

RECOGNISING OUR CULTURAL VALUES AND HERITAGE AREAS

WE ARE PROUDLY recognising and protecting wāhi tapu, wahi tāonga and other sites of cultural significance – what else should we be doing?

Our district has a proud history and it's vital we recognise areas of significance to our tangata whenua, marae and our community. The district also has a number of important and prominent historic buildings and some notable trees.

By working with Taiwhenua o Tamatea and Heritage New Zealand, we've developed a register of sites of heritage and cultural significance and are proposing provisions to protect these. Our district's long and proud history is reflected in the number and diversity of cultural and heritage buildings and sites, in Central Hawke's Bay.

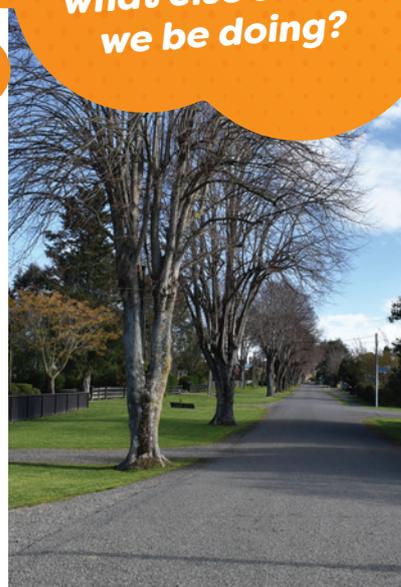
The tangata whenua sections of the draft District Plan have been developed in partnership with Taiwhenua o Tamatea. We've worked with tangata whenua to integrate their values and principles into the draft District Plan to provide direction, where rules have been developed.

We've addressed the need for papakāinga and kaumātua housing and marae based activities in our draft District Plan, to ensure that the social and housing needs of tangata whenua in our community are recognised and provided for.

New sections of the draft District Plan introduce provisions that protect sites of cultural significance, including wāhi tapu and tāonga, from activities like earthworks and vegetation clearance.

As well as providing for our cultural areas, heritage buildings and sites, our draft District Plan now also includes provisions for notable trees. The notable trees identified in our new register are significant to the local community because of the occasion that they were planted or because of who planted them. We have not explored other notable trees on private property at this time.

If you'd like to learn more about how our draft District Plan recognises cultural values and heritage areas head to chapters 4, 12, 13 and 17.



Top: Historic Street Trees in Otane proposed to be protected in this draft District Plan. Above: The Coles Joinery Factory is a Category 1 Historic Place, which the draft District Plan makes provision to retain and protect its character.



"I support the Council introducing stronger provisions in the draft District Plan to protect sites of cultural significance, as well as building relationships with iwi. This is important so that we can develop strong communities that will thrive for generations to come."

Jo Heperi, Takapau



THE ISSUES

- The current provisions in the operative District Plan do not provide appropriate protection for our sites of cultural significance. We need to amend our District Plan to ensure that our special sites of cultural significance are adequately protected from activities like earthworks or ground disturbance.
- There is minimal recognition of the values of Tangata Whenua in the operative District Plan and the special relationship they have with our lands and natural and physical resources.
- We need to recognise the new Statutory Acknowledgement areas, introduced in the Heretaunga Tamatea Treaty Settlement Act 2018, in the draft District Plan to provide for these areas.
- The district has a number of heritage trees that represent an historic event or ceremony in the districts history that should be protected in the draft District Plan to comply with the Resource Management Act 1991.
- The current District Plan has a number of recorded archaeological sites in a register at the end of the Plan. We need to review and update these in the draft District Plan to ensure that the register is as complete as possible to provide protection for these sites.

DRAFT DISTRICT PLAN RESPONSE

- Introduces a new chapter 'Nga Tangata Whenua o Tamatea' identifying the important role of tangata whenua in this District, their representative voices, relationship with the land, and the resource management issues currently facing them.
- Marae and urupā within the District are mapped on the planning maps.
- Introduces new wāhi tapu, wāhi taonga provisions to avoid damage or destruction of sites of cultural significance, and 100m setback from these sites for excavation and use of offal pits, burial of dead stock or plant waste, and wastewater disposal fields.
- Updates the heritage items listed in the Plan to those on the Heritage List of Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga, and revises provisions controlling alterations, removal and demolition of heritage items to be consistent with Heritage New Zealand guidance.
- Introduces list of heritage trees and includes provisions controlling trimming and removal of these trees on public land.
- Introduces new provisions better enabling papakāinga and kaumātua housing, and supporting marae-based industrial or commercial development on Maori land.

HOW HAS THE MĀORI WORLD VIEW BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THIS DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW?

We've worked closely with local tangata whenua to develop two new chapters addressing cultural values and sites of cultural significance.



Together we Thrive! E ora ngātahi ana!



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