

2.7 Heritage

This section of the Plan deals with the preservation of important aspects of Wellington's natural and cultural environment that have been inherited from the past, provide a context for the present, and help shape the future. This includes Maori sacred and historical sites, buildings and sites dating from European colonial times, and some natural elements including gardens and trees. The Council strongly supports the protection of heritage values in the city, and the District Plan is an important protection mechanism.

KEY OBJECTIVE OF THE DISTRICT PLAN

- **Protect heritage values of buildings, areas, objects and trees**

Explanation

The District Plan contains a detailed list of buildings, areas, objects (eg statues), sites of importance to Maori, and notable trees which are judged to be of heritage value. The criteria used in preparing the list include cultural values, use values (deriving from an item's existing or potential use or reuse), and level of significance (which takes into account authenticity, uniqueness and/or quality). Items can only be added to or removed from the list through a Plan Change.

The District Plan seeks to safeguard the heritage values of the listed items. Any proposed development that involves destroying or significantly altering a listed item requires a resource consent. The Council also uses other methods to preserve the city's heritage values including financial and non-financial incentives.

