



# District Plan review Quarterly update

1 February 2022

# Workshop Agenda

- Work programme overview
- General
- Biodiversity & landscape update
- Open spaces update
- Natural Hazards Plan change (PC47)
- Plan changes 50 Residential
- Resource Management Reform Implementation

# Work programme overview & update

Plan change	Oct - Dec 21	Jan– Mar 22	Apr–Jun 22	Jul-Sep 22	Oct- Dec 22	Jan-Mar 23	Apr-Jun 23	Jul-Sep 23
46-Code of Practice								
47-Natural Hazards								
48-Ecology								
48- landscape								
49-Open space								
50 -Residential								
50-Rural								
53-Heritage								
54- Business and Mixed use centres								
Gabites Private Plan Change								
Network utilities & designations								
Noise								
<b>Key</b>	Consultation							
	Public notification							
	Submissions							
	Hearings							
	Decision							

# Implementing National Planning Standards

- Electronic plan (e-plan)
- Noise & Vibration standards
- Rolling review

# General planning issues

HBA to be complete by end of February

## New consultants onboard

- Matt Muspratt – Residential
- Carolyn Wratt - Rural

# PC54 Commercial and Industrial

- Required by the NPS-UD to be notified by mid 2022
- Affected by the Enabling Housing Supply Act – we are currently trying to work out how exactly
- Pre-notification consultation undertaken in November / December 2021
- We received enquiries, comments and feedback from 24 parties
- Feedback has been considered and changes made where appropriate
- This plan change will be a focus in the next workshop

# Biodiversity & Landscape update

- Two community reference groups set up (10 community members in each)
- Terms of reference have been established for each group
- Both have had 2 meetings
- First meeting was process focused and second starting to work through issues identified by the group.
- The notes from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Landscape meeting are on the Taiki Taiao webpage and Biodiversity will go up when group has reviewed them.

# Plan Change 49 – Open Spaces

Update



# Notification and Submissions

## Notification

- PC49 was notified on the 11th August for a 5-week period
- 27 submissions were received during this period
- 157 submission points were raised by the 27 submitters

## Summary of submissions

- The decisions sought in the 27 submissions received were summarised
- Submissions were numbered and combined for the next step of the process

## Further submissions

- The summary of submissions was notified on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November, with the opportunity for further submissions within 10 working days
- 49 complete further submissions were received during this period
- 237 submission points within the further submissions.

# Key themes from the submissions

## Silverstream Spur

- 12 of the original 27 submissions requested a change to the zoning of the spur to Natural Open Space
- 47 of the further submissions supported the request to change the zoning
- 1 further submission from GTC sought that if the zone is changed, provision is made for a road corridor through the site

## Biodiversity & Sustainability

- GWRC and Forest and Bird submitted seeking greater consideration of biodiversity in the Natural Open Space Zone
- Other submissions focused on enhancing connections with the sustainability strategy and zoning more land Natural Open Space

## Transport

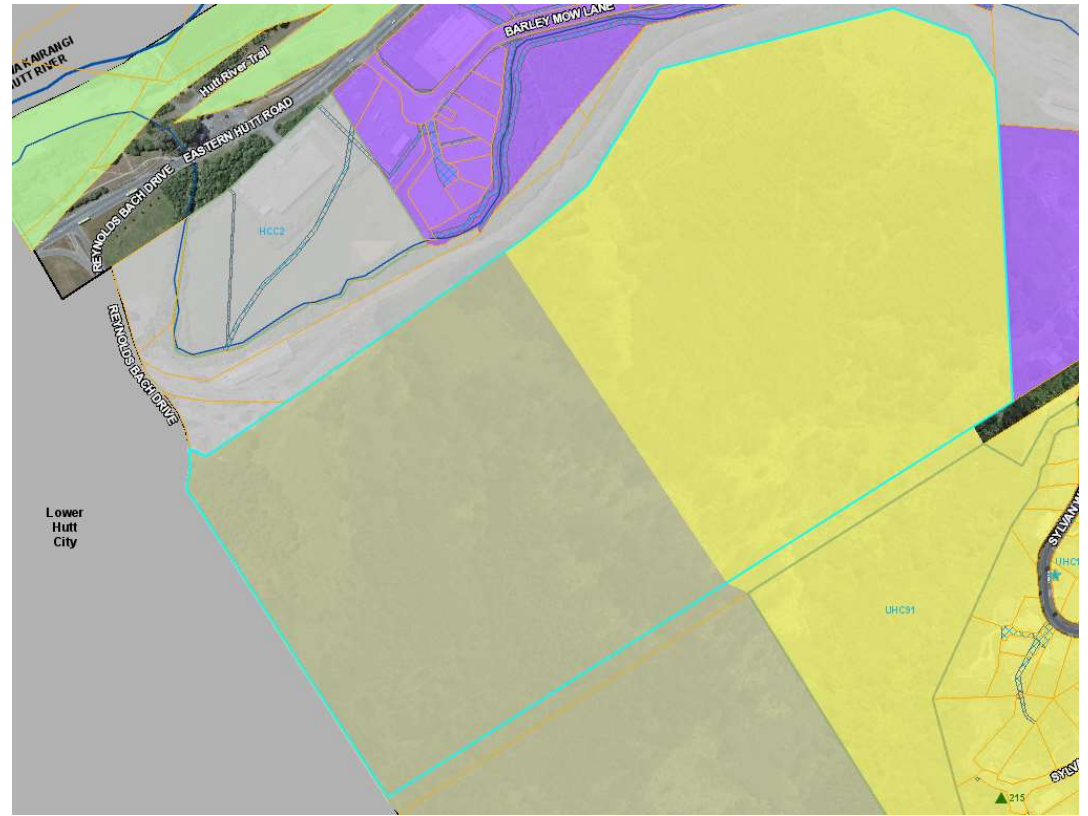
- NZTA submitted seeking trip thresholds for certain activities within the open space zones
- This aligns with feedback received by NZTA on other plan changes

## Site specific submissions

- Submissions were received from several submitters on site specific matters, including zoning and bulk and location standards

# Silverstream Spur submission response

- Submissions on the spur were the most prevalent theme in submissions and further submissions received.
- The situation regarding the site has changed since PC49 was notified, and therefore the out-of-scope approach can be revisited.
- Moving forward we are exploring recommending accepting the requests to zone the site as Natural Open Space, whilst introducing site specific provisions for a road corridor as requested by GTC.



# Next Steps for PC49

- Completing the Section 42a report which will make a recommendation on accepting or rejecting submissions received, with suitable justification for those recommendations.
- Appointing a hearing commissioner and organising a hearing where submitters will be able to be heard (approximately 38 submitters have requested to be heard).
- The recommendation from the hearing commissioner will then be brought before Councillors.
- Opportunity for appeals once decision made.

PC47

Natural Hazards Update

# PC47 Natural Hazards

- Consultation started in early October
- 37 parties made contact
  - 18 relating to Wellington Fault Overlay
  - 17 relating to the Mangaroa Peat Overlay
  - 1 relating to High Slope Hazards

# PC47 Wellington Fault Overlay

- 5 people or 28% opposed the mapping of the Wellington Fault Overlay. Main concerns were about insurance, impacts on property prices and ability to rebuild.
- Remaining 13 parties (62%) sought more information around what the provisions meant or wanted more information

# PC47 Mangaroa Peat Overlay

- 13 people or 76% opposed the mapping of the Mangaroa Peat Overlay. Main concern was around the accuracy of the maps in the Katherine Mansfield Drive area.
- Remaining 4 parties (24%) sought



# PC47

## Next Actions

- We have visited the properties who contacted us to improve the accuracy of the Mangaroa Peat Overlay.
- A further review of the council records for geotechnical assessments to help refine the Mangaroa Peat Overlay
- We have proposed to removed a rule pertaining to new buildings in the Mangaroa Peat Overlay as addressed by the Building

# PC47 Rule to remove

- NH-R3 - Activity status: Restricted discretionary

Where:

(a) The building is associated with a Potentially Hazard Sensitive Activity or Hazard Sensitive Activity.

# PC47

## Next Actions

- Review finalised reports from experts
- Complete section 32 assessment
- Seek to notify in early to mid 2022

# PC47 Natural Hazards

Questions?

Comments?

Feedback?



## RMA amendments and implications for Plan Change 50 – Residential



# Agenda

- Overview
- PC50 implications
- Next steps
- Discussion and questions



## Overview

- RMA Amendment Act came into force on 21 December 2021.
- Medium Density Residential Standards (MDRS) must now be applied to all relevant residential zones.

# Overview continued...

- The MDRS are additional to the intensification required within walkable catchments of centres and rapid transit stops under the NPS-UD.
- Council may reduce the requirements to the degree necessary to accommodate qualifying matters – e.g., SNAs, historic heritage, significant natural hazards.
- August 20, 2022 – the plan change must be notified at the latest (the Intensification Planning Instrument (IPI)).
- The IPI must be processed via the new streamlined process (Intensification Streamlined Planning Process (ISPP)).





# Implications for PC50 - Residential

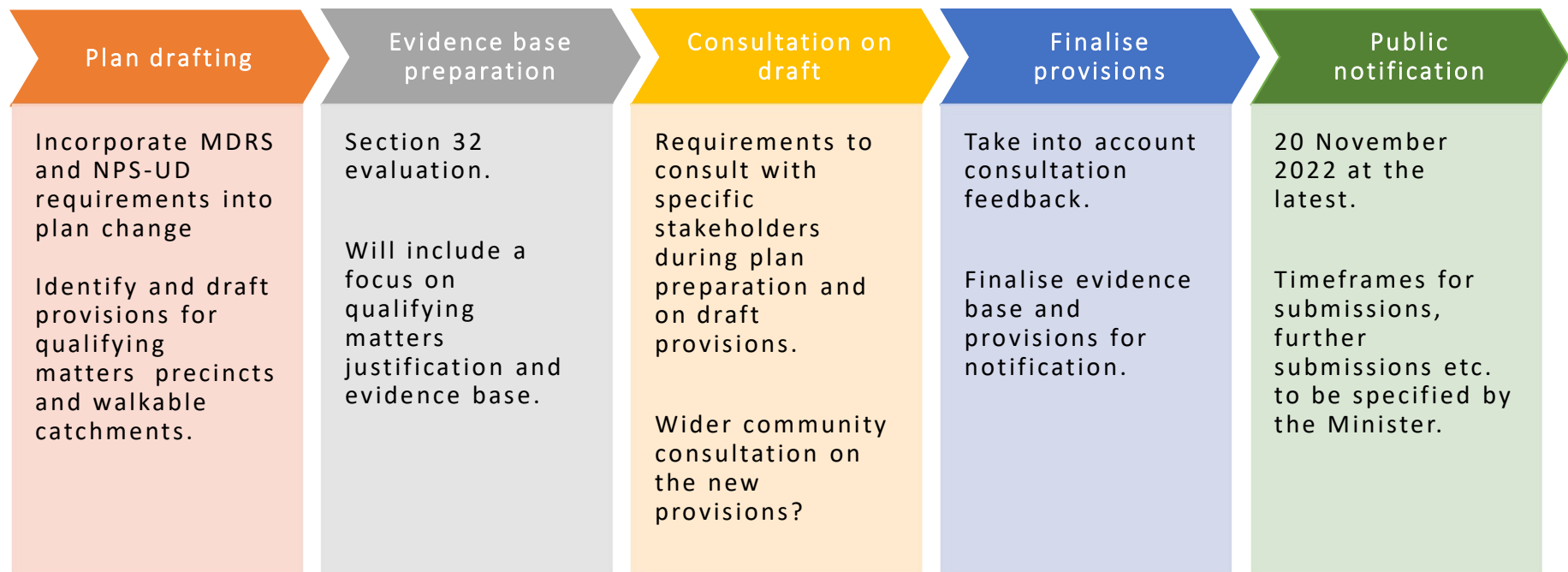
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# Implications for PC50 Residential

1. See table in Section 4 of memo for details on the technical implications.
2. At a high-level the requirements are generally travelling in the same direction as PC50 was prior to the MDRS.
3. The use of qualifying matters and precincts will be an important part of delivering the plan change.
4. Some aspects are likely to fall outside of the IPI and will need to be picked up by other plan changes e.g. home businesses.

# Next steps



# Questions and discussion

1. Does the Council wish to consult with/update the community on replacement draft PC50 Residential provisions?
2. Discussion on areas where the Council may seek to apply qualifying matters.
3. Are there any areas where the Council wishes to provide for heights and densities that are greater than the MDRS?

# RM reform implementation

RM reform is evolving and moving fast.

Important to remain engaged with it.

MfE are directly engaging with us at an officer level and appear keen to assist us with implementing government policies. Currently this is focused on the MDRS

# Discussion document

The document states:

“we would like to have a discussion with you about our thinking on parts of the system not included in the exposure draft. As our partners and stakeholders, we want to hear your views and ideas on how the reform is shaping up”.

# The **objectives** of the engagement are to

- :
  - provide an update for Māori, local government and sector stakeholders on where the Government is up to in the reform of the resource management system and on next steps in the reform
  - present a fuller view of the main components of the system designed to date, including the role of Māori and local government within the future resource management system, from the national to the local level
  - respond to and build on feedback received to date
  - provide a general overview of RM reform to audiences who have a limited understanding or limited engagement to date, and support preparation for submissions on the full Bill to a select committee in 2022.

# Purpose of discussion document

“This document includes policy proposals where Ministers have made initial decisions on matters beyond the scope of the NBA exposure draft. It also provides further policy proposals for testing before advice is finalised. Feedback received through this engagement process will inform Ministerial decisions that shape the NBA and SPA legislation, while past feedback has informed the policy proposals”.



# OVERVIEW OF THE PROPOSED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

## NATURAL AND BUILT ENVIRONMENTS ACT

### Purpose and Related Provisions

The purpose clause includes Te Oranga o te Taiao, and use of the environment for the well-being of present and future generations.  
Related provisions cover the Treaty, environmental limits, and environmental outcomes



Purpose and related provisions translated through the development of NPF

### National Planning Framework

Contains the environmental limits that are set nationally, targets, other provisions such as methods and rules, and a precautionary approach, to direct and guide those exercising functions and powers under the NFA in the implementation of the Act.

Purpose and related provisions, and NPF translated into plan provisions

### Natural and Built Environments Plan

Developed by local government, central government and mana whenua, replaces the existing regional policy statements, regional plans and district plans. Contains provisions (including rules) that determine whether a consent is required, whether it needs to be notified, and what an application will be assessed against in order to grant it. Includes designations (reserving land for infrastructure works etc.)

Resource Consents

Implementation of Designations

## STRATEGIC PLANNING ACT

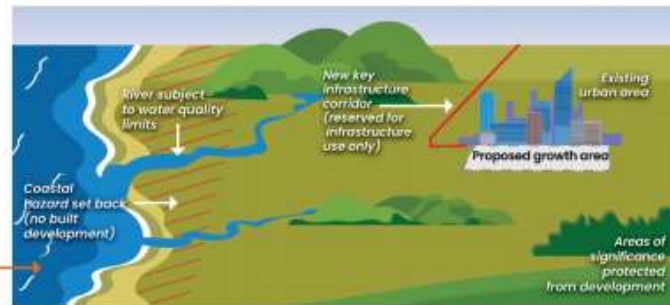
Climate Change Response Act

Local Government Act

Land Transport Management Act

### Long-Term Regional Spatial Strategy

Jointly developed by local government, central government and mana whenua



Climate Adaptation Act

RSS translated into plan provisions

Implementation agreements

### Local Government funding mechanisms

Long-term plans, Regional Land Transport Plans, Annual Plans

### Central Government funding mechanisms

Implementation of plans

# Submissions

- Due 28 February 2022
- Proposal for Upper Hutt City Council feedback
- Draft feedback to come to Policy Committee on 23 February



# Discussion points

- Feedback generally in support with suggestions
- Regional interest currently low-perhaps due to holidays
- To submit or not on specific points eg Maori engagement and not LG stuff

