2.6. INSTITUTIONAL PRECINCTS

Victoria University, Massey University and Wellington Regional Hospital have been identified as Institutional Precincts because of their scale and important role in the city and region. Specific management provisions have been developed for these institutions with rules that allow them to operate without undue restrictions.

Typically, the precincts are characterised by large-scale buildings. Sites are intensely developed, with mixed building forms, including large slab blocks and towers which contrast with nearby housing. Due to the scale and intensity of activities on site, the institutions generate large flows of people and vehicles day and night. The effects of building development and activities in Institutional Precincts impact on surrounding residential neighbourhoods and the District Plan contains provisions to manage this.

Activities and new buildings are subject to performance standards and building design guides to encourage good development and protect the amenity of Residential Areas.

2.7. AIRPORT AND GOLF COURSE RECREATION PRECINCT

Wellington Airport is a significant strategic transport hub and plays an important role in providing for the social and economic wellbeing of the city, region and the nation. The District Plan recognises its importance by providing for its continued use and development, as well as related activities.

The plan also contains provisions to manage non-airport activities and developments. This recognises that certain complementary activities can add to the attractiveness and vitality of the airport as a destination and transport hub, as well as providing uses which benefit local communities. However, these activities are carefully managed to safeguard the ongoing operation of the airport, protect the character and amenity of nearby land uses and ensure retail activities do not affect the ongoing vitality and viability of the Kilbirnie and Miramar town centres.

The provisions of the Golf Course Recreation Precinct provide for the continued use of the existing Miramar Golf Course and recreational activities.