

OBJECTIVE 1 – RECOGNITION

To continue to recognise built heritage places as essential elements of a vibrant and evolving city.

Actions

Identification

1. *Adopt a heritage area approach to identify important areas within the city which will contribute to the community's sense of place*
2. *Continue to identify built heritage places with significant heritage value to ensure their protection, promotion, conservation and appropriate use for present and future generations*
3. *Recognise buildings with significant interiors to ensure their protection, promotion, conservation and appropriate use for present and future generations*
4. *Acknowledge the contribution surroundings make to the heritage value of places*
5. *Establish clear criteria for identifying individual places and heritage areas*
6. *Identify nationally significant places in Wellington at risk from natural disaster or war for inclusion in a Heritage Disaster/Emergency Management Plan*
7. *Continue to liaise with Council departments, New Zealand Historic Places Trust (NZHPT), government and non-government agencies, professionals, owners and the community in identifying the city's built heritage.*

Inventory

8. *Maintain and expand a comprehensive inventory of the city's built heritage.*

Research

9. *Ensure that places continue to be fully researched, documented, and recorded for regulatory and non-regulatory purposes*
10. *Continue to liaise with Wellington City Archives, Wellington Public Library and other research and archive institutions to ensure information about built heritage places in the city is accessible*
11. *Support the New Zealand Archaeological Association Site Recording Scheme Upgrade and archaeological surveys as an important method and programme of built heritage identification and verification.*

OBJECTIVE 2 – PROTECTION

To protect the city's built heritage from adverse effects that may compromise the heritage values of a place, including physical deterioration and inappropriate subdivision, development and use.

Actions

District Plan

1. *Recognise those places with significant heritage value through listing in the District Plan, either individually or as part of a heritage area*
2. *Update the objectives and policies in the Heritage Chapters in the District Plan that pertain to the built heritage to ensure they deliver on this policy and meet the requirements of section 6(f) of the Resource Management Act 1991*
3. *Undertake a District Plan Change to amend the heritage rules in the District Plan so that additions and alterations to a listed heritage item or area would become a discretionary activity and that demolition of a listed heritage item or area would become a non-complying activity*
4. *Re-examine other rules in the District Plan to ensure they take into account the heritage value of listed items and the heritage significance of areas*
5. *Extend the protection of heritage values to suburban areas through identifying more heritage areas and other mechanisms.*

Other statutory provisions

6. *Ensure administration of other legislation, including the Building Act 2004 and the Smoke-free Environments Act 1990, takes cognisance of the heritage values of a place when assessing building and resource consent applications for heritage buildings*
7. *Make use of other statutory provisions including the use of encumbrances, heritage orders and covenants that provide for the management and preserving of built heritage places, including those specified in the Reserves Act 1977, Local Government Act 2003 and the Conservation Act 1987*
8. *Promote appropriate levels and methods of earthquake strengthening that minimise the negative impact on the heritage fabric of a listed building.*

