

## **2.2 THE PARTS OF THE OUTER GREEN BELT**

### **2.2.1 SECTORS**

This Plan divides the Outer Green Belt into seven sectors. These seven sectors and their sub-areas are the focus for most of the area or site-based policy detail in this Plan (refer Section 5). Key issues, threats or opportunities within each sector are discussed in Part 2 and many of these relate to both public and private land. This part of the Plan discusses the relationships between public and private lands in the Outer Green Belt. The sector names indicate the central or most prominent feature/s of the area only.

### **2.2.2 COUNCIL MANAGEMENT AREAS**

Within each sector, the Council's properties are grouped according to character, identity and status into Wellington City Council Management Areas (CMA's). By definition, private lands are not part of the CMA's unless there is a management agreement between a private landowner and the Council.

The CMA's correspond with many of the existing well-known Wellington City Council reserves such as Wilton's Bush Reserve or Wright Hill Reserve. A particular challenge in this Plan is to foster an Outer Green Belt identity, while ensuring the existing features within the Outer Green Belt retain their identity and purpose.

### **2.2.3 LAND UNITS**

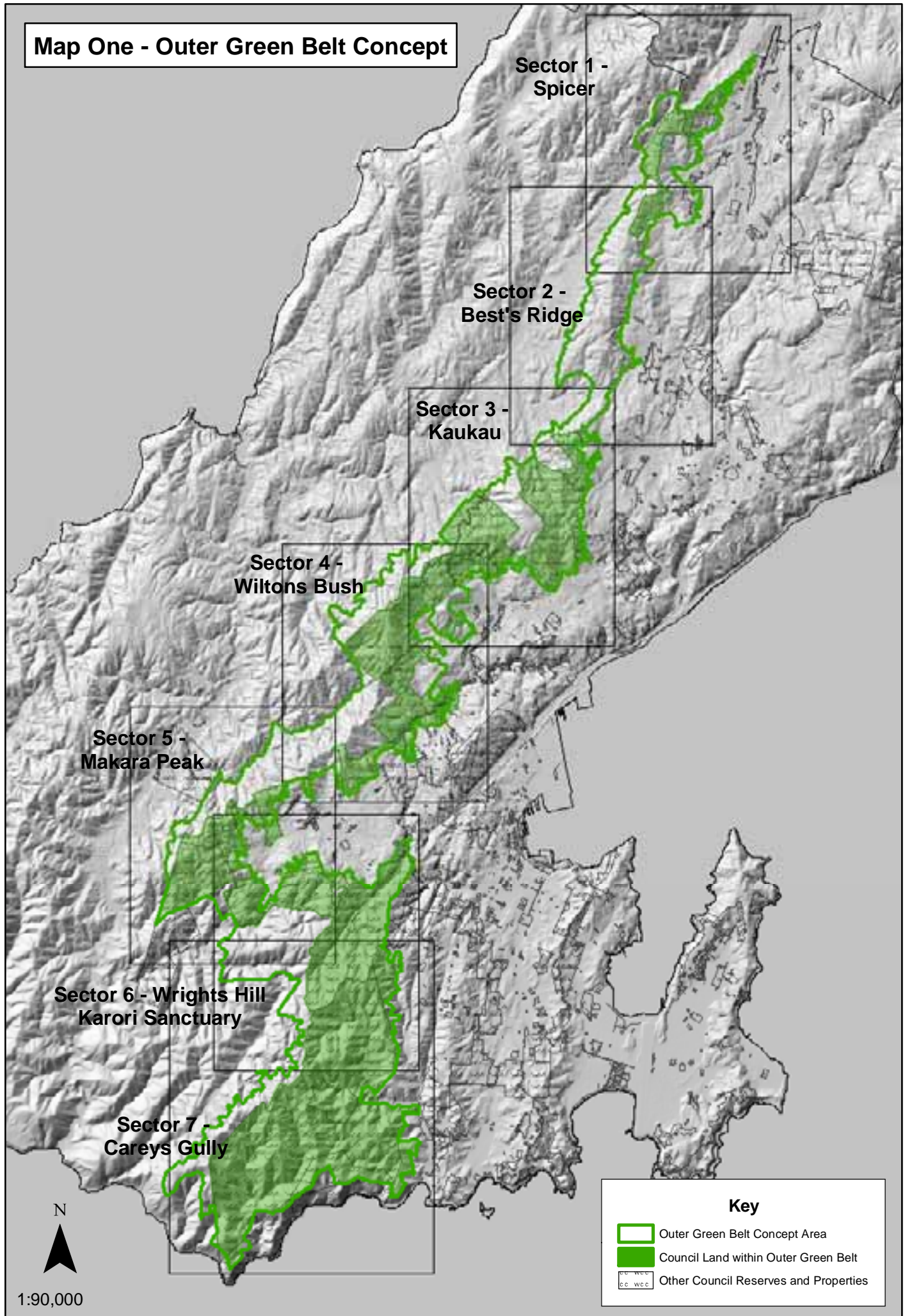
Council Management Areas can be further subdivided into their constituent land units or titles. At this level, the main issue is the legal status of the land and its classification or non-classification under the Reserves Act 1977.

In cases where a particular land unit is large and has parts with quite different character and associations, then it may straddle two CMA's.

### **2.2.4 SITES AND FEATURES**

Sections three to five of the Plan include many references to specific sites and features of landscape, ecological, recreational, cultural or other significance. In the course of preparing this Plan, the Council has identified as many of the important sites and features as possible. However some may still be unknown, and readers are encouraged to tell the Council about anything that appears to be missing. Sites of significance to Maori may remain unidentified in this Plan if this is their intent.

# Map One - Outer Green Belt Concept



## Outer Green Belt Sectors and Council Management Areas

<b>Sector 1: Spicer</b> Council management areas: <b>1.1 Spicer Forest properties</b> <b>1.2 Tawa Bush Reserves</b> <b>1.3 Airstrip Block</b>
<b>Sector 2: Bests Ridge</b> Council management areas: <b>2.1 Churton Park Reserves</b>
<b>Sector 3: Kaukau</b> Council management areas: <b>3.1 Old Coach Road</b> <b>3.2 Khandallah / Johnsonville Parks</b> <b>3.3 Awarua Street Reserves</b>
<b>Sector 4: Otari-Wilton's Bush</b> Council management areas: <b>4.1 Kilmister Tops</b> <b>4.2 Otari-Wilton's Bush</b> <b>4.3 Johnston Hill</b>
<b>Sector 5: Makara Peak</b> Council management areas: <b>5.1 Karori Park</b> <b>5.2 Mountain Bike Park</b>
<b>Sector 6: Wrights Hill / Sanctuary</b> Council management areas: <b>6.1 Wrights Hill</b> <b>6.2 Karori Sanctuary</b>
<b>Sector 7: Careys Gully / Landfill</b> Council management areas: <b>7.1 Careys Gully</b> <b>7.2 Southern Landfill</b>

### 2.2.5 PRIVATE LAND WITHIN THE CONCEPT AREA

Land within the Outer Green Belt concept will be affected in two ways by the plan.

#### 1. Advocacy and negotiation

The concept area is not an indication that the Council wishes to own this land. Any opportunity the Council has to purchase land will be judged on its merits (ie. the costs of purchase and ownership against the potential contribution to Outer Green Belt objectives and other Wellington City Council objectives) alongside other options.

The Council will provide advice and encouragement to landowners to improve the management and protection of important natural values and, where possible, to provide public access in partnership with the Council.

The Council uses a variety of mechanisms to achieve open space protection. A list of these is included in *Capital Spaces*. These provide a useful reference for future discussions with other landowners.

- Negotiation
- Education
- Studies
- Special projects
- Incentives
- Sponsorship
- Statutory planning
- Easements and rights of-way
- Covenants
- Trusts
- Purchasing of development rights
- Land exchange
- Land purchase

Where the Outer Green Belt covers or is adjacent to areas of land held by organisations with a similar role to the Council (for example Greater Wellington Regional Council) the Council will work with this organisation where appropriate to achieve objectives under this Plan.

### ***Your land: Our Help***

Recently, Greater Wellington – the Greater Wellington Regional Council, QE II National Trust and the Department of Conservation, in consultation with territorial authorities, have been developing a programme and information to help landowners interested in protecting and enhancing the biodiversity on their land. A booklet has been prepared called *Your land: Our Help – A guide to biodiversity protection and management assistance for private landowners in the Wellington region*.

Wellington City Council supports this initiative and will, wherever practical, work with these agencies and individual landowners in the pursuit of shared objectives for indigenous biodiversity within the Outer Green Belt.

## **2. Implementation of other Wellington City Council policies**

The *District Plan* and other Wellington City Council policies pertaining to the environment will be supported by the information in this Plan. The concept area is not a new *District Plan* zone, but can be used as relevant information in assessing new land use proposals within this area where the legal mechanisms of the *District Plan* and the Resource Management Act allow.

An anticipated review of the current *District Plan* policy for the management of ridgetops and hilltops will potentially provide more direct regulatory protection for ridgetop and hilltop values across the city.

The Council's *Bush and Streams Restoration Plan* is also supported by the Outer Green Belt concept, but more direct city-wide protection for streams and bush remnants may be addressed as a separate policy initiative including new policies and rules in the *District Plan*.