

Resource Management Act 1991

APPLICATION FOR RESOURCE CONSENT

To : Auckland City Council

The Parks & Streetscapes Division of the Recreational and Community Services Group (Auckland City Council), hereby applies for the resource consent described below:

1. The names and addresses of the owner and occupier (other than the applicant) of any land to which the application relates are:

Na.

2. The Location to which this application relates is:

The site is located on the summit of One Tree Hill (Maungakiekie) which lies within the One Tree Hill Domain in Auckland.

3. The type of resource consent(s) sought is/are:

A land use consent

A summary of reasons for Resource Consent is set out below:

The Auckland City District Plan, Isthmus Section (operative November 1999), contains provisions which require a resource consent to be obtained to permit the Council to carry out planting at the One Tree Hill Summit. The following is a summary of these provisions:

- The site of the proposed planting is an archaeological site (reference F10/05).

Part 5C of the District Plan precludes the excavation, alteration, and /or damage of an archaeological feature without resource consent. (Reference 5C.7.4.3). In addition, no person is permitted to plant any vegetation on or in the vicinity of any scheduled archaeological site, which in the opinion of Council is likely to cause damage or detract from the feature for which the item has been scheduled. While resource consent was gained for the removal of the original tree and later the stump, the stump work is pending completion and any planting, requires a further resource consent.

It is noted that the work proposed will be limited to the same area which will have been modified as a result of the tree and stump removals as regulated by the Historic Places Trust Consent to Modify.

The type of land use consent required under this district plan provision is a discretionary activity.

- The site lies within the protected surrounds of the One Tree Hill Obelisk, which is a scheduled item of historical importance (reference F10/11). Rule 5C.7.1.3 provides the means to carry out work in this area as a discretionary activity.
- The site is also located near the grave of Sir John Logan Campbell which is a building scheduled for protection. Rule 5C.7.1.3 provides the means to carry out work in this area as a discretionary activity.

4. A description of the activity to which the application relates is:

The proposal is to plant a new tree on the site of the former lone Pine that occupied the site at the summit of One Tree Hill. The proposal is to adopt the recommended option for planting and the methodology set out in the report entitled “One Tree Hill Summit (Maungakiekie) New Tree Planting Proposal” (attached). The underlying pretext is that although a multiple planting technique is proposed, ultimately the outcome will be one tree of landscape quality to obtain visual significance equating to the former lone pine. Additionally, the tree and planting should reflect cultural values in recognition of the special significance this site has to Maori as well as the sharing of cultural understanding between Maori and all sectors of the community no matter what their ethnic background. The objective is to share in the significance of the planting spiritually and culturally for the benefit of all peoples of Tamaki-makaurau for future generations.

Planting proposal: (reference: One Tree Hill Summit (Maungakiekie) New Tree planting Proposal)

Pohutukawa seedlings, some of which had self-seeded in the shelter of and at the base of the former lone pine tree and others sourced from an old majestic pohutukawa tree existing on the maunga will be planted in the next planting season. In subsequent years totara seedlings, sourced from a nearby historic totara, will be planted as a secondary species. These trees will be left to mature and by a process of natural and carefully managed selection will result in one dominant tree. A shelter of other native plants will be planted around the edge of the planting zone to provide “natural” shelter for the trees. The planting zone is that area prescribed in the Consent to Modify granted by the NZ Historic Places Trust to this project.

Explanation:

This planting regime is proposed because of its symbolism in a cultural context, and the species, size and source of this plant material is appropriate for a new tree which will have an optimum growth / survival opportunity (i.e. it is sustainable). The pohutukawa planting precedes the totara because this stock is sufficiently well advanced to permit planting to occur this season.

Thus, in practice, the planting period will not be a single event, but will extend over a few seasons. An arboricultural nurturing process will be required to follow up with any necessary replanting to ensure the establishment and success of eventually a new landscape tree. For this purpose additional selected plant material from the parent pohutukawa and totara trees will be further prepared in a nursery for any future planting.

The applicant requests that because of the lead time required to establish the planting successfully and see it through to the selection of the sole specimen which will ultimately adorn the summit, the consent period be extended to a period of ten (10) years.

A full description of the proposal is attached to the assessment of effects, which accompanies the application and is entitled "One Tree Hill Summit Proposal for Planting".

5. The following additional resource consents are required in relation to this proposal and have/ have not been applied for: None.
6. I attach an assessment of effects that the proposed activity may have on the environment in accordance with section 88 of, and the Fourth Schedule to, the Act.
7. I attach other information (if any), required to be included in the application by the district plan or regulations: Na.

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Signed as authorised agent for the applicant

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Annexures:

- (a) An assessment of effects on the environment in accordance with the fourth schedule of the Act.
- (b) Report entitled: One Tree Hill (Maungakiekie) Summit Proposal for Planting. (Including landscape, archaeological, and arboricultural assessments)

OTH-LOCATION MAP OF SUMMIT SITE



