

Urban heritage and character protection – work schedule

Review of the Council's District Plan Heritage Schedules

Work advanced on researching and reviewing heritage items on the District Plan Heritage Buildings and Objects schedules. The work has been prioritised to make sure those buildings on strategic traffic and pedestrian routes and buildings which may be or are earthquake prone around the city will be reviewed as a priority and assessed against the Council's approved heritage criteria.

Built Heritage Incentive Fund

The \$329,000 grants pool was allocated. The focus has been on assisting with conservation reports and strengthening projects for earthquake prone buildings. (See section 6.5.)

Heritage interpretation

Two heritage pylons were installed on Oriental Bay. One celebrates the buildings and the history of the bay the other reflects on the importance of the tram network in Wellington's development.

Source: WCC Heritage

District Plan proposed changes – work schedule

No plan changes were notified in the 2011/12 financial year as focus was on appeal resolution (see below). A new District Plan change programme was approved in February 2012 setting out a programme of work focused appeal resolution with the first new major plan changes occurring from the 2013/14 financial year onwards.

Source: WCC City Planning

District Plan changes – appeals that are mediated (settled) before reaching the Environment Court

Result: 14. There is no target for this performance measure – we use this information for monitoring only (2010/11: 17).

15 appeals were resolved in the 2011/12 financial year. 14 of these were resolved through informal or Court assisted mediation. One proceeded to a Court hearing (Variation 11/Waterfront issue) and found in the appellants favour. Another appeal proceeded to the Court (PC74/amateur radio appeal) and the decision on that case is still pending.

A judicial review was also taken against Council by the Creswick Valley Residents Association regarding consultation on the rezoning of a site in Curtis St – the review was successful and the original zoning reinstated. We are considering our notification and consultation processes with respect to District Plan changes in light of the decision.

Source: WCC City Planning

Growth Spine Framework implementation – milestones

The Central City Framework was adopted in December 2011 and its implementation commenced. A concept plan for improving Miramar town centre was completed and preliminary work was undertaken on the proposed Johnsonville Medium Density Design Guide.