

KNOW WHAT WE LOOK AFTER



Many natural, cultural and historical features are a part of our history and identity and are important to our community. Our people play an important role in caring for things like native bush, archaeological and cultural sites, and heritage buildings on their properties. In addition to the efforts of landowners, we are required by law to ensure these special features can be enjoyed by future generations. One of the ways we do this is by listing them as Scheduled Features in the Proposed District Plan.



Scheduled Features - At a Glance

Historic Heritage



Historic heritage includes listed buildings and items that have heritage value. It also includes contributory buildings that aren't listed as heritage buildings, but have visual interest or play an important role in the historic character of the Heritage Character Area. The Heritage Character Area is a concentrated area of heritage buildings located in the City Centre Zone.



Good to go

Identification should not affect:

- What you are currently doing on your property.
- Painting and upgrading.
- Maintaining and repairing your heritage building or item.

**Check the Proposed District Plan to find out what repair and maintenance includes.*

Resource Consent

You will probably need resource consent for things like:

- Alterations and additions to heritage buildings or items.
- Demolishing, removing or relocating the heritage building or item.
- Subdividing land where a heritage building or item is located.
- Building and developing on a site that includes a heritage building or item.

Notable Trees



Notable trees are rare species or spectacular specimens. They can also be associated with special sites or events or have special historical or cultural value.



Good to go

- Continuing everyday care of your notable tree.
- Some trimming.*

** A 'root protection area' measurement determines when you need resource consent and if the work needs to be done by an arborist.*

Resource Consent

You will probably need resource consent for things like:

- Activities near a notable tree, such as earthworks and building.
- Larger-scale trimming and maintenance.*
- Removing a notable tree.

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Archaeological Sites and Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori



An archaeological site has physical evidence of pre-1900 human activity. Sites and areas of significance to Māori are important to iwi/hapū for their historical or cultural value. Often sites are both an archaeological site and a site or area of significance to Māori.

 Good to go

Identification of these sites or areas should not affect:

- Day-to-day living or what you are currently doing on your property.
- Grazing and farming your land.
- Residential living.
- Renovation within the existing footprint of your home.
- Maintenance and repair.

Resource Consent

You will probably need resource consent for things like:

- Earthworks within the extent of the identified site or area.
- Constructing a new building or structure, or extending an existing building.
- Subdividing your property if the site or area is within your property boundary.

Significant Natural Areas (SNAs)



These are significant areas of native bush in the district that are valuable for biodiversity. We know many landowners are already doing a great job caring for SNAs identified on their properties. We are leading the way in protecting biodiversity in our urban and rural areas.

 Good to go

- Things landowners are doing voluntarily, like backyard trapping.
- Trimming and removing non-native vegetation.
- Maintaining things like existing roads, tracks, structures, fences.

Resource Consent


You will probably need resource consent for things like:

- Removing or disturbing native vegetation for new tracks, roads, stream or river crossings and network utilities.
- Clearing a site for new structures and buildings including houses.
- Trimming or removing native bush identified as an SNA.

There are also other scheduled features like Outstanding Landscapes and Waterbodies. Check your property in the ePlan to find out everything that applies to you.

Details of any scheduled features identified on your land will be included on the Land Information Memorandum (LIM) available for your property.

When will the rules apply?

The Proposed District Plan rules for scheduled features (except contributory buildings and activities within the heritage character area) will apply as soon as the Proposed District Plan is notified. Rules with immediate legal effect are indicated by an orange gavel icon in the Proposed District Plan online. 

To check your property, visit the Proposed District Plan at eplan.npdc.nz.

For more information, visit our website at <https://www.newplymouthnz.com/proposeddistrictplan>

For any assistance please contact us on 06-759 6060 or enquiries@npdc.govt.nz