

10a.14 Land unit - Commercial 4 (visitor facilities)

10a.14.1 Introduction

This land unit applies to specific properties in Onetangi, Palm Beach, and Orapiu in Waiheke. The character of the land unit is varied although it is generally located close to the coast and residential areas.

The current activities within the land unit include holiday accommodation, dwelling, hotel, restaurant and bar activities.

Overall, the purpose of the land unit is to provide for larger scale visitor facilities within specific locations on Waiheke.

10a.14.2 Resource management issues

The significant resource management issues which need to be addressed in the Plan are:

1. How to provide for a range of visitor facilities while not compromising the character and amenity of surrounding residential areas or the coastal environment.
2. How to ensure that development on these sites is restricted to visitor facility activities only and does not include permanent dwellings.

10a.14.3 Objectives and policies

10a.14.3.1 Objective

To provide for visitor facilities to service the needs of tourists to Waiheke.

Policies

1. By providing for camping facilities and visitor accommodation as permitted activities in the land unit.
2. By not providing for dwellings within the land unit.

10a.14.3.2 Objective

To ensure that any adverse effect of visitor facilities on adjacent island residential or recreation land units or the coast is avoided or mitigated.

Policies

1. By controlling buildings in terms of design, bulk and location.
2. By adopting controls which protect the privacy and amenity of adjacent island residential and recreation land units.

10a.14.4 Resource management strategy

The resource management strategy and purpose for the land unit is to provide for visitor facilities while ensuring that adjoining residential uses and the natural environment are not detrimentally impacted.

The land unit provides for three different forms of visitor facilities or holiday accommodation. These are camping facilities, visitor accommodation and tourist complexes.

These facilities vary in scale and intensity with camping facilities having a generally low intensity (providing for camping and caravan activities), visitor accommodation having a medium intensity (including motels, hotels and backpackers) and larger intensity tourist complexes which allow for visitor accommodation and dining, bar and function facilities.

The purpose of the land unit is to specifically provide for visitor facilities, therefore in order to protect the purpose of the land unit, dwellings are a non-complying activity.

10a.14.5 Rules - activity table

Activities	Status
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The construction and relocation of buildings, including buildings used for any of the other activities listed in this table ¹	RD
Alterations and additions to the exterior of existing buildings including buildings used for any of the other activities listed in this table. However this does not apply to minor alterations and additions as defined in part 14 - Definitions ¹	RD
Camping facilities	P
Restaurant, café and other eating places	D
Tourist complex	D
Visitor accommodation	P

Legend

P = Permitted

RD= Restricted discretionary

D = Discretionary

Notes:

1. In this land unit, the activities of constructing or relocating buildings, or undertaking exterior alterations and additions to existing buildings, are to be treated as separate from the activity of using buildings for any of the permitted activities listed in the table. Therefore, even when an activity is permitted in this table, a resource consent may still be required for any construction or relocation of, or any exterior alteration or addition to, the building used for the activity. The relationship between buildings and other activities listed in activity tables is explained further in [clause 4.3](#).
2. The activities of earthworks and vegetation clearance are treated as development controls and are therefore not listed in this table.

10a.14.6 Rules - development controls

The development controls listed below apply to all activities whether or not those activities are otherwise permitted, restricted discretionary, discretionary or non-complying. Infringements to these development controls will be considered as development control modifications as set out in clause 10c.3.

As well as the specific controls set out below, there are additional controls set out in [part 10c - Development controls for land units and settlement areas](#) which also apply to this land unit.

10a.14.6.1 Screening

Where any outdoor storage, refuse disposal area, service or parking area adjoins or directly faces a road or land that is in an island residential or recreation land unit, such areas must be screening from the road or the island residential or recreation land by:

1. A solid wall or fence not less than 1.8m in height built of concrete, brick, stone, timber or other solid material; or
2. Densely planted indigenous vegetation which is capable of reaching a minimum of 1.8m in height and will screen the area throughout the year.

Explanation

Imposing a screening control on common boundaries between these areas can lessen the amount of noise, dust, glare and litter spreading from the generating site. It reduces the visual impact of unsightly areas of storage and parking, and can establish a sense of privacy from visual and physical intrusion.

Deleted: Refer to [part 10c - Development controls for land units and settlement areas](#) for the controls applying in this land unit. The development controls listed in that part apply to all activities, whether or not those activities are otherwise permitted, restricted discretionary, discretionary or non-complying. Infringements to these development controls will be considered as development control modifications as set out in [clause 10c.3](#).

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10a.14.7 Assessment matters

For applications for resource consent refer to [part 11 - Assessment matters](#) for:

- Matters of discretion and notification requirements applying to the construction and relocation of buildings and to exterior alterations and additions to existing buildings.

- Assessment criteria for discretionary activities.

10a.14.8 Relationship with rules in other parts of the Plan

Part 14 - Definitions must be referred to as it is likely to contain definitions of terms used in this part of the Plan.

The following parts of the Plan should also be referred to as they may contain rules which apply to a particular site or proposal:

Part 4 - General rules

Part 5 - Network utility services

Part 6 - Financial contributions

Part 7 - Heritage

Part 8 - Natural hazards

Part 9 - Hazardous facilities and contaminated land

Part 10c - Development controls for land units and settlement areas

Part 12 - Subdivision

Part 13 - Connectivity and linkages