



EARTHQUAKE PRONE BUILDINGS

STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL

Introduction

In July 2017 the Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings) Amendment Act 2016 came into force. This Act is a result of the significant damage and loss of life caused by the serious earthquakes in Christchurch.

The Act provides a new system to ensure our buildings are managed for future earthquakes in a consistent way across the country and to provide more information to people who use and own buildings that are at risk in an earthquake.

The Amendment Act prioritises the identification and remediation of earthquake prone buildings that either pose a risk to the safety of inhabitants, or are critical to recovery efforts in an earthquake. The first step for Central Hawke's Bay District Council is to identify all 'priority buildings', these are categorised as:

- Hospital buildings
- Emergency buildings
- Education buildings

The definitions of these buildings are controlled by the Amendment Act. Other buildings may be considered 'Priority' if they are located on a route of pedestrian or traffic importance that may be required to be clear in the time of an emergency.

This consultation document seeks your feedback on the routes of high use and/or strategic importance that we have identified. We seek your views on these routes, as well as any other roads, footpaths or strategic transport routes you think are important.

This consultation is undertaken in accordance with section 133AF(2)(a) and (b) of the Building Act 2004, which requires Council to use a special consultative procedure in section 83 of the Local Government Act to identify certain priority buildings.



How is Central Hawke's Bay affected?

As many of you will know, Central Hawke's Bay experiences earthquakes, many of these are small and go unnoticed. However, there is always a risk of a large earthquake occurring, causing damage to property, disrupting emergency services and possibly isolating communities for a time. Central Hawke's Bay has been categorised as a high-seismic risk area. That means that we must identify the following:

Priority Buildings

- Identified by 1 January 2020
- Building owners to strengthen or demolish priority buildings within 7 years of identification

Other Earthquake Prone Buildings

- Identified by 1 July 2022
- Building owners to strengthen or demolish priority buildings within 15 years of identification

More information about identifying earthquake prone buildings and timeframes can be found at:

<https://www.building.govt.nz/managing-buildings/managing-earthquake-prone-buildings/>

Why we are consulting?

To determine which pedestrian and vehicular routes, and routes of strategic importance, are located within our District, we are consulting with you. This consultation will help us determine if there are any 'priority buildings' along these routes that have to be identified by the 1 January 2020 timeline.

It is important to note we are not asking you about the buildings themselves, only the routes identified. Some buildings along these routes may then be identified as a priority building, but not all, and the building owners will be contacted as soon as possible. We will be working with building owners to ensure that they are supported throughout the process of further investigation and possible remediation.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

How will a building be identified as priority if it is adjacent to the routes identified as part of this consultation?

If the building is not already identified because it is a hospital, emergency or education building, then the building will be an unreinforced masonry building 'URM' which means that in an earthquake a part of the building could fall onto the road or footpath, potentially injuring people or blocking the route. These parts of the buildings are, for example, a parapet, an external wall or a verandah. The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment sets out clear guidance about how to identify these buildings.

I own or work in a building along one of the routes, do I have to do anything now?

No, but if you have any information about your building, have had strengthening work done in the past or have any query at all, please contact us at epb@chbdc.govt.nz and we will be happy to discuss this with you.

Hasn't Central Hawke's Bay District Council already undertake earthquake prone building identification in 2012?

Yes, some work was done prior to 2012, which identified buildings along the main streets of Waipukurau and Waipawa as being potentially susceptible to earthquake damage. Building owners were notified and as a result a small number of owners did upgrade their buildings. No further work by Council was carried out after 2012 and as the legislation has changed we are now required to revisit that work as well as

ensure we follow the new requirements. Design work previously done may need to be revisited as a result of the new legislation.

What is Council doing to support Building and Business owners?

Council recognises the challenges that the requirements of the Act will bring to building and business owners. In parallel to this process, Council will be running regular forums to support building and business owners to gain greater understanding of the Act, its impacts and other opportunities.

In conjunction with this, as part of the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan, Council also included Town Centre Planning as a longer term project to ensure our Town Centres remain active and diverse places for building and business investment to remain. A new Community Pride and Vibrancy Fund, has also been established to support local pride, vibrancy and placemaking in our communities.

Have your say

We welcome anyone to make a submission on this consultation document. You can contribute feedback online at www.chbdc.govt.nz or fill out the attached feedback form drop it into the Council offices or libraries or send to:

Central Hawke's Bay District Council
P O Box 127
Waipawa 4210

You can also scan and send your feedback for to governance@chbdc.govt.nz.

Submissions close Friday 12 October, 5pm.

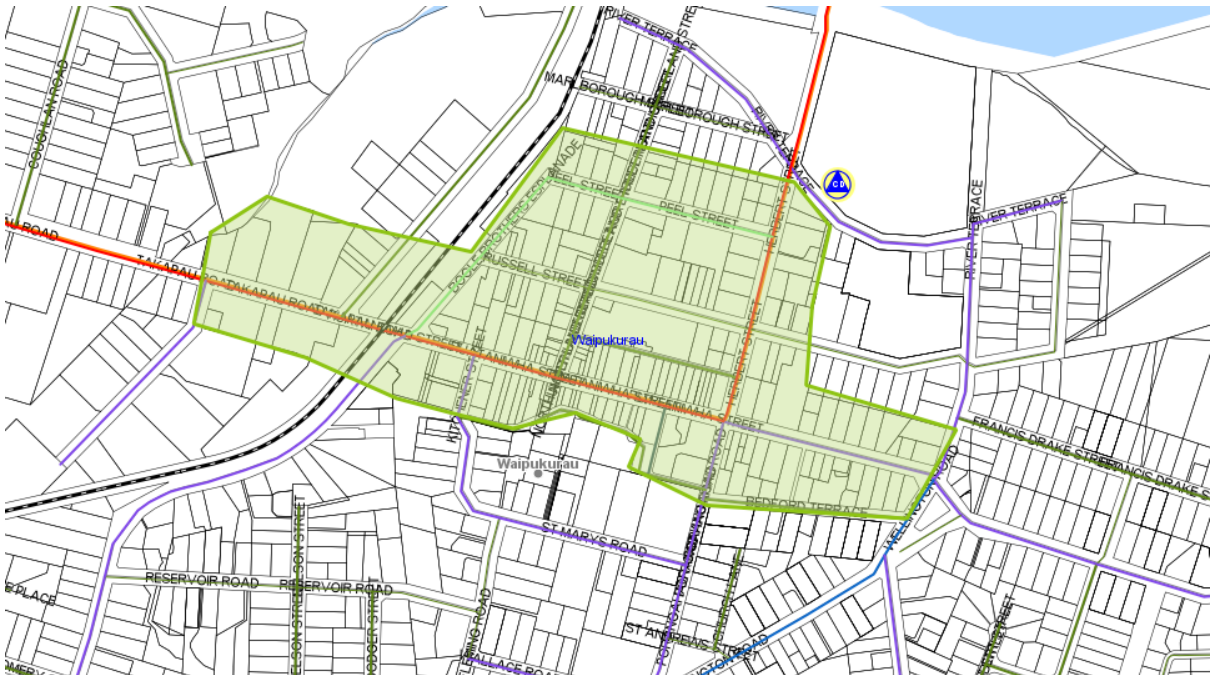
FURTHER INFORMATION:

To identify public roads, footpaths or other thoroughfares with sufficient pedestrian or vehicular traffic, we are guided to consider:

Description of use	Description of area	Example of application to small town or rural area
High Pedestrian Area		
Areas relating to social or utility services	Areas where shops or other services are located	Areas such as the shopping area on the main street, the local pub, the community centre.
Areas relating to work	Areas where concentrations of people work and move around	Areas around businesses in small towns and rural areas where there is a concentration of workers in numbers larger than small shops or cafes
Areas relating to transport	Areas where concentrations of people access transport	Areas around bus stops, train stations, tourist centres
Key walking routes	Key walking routes that link areas where people are concentrated	Routes from bus stops or other areas relating to transport to areas where shops, other services or areas people work are located
Areas with high vehicular traffic		
Key traffic routes	Key traffic routes regularly used by vehicles including public transport	Well trafficked main streets or sections of state highways, arterial routes
Areas with concentrations of vehicles	Areas where high concentrations of vehicles building up	Busy intersections

Based on the above, Council have identified the following routes that have the potential for unreinforced masonry buildings to fall.

WAIPUKURAU



WAIPAWA



Map key	
Red-lined roads	These are state highways.
Green zones	Areas where within which priority routes fall.

MAKE A SUBMISSION

Tell us what you think!

Your name:

Postal address:

Phone:

Mobile:

Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please note that your submission (including any personal information supplied) will be made available to Councillors and the public.
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Question 1: Have we identified the right routes of importance?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments:

Question 2: Do you think we should add in any other roads or pedestrian routes?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments:

Question 3: Do you think we should remove any of the roads we have identified?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments:

Do you have any further comments to add?

Need more room? You can attach extra pages but please make sure they include your name and contact details.

All finished? You can send in your submission to Central Hawke's Bay District Council, P O Box 127 Waipawa 4210; deliver it in person to our libraries or Council building in Waipawa; fill out an online form at www.chbdc.govt.nz or email it to governance@chbdc.govt.nz.