

Heritage

Our vision for Lower Hutt is to create a city where everyone thrives.

To do this, we need to protect and improve our natural environment and grow our city in a way that is sustainable and meets the needs of all of us who call Lower Hutt home. One of the ways we do this is through the District Plan, which sets the rules for how we use land and develop our city.

The District Plan is going through a top-to-bottom review. How do we protect what we love and provide what we need as a city? That's where you come in – feedback on the draft plan is open until 15 December 2023. Following that, we'll have a statutory submission process on a proposed plan in 2024.

From protecting the environment to managing natural hazards and preserving our built heritage, there's a lot to consider. The District Plan is an important document that influences the future of our city, so find out more and have your say! Find out more at hutt.city/dpreview



How much is changing?

A lot

Little

Historic heritage provides a connection to the past and an understanding and appreciation of history and culture. Historic heritage can include buildings, structures, sites or areas with historical or cultural significance.

The chapter identifies and protects significant historic heritage against inappropriate subdivision and development, including:

Heritage areas, which have a consistent historic character, for example Jackson Street in Petone. Heritage buildings and structures which have been individually listed, including buildings within heritage areas.

Along with protecting significant historic heritage, there is a need to provide for continued use, appropriate repurposing and safety alterations (including earthquake strengthening, fire safety and accessibility).

What are we proposing?

- The chapter generally continues the current approach to protecting significant historic heritage.
- Additional heritage buildings and structures have been identified based on the requirements of Greater Wellington Regional Council's Regional Policy Statement.
- Two new heritage areas proposed - Matiu/ Somes Island and Ōruapouanui/Baring Head.
- Maintenance and repair of heritage buildings continues to be permitted.
- Alterations and additions, or partial demolition of heritage buildings continues to be permitted if they are internal.
- More significant additions and alterations to buildings including total demolition of heritage buildings will still require resource consent.
- Small accessory buildings will be permitted on properties within heritage areas or on properties with heritage listed buildings if located to the rear of the main building.

FAQs

What sort of things can I give feedback on?

- Whether the rules protecting significant historic heritage are too permissive or too restrictive.
- Whether there are other heritage areas or buildings that should be included, or you think we've included some that don't have heritage value.
- Any information you have which would help assess the historic heritage values of any newly identified areas or buildings.

Does this chapter cover sites or areas of cultural value to Māori?

Some heritage areas and buildings have significance to Tangata Whenua. However, significant cultural sites for Tangata Whenua will be identified through the Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori chapter.

Will this restrict what I can do if my property or building is heritage listed?

While the rules in this chapter would not restrict use of the building, they could restrict future changes. However, it is recognised that in some cases repurposing of existing buildings may be the best way to preserve historic heritage values in the long term. Where resource consent would be required, applications for repurposing would be considered.



We're keen to hear from you

Go to hutt.city/DPsurvey or drop off your submission at any Hutt City Council neighbourhood hub.

