
REPORT 1
(1215/11/IM)

APPROVAL OF DISTRICT PLAN CHANGE 75 (CENTRES HERITAGE AREAS)

1. Purpose of Report

To request Council approval of District Plan Change 75 (Centres Heritage Areas) under clause 17 (2) of Schedule 1 to the Resource Management Act 1991.

2. Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Council:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Agree to approve District Plan Change 75 (Centres Heritage Areas) in accordance with clause 17 of Schedule 1 to the Resource Management Act 1991.*
- 3. Agree that the Plan Change will become operative on Wednesday 13 July 2011.*

3. Discussion

3.1 Plan Change 75

Plan Change 75 was notified in May 2010, with the aim of recognising and protecting the heritage character of six of Wellington's suburban centres: Aro Valley; Hataitai; John Street intersection; Newtown; Berhampore; and Thorndon. Submissions were heard in December 2010, and the Council's decision was notified on 8 March 2011. No appeals were received on the Council's decision, and therefore Plan Change 75 can be made operative and incorporated into the District Plan.

3.2 Resource Management Act Process

Under clause 17 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Council is now required to approve the change and this will be given effect to by official sealing of the documents.

The changes have now been collated and prepared for sealing but, because of their size, they have not been appended to this report. There are sections of District Plan text, and several A3 sized maps. However, copies are available for inspection through Democratic Services if required.

The final copies of the changes mirror exactly the text already approved by the Council and there is no ability to make further changes or amendments at this stage. The approval process under Schedule 1 is purely procedural and the sealed changes will reflect what has already been determined.

Under clause 20 of Schedule 1 the Council is required to publicly notify the date on which the Plan changes become operative. This must be done at least 5 working days before the date on which it becomes operative. In this case the public notice will be included in the 'Our Wellington' page on Tuesday 5 July 2011 and the operative date will be Wednesday 13 July 2011.

4. Conclusion

It is recommended that the District Plan Change 75 be approved as required under the Resource Management Act 1991.

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Supporting Information

1) Strategic Fit / Strategic Outcome:

The approval of plan changes supports the outcomes of the Urban Development Strategy and the District Plan.

2) LTCCP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact:

Project C533 – District Plan

3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations:

All District Plan work is required to take into account the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi (refer to section 8 of the Resource Management Act 1991).

4) Decision-Making:

This is not a significant decision. The report covers matters previously considered by the Strategy and Policy and Regulatory Processes Committees.

5) Consultation:

Not applicable.

6) Legal Implications:

The Council's lawyers have been involved as relevant during the processing of the plan changes.

7) Consistency with existing policy:

The plan changes reflect Council policy.