

OSRZ - General Objectives and Policies for all Open Space Zones

Introduction

The purpose of this chapter is to set out provisions relating to the Open Space and Recreation Zones.

This chapter contains objectives and policies relating to the:

- Natural Open Space Zone;
- Open Space Zone; and
- Sport and Active Recreation Zone.

These zones generally include only public land to provide for open space and recreation areas to benefit the health and well-being of the people and communities of the District.

Within the Open Space and Recreation Zones are seven privately owned sites containing remaining pre-earthquake residential activity, as identified in Appendix 'APP1 Regeneration Area Remaining Private Residences and Alternate Zone'. While these sites lie within the Open Space and Recreation Zones, they are subject to the provisions of the General Residential Zone and any relevant District wide provisions. This is in accordance with the WRRZRP, with which the District Plan must not be inconsistent.

The objectives and policies set out below apply to all Open Space and Recreation Zones. However, there are other specific objectives and policies that apply to each zone and appear in each zone section along with the rules for each zone.

The provisions in this chapter are consistent with the matters in Part 2 - District Wide Matters - Strategic Directions and give effect to matters in Part 2 - District Wide Matters - Urban Form and Development.

Objectives	
OSRZ-01	Purpose of Open Space and Recreation Zones Open Space and Recreation Zones that: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. provide a range of types and sizes of open space and recreation areas and compatible recreation activities and structures to meet the current and future recreation needs and health and well-being of the District;2. provide a high quality environment and enhanced opportunities for recreation;3. are accessible and safe, and maintain and enhance connectivity and access;4. enable multi-functional uses in specified locations; and5. provide for the continuance of activities on specified remaining privately-owned pre-earthquake residential sites.

<p>OSRZ-O2</p>	<p>Character, amenity values, role and function of Open Space and Recreation Zones Activities and structures within Open Space and Recreation Zones are of a scale, form, design and location that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. maintain a predominance of open space, other than on sites specifically dedicated to a larger scale of built development of recreation activities and structures; 2. are compatible with the role and anticipated use of the open space and recreation land; and 3. maintain and, where possible, enhance amenity values.
<p>Policies</p>	
<p>OSRZ-P1</p>	<p>Predominant character, amenity values, role and function of the zones Within the Open Space and Recreation Zones:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. enable activities and structures, including compatible multi-functional uses, that are compatible with the predominant character, amenity values, role and function of the zone; 2. manage activities and structures and their effects where these may be potentially incompatible with the predominant character, amenity values, role and function of the zone; and 3. avoid activities and structures incompatible with the predominant character, amenity values, role and function of the zone, where these will: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. undermine the predominant character, amenity values, role and function of the zone; b. limit access to or the use of the zone for open space and recreation; c. adversely affect amenity values or safety; d. result in reverse sensitivity effects for, or lead to conflict with, existing activities within or adjoining the zone; and e. do not have a functional need or operational need to locate within the zone. 4. <u>Avoid quarry, landfill, cleanfill, mining or dam activities within the zones.</u>¹
<p>OSRZ-P2</p>	<p>Environmental effects Ensure activities and structures are compatible with the scale, layout, design and intended use of open space and recreation land, and adverse effects on amenity values and the wider community are avoided, remedied or mitigated, including by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • providing separation distances and minimising the number, type, bulk and location of structures; • limiting coverage of open space and recreation land by structures; • maintaining and enhancing, where practicable, accessibility of open space and recreation land to communities, including through the provision of: new parks, playgrounds and recreation spaces within a 500m radius of new residential allotments; public entrances and access points; walking,

¹ Fulton Hogan [41.33], para 49, Earthworks s42A report

	<p>cycling and riding paths; viewing points and bridges; and connectivity with the transport network;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• designing open space and recreation land and the structures within to be as safe as practicable, taking into account the principles of CPTED;• the application of measures to avoid, remedy or mitigate actual or potential adverse environmental effects and to achieve or enhance positive effects;• restricting the type, duration, frequency and hours of operation of activities;• promoting the planting of indigenous vegetation naturally occurring within the ecological district in which the planting will take place, or of ecologically similar origin, for landscaping, screening, reinstatement purposes or conservation activities, to enhance local or regional indigenous biodiversity;• recognising that some infrastructure such as stormwater infrastructure may have a functional need or operational need to locate within the zone, but otherwise discouraging use of the zone as a location or route for infrastructure; and• enabling activities on sites in Appendix APP1 to continue where those activities and their effects are generally consistent with those anticipated in the Alternate Zone specified in Appendix APP1, and any relevant District wide provisions.
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