


 WAITAKI
DISTRICT
PLAN
REVIEW

Open Space Zone (OSZ)

What are the key issues we need to think about?

Open space is an important recreation, community and environmental resource to the district and requires protection from inappropriate activities that could degrade its qualities, character, and values.

Open spaces have different purposes – some have high ecological, landscape, cultural and heritage values (for example Cape Wanbrow) while some provide space for passive recreation (such as the Ōamaru Gardens) and active recreation (like parks and sports fields). The Open Space Zone chapter deals with areas that are used for more passive recreation and are generally more open in nature. Active recreation areas are addressed under a separate chapter in the Draft District Plan - Sport and Active Recreation Zone.

The Waitaki Reserves Management Plan 2014 deals with the day-to-day management of reserves under the Reserves Act whereas the District Plan manages their overall land use and development.



What does it mean for me?

Any lawfully established existing businesses or activities would have what is referred to as 'existing use rights' and could continue to operate unchanged.

Activities that are compatible with the role, function and character of the open space would not need a resource consent so long as they comply with certain standards such as height, building coverage, setbacks and hours of operation. These activities include sport and recreation, ancillary commercial activities, conservation, customary, community and educational activities along with parks facilities and furniture. Other activities would need a resource consent.

What are we suggesting in the Draft District Plan?

The Open Space Zone (OSZ) is designed to provide open space for a range of passive recreational activities. Such activities, along with some ancillary commercial activities, conservation activities, customary activities, parks management facilities and furniture, community facilities and educational facilities would be permitted activities.

All other activities, in the OSZ, including residential, visitor accommodation, quarrying, mining or industrial activities would require a resource consent.

The key objective of the zone is to support a range of recreational activities and to protect the predominant character and amenity values of the open space.

You can view the areas identified as Open Space Zone on our website.

Key changes from the current rules

The Open Space Zone is a new zone. In the current District Plan parks facilities are enabled through designations and often require outline plans to be lodged before new works can be undertaken. The new zone will provide for Council managed reserves to operate without the need for a resource consent where they are able to meet the rules and standards for the zone.

Summary of suggested rules

Permitted Activities that would not require a resource consent:

- Sport and recreational activities
- Ancillary commercial activities where conditions and standards are complied with
- Conservation activities
- Customary activities
- Parks management activity where earthworks standards are complied with
- Parks facilities
- Parks furniture
- Community facilities
- Educational facilities
- Building activities where standards are complied with

Activities that would require a resource consent:

- Residential activities
- Commercial activities other than temporary activities covered in the TEMP chapter
- Visitor accommodation
- Recreation facility
- Industrial activity
- Any other activity not provided for as a permitted activity

Find out more

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More questions?

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