

# 3. The Rural Area Objectives<sup>1</sup>

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The following objectives provide the framework for the development of the Rural Community Plan for South Karori. It should be noted that the objectives have not been prioritised – each carries equal weighting and collectively the objectives create a holistic vision for the rural area.

1. **To encourage and facilitate community involvement in decision-making for the future of Wellington’s rural areas through the Makara/Ohariu Community Board, Resident Groups, and through the development of Rural Community Plans**
2. **To maintain and enhance rural character, amenity and identity for people living, working and visiting the rural area**
3. **To provide opportunities for rural living where the environment and the local infrastructure is able to support and accommodate growth**
4. **To allow for efficient, convenient and safe access for people and goods to and within the rural area**
5. **To monitor and, where necessary, improve the safety of rural roads to mitigate any traffic effects arising from rural living and land use activities**
6. **To protect important ridgelines, landscapes and views**
7. **To support the sustainable management of land by private landowners**
8. **To promote environmentally sustainable water, wastewater and rubbish disposal schemes**
9. **To improve indigenous biodiversity by protecting and enhancing natural features, indigenous vegetation and regenerating bush**
10. **To preserve and enhance the natural character of coastal and riparian environments**
11. **To support a variety of high-quality rural recreational opportunities that do not adversely affect the environment**
12. **To meet, support and enhance the social and economic needs of the rural community through co-operation between the Council and those living and working in the rural area**
13. **To meet, support and enhance the rural area’s contribution to the Wellington economy**

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<sup>1</sup> Adopted by the Council’s City Development & Business and Environment & Recreation Committees in January 2001.

14. To foster a safe environment for those living, working and visiting the rural area
15. To promote opportunities for the Council and mana whenua to work in partnership on rural issues



**View Looking down into South Karori Road**