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**WANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL
DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW**

Phase 2: Residential

**Proposed Plan Change 28
Reserves and Opens Spaces
Zone**

1 November 2012

Z14 Reserves and Open Space Zone

~~1. This section contains the rules that apply to activities in the Reserves and Open Space Zone, as defined on the Planning Maps. The Reserves and Open Space Zone also covers protected areas administered by the Department of Conservation. These have a total area of 39,800 hectares in Wanganui District, and include:~~

- ~~a. some major conservation areas (e.g Ahu Ahu, Jean D'Arcy Reserve, Tokomaru East Block);~~
- ~~b. a substantial area of the Whanganui National Park; and~~
- ~~c. some coastal reserves (e.g Whitiua Scientific Reserve).~~

~~These reserves are administered by DOC under a Conservation Management Strategy prepared under the Conservation Act and, in the case of Whanganui National Park, a management plan prepared under the National Parks Act. In general, this zone does not aim to control development in these areas as this is already controlled in departmental management strategies and plans.~~

~~2. Council seeks to maintain reserve and open space areas with the following characteristics:~~

- ~~a. appropriate and efficient distribution of reserves, open spaces and facilities throughout the district based on population characteristics;~~
- ~~b. facilities on reserves are located and designed in an integrated manner;~~
- ~~c. the scale, vegetation and design of reserves and open spaces contribute to the character of the surrounding area;~~
- ~~d. safe design of reserves, open spaces and accessways;~~

- ~~e. avoidance of nuisance from traffic, noise, glare or other adverse environmental effects;~~
- ~~f. retention of natural and cultural heritage features.~~

~~3. The “Reserves and Open Space Zone” rules aim to:~~

- ~~a. maintain the scale and character of reserves and open space areas;~~
- ~~b. address nuisance from noise, light spill, glare and vibration;~~
- ~~c. address visual amenity and safety problems from advertising signs;~~
- ~~d. manage the effects of structures on reserves.~~

~~Note: Within land administered by the Department of Conservation permitted activities will be considered in the light of section 4 of the Resource Management Act.~~

I53 Effects of Reserves and Open Space

Design and use of reserves and open space can have both beneficial and adverse effects on the surrounding environment:

- a. People will not use areas they perceive as unsafe.
- b. Activities at reserves or open space areas may create noise or other nuisance effects for surrounding residents.

I54 Less private recreational space

Progressively smaller lot sizes, coupled with bigger houses means that people have less private recreation space. Access to public green space will become increasingly important.

O46 Quality reserves and Open Spaces

Parks and open space areas that are safe, accessible and pleasant to use, that meet the varied recreational needs of the community and enhance the amenity values of the surrounding environment.

P78 Ensure adequate provision, and distribution and utilisation of recreational facilities and opportunities, and define reserves and open spaces to ensure the following characteristics are enhanced or maintained:

~~a. appropriate d~~Distribution of reserves, open spaces* and facilities throughout the district based on population characteristics;

b. Implementing CPTED principles to ensure safety in and around parks and open spaces including access ways;

~~b. c . facilities on~~ Ensure reserves are located and designed in an integrated manner and complement the amenity value of the surrounding residential environment;

~~c. the scale, vegetation and design of reserves and open spaces contribute to the character of the surrounding area;~~

d. Ensuring that any buildings, parking facilities and vegetation are integrated into reserve sites and do not compromise the character of the site and surrounding environment.

~~d. safe design of reserves, open spaces and accessways;~~

e. avoidance of nuisance from traffic, noise, glare or other adverse environmental effects on the surrounding environments.

f. retention of natural landscape and ~~cultural~~ historic heritage features

g. A variety of passive and active recreational needs are provided for.

~~Recreation and leisure opportunities contribute to the quality of life of people and communities. Studies undertaken as part of Council's* recreation planning indicate that recreation and leisure activities are becoming more significant in people's lives.~~

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~~Reserves and *recreation facilities** are a major component of the District's infrastructure. They provide for the leisure and recreation activities of people and communities. They are costly to provide and maintain. For reserves and recreation facilities to be properly utilised, there needs to be a close match between population characteristics and the location and types of facilities provided.~~

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~~Implementation of this *policy** relies on Council* carrying out investigations and preparing strategies and *plans* for recreation planning and management of reserves and *recreation facilities**. This approach is consistent with Council's* functions and responsibilities under the Resource Management Act 1991 and the Local Government Act 1974.~~

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~~This *policy** also relies on District Plan rules to set out the circumstances and amounts of contribution by the developer to a special Council fund set aside for the development of *recreation facilities** (Facilities Development Fund). This approach is considered appropriate as it provides a clear, consistent and~~

~~equitable system of user-pays contribution to the development* of reserves and recreation facilities* in the District. It is also provided for in the Resource Management Act 1991.~~

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~~Note: This part of Proposed Plan Change 19 has legal effect from 29 July 2010.~~

~~* refer to definitions~~

R200 Permitted Activities

All activities shall comply with Performance Standards and General Rules where relevant

The following are permitted activities in the Reserves and Open Space Zone:

- a. Recreation facilities and activities.
- b. Temporary commercial activities in Cooks Gardens, Springvale Park, Queens Park, the Race Course, Kowhai Park, Majestic Square, Handley Reserve, Cornmarket Reserve, Aramoho Camping Ground, Mowhanau Camping Ground, Mowhanau Domain, Castlecliff Domain, and Moutoa Gardens only.
- c. Temporary Camping
- d.e. Conservation works.
- e.d. Flood protection works (includes channel maintenance work in respect of the Whanganui River).
- f.e. Tree maintenance provided that.
 - i. maintenance of protected trees must comply with the General Rule – Protected Trees (Rule R18)
- g.f. Commercial activities on the Whanganui River for transport or water based recreation purposes excluding houseboats.
- h.g. Network utilities as provided by General Rule – Utilities (Rule R15) which contains some exemptions from the zone rules for network utilities.

Which comply with the: relevant zone rules.

R201 Performance standard – Noise

Sound emissions (including public address systems) shall not exceed the following limits:

- 7.00am to 10.00pm 50dBA (L10) at or beyond any Residential Zone boundary
- 7.00am to 10.00pm 60dBA (L10) at or beyond any other boundary
- 10.00pm to 7.00am 40 dBA (L10) at or beyond any boundary

Note: This is an existing rule that was made operative on May 25 2012 and is not part of the Phase 2 review. It is included for your information only.

In the defined circumstances the following noise limits will apply to event in Springvale Park:

For up to five days per calendar year, but a maximum of two days consecutively,

<u>8.00am to 12.30am</u>	<u>55dB L_{Aeq} at or beyond any Residential Zone boundary</u>
	<u>65 L_{eq} at 63Hz</u>
	<u>55 L_{eq} at 125Hz</u>
<u>8.00am to 12.30am</u>	<u>60dB L_{Aeq} at or beyond any other zone boundary</u>
	<u>70 L_{eq} at 63Hz</u>
	<u>60 L_{eq} at 125Hz</u>
<u>12.30am to 8.00am</u>	<u>40dB L_{Aeq} at or beyond any zone boundary</u>
	<u>50 L_{eq} at 63Hz</u>
	<u>40 L_{eq} at 125Hz</u>

and for up to 10 days per calendar year

<u>8.00am to 11.00pm</u>	<u>55dB L_{Aeq} at or beyond any Residential Zone boundary</u>
	<u>65 L_{eq} at 63Hz</u>
	<u>55 L_{eq} at 125Hz</u>
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<u>11.00pm to 8.00am</u>	<u>40dB L_{Aeq} at or beyond any zone boundary</u>
	<u>50 L_{eq} at 63Hz</u>
	<u>40 L_{eq} at 125Hz</u>

and Cooke Gardens:
for up to six days per calendar year

<u>8.00am to 11.00pm</u>	<u>55dB L_{Aeq} at or beyond any Residential Zone boundary</u>
	<u>65 L_{eq} at 63Hz</u>
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	<u>50 L_{eq} at 63Hz</u>
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Noise shall be measured and assessed in accordance with the following standards:

New Zealand Standard NZS 6801:2008 “Acoustics – Measurement of environmental sound”

New Zealand Standard NZS 6802:2008 “Acoustics – Environmental Noise”

For any event generating noise above the standard limits, a Management Plan must be prepared and submitted to *Council** at least one week prior to the event.

Compliance with exceptions to the standard noise limits for the

Reserves and Open Space Zone must be confirmed for each event by either an approved Council officer or suitably qualified and experienced acoustic consultant at the expense of the event organiser. A report detailing the results of noise monitoring for each event shall be provided to the Customer Services Manager, by the event organiser, within one week of the event.

For each venue a list of potentially affected residents shall be identified, with those parties shall be advised at least seven days before any event occurs, and the hours of operation shall be included in addition to contact details of a person responsible for the management of the event.

Crowd noise from people in a park or reserve is considered a reasonable and acceptable effect of the use of recreation reserves, and as such shall not be controlled using rules in this Plan.

The above noise standards shall not apply to *temporary military training activities** as these activities are subject to separate standards contained in General Rule - Temporary Military Training Activities (Rule R23).

These conditions shall be read with and are subject to the provisions of Appendix A4 - Noise.

** refer to definitions*

R202 Performance Standard – Lighting and Glare

Any artificial lighting system shall ensure that its use does not result in an added result in added illuminance, over and above the measured ambient level, in excess of 40 8 lux measured at the boundary of any residentially zoned site.

No light source shall cause glare which may adversely affect the

vision of motorists on a road.

R203 Performance Standard - Vibration

No activity shall cause a vibration considered offensive or objectionable.

In assessing whether vibration is offensive or objectionable, the limits set in NZS 2631: 1985-1989, Parts 1 - 3 shall be used apply.

R204 Air discharge

~~————— Note: There are no District Plan standards for air discharges. Discharges to air are controlled by regional councils. The Wanganui District Council has been authorised by the Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Council to exercise all powers and functions of Enforcement Officers for the purpose of investigating complaints~~

~~————— about the discharge of contaminants to air within the boundary of the Wanganui urban area. Persons responsible for causing discharges to air should consult Wanganui District Council or Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Council staff about provisions in the Regional Air Plan for Manawatu-Wanganui. Furthermore, it should be noted that Section 17 of the Resource Management Act imposes a duty on all persons to avoid, remedy or mitigate adverse effects, including those relating to odour, dust and smoke, regardless of any rules in plans or conditions of resource consents.~~

~~————— *Reason*~~

~~————— *To ensure that the community is free of nuisance caused by light spill, glare and vibration*~~

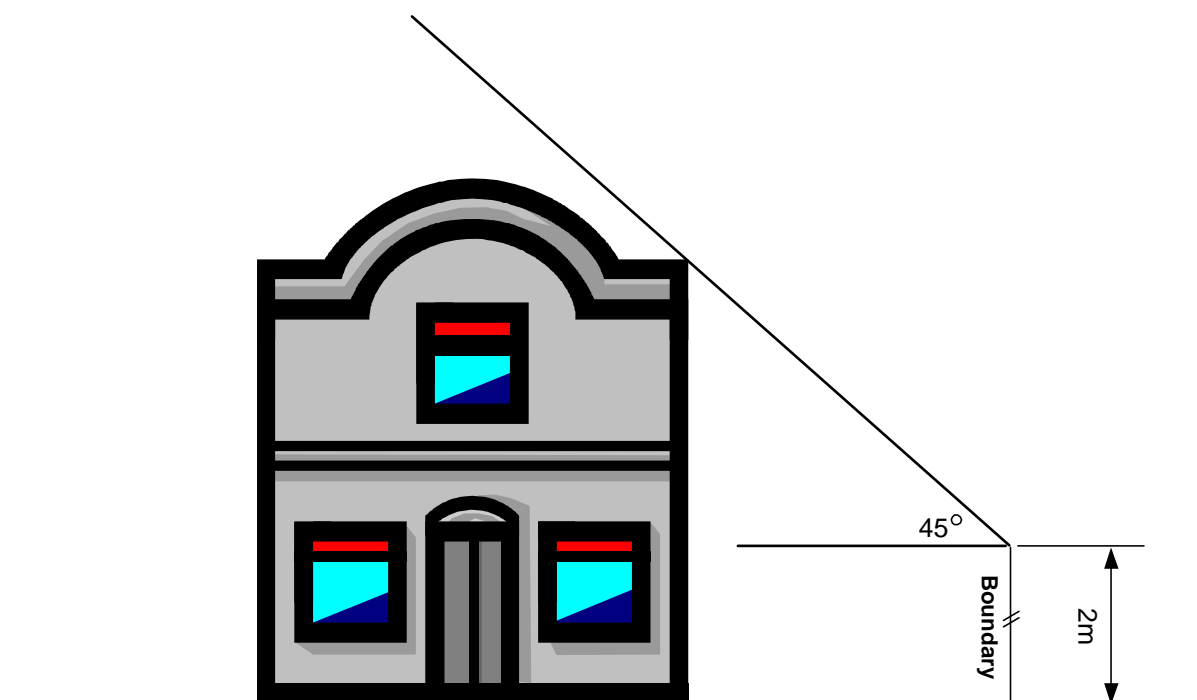
R205 Performance Standard - Structures

Structures in the Reserves and Open Space Zone shall comply with the following terms and conditions:

- a. Height recession plane

All new buildings and structures, and additions to buildings and structures shall be designed and constructed to fit within a recession plane (or height-to-boundary plane) which commences at 2 metres above the existing ground level at all site boundaries and then projects from this line inwards at a 45 degree angle.

~~This standard also applies to all front boundaries.~~



Reason

~~There is potential for buildings to affect the adjoining properties where these are constructed close to the boundary. This standard will provide flexibility while allowing a reasonable level of amenity for the adjoining property. In particular, the recession plane technique will protect against unreasonable shading, loss of sunlight, and loss of privacy and visual outlook. In relation to the front boundary, the recession plane ensures appropriate setbacks in a flexible manner, to protect streetscape.~~

- b. Height Buildings shall not exceed 10 metres in height.
- c. Antenna dishes - antenna dishes shall not exceed 3 1.2 metres in diameter.

R206 Performance Standard - Advertising

No sign will be erected, constructed or displayed in this zone other than the following, which are to be neither neon nor flashing in type:

- a. One property identification sign identifying the name of the open space or reserve not exceeding 3m².
- b. Any sign inside a sports ground as long as it is not visible from a residential zone.
- c. Any sign serving to direct traffic.
- d. Signs not exceeding 4m² erected in connection with tourist publicity or special public information or denoting places and points of interest.
- e. Any temporary sign advertising an event, provided that:
 - i. signs are located on the site to which they relate,
 - ii. signs are displayed for no longer than 6 weeks before and 2 days after the event.
 - iii. no temporary sign shall exceed 4m² total sign face area
- e. f. The general rules for advertising, General Rule – Advertising (Rule R16) shall apply.

Reason

~~The signs performance standard has been applied to allow signs within the Reserves and Open Space Zone of the District that convey messages or sponsorship about activities located there while minimising the potential for adverse effects on visual amenity, pedestrian and other traffic safety.~~

R207 Controlled Activities

~~———— The following activities are controlled activities in the Reserves and Open Space Zone:~~

~~———— a. Subdivision.~~

~~———— Refer to the section on Subdivision for standards, terms and areas of control relating to subdivision in this zone.~~

R208 Restricted Discretionary Activities

The following are restricted discretionary activities in the Reserves and Open Zone ~~where the Council shall restrict the exercise of its discretion:~~

- a. Any permitted ~~or controlled~~ activity which does not comply with the relevant zone rules. In exercising its discretion, the Council shall be limited to the conditions with which that activity fails to comply.

Council restricts its discretion to the following matters:

1. The effect of the particular non-compliance on the environment, including the cumulative or combined effect of non-compliances.

Refer to [Resource Consent Assessment Criteria](#).

b. Subdivision* provided that:

i. Minimum lot size is 450m2;

ii. Each site shall achieve hydrological neutrality

Council restricts its discretion to the following matters:

1. Impact in the amenity values on the surrounding residential area.

2. the ability of sites to:

a. be independently serviced for water, wastewater; and

b. Comply with subdivision design provisions (Refer to Subdivision Chapter)

c. Ability of site to achieve hydrological neutrality

c. Commercial activities*

Council restricts its discretion to the following matters:

1. Impact on the amenity values of the open space or reserve area

2. Impact on the amenity values of the surrounding residential area.

3. Impact on traffic flows and parking provision.

Refer to [Resource Consent Assessment Criteria](#).

~~An application need not be notified if the consent authority is satisfied that the adverse effect on the environment of the activity will be minor and written approval has been obtained from every person whom the Council is satisfied may be adversely affected by the granting of the resource consent, unless the Council considers it is unreasonable in the circumstances to require the obtaining of every such approval.~~

R244 Whanganui River View Shaft - Any activity or development within the identified view shaft that modifies the view to the Whanganui River.

Council restricts its discretion to the following matters:

1. the view to the Whanganui River; or

2. the view to Cooks Gardens/Papatuhou and Queens Park/Pukenamu from Maria Place;

e. Maria Place to Cooks Gardens/Papatuhou and Queens Park/Pukenamu View Shaft - Any activity or development within the identified view shaft that modifies the view from any point along Maria Place, to Cooks Gardens/Papatuhou and Queens Park/Pukenamu.

Council restricts its discretion to the following matters:

1. the view to the Whanganui River; or

2. the view to Cooks Gardens/Papatuhou and Queens Park/Pukenamu from Maria Place;

R209 Unrestricted dDiscretionary activities

The following activities are discretionary activities in the Reserves and Open Space Zone where the exercise of the Council's discretion is unrestricted:

a. Network utilities as provided by General Rule – Utilities (Rule R15).

- c. Any activity which is not provided for as a permitted, ~~controlled~~ or restricted discretionary activity.

Assessment Criteria for Discretionary Activities are provided in the Resource consent Assessment Criteria section.

M234 To adopt rules for the Reserves and Open Space Zone

To adopt rules for the Reserves and Open Space Zone which:

- a. maintain the scale and character of reserves and open space areas;
- b. address nuisance from noise, light spill, glare and vibration;
- c. address visual amenity and safety problems from advertising signs;
- d. manage the effects* of structures* on reserves.

* refer to definition

M233 Define “Reserves and Open Space Zones” on the District Plan maps, with corresponding rules to maintain the character and scale of these areas.

M235 Carry out studies to assess and monitor the adequacy of provision and rate of utilisation of reserves and recreation facilities and opportunities in the District.

M236 Prepare and implement strategies to rationalise and co-ordinate existing provision and distribution of facilities.

M237 Prepare a work programme for the preparation of Reserves Management Plans

M238 Negotiate with land owners and developers to set aside land with recreation value to be developed and managed for public use and enjoyment.

M239 Develop conditions and terms for resource consents, including financial contributions to develop new reserves and facilities for recreation.

M20 Linked system of open space and reserves

Develop a linked system of open space and reserves.

Temporary Camping

Is camping of temporary and self-contained nature on a reserve or open space in association with a specific event on the same site, where that event may benefit from temporary camping activities for security reasons, this includes campervans and caravans

Temporary Commercial Activities

Is commercial activities of a temporary and/or seasonal nature of a small scale such as of a craft or food and beverage nature this includes car boot sales, gala, or gypsy fair.

**Wanganui District Council
District Plan Review**

Section 32 Report

**Phase Two – Reserves and Open
Spaces**

PROPOSED ISSUES Reserves and Open Spaces

Reduced access to recreational open space

- Issue 53 Design and use of reserves and open space can have both beneficial and adverse effects on the surrounding environment:
- a) People will not use areas they perceive as unsafe to pass through or for recreational activities.
 - b) Activities at reserves or open space areas may create noise or other nuisance effects for surrounding residents.
- Issue 54 Progressively smaller lot sizes, coupled with bigger houses means that people have less private recreation space. Access to public green space will become increasingly important.

Comment

Recreational space is important for people to unwind and be in touch with nature. Publicly provided open space provides this opportunity as well as providing opportunities for the community to interact. Reserves and open spaces serve a variety of functions, including ecological corridors, pedestrian or cycle linkages, informal neighbourhood parks, urban parks and play areas, formal sports fields and general recreational, amenity areas, heritage protection or commemoration.

Proposed Issue	Relates to Existing Issue/s
Issue 7	Issue I2 – generally covers Also mentioned in I19 infrastructure provision
Issue 8	Issue I2 – generally covers

PROPOSED OBJECTIVE 46

Parks and open space areas that are safe, accessible and pleasant to use, that meet the varied recreational needs¹ of the community and enhance the amenity values of the surrounding environment.

Comment	The objective seeks to achieve pleasant, safe, easily accessed resources in all areas to improve community well-being. Throughout the District there are reserves with distinct characteristics. A wide variety of activities take place on reserves and these have the potential to adversely affect the surrounding residential environment. This objective seeks to ensure that provision, design and use of reserves promotes sustainable management including access to this resource for the wider community.
Appropriateness	Enables people to provide for their cultural, environmental and social wellbeing while avoiding adverse effects on the environment including amenity values for surrounding residents. It is useful as it sets clear parameters around provision, management and use of open spaces areas. It is achievable in that the objective is flexible recognising that the needs of the community will alter. It relies on other council documents to define what the community needs are. It is reasonable as it provides a clear direction and criteria for decision making around design and function of parks and open space activities and structures.

Proposed objective	Relates to Existing Objective/s
Objective 4	Generically covered by O1 & O2, New objective

POLICIES

The following existing policies are amended and included as part of Phase Two of the District Plan review process as follows:

¹Definition of recreational Includes passive and active activities

Policy 78 **Ensure adequate provision and distribution of recreational facilities and opportunities, and define reserves and open spaces to ensure the following characteristics are maintained or enhanced:**

- a. appropriate distribution of *reserves, open spaces** and facilities throughout the district based on population characteristics;
- b. implementing CPTED principles to ensure safety in and around parks and open spaces including access ways;
- c. ensuring reserves are located and designed in an integrated manner and complement the amenity value of the surrounding residential environment;
- d. ensuring that any buildings, parking facilities and vegetation are integrated into reserve sites and do not compromise the character of the site and surrounding environment.
- e. retention of natural landscape and historic heritage features.
- f. a variety of passive and active recreation needs are provided for;
- g. avoidance of nuisance from traffic, noise, glare or other adverse environmental effects on the surrounding environments.

Comment	All aspects of this policy will remain. Points have been added to strengthen the policy and help guide decision makers
summary of benefits	This policy will ensure that parks and reserves are located and designed in a way that complements the surrounding residential environments whilst providing for a range of passive and active recreational activities.
summary of costs	There will be minimal cost as this policy only adds to what is existing in the plan.
Effectiveness	This policy has been effective in the plan to date and will continue to be in the future.

Efficiency	This policy is efficient and has been in the plan to date and will continue to be in the future.	
Appropriateness	This policy is appropriate as it creates more precise guidance for decision makers.	
Risk of acting or not acting if there is uncertain or insufficient information about the subject matter of the policies, rules, or other methods	There will be minimal risk.	

RULES AND OTHER METHODS

The following methods have been identified as being suitable for achieving the relevant objectives and policies for the Residential Phase of the Plan Review.

Rules

The following outlines proposed changes to rules for Reserves and Open Spaces zone. Some of the rules will remain unchanged. These rules have proven to be effective in the past in achieving the relevant objectives and policies and it is anticipated that they will continue to do so in the future.

R200 Permitted Activities

Rules Number: R200

Existing DP Number 24.5

All activities shall comply with Performance Standards and General Rules where relevant

The following are permitted activities in the Reserves and Open Space Zone:

- a. Recreation facilities and activities.
- b. Temporary commercial activities in Cooks Gardens, Springvale Park, Queens Park, the Race Course, Kowhai Park, Majestic Square, Handley Reserve, Cornmarket Reserve, Aramoho

<p>Camping Ground, Mowhanau Camping Ground, Mowhanau Domain, Castlecliff Domain, and Moutoa Gardens only.</p> <p>c. Temporary Camping</p> <p>d. Conservation works.</p> <p>e. Flood protection works (includes channel maintenance work in respect of the Whanganui River).</p> <p>f. Tree maintenance provided that.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">i. maintenance of protected trees must comply with the General Rule – Protected Trees (Rule R18)</p> <p>g. Commercial activities on the Whanganui River for transport or water based recreation purposes excluding houseboats.</p> <p>h.- Network utilities as provided by General Rule – Utilities (Rule R15) which contains some exemptions from the zone rules for network utilities.</p> <p>Which comply with the: relevant zone rules.</p>	
Comment	Temporary commercial activities have been added into this rule to help control the scale of commercial activities within the Reserves and Open space zone. Also temporary camping has been added to allow for people to stay on reserves and open spaces for security reasons in association with an event.
Benefits	This adds flexibility for users as well as control for Council
Costs	There will be minimal costs
Effectiveness	This rule will help meet the Plans objectives by creating safe and vibrant reserves and open space areas.
Efficiency	This will be efficient in achieving the Plans objectives.
Appropriateness	This rule is appropriate.

R208 Restricted discretionary activities

Rules Number: R208

Existing DP Number 24.10.1

The following are restricted discretionary activities in the Reserves and Open Zone:

- a. Any permitted activity which does not comply with the relevant zone rules. In exercising its discretion, the Council shall be limited to the conditions with which that activity fails to comply.

Council restricts its discretion to the following matters:

1. The effect of the particular non-compliance on the environment, including the cumulative or combined effect of non-compliances.

Refer to [Resource Consent Assessment Criteria](#).

- b. Subdivision* provided that:

- i. Minimum lot size is 450m²;

- ii. Each site shall achieve hydrological neutrality

Council restricts its discretion to the following matters:

1. Impact in the amenity values on the surrounding residential area.
2. the ability of sites to:
 - a. be independently serviced for water, wastewater; and
 - b. Comply with subdivision design provisions (Refer to Subdivision)

c. Ability of site to achieve hydrological neutrality

c. Commercial activities*

Council restricts its discretion to the following matters:

1. Impact on the amenity values of the open space or reserve area
2. Impact on the amenity values of the surrounding residential area.
3. Impact on traffic flows and parking provision.

Note: Rule 244 is an existing rule that was made operative on May 25 2012 and is not part of the Phase 2 review. It has been reformatted only.

d. Whanganui River View Shaft - Any activity or development within the identified view shaft that modifies the view to the Whanganui River.

Council restricts its discretion to the following matters:

1. the view to the Whanganui River; or
2. the view to Cooks Gardens/Papatuhou and Queens Park/Pukenamu from Maria Place;

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Council restricts its discretion to the following matters:

1. the view to the Whanganui River; or
2. the view to Cooks Gardens/Papatuhou and Queens Park/Pukenamu from Maria Place;

Refer to Resource Consent Assessment Criteria.	
Comment	Subdivision has been added to this rule. Rule 24 has also been incorporated (see Rule 24)
Summary of benefits	This allows for greater control on subdivision within the area.
Summary of Costs	If a subdivider wants a smaller lot they will need to apply for resource consent.
Effectiveness	This will guide decision makers in achieving the objectives of the Plan.
Efficiency	This is an efficient way to achieve the objectives of the Plan.
Appropriateness	This is an appropriate rule.

R209 Unrestricted discretionary activities

Rules Number: R209

Existing DP Number 24.10.2

The following activities are discretionary activities in the Reserves and Open Space Zone where the exercise of the *Council's** discretion is unrestricted:

- a.** *Network utilities** as provided by General Rule - Utilities (Rule R15).
- b.** Any activity which is not provided for as a permitted, controlled or restricted discretionary activity.

Assessment Criteria for Discretionary Activities are provided in [Resource Consent Assessment Criteria](#).

Comment	No proposed changes.
Summary of benefits	This rule provides certainty to what activities need to be managed within the Reserves and Open Spaces Zone.
Summary of Costs	There will be no changes; therefore, there will be no costs.
Effectiveness	This rule is currently operative within the District Plan which has been effective in achieving objectives in the

	past and will continue to be in the future.
Efficiency	This rule is currently operative within the District Plan which has been efficient in achieving objectives in the past and will continue to be in the future.
Appropriateness	This rule is considered appropriate.

R207 Controlled Activities	
Rules Number: R207	
Existing DP Number 24.9	
Comment	This rule has been removed as Subdivision has been moved to a Restricted Discretionary activity.
Summary of benefits	This allows for constancy between all zones.
Summary of Costs	There will be no cost as this rule is covered under Restricted Discretionary activity.
Effectiveness	This allows for constancy between all zones.
Efficiency	This allows for constancy between all zones.
Appropriateness	The removal of this rule is considered appropriate.

R201 Noise	
Rules Number: R201	
Existing DP Number 24.6.1	
<hr/> <p>Sound emissions (including public address systems) shall not exceed the following limits:</p>	
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7.00am to 10.00pm	60dBA (L10) at or beyond any other boundary
10.00pm to 7.00am	40dBA (L10) at or beyond any boundary
<p>Except Springvale Park:</p> <p>For up to five days per calendar year</p>	

8.00am to 12.30am	55dB L _{eq} at or beyond any Residential Zone boundary
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and Cooks Gardens:

for up to six days per calendar year

8.00am to 11.00pm	55dB L _{eq} at or beyond any Residential Zone boundary
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	40 L _{eq} at 125Hz

Noise shall be measured and assessed in accordance with the following standards:

New Zealand Standard NZS 6801:2008 “Acoustics – Measurement of environmental sound”

New Zealand Standard NZS 6802:2008 “Acoustics – Environmental Noise”

Compliance with exceptions to the standard noise limits for the Reserves and Open Space Zone must be confirmed by either an approved Council officer or suitably qualified and experienced acoustic consultant. A report detailing the results of noise monitoring for each event shall be provided to the Customer Services Manager, by the event organiser, within one week of the event.

For each venue a list of potentially affected residents shall be identified, with those parties shall be advised at least seven days before any event occurs, and the hours of operation shall be included in addition to contact details of a

person responsible for the management of the event.

Crowd noise from people in a park or reserve is considered a reasonable and acceptable effect of the use of recreation reserves, and as such shall not be controlled using rules in this Plan.

The above noise standards shall not apply to *temporary military training activities** as these activities are subject to separate standards contained in General Rule - Temporary Military Training Activities (Rule R23).

These conditions shall be read with and are subject to the provisions of Appendix A4 - Noise.

Comment	There is no proposed changes as this rule was made operative 25 May 2012.
Summary of benefits	There is no proposed changes as this rule was made operative 25 May 2012.
Summary of Costs	There is no proposed changes as this rule was made operative 25 May 2012.
Effectiveness	There is no proposed changes as this rule was made operative 25 May 2012.
Efficiency	There is no proposed changes as this rule was made operative 25 May 2012.
Appropriateness	This rule is considered appropriate.

R202 Light

Rules Number: R202

Existing DP Number 24.6.2

a. Any artificial lighting system shall ensure that its use does not result in an added result in added illuminance, over and above the measured ambient level, in excess of 8 lux measured at the boundary of any residentially zoned site.

b. No light source shall cause glare which may adversely affect the vision of motorists on a road.

Comment	Artificial lighting has been reduced from 10 lux to 8 lux this is to ensure there is no excess light spill into neighbouring properties.
Summary of benefits	This standard will provide flexibility while allowing a reasonable level of amenity for the adjoining property.
Summary of Costs	There will be minimal costs.
Effectiveness	This rule is effective in achieving flexibility while protecting the amenity values of the sounding area.
Efficiency	This rule is efficient in achieving the Plans objectives.
Appropriateness	This rule is considered appropriate to achieve the Plans objectives.

R203 Vibration

Rules Number: R203

Existing DP Number 24.6.3

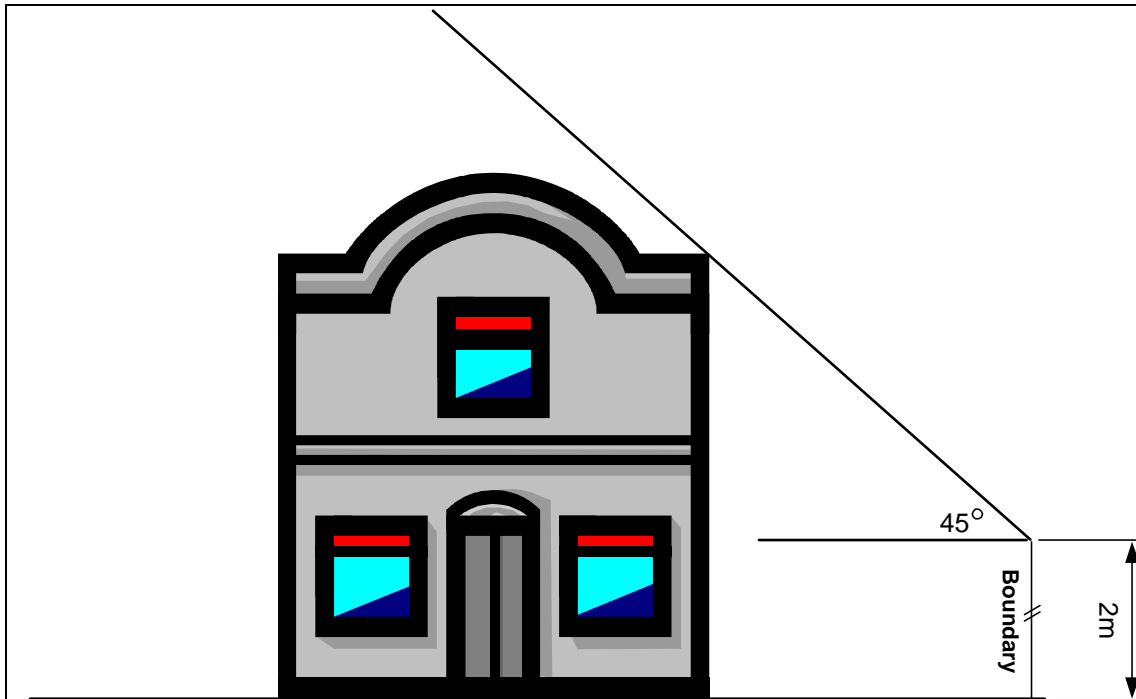
No activity shall cause a vibration considered offensive or objectionable.

In assessing whether vibration is offensive or objectionable, the limits set in NZS 2631: 1985-1989, Parts 1 - 3 shall apply.

Comment	Removal of reason is the only change to this rule, it is not needed.
Summary of benefits	This standard will provide flexibility while allowing a reasonable level of amenity for the adjoining property.
Summary of Costs	As no aspect of the rule, other than the unnecessary reason statement, is being removed there will be no cost from this rule.
Effectiveness	This rule is currently operative within the District Plan which has been effective in achieving objectives in the past and will continue to be in the future.
Efficiency	This rule is currently operative within the District Plan which has been efficient in achieving objectives in the past and will continue to be in the future.
Appropriateness	This rule is considered appropriate.

R204 Air discharge	
Rules Number: R204	
Existing DP Number 24.6.4	
Comment	This rule has been removed as it is not controlled under the District Plan.
Summary of benefits	This rule has been removed as it is not controlled under the District Plan.
Summary of Costs	This rule has been removed as it is not controlled under the District Plan.
Effectiveness	This rule has been removed as it is not controlled under the District Plan.
Efficiency	This rule has been removed as it is not controlled under the District Plan.
Appropriateness	The removal of this rule is considered appropriate.

R205 Structures	
Rules Number: R205	
Existing DP Number 24.7	
<hr/> <p>Structures in the Reserves and Open Space Zone shall comply with the following:</p> <p>a. Height recession plane All new buildings and structures, and additions to buildings and structures shall be designed and constructed to fit within a recession plane (or height-to-boundary plane) which commences at 2 metres above the existing ground level at all site boundaries and then projects from this line inwards at a 45 degree angle.</p>	



- b. Buildings shall not exceed 10 metres in height.
- c. Antenna dishes - antenna dishes shall not exceed 1.2 metres in diameter.

Comment	The antenna dish size has been reduced to reflect modern antenna sizes.
Summary of benefits	Reducing antenna size protects the amenity value of the sounding area.
Summary of Costs	There will be a cost of recourse consent if someone wishes to install an antenna which is larger than 1.2 meters in diameter.
Effectiveness	The change in Antenna size is effective in achieving the Plans Objective.
Efficiency	The change in antenna size will be efficient in achieving our objectives.
Appropriateness	This rule is considered appropriate.

R206 Advertising

Rules Number: R206

Existing DP Number 24.8

No sign will be erected, constructed or displayed in this zone other than the following, which are to be neither neon nor flashing in type:

- a.** One property sign identifying the name of the open space or reserve not exceeding 3m².
- b.** Any sign inside a sports ground as long as it is not visible from a residential zone.
- c.** Any sign serving to direct traffic.
- d.** Signs not exceeding 4m² erected in connection with tourist publicity or special public information or denoting places and points of interest.
- e.** Any temporary sign advertising an event, provided that:
 - i. signs are located on the site to which they relate,
 - ii. signs are displayed for no longer than 6 weeks before and 2 days after the event.
 - iii. no temporary sign shall exceed 4m² total sign face area
- e.** The general rules for advertising, General Rule – Advertising (Rule R16) shall apply.

Comment	Temporary advertising signs have been added to this rule.
Summary of benefits	This will create clarity around what is appropriate within the reserves and open space area.
Summary of Costs	There will be minimal cost related to this rule.

Effectiveness	This is effective in protecting the amenity values of the reserve and open space as well as the surrounding environments.
Efficiency	This is efficient as it will help guide decision makers to achieve our objectives.
Appropriateness	This rule is considered appropriate.

R244 View Shaft Protection

Rules Number: R244

Comment	This rule has been incorporated into the restricted discretionary rule.
Summary of benefits	This rule provides certainty to what activities need to be managed to uphold amenity values within the Reserves and Open Spaces Zone.
Summary of Costs	There will be minimal cost as all of the rule will be captured in the restricted discretionary rule.
Effectiveness	This rule is currently operative within the District Plan which has been effective in achieving objectives in the past and will continue to be in the future.
Efficiency	This rule is currently operative within the District Plan which has been efficient in achieving objectives in the past and will continue to be in the future.
Appropriateness	This rule is considered appropriate.

M20 Linked system of open space and reserves

Develop a linked system of open space and reserves.

Comment	This method is currently in the operative District Plan
Summary of benefits	This will benefit the community
Summary of Costs	There will be minimal cost.
Effectiveness	This has been effective in the operative district Plan and will continue to be effective.

Efficiency	This has been efficient in the operative District Plan and will continue to be efficient.
Appropriateness	This method is appropriate.

M234 To adopt rules for the Reserves and Open Space Zone

To adopt rules for the Reserves and Open Space Zone which:

- a. maintain the scale and character of reserves and open space areas;
- b. address nuisance from noise, light spill, glare and vibration;
- c. address visual amenity and safety problems from advertising signs;
- d. manage the effects* of structures* on reserves.

* refer to definition

Comment	This method is currently in the operative District Plan
Summary of benefits	This will benefit the community
Summary of Costs	There may be costs in carrying out this method
Effectiveness	This has been effective in the operative district Plan and will continue to be effective.
Efficiency	This has been efficient in the operative District Plan and will continue to be efficient.
Appropriateness	This method is appropriate.

M233 Define “Reserves and Open Space Zones” on the District Plan maps, with corresponding rules to maintain the character and scale of these areas.

Comment	This method is currently in the operative District Plan
Summary of benefits	This will benefit the community
Summary of Costs	There may be costs in carrying out this method
Effectiveness	This has been effective in the operative district Plan and will continue to be effective.
Efficiency	This has been efficient in the operative District Plan and will continue to be efficient.
Appropriateness	This method is appropriate.

M235 Carry out studies to assess and monitor the adequacy of provision and rate of utilisation of reserves and recreation facilities and opportunities in the District.

Comment	This method is currently in the operative District Plan
Summary of benefits	This will benefit the community
Summary of Costs	There may be costs in carrying out this method
Effectiveness	This has been effective in the operative district Plan and will continue to be effective.
Efficiency	This has been efficient in the operative District Plan and will continue to be efficient.
Appropriateness	This method is appropriate.

M236 Prepare and implement strategies to rationalise and co-ordinate existing provision and distribution of facilities.

Comment	This method is currently in the operative District Plan
Summary of benefits	This will benefit the community
Summary of Costs	There will be minimal cost.
Effectiveness	This has been effective in the operative district Plan and

	will continue to be effective.
Efficiency	This has been efficient in the operative District Plan and will continue to be efficient.
Appropriateness	This method is appropriate.

M237 Prepare a work programme for the preparation of Reserves Management Plans

Comment	This method is currently in the operative District Plan
Summary of benefits	This will benefit the community
Summary of Costs	There may be costs in carrying out this method
Effectiveness	This has been effective in the operative district Plan and will continue to be effective.
Efficiency	This has been efficient in the operative District Plan and will continue to be efficient.
Appropriateness	This method is appropriate.

M238 Negotiate with land owners and developers to set aside land with recreation value to be developed and managed for public use and enjoyment.

Comment	This method is currently in the operative District Plan
Summary of benefits	This will benefit the community
Summary of Costs	There will be minimal cost.
Effectiveness	This has been effective in the operative district Plan and will continue to be effective.
Efficiency	This has been efficient in the operative District Plan and will continue to be efficient.
Appropriateness	This method is appropriate.

M239 Develop conditions and terms for resource consents,

including financial contributions to develop new reserves and facilities for recreation.	
Comment	This method is currently in the operative District Plan
Summary of benefits	This will benefit the community
Summary of Costs	There may be costs in carrying out this method
Effectiveness	This has been effective in the operative district Plan and will continue to be effective.
Efficiency	This has been efficient in the operative District Plan and will continue to be efficient.
Appropriateness	This method is appropriate.