

## **Appendix 2 – Wellington City Council Objectives and Policies**

### **Operative District Plan**

#### **14.2 Rural Area Objectives and Policies**

##### **OBJECTIVE**

- 14.2.1 To promote the efficient use and development of natural and physical resources in the Rural Area.**

##### **POLICIES**

To achieve this objective, Council will:

- 14.2.1.1 Encourage new urban development to locate within the established urban area.

##### **OBJECTIVE**

- 14.2.2 To maintain and enhance the character of the Rural Area by managing the scale, location and rate of new building development.**

##### **POLICIES**

To achieve this objective, Council will:

- 14.2.2.1 Control the number and location of new building developments and activities to avoid, remedy or mitigate their adverse effects on the rural character and landscape.
- 14.2.2.2 Control the location of new structures and earthworks on ridgelines and hilltops.
- 14.2.2.3 Control the siting and size of new signs within the Rural Area.
- 14.2.2.4 Seek to ensure that activities located in the Rural Area do not have harmful effects on urban areas.

##### **OBJECTIVE**

- 14.2.3 To maintain and enhance the amenity values and rural character of Rural Areas.**

##### **POLICIES**

To achieve this objective, Council will:

- 14.2.3.1 Control non-rural activities to ensure that their potential adverse effects on the rural environment are avoided, remedied or mitigated.
- 14.2.3.2 Control the adverse effects of noise within the Rural Area.

## **OBJECTIVE**

### **14.2.5 To maintain and enhance natural features (including landscapes and ecosystems) that contribute to Wellington's natural environment.**

#### **POLICIES**

To achieve this objective, Council will:

- 14.2.5.1 Protect significant escarpments and coastal cliffs from development and visual obstruction.
- 14.2.5.2 Restrict the construction of structures on undeveloped skylines and ridges that make an important contribution to the landscape of Wellington.
- 14.2.5.3 Ensure that any approved earthworks are designed and engineered to reflect natural landforms.
- 14.2.5.4 Encourage retention of existing vegetation, especially established trees and existing native vegetation.

## **OBJECTIVE**

### **14.2.6 To maintain and enhance the quality of the coastal environment within and adjoining the Rural Area.**

#### **POLICIES**

To achieve this objective, Council will:

- 14.2.6.1 Maintain the public's ability to use and enjoy the coastal environment by requiring that public access to and along the coastal marine area is maintained, and enhanced where appropriate and practicable.
- 14.2.6.2 Enhance the natural values of the rural coastal environment by requiring developers to consider the ecological values that are present, or that could be enhanced, on the site.
- 14.2.6.3 Ensure that any developments near the coastal marine area are designed to maintain and enhance the character of the coastal environment.

## **OBJECTIVE**

### **14.2.7 To avoid or mitigate the adverse effects of natural and technological hazards on people, property and the environment.**

#### **POLICIES**

To achieve this objective, Council will:

- 14.2.7.1 Identify the hazards that pose a significant threat to Wellington, to ensure that areas of significant potential hazard are not occupied or developed for vulnerable uses or activities.
- 14.2.7.2 Ensure that the adverse effects of hazards on critical facilities and lifelines are avoided, remedied or mitigated.
- 14.2.7.3 Ensure that the adverse effects on the natural environment arising from a hazard event are avoided, remedied or mitigated.
- 14.2.7.4 Ensure that earthworks and structures in the Rural Area do not exacerbate natural hazards, particularly flood events.

## **OBJECTIVE**

- 14.2.8 To prevent or mitigate any adverse effects of the storage, use, disposal, or transportation of hazardous substances, including waste disposal, and formation of contaminated sites.**

## **POLICIES**

To achieve this objective, Council will:

- 14.2.8.1 Require that the storage, use, handling and disposal of hazardous substances are subject to analysis using the Hazardous Facilities Screening Procedure and, where appropriate, the resource consent procedure in order that any potential or actual adverse effects are managed in such a way as to safeguard the environment.
- 14.2.8.2 Reduce the potential adverse effects of transporting hazardous substances.
- 14.2.8.3 Control the use of land for end point disposal of waste to ensure the environmentally safe disposal of solid and hazardous waste.
- 14.2.8.4 To require hazardous facilities to be located away from Hazard Areas.
- 14.2.8.5 Co-operate with the Regional Council in compiling a database of all contaminated sites in the city.
- 14.2.8.6 Control activities on any contaminated site.
- 14.2.8.7 Encourage the restoration of any contaminated sites.

## **OBJECTIVE**

- 14.2.9 To enable efficient, convenient and safe access for people.**

## **POLICIES**

To achieve this objective, Council will:

- 14.2.9.1 Manage the road network to avoid, remedy or mitigate any adverse effects of road traffic on Rural Areas.
- 14.2.9.2 Manage the road system in accordance with a defined road hierarchy (refer to District Plan Map 33).
- 14.2.9.3 Provide for, and in certain circumstances require, extensions to the existing road network. In particular the actual development or potential for future development of the following connector routes is sought:
- from the existing alignment of Westchester Drive in the north to Ohariu Valley Road in the south
  - from Ohariu Valley Road in the north to McLintock Street in the south
  - the connector between the existing northern and southern ends of John Sims Drive
  - from Jamaica Drive in the north to Mark Avenue in the south with a connection to the Grenada interchange.

## **OBJECTIVE**

- 14.2.10 To promote the development of a safe and healthy City.**

## **POLICIES**

To achieve this objective, Council will:

- 14.2.10.1 Improve the design of developments to reduce threats to personal safety and security.
- 14.2.10.2 Promote and protect the health and safety of the community in development proposals.
- 14.2.10.3 Reduce the potential risks associated with high voltage transmission lines by encouraging the location of these away from inhabited areas and by restricting the location of residential development near such lines.

## **OBJECTIVE**

### **14.2.11 To facilitate and enable the exercise of tino rangatiratanga and kaitiakitanga by Wellington's tangata whenua and other Maori.**

#### **POLICIES**

To achieve this objective, Council will:

- 14.2.11.1 Identify, define and protect sites and precincts of significance to tangata whenua and other Maori using methods acceptable to tangata whenua and other Maori.
- 14.2.11.2 Provide the opportunity for establishing marae, papakainga/group housing, kohanga reo/language nests, or similar activities in Rural Areas that relate to the needs and wishes of tangata whenua and other Maori, provided that environmental conditions are met.
- 14.2.11.3 In considering resource consents, Council takes into account the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi/Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

## **16.5 Open Space Objectives and Policies**

### **OBJECTIVE**

#### **16.5.1 To maintain, protect and enhance the open spaces of Wellington City.**

#### **POLICIES**

To achieve this objective, Council will:

- 16.5.1.1 Identify a range of open spaces and maintain their character, purpose and function, while enhancing their accessibility and usability.
- 16.5.1.2 Recognise the special status of the Inner Town Belt as public recreation land held in Trust by the Council under the Town Belt Deed 1873 and identify that land on the District Plan Maps.
- 16.5.1.3 Manage the impacts of activities in the Inner Town Belt in order to protect and preserve its special qualities for the benefit of future generations.
- 16.5.1.4 Recognise the special status of Wellington's Inner Town Belt and manage the impacts of activities in order to protect and manage its special qualities for the benefit of future generations.
- 16.5.1.5 Identify land that contributes towards an Outer Town Belt that will provide an open, undeveloped edge to the City.

## **OBJECTIVE**

**16.5.2 To maintain and enhance natural features (including landscapes and ecosystems) that contribute to Wellington's natural environment.**

## **POLICIES**

To achieve this outcome, Council will:

- 16.5.2.1 Identify and protect from development and visual obstruction landforms and landscape elements that are significant in the context of the Wellington landscape, and in particular significant escarpments and coastal cliffs.
- 16.5.2.2 Restrict the construction of structures and earthworks on skylines, hilltops and ridges that make an important contribution to the landscape of Wellington.
- 16.5.2.3 Encourage retention of existing native vegetation and where appropriate re-introduce native cover.

## **OBJECTIVE**

**16.5.3 To prevent or mitigate any adverse effects of the storage, use, disposal, or transportation of hazardous substances, including waste disposal, and formation of contaminated sites.**

## **POLICIES**

To achieve this objective, Council will:

- 16.5.3.1 Require that the storage, use, handling and disposal of hazardous substances are subject to analysis using the Hazardous Facilities Screening Procedure and, where appropriate, the resource consent procedure in order that any potential or actual adverse effects are managed in such a way as to safeguard the environment.
- 16.5.3.2 Reduce the potential adverse effects of transporting hazardous substances.
- 16.5.3.3 Control the use of land for end point disposal of waste to ensure the environmentally safe disposal of solid and hazardous waste.
- 16.5.3.4 To require hazardous facilities to be located away from Hazard Areas.

## **20.2 Heritage Objectives and Policies**

### **OBJECTIVE**

**20.2.1 To maintain and enhance the city's heritage to ensure continuity with the past in the development of the city.**

### **POLICIES**

To achieve this objective, Council will:

- 20.2.1.1 Identify and list items (buildings, objects, areas, trees and sites) of significant heritage value.
- 20.2.1.2 Avoid the loss of heritage value associated with listed items.
- 20.2.1.3 Manage the effects of activities that cause the loss of heritage values associated with listed items.

## **OBJECTIVE**

- 20.2.2 To facilitate and enable the exercise of tino rangatiratanga and kaitiakitanga by Wellington's tangata whenua and other Maori.**

## **POLICIES**

To achieve this objective, Council will:

- 20.2.2.1 Identify, define and protect sites and precincts of significance to tangata whenua and other Maori using methods acceptable to tangata whenua and other Maori.
- 20.2.2.2 Require that the tangata whenua be consulted where a resource consent is required for an activity within a Maori precinct.
- 20.2.2.3 Facilitate the development of appropriate design guidelines that ensure that tangata whenua involvement in the Maori precincts is reflected in new development.

## **22.2 Utilities Objectives and Policies**

### **OBJECTIVES**

- 22.2.1 To provide for the efficient development and maintenance of utility networks throughout the city while avoiding, remedying or mitigating any adverse effects of activities on the environment.**

### **POLICIES**

To achieve this objective, Council will:

- 22.2.1.1 Avoid, remedy or mitigate any adverse environmental effects of utility networks by requiring resource consents for structures and activities with a significant impact.
- 22.2.1.2 Have regard to the operational requirements of utility networks when exercising discretion in any resource consent process.
- 22.2.1.3 Encourage utility networks to be sited underground where appropriate.
- 22.2.1.4 Provide for new technology in areas of the city where overhead line reticulation exists.
- 22.2.1.5 To ensure that utility structures that are critical facilities are not at risk from hazards.

## **Plan Change 32**

## **25.2 Renewable Energy Objectives and Policies**

### **OBJECTIVES**

- 25.2.1 To encourage efficiency in energy use, and the development and use of energy from renewable sources.**

### **POLICIES**

To achieve this objective, Council will:

- 25.2.1.1 Encourage the efficient use of energy and the greater use of renewable energy.
- 25.2.1.2 Provide for renewable energy development, while at the same time avoiding, remedying or mitigating adverse effects on the environment.

## **Plan Change 33**

### **14.2 Rural Area Objectives and Policies**

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- 14.2.1 To promote the efficient use and development of natural and physical resources in the Rural Area.**

#### **POLICIES**

To achieve this objective, Council will:

- 14.2.1.1 Encourage new urban development to locate within the established urban area.

#### **METHODS**

- Rules
- Design Guide (Rural Area)
- Operational activities (management of infrastructure).

#### **OBJECTIVE**

- 14.2.2 To maintain and enhance the character of the Rural Area by managing the scale, location and rate and design of new building development.**

#### **POLICIES**

To achieve this objective, Council will:

- 14.2.2.1 Control the number and location of new building developments and activities to avoid, remedy or mitigate their adverse effects on the rural character and landscape.

#### **METHODS**

- Rules
- Design Guide (Rural Area)
- Other mechanisms (Rural Community Plans)

- 14.2.2.2 Control the construction of new buildings, structures and earthworks on identified ridgelines and hilltops in ways that avoid, remedy or mitigate adverse visual effects on the rural character, while recognising any natural, recreational or heritage values that may exist in these identified areas.

#### **METHODS**

- Rules
- Design Guide (Rural Area)

## **OBJECTIVE**

### **14.2.3 To maintain and enhance the amenity values and rural character of Rural Areas.**

#### **POLICIES**

To achieve this objective, Council will:

- 14.2.3.1 Control non-rural activities to ensure that their potential adverse effects on the rural environment are avoided, remedied or mitigated.

#### **METHODS**

- Rules
- Design Guide (Rural Area)
- Other mechanisms (Rural Community Plans)

- 14.2.3.2 Control the adverse effects of noise within the Rural Area.

#### **METHODS**

- Rules
- Other mechanisms (Enforcement Orders, Abatement Notices)

## **OBJECTIVE**

### **14.2.5 To maintain and enhance natural features (including landscapes and ecosystems) that contribute to Wellington's natural environment.**

#### **POLICIES**

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## **OBJECTIVE**

### **14.2.6 To maintain and enhance the quality of the coastal environment within and adjoining the Rural Area.**

#### **POLICIES**

To achieve this objective, Council will:

- 14.2.6.1 Maintain the public's ability to use and enjoy the coastal environment by requiring that public access to and along the coastal marine area is maintained, and enhanced where appropriate and practicable.
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## **OBJECTIVE**

### **14.2.9 To enable efficient, convenient and safe access for people and good within the Rural Area.**

#### **POLICIES**

To achieve this objective, Council will:

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## **OBJECTIVE**

### **14.2.10 To promote the development of a safe and healthy City.**

#### **POLICIES**

To achieve this objective, Council will:

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## **OBJECTIVE**

### **14.2.11 To facilitate and enable the exercise of tino rangatiratanga and kaitiakitanga by Wellington's tangata whenua and other Maori.**

#### **POLICIES**

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## **Plan Change 65**

### **19A.2 Earthworks Objectives and Policies**

#### **OBJECTIVE**

**19A.2.1 To provide for earthworks for the use development and protection of land throughout the city while avoiding, remedying or mitigating any adverse effects of earthworks, landslips and associated structures on the environment.**

#### **POLICIES**

To achieve this objective, Council will:

- 19A.2.1.1 Ensure earthworks and associated structures are designed to reflect appropriate land development and subdivision by considering future development of the land.
- 19A.2.1.2 Require earthworks to be designed to minimise the risk of instability.
- 19A.2.1.3 Require earthworks to be designed and managed to minimise erosion, and the movement of dust and sediment beyond the area of the work, particularly to streams, wetlands and coastal waters.