

OUR DISTRICT IS CHANGING



... And so is our district plan

To keep up with these changes, we're updating the District Plan. We've purpose built an award winning ePlan that lets you know what you can do and where. The Proposed District Plan makes it easy to know where you can build, where you can do business and the important features in our district that we need to look after for future generations.



Gearing up for growth

The district is growing. It's easy to know where we've planned to grow in the future. Our zoning supports a range of housing in the right places to suit our lifestyles.

- A new Medium Density Residential Zone close to our city and town centres and suburban shopping areas to allow more housing. This will help reduce urban sprawl into rural land.
- Structure Plans for land on the outskirts of New Plymouth available for future development.
- Future Urban Zones in New Plymouth, Waitara, Bell Block and Ōākura to plan for growth for the next 30 years.
- New Rural Lifestyle zones on the fringes of New Plymouth, Ōākura, Ōkato and Egmont Village that target lifestyle living.



Supporting business and thriving centres

The Proposed Plan encourages vibrant CBD centres to support our economy and makes sure we have enough land for industry. It's easy for people to do business here.

- A hierarchy of city and town centres to support retail and office-based business.
- Clear zoning for industry.
- Special Purpose Zones for specific activities like for the airport, the port, the hospital.
- Māori Purpose Zone for Māori-owned land.
- Specific rules for energy and network infrastructure activities like power and roading network.

We've also got updated standards for development for things like subdivision and earthworks, traffic and transport and noise to make sure we have quality living and working environments.



Caring for our coast

We've got updated science about our ever changing coastline. The new plan looks after the coast and supports our community to manage the risks of coastal erosion and flooding.

- Provisions that make sure development is sensitive to the distinctive natural character and other things we love about our coast.
- Updated coastal environment, hazard, flooding and stormwater management information that includes the impact of climate change.
- New rules for clearing native coastal vegetation.



Looking after the things we value

Our history and identity are important to our community.

- New sites of significance to Māori and other archaeological sites.
- New heritage buildings and notable trees.
- New areas of significant native bush or SNAs.
- Fine-tuned provisions for Viewshafts and Entrance Corridors that make sure we have great views and visitor experiences.
- Public access options secured for the future.
- Additional significant waterbodies with access so our community can enjoy them.

The new plan also makes sure the important views and values of tangata whenua are considered right from the get go in any planning process.

Know your Plan

Type in your address to check out what the Proposed District Plan means for your property. Go to eplan.npdc.nz and follow these simple steps.



What is my zone?

Type in a property address 

What can I do on my property?


Find your zone rules 

Good to go


May require resource consent

Resource consent needed

Do I have something special I need to look after?

Find other features on your property 

Make a submission

Click on the Make a Submission button to have your say 

- I can now find planning information in a few clicks
- I know what I can do on my property easily
- I can make a submission online


Make a submission

You can have your say on anything in the Proposed District Plan online.

Visit the ePlan at eplan.npdc.nz and click Make a Submission to have your say.

Submissions close 22 November 2019.

When does the new Plan come into effect?

Most of the rules in the Proposed Plan will not come into effect until the final decision has been made on submissions. This process takes around two years. However, some rules do apply as soon as the Proposed Plan is notified. These will display an orange gavel icon like this 

Before you do anything on your property, you should check the Proposed District Plan. Contact us if you are unsure.

Need help?

For help using the ePlan or the online submission tool, download a user guide at www.newplymouthnz.com/ProposedDistrictPlan

You can also book a time to speak to a planner at the Civic Centre or at an Ask a Planner day near you.

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

Ask a Planner Days October 2019

Inglewood Library 14th
9am to 3pm

Bell Block Library 15th
9am to 3pm

Puke Ariki 16th
11am to 5pm

Urenui Library 18th
12pm to 4pm

Oākura Library 23rd
12pm to 6pm

Puke Ariki 24th
9am to 3.30pm

Waitara Library 25th
9am to 3pm



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