

3.6 TANGATA WHENUA RULES

For the purposes of these rules, a site of 'Cultural Significance to Tangata Whenua' means a site that is sacred to the Tangata Whenua and includes urupa or pa sites. These sites were identified in consultation with the Maori community.

Many of these sites are defined as archaeological sites under the N.Z. Historic Places Trust Act because they are associated with Maori occupation that occurred before the 20th Century. Any person who intends to disturb an archaeological site, or accidentally unearths any archaeological material, must obtain the necessary authority from the N.Z. Historic Places Trust. This requirement is irrespective of the rules in this District Plan.

Appendix I of the District Plan lists other recorded archaeological sites for information purposes, most of which are also associated with Maori occupation that occurred before the 20th Century. These are usually middens or terraces. The N.Z. Historic Places Trust Act requirements apply to these recorded sites and any other unknown sites that a person accidentally unearths.

3.6.1 EARTHWORK ACTIVITIES

The following rules apply to sites of cultural significance to the Tangata Whenua identified in Appendix C and on the Planning Maps.

Earthworks carried out for any purpose within a site of cultural significance to the Tangata Whenua shall be a discretionary activity unless prior written permission from the Tangata Whenua for the site is obtained. A copy of the written permission shall be forwarded to the Council and will be registered on the land information property records.

Note: If any owner wants to carry out earthworks in the vicinity of a site identified on the Planning Maps, but there is uncertainty as to the precise location of the site, the Council will assist in identifying the area in question. Council staff will also assist in identifying the contact person for the local Tangata Whenua.

