

Relationships Between Spatial Layers

The District Plan uses a range of spatial layers with different functions. These are shown on the planning map and include:

Spatial layer name	Function	Location of spatial layer provisions
Zones	A zone spatially identifies and manages an area with common environmental characteristics or where common environmental outcomes are sought, by bundling compatible activities or effects together, and controlling those that are incompatible.	Zone chapters
Overlays	An overlay spatially identifies distinctive values, risks or other factors which require management in a different manner from underlying zone provisions.	District wide matters chapters
Precincts	A precinct spatially identifies and manages an area where additional place-based provisions apply to modify or refine aspects of the policy approach or outcomes anticipated in the underlying zone(s).	If it applies to only one zone, it is included in the relevant zone chapter If it applies to multiple zones, it will be included in the relevant zone chapters
Specific controls	A specific control spatially identifies where a site or area has provisions that are different from other spatial layers or district wide provisions that apply to that site or area (for example where verandah requirements apply, or where a different maximum height on a particular site applies).	Relevant chapters
Development Areas	A development area spatially identifies and manages areas where plans such as concept plans, structure plans, outline development plans, master plans or growth area plans apply to determine future land use or development. When the associated development is complete, the development	Development area chapters

	areas spatial layer is generally removed from the plan either through a trigger in the development area provisions or at a later plan change.	
Designations	Spatially identifies where a designation is included under section 168 or section 168A or clause 4 of Schedule 1 of the RMA.	Designations chapter
Heritage orders	Spatially identifies heritage orders enabled under section 189 or section 189A of the RMA.	Historic heritage chapter. There are no heritage orders in the District Plan