

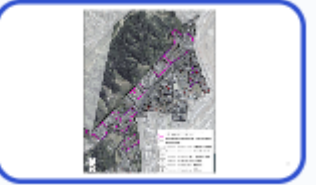










20230515 TRA Hearing Stream 3 Heritage - Presentation Notes

<p>4</p> 	<p>Introduction Thorndon is blessed with heritage of national significance.</p> <p>Focus on part of the Thorndon Heritage Trail Old St Paul's <-> Katherine Mansfield House & Garden Via Hobson Street's character and heritage</p> <p>The Association would like consideration of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Historic heritage 2 Viewshafts – a dominant landscape feature 3 Trees
<p>HISTORIC HERITAGE</p>	
<p>6</p> 	<p>This is the foundation for the definition of heritage areas in Thorndon. As a minimum, the proposed Character Areas should match these areas.</p> <p>All character areas could equally be considered heritage areas (& thereby not need any s77L assessments);</p> <p>This map was generated 14 years ago by Boffa Miskell Ltd and WCC. An assessment of the extent of heritage in Thorndon.</p>
<p>7</p> 	<p>WCC's City Insights GIS Team kindly generated this map for us. It overlays BM/WCC heritage areas from 2009 to help inform the submissions to align heritage and character precincts on the eastern side of the motorway</p>
<p>8</p> 	<p>Our community has been engaged with built heritage and character for more than half a century. The primary focus of the Thorndon Society has been to protect and preserve what remains of Thorndon's heritage and to maintain its residential character.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Heritage is character with stories. ● Character and heritage are intricately interlaced in Thorndon. ● All Thorndon's character residences have stories. ● Most, if not all of our character/heritage houses have been documented over the past 50yrs, either by the Thorndon Society or WCC.

<p>9</p> 	<p>The locations of residences with Notable Home plaques</p>
<p>VIEWSHAFTS</p>	
<p>12</p> 	<p>Arising from the further submissions process, the Association noted the provision for Viewshafts.</p> <p>The matter of viewshafts is of interest in a context of a principal concern for preservation of character and heritage.</p> <p>The Association proposes a change to the PDP – additional viewshaft controls.</p> <p>Te Ahumairangi Hill is Thorndon’s Outstanding Natural Feature & Landscape element. A beacon that anchors and flanks us in this place. Like Mount Victoria, its that other large hill ‘on the NW side’ of the inner city.</p> <p>A viewshaft or two is a way to manage a couple of long-range views appreciated for their attractiveness and which anchor to our sense of place. Visitors can triangulate their location with these views.</p>
<p>13</p> 	<p>Lets take a quick virtual walk. I’ll do it quickly, because we understand that you have visited this route.</p> <p>Commencing at the intersection of Davis St and Thorndon Quay; the easternmost point of residential Thorndon and ‘walk’ up Hobson St.</p> <p>A reminder that Hobson St is part of the Thorndon Heritage Trail.</p>
<p>14</p> 	<p>We launch from between two 6 story apartment buildings with frontages on Thorndon Quay and Davis St.</p> <p>We note their dominance and affect on our view.</p> <p>Now we’ll focus on the house at the end of this row of heritage houses.</p>
<p>21</p> 	<p>Turnaround ...</p> <p>Here’s Thorndon’s connection with Mount Victoria Helps trail walkers triangulate where they’re standing in the overall scheme of the city. The relationship to Lambton Harbour etc.</p>

TREES	
<p>23</p> 	<p>9 x Oriental Plane trees (platanus orientalis) to enhance the western side of the street</p> <p>These deciduous trees were funded by the community.</p> <p>We ask the Council to recognise and honour that partnership with community, perhaps in the DP, and recognised the continuity of this with special character and streetscape along this segment of the Thorndon Heritage Trail.</p>
<p>24</p> 	<p>A visit by a curious Kererū</p> <p>Part of inner residential Thorndon provided historic examples of density done well. The green spaces separating the buildings, with trees. These are important for many reasons.</p> <p>We seek a liveable city by design. The PDP should encourage and celebrate these dimensions, the experiences that these ribbons or green can provide, & their contribution toward addressing the challenges that have arrived with climate change.</p>



IN CLOSING

A few weeks ago, on ANZAC Day, we were remembered as a nation how important our past is.

Some thoughts were shared that day that *might* translate to this heritage stream ... what we think of the places we come from and what we should defend.

For example ...

If you don't know where you're coming from you don't know where you're going.

Personally, in a building context, I look at our character/heritage houses that well over 100yrs old and I reflect upon how robust they are, the quality of the materials, compared with modern buildings that have failed in short timeframes e.g. leaky buildings, less quake resilient buildings, buildings with no character or heritage, etc.

And

We are what we remember.

The city is blessed to have some valued examples of residential heritage and character in Thorndon and our other inner residential suburbs.

We have discovered that there is no need for the PDP to risk character and heritage, especially where communities highly value them and in areas that have significance nationally.

The stakes are high; it's a one-way path.
Once they've gone, they've gone for good.