

7D Passive Recreation Activity Area

7D 1 Issues, Objectives and Policies

7D 1.1 Local Area Issue

7D 1.1.1 High Amenity and Conservation Areas

Issue

The Eastern Hills, Stokes Valley and Wainuiomata Hills are areas of high amenity values. It is important to protect and conserve them.

Objective

To recognise and protect those parts of the City with high conservation and amenity values.

Policies

- (a) To conserve and protect the Eastern Hills, Stokes Valley and Wainuiomata Hills which have high conservation and amenity values.
- (b) To allow recreation and leisure activities which are consistent with the natural and undeveloped character of the area.

Explanation and Reasons

The Eastern Hills, Stokes Valley and Wainuiomata Hills are areas of high amenity and conservation values. Only low impact recreation and leisure activities are permitted, for example, informal recreation and scenic walks.

7D 1.2 Site Development Issue

7D 1.2.1 Control on Buildings and Structures

Issue

As the Eastern Hills, Stokes Valley and Wainuiomata Hills are areas of high amenity values, it is important to restrict the number, size, scale and location of all buildings and structures.

Objective

To ensure buildings and structures have adverse effects which are no more than minor on conservation and amenity values.

Policies

- (a) To restrict the number of buildings and structures.
- (b) To control the size, scale, location and external appearance of buildings and structures.

Explanation and Reasons

In order to protect the conservation and amenity values of areas it is important to restrict the number of buildings and structures. Where it is necessary to develop buildings and structures it is important to control their adverse effects.

7D 2 Rules

7D 2.1 Permitted Activities

- (a) Parks, reserves and picnic areas.
- (b) Walkways.
- (c) Landscape furniture.
- (d) Informal recreation, excluding all types of motorised recreation activities except those used only for the purpose of farming and maintenance.

7D 2.1.1 Permitted Activity - Conditions

(a) **Lighting:**

Any activity which requires outdoor areas to be lit must ensure that direct or indirect illuminance does not exceed 8 lux at the window of a dwelling on a neighbouring site.

(b) **General Rules:**

Compliance with all General Rules - See Chapter 14.

7D 2.2 Discretionary Activities

- (a) All buildings and structures.
- (b) Except where stated in the General Rules, any Permitted Activity which fails to comply with any of the relevant Permitted Activity Conditions, or relevant requirements of Chapter 14 - General Rules.

7D 2.2.1 Assessment Matters for Discretionary Activities

- (a) The matters contained in sections 104 and 105, and in Part II of the Act shall apply.
- (b) The degree of compliance or non-compliance with any relevant Permitted Activity Conditions.

7D 2.3 Non-Complying Activities

- (a) All other activities not listed as a Permitted or Discretionary Activity.

7D 2.4 Other Provisions

- (a) Subdivisions - See Chapter 11.
- (b) Financial Contributions - See Chapter 12.
- (c) Utilities - See Chapter 13.
- (d) General Rules - See Chapter 14.

7D 3 Anticipated Environmental Results

- (a) Protection and conservation of areas of high amenity values such as the Eastern Hills, Stokes Valley and Wainuiomata Hills.
- (b) Protection of the open space character of the Passive Recreation Activity Area.