

Chapter 8: Reserves

Proposed Waikato District Plan

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Chapter 8: Reserves

8.1 Reserve Provision

8.1.1 Objective

- (a) Public open space, natural reserves, parks and recreational facilities are provided to meet the needs of communities.

8.1.2 Policies – Provision, use and development of public open space and reserves

- (a) Ensure that subdivision and development contributes to the provision of public open space, natural reserves, parks and recreational facilities.
- (b) Ensure that subdivision involving the vesting of land in Council as reserve aligns with the principles of Council's Parks Strategy or a structure plan, by:
 - (i) being of an appropriate size, scale and location for its intended use;
 - (ii) being appropriate for the strategic needs of the local community and the region;
 - (iii) having suitable road frontage and is accessible for its intended use and for future maintenance;
 - (iv) provide for the safety of the community by establishing fencing on side and rear boundaries;
 - (v) linking to, and supporting, existing social infrastructure;
 - (vi) providing for community wellbeing.
- (c) Require the location and design of recreation facilities and reserve development to integrate and support the surrounding urban environment by:
 - (i) being appropriately setback from boundaries;
 - (ii) maintaining the character and amenity values of the surrounding environment.
- (d) Recognise that the development and day-to-day use of reserves is managed through Council's reserve management plans, and provides for activities and uses in these areas to continue.

8.1.3 Policies - Esplanade reserves and walkways

- (a) Acquire esplanade reserves or strips along coasts, rivers, lakes and wetlands during subdivision to enable the creation of trails and public access, particularly in identified high priority areas in Appendix 4.
- (b) During subdivision, provide for the acquisition and development of walkways/cycle ways/bridle ways identified on the planning maps, structure plans or in Council's Trails Strategy by:
 - (i) having convenient and practical public access to and along the route;
 - (ii) incorporating safety and security for neighbours and walkway users;
 - (iii) integrating with the wider transport network;
 - (iv) protecting and restoring natural values.

8.2 Natural Values

8.2.1 Objective – Natural values

- (a) The natural values of public open space, natural reserves and parks is maintained and enhanced.

8.2.2 Policy - Natural values

- (a) Enhance the natural environment during the use and development of reserves, by:
 - (i) protecting outstanding natural landscapes, outstanding natural features and natural character areas;
 - (ii) protecting and enhancing significant natural areas;
 - (iii) restoring and linking habitats for indigenous species, particularly in lake catchments, riparian margins, lowland ecosystems, wetland areas and coastal dunes and ecosystems.

8.3 Commercial Activities and Temporary Events

8.3.1 Objective - Commercial activities and temporary events

- (a) Commercial activities and temporary events remain ancillary to, and promote the purpose of, the reserve.

8.3.2 Policy - Commercial activities

- (a) Restrict the scale, type and extent of commercial activities on reserves to:
 - (i) those compatible with the reserve's primary use; and
 - (ii) those compatible with surrounding residential amenity values.

8.3.3 Policy – Temporary events

- (a) Enable temporary events and associated temporary structures on reserves, appropriate to the size and purpose of the reserve.
- (b) Manage the scale and extent of temporary events on reserves so that any significant adverse effects on people in the surrounding community are minimised by:
 - (i) limits on the timing, number and duration of events;
 - (ii) meeting the permitted noise limits for the zone;
 - (iii) managing the effects of traffic on the road transport network where the permitted number of vehicle movements will be exceeded.

8.4 Tamahere Park and Tamahere Village Green

8.4.1 Objective – Community hub

- (a) A community hub is developed in Tamahere.

8.4.2 Policy – Integrated development

- (a) Ensure that development within the Tamahere Park and Tamahere Village Green is integrated and connected with the Tamahere Business Zone.

8.4.3 Policy – Design guides

- (a) Ensure new development is consistent with the Tamahere Village Design Guide, and in particular:
 - (i) acknowledges local cultural and historic values;
 - (ii) achieves consistency of building scale, form, layout and design theme across the Tamahere Business Zone, Tamahere Park and Tamahere Village Green;
 - (iii) promotes a village character;
 - (iv) provides amenity planting that minimises the adverse visual effects of hard structures.