yards, site coverage, building height, sunlight access, and open space are not met and the written approval of any affected person has not been obtained, whether new building work will cause significant loss of sunlight, daylight or privacy to adjoining sites.
- 5.3.4.6 The extent to which building bulk, scale and siting of the proposal respects the scale, building form and topography of the neighbourhood.
- 5.3.4.7 The degree to which the proposal (through inappropriate siting, building height and bulk) significantly increases the opportunities for overlooking into adjacent properties (both indoor and outdoor spaces), reducing amenity for neighbours.
- 5.3.4.8 Whether additional hard surfacing for on-site parking and manoeuvring areas is minimised or mitigated by appropriate site landscaping.
- 5.3.4.9 The extent to which the landscaping plan ensures that buildings, accessways, parking areas, visible earthworks and retaining structures are integrated into the surrounding neighbourhood and the degree to which sufficient space is provided for maturing trees, and the retention of existing trees.
- 5.3.4.10 Whether any trees removed from the site in the previous two years will be replaced by planting of a similar nature and scale.
- 5.3.4.11 Whether the amount of kerbside parking is reduced as a result of the development (ie additional vehicle access way or a widened kerb crossing), especially in areas where on-street parking is at a premium.

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Multi-unit developments can include both comprehensive townhouse development proposals as well as additional detached dwellings associated with infill housing. Although both of these development scenarios provide desirable variety and diversity of accommodation, they can detract from the visual character or amenities of residential neighbourhoods. The Design Guide for residential development provides the criteria for assessment. The general intention of the Guide is not to impose specific design solutions but to identify design principles that will promote better development and enhance existing suburban environments.

A second household unit on a site that breaches the 4.5m height requirement can result in adverse amenity effects on surrounding neighbours, especially where the second dwelling is located so that it overlooks and shadows living areas of adjoining dwelling and valued outdoor open space areas of adjoining properties. The residential design guide provides guidance on the design of such dwellings, seeking to ensure that adjoining properties will not be adversely affected by an infill development resulting in a much greater intensity of development on a site.

[Multi-unit development within the Hazard (Fault Line) Area is classified as a Discretionary (Unrestricted) Activity because intensive development of sites within this area is generally inappropriate except where site specific conditions and design proposals can mitigate the risk to personal safety.]⁶

5.3.10 In the area shown in Appendix 9 (Thorndon, Mt Victoria and [Aro Valley]¹), and in the Thorndon Character Area, the construction, alteration of, and addition to residential buildings, accessory buildings [and residential structures]², where the result will be two or more household units on any site is a Discretionary Activity (Restricted), except [in the circumstances where Rule 5.4.8 applies]³ in a Hazard (Fault Line) Area, in respect of:

5.3.10.1 Design (including building bulk and scale), external appearance and siting

5.3.10.2 site landscaping

5.3.10.3 parking and site access

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Non-notification

The written approval of affected persons will not be necessary in respect of items 5.3.10.1 – 5.3.10.3. [Notice of applications need not be served on affected persons]⁴ and applications need not be notified except where the Rules 5.1.3.2, 5.1.3.3, 5.1.3.4 and 5.1.3.5 are not met. Where this occurs the presumption towards non-notification will not apply.

Standards and Terms

[All the conditions in rules 5.1.1.2, 5.1.1.3 and rule 5.1.3.6 must be met unless consent is concurrently sought and granted under rule 5.3.1 and/or rule 5.3.3 in respect of any non-compliance. For the avoidance of doubt conditions 5.1.3.2, 5.1.3.3, 5.1.3.4 and 5.1.3.5 of the Permitted Activity rule 5.1.3 do not apply]⁵ [and proposals that do not meet these conditions will be assessed under this rule (rule 5.3.10).]⁶

Assessment Criteria

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In determining whether to grant consent and what conditions, if any, to impose, Council will have regard to the following criteria:

- 5.3.10.4 The extent to which the proposal fulfils the intent of the Design Guide for Residential Development (particular attention will be paid to area specific Appendices).
- 5.3.10.5 The relevant character area design guide.
- In respect of development in the Mt Victoria North Character Area the Residential Design Guide shall be the predominant document. In respect of development in the Thorndon Character Area, the Thorndon Character Area Design Guide shall be the predominant document.
- 5.3.10.6 Where rules 5.1.3 for yards, site coverage, building height, sunlight access and open space are not met and the written approval of any affected person has not been obtained, whether new building work will cause significant loss of sunlight, daylight or privacy to adjoining sites.
- 5.3.10.7 The extent to which building bulk, scale and siting of the proposal respects the scale, building form and topography of the neighbourhood.
- 5.3.10.8 The degree to which the proposal (through inappropriate siting, building height and bulk) significantly increases the opportunities for overlooking into adjacent properties (both indoor and outdoor spaces), reducing amenity for neighbours.
- 5.3.10.9 The extent to which the landscaping plan ensures that buildings, accessways, parking areas, visible earthworks and retaining structures are integrated into the surrounding neighbourhood and the degree to which sufficient space is provided for maturing trees, and the retention of existing trees.
- 5.3.10.11 Whether any trees removed from the site in the previous two years will be replaced by planting of a similar nature and scale.
- 5.3.10.12 The extent to which additional hard surfacing for on-site parking and manoeuvring areas is minimised and/or softened by appropriate site landscaping.
- 5.3.10.13 Whether the amount of kerbside parking is reduced as a result of the development (ie. additional vehicle access way or a widened kerb crossing), especially in areas where on-street parking is at a premium.

Multi-unit developments can include both comprehensive townhouse development proposals as well as additional detached dwellings associated with infill housing. Although both of these development scenarios provide desirable variety and diversity of accommodation, they can also detract from the visual character or amenities of residential neighbourhoods. The Design Guide for residential development provides the criteria for assessment. The general intention of the Guide is not to impose specific design solutions but to identify design principles that will promote better development and enhance existing suburban environments.

Thorndon, Mt Victoria and [Aro Valley]¹ have a distinctive character which makes a significant contribution to the identity of the City. While not precluding renewal and redevelopment the Council is concerned to ensure that new multi-unit residential

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buildings in Thorndon, Mt Victoria and [Aro Valley]² are well designed and respect the predominant patterns.

For this reason multi-unit development has been made a Discretionary Activity (Restricted) and no specific building standards and terms apply to multi-unit development in these areas. This is to enable proposals to be assessed against design guidance tailored specifically for each area and to ensure that common development patterns are maintained. The purpose of the design guides is not to impose specific design solutions but to identify design principles that will promote better development and enhance Mt Victoria, Thorndon and [Aro Valley].³ The presumption towards non-notification will not apply for proposals which exceed the permitted rules (Rule 5.1.3) such as building height, site coverage, sunlight access and yards. Such proposals will only be non-notified if they meet the conditions of section 94(2) of the Resource Management Act.

5.3.11 The demolition of any building in Thorndon or Mt Victoria (shown in Appendix 9), excluding accessory buildings, constructed before 1930, or for which approval for construction was granted before 1930, is a Discretionary Activity (Restricted) in respect of:

5.3.11.1 the contribution of the building to the streetscape character of the neighbourhood.

Non-notification

Where an application contains details on the outcome of consultation with the local residents' association about the possible demolition of the building, and the Council is able to verify (in writing) that such consultation has occurred and the outcome of such consultation, then the approval of affected persons will not be necessary, [notice of applications need not be served on affected persons]⁴ and applications need not be notified.

If no information on the outcome of the consultation is provided, or the Council is unable to verify that consultation has occurred and the outcome of that consultation, then this non-notification clause will not apply.

Assessment Criteria

In determining whether to grant consent and what conditions, if any, to impose, Council will have regard to the following criteria:

- 5.3.11.2 Whether the building is consistent in form and style with surrounding buildings and is consistent with a strong local pattern. In particular, whether the building is an integral part of a row of buildings that are consistent in form, scale and siting.
- 5.3.11.3 Whether the building is within a sub-area as identified in the Mt Victoria appendix to the [-Residential](#) Design Guide.
- 5.3.11.4 The extent to which the building retains its original design features relating to form, materials and detailing and the extent to which the form, style and important details have been modified to the extent that restoration is not reasonably practicable.
- 5.3.11.5 The degree of the economic effects on the owner and occupier through the retention of the building.
- 5.3.11.6 The effectiveness of other statutory and non-statutory methods available to ensure retention of the streetscape character, including the extent to

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which the design of new building on the site will ensure that particular streetscape values of the neighbourhood will be maintained.

5.3.11.7 Whether the building is important to the context of a building listed in the Schedule of Listed Heritage Items.

5.3.11.8 Whether the building poses a risk to life in the event of an earthquake.

Mt Victoria and Thorndon contain large numbers of older buildings which collectively are important to the identity of Wellington City as a whole. To help protect the value of these buildings to the streetscape the demolition or removal of pre 1930 buildings has been made a Discretionary (Restricted) Activity. The focus of this rule is the contribution of the buildings to the streetscape. This rule does not restrict the addition to or alteration of existing building.

The date of 1930 has been chosen as buildings older than that date tend to match the characteristic building types of the area. The Council holds information on the ages of buildings which is available on request. It is recognised that different parts of the same building might be different ages. The age of the primary form of the building will be taken as the relevant date. Primary form means the simple form that is central to and the basis of the dwelling. It is typically the largest identifiable form or combination of relatively equal sized geometrically simple and box-like forms.

There are many variations of primary form. However, the primary form of the Victorian and Edwardian villa is typically square or rectangular in plan, one or two stories in height with a hip roof. The primary form of the cottage is typically single storey, rectangular in plan, with a gable roof.

Council archives and the building consent database contain records as to the date of many of the buildings in Mount Victoria and Thorndon. These should be used in the first instance to establish the date of construction or approval for construction. Where Council records are inadequate to determine the date of construction, or approval for construction, a report from a suitably qualified conservation architect may be required. It is also a requirement that information be provided as part of any application for resource consent on the outcome of discussions with the local residents' association about the possible demolition of the building. (See Section 3.2 – Information Requirements).

Individual buildings or groups of buildings with particular heritage significance have been identified in the Council's Schedule of Listed Heritage Items and are subject to the provisions of Chapters 20 and 21.

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5.3.14 Any subdivision that is not a Permitted Activity and;
(a) creates five or less allotments, except those that:

- create more than 10 linear metres of legal road; or
- are on a ridgeline or a hilltop; or
- involves a requirement to set aside esplanade land

is a Discretionary Restricted Activity in respect of:

5.3.14.1 site design, frontage and area

5.3.14.2 lot size

5.3.14.3 standard, construction and location of vehicular access

5.3.14.4 road design and construction

5.3.14.5 landscaping

5.3.14.6 utility and/or services provision

5.3.14.7 protection of any special amenity feature.

(b) is a company lease, cross lease or unit title subdivision is a Discretionary (Restricted) Activity in respect of:

5.3.14.8 stormwater, sewerage and water services

5.3.14.9 the allocation of accessory units to principal units and the allocation of covenant areas to leased areas to ensure compliance with rule 5.1.1.2 (vehicle parking) and to ensure practical physical access to every household unit.

For subdivision of Lot 1 DP 25046 and Pt Sec 10 Kaiwharawhara District above Patna Street and Huntleigh Park Way, Ngaio refer to Appendix 17

For Subdivision of Lot 1 DP 29604 off the end of Silverstream Road, Ngaio refer to Appendix 12

For subdivision of Lot 3 DP 71465 and Lot 33 DP 1022 off Allanbrooke Place refer to Appendix 13

For subdivision of Lot 29, DP 277 off 2000 Street, Island Domain, to Appendix 20

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Non-notification

In respect of rule 5.3.14 applications do not need to be publicly notified and do not need to be served on affected persons.

Standards and Terms

For all lots containing existing buildings and structures, all activities, buildings and structures (existing and proposed) must meet the conditions for vehicle parking (5.1.1.2), site access (5.1.1.3) and building (5.1.3) in relation to all existing and proposed fee simple allotments or meet the terms of any relevant resource consent or have existing use rights under section 10 of the Act.

For all other lots the application must show that the proposed development meets the requirements of the residential rules.

Assessment Criteria

In determining the conditions to be imposed, if any, Council will have regard to the following criteria:

5.3.14.10 The requirements of Section 106 of the Act.

5.3.14.11 The extent of compliance with the Subdivision Design Guide, City Bylaws and if applicable the Council's Code of Practice for Land Development. 5.3.14.12 Where the subdivision is used to create a vacant lot, and where there is no landuse consent sought in conjunction with the subdivision consent, whether the proposed lot size is capable of accommodating a wide variety of building forms compatible with the surrounding residential environment. A lot size of at least 400m² will generally be able to achieve this.

5.3.14.13 Where the subdivision process is used to facilitate a residential infill development within an existing residential area:

- Whether the proposed lot is capable of accommodating permitted activity residential buildings that are consistent and compatible with the predominant housing pattern or density of the surrounding residential area.
- The degree to which any lot size, which is significantly smaller than surrounding lots, will result in a dwelling which creates adverse effects on adjoining properties due to its 'infill nature'. That is, due to its position on site, its height and bulk, the extent to which the proposed development results in adverse effects not generally anticipated by the permitted activities of the Plan (were subdivision not a feature of the development).
- The degree to which the proposed lot will result in a residential dwelling that is not capable of complying with the Residential Area objectives and policies for residential development and relevant guidelines of the Residential Design Guide.

5.3.14.14 In respect of cross lease or unit title subdivisions:

- the need for permanent site access and access to and around buildings

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- the current and future allocation for use of land area, accessory buildings and amenities
- the need to service and use land and buildings efficiently.

Subdivision is an important process used to facilitate land tenure; either a Greenfield subdivision or residential infill subdivision within an existing suburb.

If designed poorly, subdivision can adversely affect the quality of developments subsequently created on the newly formed lot as well as the amenities of neighbouring lots. With no minimum lot size provision in the District Plan, greater emphasis on the design of the subdivision is needed to ensure future developments are compatible with the surrounding residential area. The Subdivision Design Guide is applied to both residential infill subdivision as well as large subdivision proposals typically associated with Greenfield subdivision.

Subdivisions will be assessed to ensure they are capable of containing residential activities that are in keeping with the surrounding residential environment. Council will assess access requirements, allotment size and shape and the potential for development against the permitted activity conditions and the Subdivision Design Guide. Covenants may be required to ensure that proposed residential dwellings are built in accordance with any approved subdivision consent.

If the activities, buildings or structures (either existing or proposed) do not meet the specified conditions for permitted activities the subdivision will be assessed as a Discretionary Activity (Unrestricted). However, the application will remain a Discretionary (Restricted) Activity where the land use was established under an earlier resource consent or it has existing use rights under the Act. The more significant subdivisions will be assessed as Discretionary Activities (Unrestricted).

Council is seeking to retain in a permanent manner appropriate site arrangements that are established at the time of cross leasing. This is intended to ensure the efficient use of land. Flexibility of use can be addressed through private arrangements or by reapplying to Council for alterations to the lease arrangements.

Applicants are reminded of the need for proposed subdivisions to comply with the City Bylaws. In addition, where private infrastructure is proposed to be vested in the Council or where private stormwater, water and sewerage lines are connected or proposed to be connected to public infrastructure, applicants will need to liaise with the Council concerning the requirements set out in the Council's Code of Practice for Land Development so that the Council will either accept the vesting of such infrastructure or will authorise connection or continued connection to public infrastructure. Refer to Section 3.9 of the Plan.

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5.4 Discretionary Activities (Unrestricted)

Section 5.4 describes which activities are Discretionary Activities (Unrestricted) in Residential Areas. The decision on whether or not a resource consent application will be notified will be made in accordance with the provisions on notification in the Act.

5.4.5 Any subdivision which is not a Permitted or [Discretionary \(Restricted\)](#) Activity is a Discretionary Activity (Unrestricted).

Standards and Terms

[For any subdivision incorporating new roads, all services must be reticulated underground.]¹

Assessment Criteria

In determining whether to grant consent and what conditions, if any, to impose, Council will have regard to the following criteria:

- 5.4.5.1 The requirements of section 106 of the Act.
- 5.4.5.2 Whether proposed allotments are capable of accommodating Permitted Activities in compliance with the Residential Area rules.
- 5.4.5.2A Where the proposal involves a subdivision where permitted activities cannot be achieved, the extent to which mitigation measures have been adopted in the proposal to ensure that future landuse activities will not cause significant adverse effects on the amenity of adjoining neighbours.
- 5.4.5.2B Whether a dwelling of two or more storeys is proposed as the future intended land use and the degree to which site topography, subdivision design and the nature and scale of surrounding land uses mitigate the adverse effects typically associated with such dwellings on the amenity of adjoining properties.
- 5.4.5.3 The extent of compliance with the relevant parts of the Subdivision Design Guide and the Code of Practice for Land Development.
- 5.4.5.4 Where the activity is within a Maori Precinct, the outcome of consultation with tangata whenua and other Maori.

All the more significant subdivisions in Residential Areas, particularly those which involve substantial modification of existing land forms and more roads and those where permitted activities cannot be achieved, will be assessed as Discretionary Activities (Unrestricted). This will enable the full effects of a subdivision to be considered with public involvement where appropriate. Even though subdivisions under this rule will occur on land within the urban area of the City which is generally available for development, the resource consent process will be used to determine the extent of land considered suitable for subdivision and the most appropriate design having regard to the intended future use.

- 5.4.5.5 Whether esplanade land is required to be set aside as part of the subdivision.

For subdivision of Lot 1 DP 25046 and Pt Sec 10 Kaiwharawhara District above Patna Street and Huntleigh Park Way, Ngaio refer to Appendix 17

For subdivision of Lot 3 DP 71465 on CT 40D/668 and Lot 33 DP 1022, Section 39 Karori District on CT A2/321 (being land off Allanbrooke Place) there is an additional assessment criteria, refer to Appendix 13

For subdivision of Lot 24, DP 70931, Stebbings Valley refer to Appendix 18

For subdivision of Lot 29, DP 1747, off Freeling Street, Island Bay refer to Appendix 20

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Esplanade land to a maximum of 20 metres is required as a part of subdivision on the following water bodies or the coastal marine area where they meet the criteria specified in the Act:

- all parts of the Wellington Coast
- the Porirua Stream and tributaries
- the Kaiwharawhara Stream and tributaries.

A reduction in the width of land required and the appropriate type of land tenure will be assessed as part of the subdivision application. The need for esplanade land will be assessed against the following:

- whether the land holds conservation or ecological values
- whether the land is necessary to maintain or enhance conservation or ecological values of the adjacent land, water or the water quality of the waterbody or coastal water
- whether the land is necessary to provide or maintain public access, both present and future, to or along the edge of the waterbody or the coastal marine area
- whether the land is necessary to maintain or enhance other natural values of the esplanade land.

The requirement to provide 20 metres of esplanade land may be waived totally where the land will not:

- contribute to the protection of conservation values
- enable public access along or to water bodies or the coastal marine area
- enable public recreational use of esplanade land or waterbodies or the coastal marine area.

Where there is no necessity for Council to own esplanade land to achieve these outcomes, esplanade strips will be considered as a way of ensuring access or maintaining natural values.

Access to waterways and the coast remains an important issue. Council aims to continue to provide access to waterbodies and the coastal marine area and to conserve their natural values. Each subdivision is assessed on its merits. Each application for subdivision should address the issue of providing esplanade land in the context of the listed criteria. Esplanade land may also be considered for reserves contributions where esplanade reserves or strips are not deemed to be necessary. With regard to esplanade land, section 345(3) of the Local Government Act 1974 also applies to esplanade land.

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[5.4.8 The construction, alteration of, and addition to residential buildings, where the result will be two or more household units on any part of a site within the Hazard (Fault Line) Area, is a Discretionary Activity (Unrestricted).

Standards and Terms

All activities, buildings and structures must meet the following conditions for parking (5.1.1.2), site access (5.1.1.3) and buildings (5.1.3.2 – 5.1.3.6 and 5.1.3.9) unless consent is concurrently sought and granted for the condition(s) not met.

Assessment Criteria

In determining whether to grant consent and what conditions, if any, to impose, Council will have regard to the following criteria:

- 5.4.8.1 The [Residential Design Guide](#).
- 5.4.8.2 The extent to which the building height or construction type can be varied without jeopardising the safety of occupiers and neighbours. Council will seek to ensure all developments have light roofs and light wall cladding or appropriate alternatives.
- 5.4.8.3 Whether the development is located in the *fault rupture hazard area*, and the extent to which the siting and layout of the development will reduce the effects of fault rupture on the safety of occupiers and neighbours.
- 5.4.8.4 The extent to which a geotechnical report and an engineering design report shows that the risk of building failure following a fault rupture on the safety of the occupiers and neighbours.

Refer to Rule 3.2.2.13 for information on geotechnical and engineering design reports

Multi unit residential development within the Hazard (Fault Line) Area may be acceptable in some circumstances. Light roof and light wall cladding is considered to withstand the effects of fault rupture better than other construction materials.

The fault rupture hazard area is a narrower zone within the wider Hazard (Fault Line) Area. As the fault is expected to rupture within this narrower zone, it is desirable to avoid locating new structures and buildings in this zone.

The Hazard (Fault Line) Area extends beyond the fault rupture hazard zone because of inherent uncertainties associated with fault rupture. Engineering measures should also be applied to buildings in this wider hazard area to reduce the effects of a fault rupture.

The provision of site-specific geotechnical and engineering design reports carried out by experts will assist the Council to assess the adverse effects arising from the fault rupture hazard for the development site and how those effects can be minimised.]]

[5.4.9 Within the land shown in Appendix 24 (16-50 Rhine Street, Island Bay):

In areas denoted (A) any subdivision, use or activity, including the construction, alteration of, and addition to buildings or structures, that is not a permitted activity, is a Discretionary Activity (Unrestricted). The exception to this rule is that Rule 5.1.9 relating to earthworks shall not apply and all earthworks will be assessed as a Discretionary Activity (Unrestricted).

In areas denoted (B) and (C) any subdivision, use or activity including any earthworks is a Discretionary Activity

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(Unrestricted).

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For areas denoted (B) in Appendix 24 a geotechnical report and engineering design report shall be provided in respect of any proposed subdivision, building or infrastructure development.

In areas denoted (B) and (C) Rule 5.1.3.4.2 shall apply unless Discretionary Activity (Unrestricted) consent is concurrently sought and granted.

Assessment Criteria

In determining whether to grant consent and what conditions, if any, to impose, Council will have regard to the following criteria:

- 5.4.9.1 The extent to which filled areas and any building proposals on filled areas denoted as Area (B) in Appendix 24 can be engineered or designed to achieve development that is safe and secure.
- 5.4.9.2 The extent to which new earthworks are necessary to provide for the remediation or rehabilitation of the land.
- 5.4.9.3 Whether contamination issues related to the land are adequately addressed by the proposal. The assessment criteria under Rule 5.4.4 shall apply if relevant.
- 5.4.9.4 Siting – whilst the siting of new buildings on all of the land should be carefully considered, particular attention should be given to any potential adverse effects on visual amenity and conservation values of proposed development, including earthworks, on the elevated south-western area and on the surrounding hillsides and ridges, where it may extend above or penetrate a horizontal height plane at a height of 70 metres above mean sea level. Where any such development is proposed a visual impact assessment is required.
- 5.4.9.5 The extent to which any proposal supports the comprehensive and integrated development of the land, taking into account its location between an existing and well established residential area and Conservation Site and Open Space land. Consideration should be given to how the scale, density and design of development on the site could avoid, remedy or mitigate any adverse effects on the environment, including existing residential amenity values, beyond the boundaries of the site.
- 5.4.9.6 Design and external appearance - proposed buildings should be sympathetic to existing patterns of residential development in the vicinity of the land, as well as the adjoining Conservation Site and Open Space environments.

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- 5.4.9.7 When relevant, the [Residential](#) Design Guide.
- 5.4.9.8 Site landscaping - particular consideration should be given in any planting and landscaping plan to the extent to which buildings can be integrated into the surrounding area through the use of planting, landscaping and visual screening.
- 5.4.9.9 Whether traffic, parking and site access issues are adequately addressed through the design of the proposal, including adjacent street amenity (kerb, channel, footpath and berm) and whether any off-site effects on the surrounding roading and footpath network can be avoided, remedied or mitigated.
- 5.4.9.10 In addition to the above where relevant, in the case of subdivision:
- the requirements of section 106 of the Act
 - the extent of compliance with the relevant parts of the Subdivision Design Guide and the Code of Practice for Land Development.

Explanation

These site-specific provisions reflect a number of particular resource management issues associated with the land.

Parts of the land have been highly modified, with a long history of land filling and earthworks. It is likely that these areas will not be suitable for any development that involves building or unfastructure services and extensive testing and possible re-engineering will therefore be required to assess the suitability of ground conditions for any development in these areas. For this reason all proposed development on filled areas will require a Discretionary Activity (Unrestricted) application. A specific provision has been imposed requiring geotechnical and engineering design reports.

The history of landfilling has also resulted in the land being identified as a potentially 'contaminated site'. This is a matter that will also require extensive investigation before any development occurs.

Because of land stability and contamination issues arising in the past the Council is particularly concerning to have control over any proposed new earthworks on the land.

Additional requirements have been imposed to limit any new development including earthworks that would extend above a horizontal line set at 70 metres above mean sea level. This is to protect the landscape and amenity and conservation values of the hillside and ridges surrounding the land.

On areas of original ground where development is appropriate a high level of control has also been maintained to ensure these and other issues, such as effects on visual and amenity values and roading can be assessed. Applications will be encouraged where consideration has been given to the integrated development of the land, rather than a series of piecemeal development proposals. The Council will be particularly concerned that any proposed development adequately addresses the relationship of the land to adjoining Residential, Open Space and Conservation Site environments.]¹

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5.5 Non-Complying Activities

Activities that contravene a rule in the Plan, and which have not been provided for as Discretionary Activities (Restricted) or Discretionary Activities (Unrestricted) are Non-Complying Activities. Resource consents will be assessed in terms of section 105(2A)(b) of the Act.

The decision on whether or not a resource consent application will be notified will be made in accordance with the provisions on notification in the Act.

Where an application for a non-complying activity is made in respect of any site between 62 to 90 Oriental Parade, written approval must be obtained from the owners and occupiers of adjoining land on Roxburgh Street before notification can be dispensed in accordance with section 94(2) of the Resource Management Act 1991.