

# OSZ — Open Space Zone

## Issues

### OSZ-I1

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

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

### OSZ-I2

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

### OSZ-I3 (Not yet reviewed)

Activities which take place on the surface of water have the potential to create effects which impact adversely on the natural environment and people's appreciation of it. In particular, the Whanganui River, Lake Wairua and coastal water come under particular pressure. The adverse effects which have been identified as requiring management are:

1. The effects of noise from motorised recreational craft on residents living in close proximity to water bodies, particularly the Whanganui River.
2. The effects of spillages of hydrocarbons (oil/petrol/diesel) on the surface of water, in particular the potential reduction in water quality, reduction in visual amenity and the adverse impact on natural values (flora and fauna).
3. The effects on safety of people using the surface of water for a variety of recreational, sporting and leisure pursuits.
4. The effects on the river banks and margins from 'wash' created by recreational crafts.

The issue has not been widely discussed with Tangata Whenua. Issues surrounding the Whanganui River and the manner of future ownership, control and management will impact on the methods adopted to address this issue. Discussions and agreements need to be undertaken and resolved.

It is important to realise that under the Act both Council and Horizons Regional Council have integrated responsibilities in this area. Horizons Regional Council is responsible for water quality and soil and water conservation matters. Methods for addressing these issues are identified through separate plans. The District Council is responsible for amenity matters, natural environment protection, and the control of adverse effects of activities on the surface of water.

## Objectives

### OSZ-01

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.

### OSZ-02 (Not yet reviewed)

Recreational activities such as motorised sport and leisure pursuits (jet boating, skiing, jet skiing) have the potential to impact on the health of waterways and residents living in close proximity to these. Increasing pressure to use the Whanganui River and lake environments in the District for these purposes has raised the question of how to ensure activities do not impact adversely, and how to establish sustainable levels of use.

In the interim, the adverse effects of activities on the surface of water will be managed through a series of methods identified in the District Plan, focusing on a non-regulated approach.

## Policies

### OSZ-P1

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

1. Distribution of reserves, open spaces and facilities throughout the district.
2. Implementing CPTED principles to ensure safety in and around parks and open spaces including access ways.
3. Ensure reserves are located and designed in an integrated manner and complement the amenity value of the surrounding residential environment.
4. 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.
5. Avoidance of nuisance from traffic, noise, glare or other adverse environmental effects on the surrounding environments.
6. Retention of natural landscape and historic heritage features.
7. A variety of passive and active recreational needs are provided for.

### OSZ-P2 (Not yet reviewed)

The Whanganui River has been identified as the water body most under pressure for recreational activities. Because of its size, location, existing and potential recreational opportunities and historical/spiritual significance the Whanganui River is often regarded as the only body of water where the need for managing the effects of activities is evident. It is the most visible water body and is also where the potential for conflict between activities is greatest.

However, the River is currently subject to a number of ownership and management issues

outside of the resource management framework. The Council is committed to the development of a working partnership with Tangata Whenua and understands the reluctance by Tangata Whenua for involvement and decision making affecting the Whanganui River, before the claim has been settled. It therefore seeks to ensure that an interim process is put in place which allows a working partnership to develop over time, and 'holds' the position until agreements are reached. The Council is also committed to ensuring adequate and effective community consultation.

## Rules

OSZ-R1		Permitted (PER)
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Recreation facilities and activities;</li> <li>2. Temporary commercial activity in Cooks Gardens/Papatuhou, Springvale Park, Queens Park/ Pukenuamu, the Race Course, Kowhai Park, Majestic Square, Handley Reserve, Cornmarket Reserve, Aramoho Camping Ground, Mowhanau Camping Ground, Mowhanau Domain, Castlecliff Domain, and Moutoa Gardens/Pakaitore only;</li> <li>3. Temporary camping;</li> <li>4. Conservation works;</li> <li>5. Flood protection works (includes channel maintenance work in respect of the Whanganui River);</li> <li>6. Tree maintenance provided that:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Maintenance of protected trees must comply with the Rules for Protected Trees at <b>NFL-CESM..</b></li> </ol> </li> <li>7. Commercial activity on the Whanganui River for transport or water based recreation purposes excluding houseboats;</li> <li>8. Network utilities as provided by <b>NU-Network Utilities</b> which contains some exemptions from the zone rules for network utilities;</li> <li>9. Relocated buildings and temporary relocatable buildings that comply with <b>TEMP-Temporary Activities</b>; and</li> <li>10. Temporary military training activities that comply with <b>TEMP-Temporary Activities.</b></li> </ol> <p><b>Note:</b> Works in close proximity to any electricity line can be dangerous. Compliance with the New Zealand Electrical Code of Proactive 34:2001 is mandatory for all buildings,</p>	Permitted (PER)

	<p>earthworks and mobile plant within close proximity to all electric lines.</p> <p>Vegetation to be planted near electricity lines should be selected and/or managed to ensure that it will not result in that vegetation breaching the Electricity (Hazards from Trees) Regulations 2003. To discuss works, including tree planting, near any electrical line, contact the line operator.</p>	
<b>OSZ-R2</b>	<p>1. Any permitted activity which does not comply with a Reserves and Open Space Zone standard.</p> <p>Council restricts its discretion to: The effect of the particular non-compliance on the environment, including the cumulative or combined effect of non-compliances.</p> <p>2. Commercial activity.</p> <p>Council restricts its discretion to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Impact on the amenity values of the open space or reserve area;</li> <li>b. Impact on the amenity values of the surrounding residential area; and</li> <li>c. Impact on traffic flows and parking provision.</li> </ol> <p>3. Whanganui River View Shaft. Any activity or development in the identified view shaft that modifies the view to the Whanganui River.</p> <p>Council restricts its discretion to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The view to the Whanganui River; or</li> <li>b. The view to Cooks Gardens/Papatuhou and Queens Park/Pukenamu from Maria Place;</li> </ol> <p>4. Maria Place to Cooks Gardens/Papatuhou and Queens Park/Pukenamu View Shaft. Any activity or development in the identified view shaft that modifies the view from any point along Maria Place, to Cooks Gardens/Papatuhou and Queens Park/Pukenamu.</p> <p>Council restricts its discretion to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The view to the Whanganui River; or</li> <li>b. The view to Cooks Gardens/Papatuhou and Queens Park/Pukenamu from Maria Place.</li> </ol>	<b>Restricted Discretionary (RDIS)</b>
<b>OSZ-R3</b>	<p>1. Network utilities not provided for as permitted or restricted discretionary activities by <b>NU-Network Utilities</b>.</p>	<b>Discretionary (DIS)</b>

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|  | 2. Any activity which is not provided for as a permitted or restricted discretionary activity. |  |
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## Standards

The following standards apply to the rules above:

### OSZ-S1

#### Noise

All activities shall comply with the standards in **NOISE-Noise**.

Note that **NOISE-Noise** contains requirements for noise sensitive activities.

### OSZ-S2

#### Lighting and Glare

Any artificial lighting system shall ensure that its use does not result in an added illuminance, over and above the measured ambient level, in excess of 8 lux measured in the vertical plane of any Residential, Coastal Residential, Rural or Rural Settlement Zones.

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

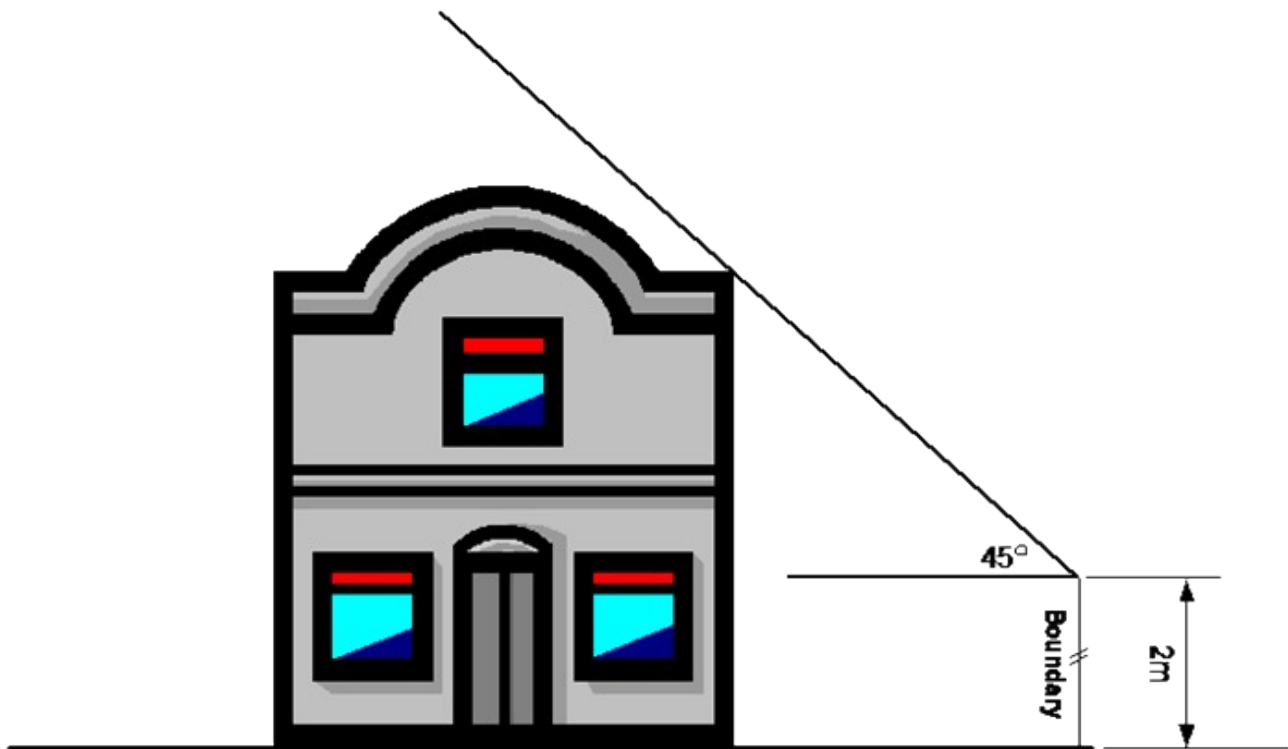
### OSZ-S3

#### Structures

1. Height in relation to boundary

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

## OSZ — Figure 1 - Height in relation to boundary



### Exceptions

The following structures are exempt from the above height in relation to boundary standard:

- i. Network utility masts, poles and antennas;
  - ii. Wires.
  - iii. Vertical ventilation shafts;
  - iv. Solar panels or solar hot water systems (and associated hardware) provided that they do not protrude more than 500mm from the surface of the roof;
  - v. Up to one-third of the height of gable end roofs and dormer windows not more than 3 metres wide;
  - vi. Any building or part of a building, that projects outside the height plane from any side or rear boundary, that is no greater than 3.5 metres in height and extends for a length of no more than 6 metres in total along any one boundary.
2. Buildings shall not exceed 10 metres in height.
  3. Antenna dishes shall not exceed 1.2 metres in diameter (except as provided for in **NU-Network Utilities** in relation to network utilities).

### OSZ-S4 Signage

All activities shall comply with the performance standards in **SIGN-Signs**.

### OSZ-S5 Parking, Loading and Vehicle Crossings

All activities shall comply with the performance standards in **TRAN-Transport**.

**OSZ-S6  
Earthworks**

All activities shall comply with the performance standards in **EW-Earthworks**.