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GUIDELINE TO THE RULES

The *Coastal Natural Area* Rules apply to activities on *land* within the *Coastal Natural Area* as shown on the *Natural Areas* Maps. The *Coastal Natural Area* is part of the City's *Green Network*.

There are rules in the *Plan* other than the *Coastal Natural Area* Rules that may also apply to a proposed activity.

The "City-Wide Rules" include rules on information for *resource consents: natural hazards, financial contributions, hazardous facilities and contaminated sites, heritage, Prohibited Activities and Temporary Activities*. Definitions and explanations of terms used in the *Plan* also appear in the *City-Wide Rules*.

The "Human Environments Rules" cover such things as *building height, location, density, building coverage and design, traffic, car parking and access, service standards, nuisance and health standards*.

The "Subdivision Rules" cover all standards relating to the *subdivision of land* in the City.

An indication of which parts of the *Plan* will apply to a particular activity is given on the *Natural Areas* Maps and the *Human Environments* Maps and in the *Coastal Natural Area* Rules themselves.

The procedure outlined on the next page is a guideline to apply the *Plan* rules for an activity proposed within the *Coastal Natural Area*.

Note that a *resource consent* from the Auckland Regional Council may be necessary in addition to these rules.



PROCEDURAL GUIDELINE FOR THE RULES

STEP 1

Locate the *land* on the *Natural Areas* Maps and the *Human Environments* Maps. If the *land* is within the *Coastal Natural Area*, refer to this guideline. If the *land* is within another *Natural Area* refer to the other appropriate guideline. Note the *Human Environment* which applies to the *site*, and any other information from the maps which is relevant such as *sensitive ridges*, *heritage*, *designation* or *scheduled site* status. If there is a particular notation on the maps, refer to the relevant part of the *Plan* containing rules in respect of that notation (see the index at the front of the Rules Section).

STEP 2

Refer to the *Roading Hierarchy* map. Note any requirements that apply to the *site*, or the area within which the *site* is located.

STEP 3

Check to see whether the *site* is within a *Natural Hazards* area (information is available from the Council). Refer to the *Natural Hazards* requirements in the *City-Wide Rules* if it is.

STEP 4

Determine whether the activity is a *Prohibited Activity* (see the *City-Wide Rules*). If it is, then the activity is not permitted and no *resource consent* application can be made.

STEP 5

Check the *Coastal Natural Area* Rules. The activity must comply with all relevant Rules to be permitted as of right. Rules which may apply to *Any Activity* include:

- Rule 1 General
- Rule 2 Vegetation Alteration
- Rule 3 Earthworks
- Rule 4 Impermeable Surfaces
- Rule 5 Stock
- Rule 6 Establishment of Vegetation

STEP 6

Under each of the relevant rules the activity proposed will be either a *Permitted Activity*, a *Controlled Activity*, a *Limited Discretionary Activity*, a *Discretionary Activity* or a *Non-Complying Activity*. A *resource consent* is required for all activities other than *Permitted Activities*. If, under a particular rule, an activity is a *Permitted Activity*, then there is no need for a *resource consent* application in terms

of that *Rule*. However, the activity may still require a *resource consent* under another rule. Refer to the relevant rule page and the “Resource Consents” part of the Introduction to the Rules for guidance on *resource consent* applications.

STEP 7

Once it has been established that all relevant Rules are met, or *resource consents* have been granted, and the other requirements of the *Plan* are also satisfied, then the activity may proceed. Note that approvals under other legislation, eg the issuing of a *building consent*, may also be necessary.

Note that the written approval of the landowner - Waitakere City Council, Auckland Regional Council or Department of Conservation will be required in relation to any proposed *activity* in the *Open Space Environment*, and including land that is managed by the Auckland Regional Council.

RULES

1.0 General

The following Rules 1.1 and 2 to 6 apply to activities on *land* situated in the *Coastal Natural Area*.

1.1

Where *development* involves *land* in more than one *Natural Area* each part of the *development* shall comply with the *Natural Area* Rules applying to the *Natural Area* in which that particular part of the *development* is located.

1.2 Notification/Non-Notification

In relation to *Controlled Activities* and *Limited Discretionary Activities* under the following Rules 2 to 6, applications for consent need not be notified and the written approvals of affected persons will not be required, nor in terms of limited notification under the *Act*, will notice to adversely affected persons need to be served.

RULE 2

VEGETATION ALTERATION

RULES

2.0 General

The following rules shall apply only to those activities involving *vegetation alteration* (*pruning, clearance* and any work within the *dripline* of *vegetation*) on a *site* that is not an *urban environment allotment*.

2.1 Permitted Activities

Activities meeting the following Performance Standards are *Permitted Activities*:

- (a) the *pruning* of *native vegetation* and *exotic vegetation* greater than 6.0m in height or 600mm in girth (as measured at any point higher than 1.4m above the ground) if done in accordance with modern arboricultural practices and no more than 20% of the foliage of a plant is removed in one calendar year.
- (b) *vegetation alteration* of:
 - (i) *exotic vegetation* less than 6.0 metres in height and less than 600mm in girth (measured at 1.4m above the ground), and

NOTES

1. If an activity is not controlled or restricted in any way by any part of the *Plan* it is permitted, but may require consents under other legislation/ plans.
2. The 500m² clearance mentioned in Rule 2.2 is an upper limit - it should not be regarded as an expectation.
3. Where *sites* are situated in more than one *Natural Area* the most restrictive *Natural Area* Rules relating to *land* affected by an activity will apply.
4. Activities must comply with all other relevant rules of the *Plan* or be the subject of a *resource consent*. Check all other rules in this *Natural Area* also the *Human Environment* Rules and the *City-Wide Rules* and the *Subdivision Rules*.
5. Words in *italics* are defined - see the Definitions part of the *City-Wide Rules*.
6. Words in **bold** are explained - see the Explanations part of the Introduction to the Rules.
7. The Council may have a guideline to interpret this rule - check at the Council Offices.
8. For *resource consents* see the Information Requirements in the *City-Wide Rules*.
9. The Environmentally Damaging Plants Appendix and the Removable Vegetation Appendix appear at the end of the *Natural Areas* Rules.
10. When plants are included in the *Heritage Vegetation* Appendix, reference must be made to the *Heritage* Rules. *Resource Consent* must be obtained from the Council for any *clearance* of *heritage vegetation*.
11. In the case of a tree having multiple trunks, the girth measurement shall be the aggregate or collective measurement of all trunks which have a circumference of 250mm or more.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

2(a)

The extent to which *vegetation alteration* adversely affects the overall **resilience, biodiversity and integrity of the Green Network**.

2(b)

The extent to which *vegetation alteration* reduces the extent, range and linkages between *vegetation*, fauna habitat, and *natural features*.

2(c)

The extent to which *vegetation alteration* adversely affects the **mauri** (life-force) of *native vegetation*.

2(d)

The extent to which *clearance* adversely affects the water quality of *taiapure* or *mahinga maataitai*.

2(e)

The extent to which *vegetation alteration* adversely affects the historical, cultural or spiritual significance of any *site* or *waahi tapu* of significance to *iwi*.

2(f)

The extent to which *vegetation alteration* adversely affects the significance or landscape value or natural character of any *natural features*.

2(g)

The extent to which trees which are notable examples of their species can be retained.

2(h)

The extent to which *vegetation alteration* creates **edge effects** from wind or light on remaining *native vegetation*.

2(i)

The extent to which *vegetation alteration* adversely affects *heritage* or **amenity values**.

2(j)

The extent to which *vegetation alteration* can be offset by **restoration** or **enhancement** around and within the area subject to the application.

2(k)

The extent to which *vegetation alteration* creates, contributes to, or exacerbates stability problems.

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- (ii) *vegetation* listed in the Environmentally Damaging Plants Appendix and the Removable Vegetation Appendix, provided that any *clearance* does not exceed a *total cleared area* of 500m².
- (c) any *vegetation alteration* of *native vegetation* which is less than 6m high and less than 600mm in girth (measured at 1.4m above the ground) provided that the *vegetation alteration* is within an area 3m from the edge of a *dwelling* (as measured along the ground from the eaves of the building excluding any uncovered decks).
- (d) *Vegetation alteration for Parks Maintenance* in the *Open Space Environment* provided that the *vegetation alteration* meets the following standards:
- (i) the *vegetation alteration* of *native* and *exotic vegetation* is less than 6.0 metres in height and less than 600mm in girth (measured 1.4 metres above the ground), and
- (ii) the work is undertaken using environmental best practices that include accepted modern arboricultural practices, *weed management plans* and measures to protect adjoining *vegetation*
- (iii) is no greater than 1.0 metre from either edge of a footpath (to provide unimpeded pedestrian access) or a cycleway, bridle track, *boardwalk* or track, and
- (iv) meets the requirement set out in the New Zealand Standards Handbook for Track and Outdoor Visitor Structures (SNZHB8630:2004) for bush walks, tramping tracks and routes or is no more than 1 metre from the edge of the track which ever is the lesser distance.

2.2 Controlled Activities

Activities meeting the following Performance Standards are *Controlled Activities*:

- (a) any *vegetation alteration* of *exotic vegetation* less than 6 metres in height (as measured at 1.4m above the ground) and less than 600mm in girth or *vegetation* listed in the Environmentally Damaging Plants Appendix and the Removable Vegetation Appendix, to a *total cleared area* greater than 500m².
- (b) any *pruning* of *native vegetation* not meeting the standards of Rule 2.1(a).
- (c) any work within the *dripline* of *native vegetation* and of *exotic vegetation* more than 6m high or

2(l)

The extent to which existing cleared areas are utilised for proposed *development*.

2(m)

The extent to which the *vegetation alteration* adversely affects plant health.

2(n)

The extent to which more than minor adverse *effects* can be adequately avoided, remedied, mitigated or offset through provision of works and services on or off the *site* and/or through payment or provision of a *financial contribution*.

2(o)

The extent to which the proposed *vegetation alteration* is necessary to:

- accommodate *development* otherwise permitted by the *Plan*
- ensure the **safety** or integrity of existing *development* on the *site*
- involve *pruning* to provide light
- involve *vegetation alteration* (other than clearance) for cultural purposes in accordance with established protocols
- involve *pruning* to preserve *public views*.
- facilitate the appropriate use of land in the *Open Space Environment*

2(p)

The extent to which the proposed *vegetation alteration* is for development proposed in a relevant Operative Reserve Management Plan, Parks Concept Plan, current Waitakere City Parks Strategy or current operative Regional Parks Management Plan.

2(q)

The extent to which the proposed *vegetation alteration* in an *Open Space Environment* avoids significant *vegetation* and any species known to be threatened, endangered or uncommon.

2(r)

The extent to which the proposal contributes to the achievement of the relevant future character and amenity statement of Section 5B.3 of the Policy Section of the Waitakere District Plan.

See also Policies 1.5, 1.6, 1.8, 1.9, 1.20, 2.3, 2.4, 2.11, 2.12, 2.13, 3.2, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.7, 6.2, 7.2, 7.4, 7.5, 8.2, 8.4, 8.8, 9.9, 9.10, 9.11, 9.13, 9.14, 10.13, 10.27, 10.28, 11.2, 11.4, 11.7, 11.32, 12.1, 12.6, 12.7, 12.9, 5B.1, 5B.3

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more than 600mm girth (as measured at any point higher than 1.4m above the ground).

- (d) any *vegetation alteration* not meeting the standards in Rule 2.1 undertaken or required by a *network utility operator* 2(m) necessary for the maintenance of that operator's works.
- (e) *Parks Infrastructure* in the *Open Space Environment*.

Assessment of *Controlled Activity* Applications will be limited to the matters of *landscape treatment*, scale, method indication and will be considered in accordance with Assessment Criteria 2(a)-2(¶).

2.3 Limited Discretionary Activities

Activities meeting the following Performance Standard are *Limited Discretionary Activities*:

- (a) the *clearance* of any *vegetation* not meeting the standards in Rules 2.1 and 2.2 for the establishment of a *building platform*, *driveway* or *infrastructure* provided that *clearance* on any *site* or *proposed site* does not increase the *total cleared area* (including any existing cleared area) of the *net site area* to more than 300m².
- (b) any *vegetation alteration* of *native vegetation* which is more than 6m high or more than 600mm in girth (measured at 1.4m above the ground) provided that the *vegetation alteration* is within an area 3m from the edge of a *dwelling* (as measured along the ground from the eaves of the building excluding any uncovered decks)
- (c) any *vegetation alteration* for *Parks Maintenance* in the *Open Space Environment* not meeting the performance standards in Rule 2.1(d) or the enhancement/improvement to a foot *bridge*, *boardwalk* or culvert exceeds 40%.
- (d) any *vegetation alteration* for *Parks Infrastructure* where a foot *bridge* or *boardwalk* is greater than 15m in length, or for culverts over 10m in length, or for car *parks* with more than 5 car *parking* spaces in the *Open Space Environment*.

Assessment of *Limited Discretionary Activity* applications will be limited to the matters of scale, method, *landscape treatment*, *planting* and location and will be considered in accordance with Assessment Criteria 2(a)- 2(¶).

2.4 Discretionary Activities

Activities meeting the following Performance Standard are *Discretionary Activities*:

(Policy Section of the Waitakere District Plan)

RESOURCE CONSENT CONDITIONS

In granting a *resource consent* Council may impose conditions. Conditions may include any one or more of the following matters:

- specifying the location of *vegetation alteration*
- limiting or specifying the location of *vegetation alteration*
- limiting the amount of *vegetation alteration*
- specifying the methods by which *vegetation alteration* is carried out
- requiring a *landscape treatment* plan and implementation of that plan within a given time
- the imposition of a *bond* to ensure satisfaction of conditions of consent
- requiring *financial contributions* in accordance with the *Plan*
- requiring *on-site* or *off-site* works and services to avoid, remedy, mitigate or offset adverse *effects*
- requiring work to be assessed and/or supervised by an expert recognised by the Council
- such other matters provided for in section 108 of the *Act*.

Provided that, in the case of *Controlled Activities* and *Limited Discretionary Activities*, conditions may only be imposed in respect of the matters specified above to which the Council has restricted the exercise of its discretion.

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- the *clearance* of any *vegetation* not meeting the standards in Rules 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 for the establishment of a *building platform, driveway* or *infrastructure* provided that *clearance* on any *site* or *proposed site* does not increase the total cleared area (including any existing cleared area) of the *net site area* to more than 500m².

Discretionary Activities applications will be assessed having regard to Assessment Criteria 2(a)-2(e) and any other matters which are relevant under section 104 of the *Act*.

2.5 Non-Complying Activities

Any Activity and any *Temporary Activity* to which these rules apply which is not a *Permitted Activity*, a *Limited Discretionary Activity* or a *Discretionary Activity* under the above rules shall be deemed to contravene a rule in this *Plan* and shall be a *Non-Complying Activity*.

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RULE 3

EARTHWORKS

RULES

3.0 General

The following rules shall apply only to those activities involving *earthworks*.

3.1 Permitted Activities

Activities meeting the following Performance Standard are *Permitted Activities*:

- *earthworks* confined to an *approved building platform* provided that:
 - there are no *earthworks* on a headland/cliff/scarp as shown on the *Natural Areas* Maps;
 - the *earthworks* activities are in accordance with the sediment control measures outlined in the Erosion/Sediment Control Measures Appendix; and
 - the *earthworks* are not for the purpose of a *Solid Waste Landfill*.
- *earthworks* for *Parks Furniture*, *Parks Signs* and *Parks Maintenance* in the *Open Space Environment* provided that there are no *earthworks* on a *sensitive ridge* or headland/cliff/scarp as shown on the *Natural Areas* Maps and
 - the *earthworks* activities are in accordance with the sediment control measures outlined in the Erosion/Sediment Control Measures Appendix, and

NOTES

1. If an activity is not controlled or restricted in any way by any part of the *Plan* it is permitted, but may require consents under other legislation/ plans.
2. Where *sites* are situated in more than one *Natural Area* the most restrictive *Natural Area* Rules relating to *land* affected by an activity will apply.
3. *Building platforms* are shown as part of an application for *building consent*.
4. Activities must comply with all other relevant rules of the *Plan* or be the subject of a *resource consent*. Check all other rules in this *Natural Area* also the *Human Environment* Rules and the *City-Wide Rules* and the *Subdivision Rules*.
5. Words in *italics* are defined - see the Definitions part of the *City-Wide Rules*.
6. Words in **bold** are explained - see the Explanations part of the Introduction to the Rules.
7. The Council may have a guideline to interpret this rule - check at the Council Offices.
8. For *resource consents* see the Information Requirements in the *City-Wide Rules*.
9. Activities will also need to comply with the relevant provisions of the Auckland Regional Council's Auckland Regional Plan: Sediment Control.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

3(a)

The extent to which *earthworks* adversely affect the overall **resilience, biodiversity and integrity of the Green Network**.

3(b)

The extent to which *earthworks* adversely affect the potential for **restoration** or **enhancement** around the area of *earthworks*.

3(c)

The extent to which *earthworks* adversely affect the **mauri** (life-force) of land and water.

3(d)

The extent to which *earthworks* adversely affect the water quality of *taiapure* or *mahinga maataitai*.

3(e)

The extent to which *earthworks* adversely affect the historical, cultural or spiritual significance of any *site* or *waahi tapu* of significance to *whiwi*.

3(f)

The extent to which *earthworks* reduce the extent, range and linkages between *vegetation*, fauna habitat and *natural features*.

3(g)

The extent to which *earthworks* adversely affect the significance or landscape value or natural character of *natural landscape elements* and other *natural features*.

3(h)

The extent to which *earthworks* exacerbate or contribute to flooding, erosion or instability of *land* or the potential for flooding, erosion or instability of *land*.

3(i)

The extent to which *earthworks* exacerbate or contribute to degradation of natural watercourses in a way that destroys or reduces the ability to support instream *vegetation* and fauna, and their ability to be used as a healthy food source, their clarity, quality or flow or their suitability for swimming.

3(j)

The extent to which *earthworks* adversely affect the **visual amenity** of the *site* or *adjoining sites*.

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- are undertaken using environmental best practice methods
- *earthworks* within the *Transport Environment*, provided that:
 - *earthworks* are in accordance with the sediment control measures outlined in the Erosion/Sediment Control Measures Appendix.
 - the height of any cut or fill within the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area is no more than 1.5 metres above the level of the *road carriageway* or *vehicle crossing* surface.
 - in the event of archaeological features being uncovered (e.g. shell middens, hangi or ovens, pit depressions, defensive ditches, artefactual material or human bones) work shall cease in the vicinity of the discovery and the area shall be secured. The Manager Resource Consents, the New Zealand Historic Places Trust Auckland Regional Council Archaeologist and the appropriate Iwi authorities shall be contacted so that appropriate action can be taken. The Manager: Maori Issues can advise on appropriate iwi authorities. This includes such persons being given a reasonable time as determined by the Council to record and recover archaeological features discovered before work may recommence.
 - weed establishment on exposed earth shall be prevented until full revegetation or other stabilisation occurs.

3.2 Limited Discretionary Activities

Activities meeting the following Performance Standard are *Limited Discretionary Activities*:

- *earthworks* not meeting the standard in Rule 3.1 (that are not on a headland/cliff/scarp as shown in the *Natural Areas* Maps) provided that *earthworks* are for the purpose of *driveway* or *infrastructure construction* and do not exceed 30m³,
- *earthworks* on a *sensitive ridge* as shown on the *Natural Areas* Maps which are for the purposes of *driveway* or *infrastructure construction* and do not exceed 30m³,
- *earthworks* on a headland / cliff / scarp as shown on the *Natural Areas* Maps which are confined to an *approved building platform* or are for the purposes of *driveway* or *infrastructure construction* and do not exceed 30m³,

3(k)

The extent to which *earthworks* may harm the health and **safety** of residents.

3(l)

The extent to which heavy vehicle traffic generated to the *site* by *earthworks* activities creates:

- adverse *effects* on **amenity values** and **neighbourhood character**
- a situation hazardous or unsafe to *road* users
- physical damage to *roads*.

3(m)

The extent to which more than minor adverse *effects* can be adequately avoided, remedied, mitigated or offset through provision of works and services on or off the *site* and/or through payment or provision of a *financial contribution*.

3(n)

The extent to which proposed *earthworks* are necessary to accommodate *development* otherwise permitted by the *Plan*, or to facilitate the appropriate use of land in the *Open Space Environment*.

3(o)

The extent to which *earthworks* are avoided.

3(p)

The extent to which unavoidable *earthworks* are minimised.

3(q)

The extent to which the duration of *earthworks* is minimised.

3(r)

The extent to which the proposed *earthworks* are for development proposed in a relevant Operative Reserve Management Plan, Parks Concept Plan, current Waitakere City Parks Strategy and avoids any species known to be threatened or endangered.

3(s)

The extent to which the proposed *earthworks* in an *Open Space Environment* avoids significant *vegetation* and any species known to be threatened, endangered or uncommon.

3(t)

The extent to which the proposal contributes to the achievement of the relevant future character and amenity statement of Section 5B.3 of the Policy Section of the Waitakere District Plan.

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- the *earthworks* are not for the purpose of a *Solid Waste Landfill*,
- any *earthworks* for *Parks Infrastructure* in the *Open Space Environment* provided that there are no earthworks on a *sensitive ridge* or headland/cliff/scarp as shown on the Natural Areas Maps,
- *earthworks* outside a *building platform* for *parks facilities* provided that they do not exceed 30m³.

Assessment of *Limited Discretionary Activity* applications will be limited to the matters of scale, method, location, *design* and *landscape treatment* and will be considered in accordance with Assessment Criteria 3(a)- 3(st).

3.3 Discretionary Activities

Activities meeting the following Performance Standards are *Discretionary Activities*:

- *earthworks* not meeting the standards in Rules 3.1 or 3.2 provided that:
 - the *earthworks* do not exceed 100m³;
 - the *earthworks* are not for the purpose of a *Solid Waste Landfill*.
- any *earthworks* for *Parks Maintenance* in the *Open Space Environment*, where the enhancement/improvement to a foot *bridge*, *boardwalk* or culvert exceeds 40%.
- any *earthworks* for *Parks Infrastructure* where a foot *bridge* or *boardwalk* is greater than 15m in length, or for culverts over 10m in length, or for car *parks* with more than 8 *car parking* spaces or for parks access roads in the *Open Space Environment*.

Discretionary Activity applications will be assessed having regard to Assessment Criteria 3(a)-3(st) and other matters which are relevant under section 104 of the *Act*.

3.4 Non-Complying Activities

Any Activity and any *Temporary Activity* to which these rules apply which is not a *Permitted Activity* or a *Limited Discretionary Activity* or a *Discretionary Activity* under the above rules shall be deemed to contravene a rule in this *Plan* and shall be a *Non-Complying Activity*.

See also policies 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 1.9, 1.14, 1.20, 2.4, 2.8, 2.10, 3.2, 3.4, 3.5, 5.1, 6.2, 7.2, 7.3, 8.4, 8.6, 8.7, 9.6, 9.7, 9.10, 9.11, 9.12, 9.14, 10.27, 10.28, 11.7, 11.32, 12.9, 5B.1, 5B.3
(Policies Section of the Waitakere District Plan)

RESOURCE CONSENT CONDITIONS

In granting a *resource consent* Council may impose conditions. Conditions may include any one or more of the following matters:

- limiting the scale of *earthworks*
- specifying the methods by which work on the *site* is carried out
- limiting any *vegetation alteration*
- the imposition of a *bond* to ensure satisfaction of conditions of consent
- requiring a *landscape treatment* plan and implementation of that plan within a given time
- imposition of a charge to cover the costs of monitoring
- *financial contributions* in accordance with the *Plan*
- requiring *on-site* or *off-site* works and services to avoid, remedy, mitigate or offset adverse *effects*
- such matters provided for in section 108 of the *Act*.

Provided that, in the case of *Limited Discretionary Activities*, conditions may only be imposed in respect of the matters specified above to which the Council has restricted the exercise of its discretion.

RULE 4

IMPERMEABLE SURFACES

RULES

4.0 General

The following rules shall apply only to those activities involving the establishment of *impermeable surfaces*.

4.1 Permitted Activities

Activities meeting the following Performance Standard are *Permitted Activities*:

- the establishment of *impermeable surfaces* up to 90% of the legal width of a *road* and in all other areas up to 10% of the *net site area* or 250m², whichever is the greater.

4.2 Limited Discretionary Activities

Activities meeting the following Performance Standard are *Limited Discretionary Activities*:

- the establishment of *impermeable surfaces* not meeting the standards in Rule 4.1

Assessment of *Limited Discretionary Activity* applications will be limited to the matters of scale, location, *clearance*, *landscape treatment* and method and will be considered in accordance with Assessment Criteria 4(a)-4(k).

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- If an activity is not controlled or restricted in any way by any part of the *Plan* it is permitted, but may require consents under other legislation/plans.
- Where *sites* are situated in more than one *Natural Area* the most restrictive *Natural Area* Rules relating to *land* affected by an activity will apply.
- Activities must comply with all other relevant rules of the *Plan* or be the subject of a *resource consent*. Check all other rules in this *Natural Area* also the *Human Environment* Rules and the *City-Wide Rules* and the *Subdivision* Rules.
- Words in *italics* are defined - see the Definitions part of the *City-Wide Rules*.
- Words in **bold** are explained - see the Explanations part of the Introduction to the Rules.
- The Council may have a guideline to interpret this rule - check at the Council Offices.
- For *resource consents* see the Information Requirements in the *City-Wide Rules*.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

4(a)

The extent to which *impermeable surfaces* adversely affect the overall **resilience, biodiversity and integrity of the Green Network**.

4(b)

The extent to which *impermeable surfaces* adversely affect potential for **restoration** or **enhancement** around and within the area subject to the application, and *adjoining sites*.

4(c)

The extent to which *impermeable surfaces* reduce the extent, range and linkages between *vegetation*, fauna habitat and *natural features*.

4(d)

The extent to which *impermeable surfaces* adversely affect the significance and the landscape value of *natural features*.

4(e)

The extent to which *impermeable surfaces* contribute to the creation, or exacerbate stormwater flooding problems *on-site* or in any other part of the stream *catchment*, with particular regard to impacts in known flood-prone areas and any impact on an existing stormwater system.

4(f)

The extent to which *impermeable surfaces* adversely affect the quality of receiving natural water, including the life-supporting quality of natural water.

4(g)

The extent to which *impermeable surfaces* destroy or harm surrounding *native vegetation*.

4(h)

The extent to which *impermeable surfaces* result in adverse *effects* arising from soil loss from the *site*.

4(i)

The extent to which *earthworks* adversely affect the **mauri** (life force) of water.

4(j)

The extent to which more than minor adverse *effects* can be adequately avoided, remedied, mitigated or offset through provision of works and services on or off the *site* and/or through payment or provision of a *financial contribution*.

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4(k)

The extent to which proposed *impermeable surfaces* are necessary to accommodate *development* otherwise permitted by the *Plan*.

4(l)

The extent to which the proposal contributes to the achievement of the relevant future character and amenity statement of Section 5B.3 of the Policy Section of the Waitakere District Plan.

See also Policies 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 1.10, 1.20, 2.10, 5.1, 7.2, 7.3, 8.4, 9.6, 9.7, 9.10, 9.11, 9.12, 9.14, 10.27, 5B.1, 5B.3
(Policy Section of the Waitakere District Plan)

RESOURCE CONSENT CONDITIONS

In granting a *resource consent* the Council may impose conditions. Conditions may include any one or more of the following matters:

- limiting the scale of *impermeable surfaces*
- limiting the amount of *vegetation alteration*
- requiring the provision of *planting*
- specifying the methods by which any work is carried out
- imposition of a *bond* to ensure satisfaction of conditions of consent
- requiring *financial contributions* in accordance with the *Plan*
- requiring *on-site* or *off-site* works and services to avoid, remedy, mitigate or offset adverse *effects*
- such other matters provided for in section 108 of the *Act*.

Provided that, in the case of *Limited Discretionary Activities*, conditions may only be imposed in respect of the matters specified above to which the Council has restricted the exercise of its discretion.

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RULES

5.0 General

The following rule shall apply only to those activities involving the grazing of animals.

5.1 Limited Discretionary Activities

Activities meeting the following Performance Standard are *Limited Discretionary Activities*

- *Any Activity* and any *Temporary Activity* involving the grazing of animals where stock are excluded from all *native vegetation*, streams, Riparian Margins and Coastal Edges by a permanent stock proof *fence*.

Assessment of a *Limited Discretionary Activity* applications will be limited to the matters of scale, animal type and location and will be considered in accordance with Assessment Criteria 5(a)-5(k).

5.2 Non-Complying Activities

Any Activity and any *Temporary Activity* involving the grazing of animals which is not a *Limited Discretionary Activity* shall be deemed to contravene a rule in this *Plan* and shall be a *Non-Complying Activity*.

NOTES

1. If an activity is not controlled or restricted in any way by any part of the *Plan* it is permitted, but may require consents under other legislation/ plans.
2. Where *sites* are situated in more than one *Natural Area* the most restrictive *Natural Area* Rules relating to *land* affected by an activity will apply.
3. Activities must comply with all other relevant rules of the *Plan* or be the subject of a *resource consent*. Check all other rules in this *Natural Area* also the *Human Environment* Rules and the *City-Wide Rules* and the *Subdivision* Rules.
4. Words in *italics* are defined - see the Definitions part of the *City-Wide Rules*.
5. Words in **bold** are explained - see the Explanations part of the Introduction to the Rules.
6. The Council may have a guideline to interpret this rule - check at the Council Offices.
7. For *resource consents* see the Information Requirements in the *City-Wide Rules*.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

5(a)

The extent to which the grazing of animals will adversely affect the overall **resilience, biodiversity and integrity of the *Green Network***.

5(b)

The extent to which the grazing of animals will reduce the extent, range and linkages between *vegetation*, fauna habitat, and *natural features*.

5(c)

The extent to which the grazing of animals will adversely affect the **mauri** (life force) of *native vegetation*.

5(d)

The extent to which the grazing of animals adversely affects the water quality of *taiapure* or *mahinga maataitai*.

5(e)

The extent to which the grazing of animals will adversely affect the historical, cultural or spiritual significance of any *site* or *waahi tapu* of significance to *whiwi*.

5(f)

The extent to which the grazing of animals will adversely affect any outstanding *natural features* or landscapes.

5(g)

The extent to which the grazing of animals will adversely affect *heritage* or **amenity values**.

5(h)

The extent to which the grazing of animals can be offset by **restoration** or **enhancement** around and within the area subject to the application.

5(i)

The extent to which the grazing of animals creates, contributes to, or exacerbates stability problems.

5(j)

The extent to which existing grazed areas are utilised for proposed stock grazing.

5(k)

The extent to which more than minor adverse effects can be adequately avoided, remedied, mitigated or offset through provision of works and

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services on or off the *site* and/or through payment or provision of a *financial contribution*.

5(1)

The extent to which the proposal contributes to the achievement of the relevant future character and amenity statement of Section 5B.3 of the Policy Section of the Waitakere District Plan.

See Policies 1.5, 1.6, 1.20, 2.7, 2.14, 7.2, 8.4, 9.10, 9.11, 10.23, 5B.1, 5B.3

(Policy Section of the Waitakere District Plan)

RESOURCE CONSENT CONDITIONS

In granting a *resource consent* the Council may impose conditions. Conditions may include any one or more of the following matters:

- limiting the scale of the grazing activity
- requiring *fencing*
- limiting the species of animal grazing
- requiring *financial contributions* in accordance with the *Plan*
- imposition of a *bond* to ensure satisfaction of conditions of consent
- requiring *on-site* or *off-site* works and services to avoid, remedy, mitigate or offset adverse *effects*
- such other matters provided for in section 108 of the *Act*.

Provided that, in the case of *Limited Discretionary Activities*, conditions may only be imposed in respect of the matters specified above to which the Council has restricted the exercise of its discretion.

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RULE 6

ESTABLISHMENT OF VEGETATION

RULES

6.0 General

The following rules shall apply only to those activities involving establishment of *vegetation*.

6.1 Permitted Activities

Activities meeting the following Performance Standard are *Permitted Activities*:

- the establishment of any *vegetation* except:
 - any *vegetation* listed in the Environmentally Damaging Plant Appendix; and
 - any *vegetation* established for *woodlot* or *forestry* purposes.

6.2 Non-Complying Activities

Any Activity and any *Temporary Activity* to which this rule applies which is not a *Permitted Activity* under the above rules shall be deemed to contravene a rule in this *Plan* and shall be a *Non-Complying Activity*.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

6(a)

The extent to which the proposal contributes to the achievement of the relevant future character and amenity statement of Section 5B.3 of the Policy Section of the Waitakere District Plan.

See Policies 1.5, 1.6, 1.20, 2.5, 2.8, 2.14, 3.2, 5.1, 6.2, 7.2, 8.4, 9.10, 9.11, 5B.1, 5B.3
(Policy Section of the Waitakere District Plan)

NOTES

1. If an activity is not controlled or restricted in any way by any part of the *Plan* it is permitted, but may require consents under other legislation/plans.
2. Where *sites* are situated in more than one *Natural Area* the most restrictive *Natural Area* Rules relating to *land* affected by an activity will apply.
3. Activities must comply with all other relevant rules of the *Plan* or be the subject of a *resource consent*. Check all other rules in this *Natural Area* also the *Human Environment* Rules and the *City-Wide Rules* and the *Subdivision* Rules.
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