

HISTORICAL HERITAGE

Historical heritage includes historic sites, structures, places and areas, archaeological sites, and sites of significance to Maori.



ISSUES

- ▶ Oamaru is recognized national and internationally for its historical heritage and the retention of the architectural integrity of the streetscape is essential. The current plan does not recognize all of the historical areas of the District.
- ▶ Although few high value heritage buildings have been lost there have been some unsympathetic alterations and additions made and the loss of some buildings with heritage value.
- ▶ Many of our heritage buildings require seismic strengthening (if they are earth-quake prone) so that they are safe for people to use. This can affect the economic viability of maintaining heritage.

Council believes that the ability to protect heritage values by regulatory control must be complemented by incentives and improved public awareness. Council will encourage retention, preservation, conservation and maintenance of historic buildings through the Waitaki Heritage Fund and will assess its effectiveness.

Historical Areas

- Oamaru Historical Area
- Oamaru Harbour Historical Area
- Waitaki Hydro Village Historic Area
- Golden Point Mine Historical Area
- Murphy's Flat Reserve Historical Area
- Takiroa Historic Area
- Maraewhenua Area

DRAFT RESPONSES TO ISSUES

- ▶ Identification of all Heritage NZ Historical Areas and Heritage NZ listed archaeological features in the District Plan including increasing the extent of the Oamaru Historical Area
- ▶ New objectives and policies that provide for the sympathetic structural upgrading and adaptive reuse of heritage buildings
- ▶ Proposing stronger rules around the demolition or damage to identified historic heritage. This includes stronger controls within historical areas around managing the impacts of earthworks, new development, subdivision, signage and design
- ▶ New Heritage Design Guidelines for height, colour, materials and design in the historic areas

Note: Existing listed heritage items will be carried over from the current District Plan. 150 new items have been identified and assessed for inclusion in the District Plan. The Council is working with iwi and landowners to identify Wahi Tapuna sites in the District Plan.

Have YOUR say!

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