
Submission on Napier City Proposed District Plan

Form 5 Submission on publically notified proposal for policy statement or plan, change or variation

Clause 6 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991

To: Napier City Council - Planning Unit

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This is a submission on the following proposed plan (the **proposal**): Napier City Proposed District Plan

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I wish to be heard: Yes

I am willing to present a joint case: No

Could you gain an advantage in trade competition in making this submission?

- **N/A**

Are you directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that

(a) adversely affects the environment; and

(b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition

- **N/A**

Submission points

Point 148.1

Section: AESZ - Te Whanganui-a-Orotu (Ahuriri Estuary) Ecology and Stormwater Zone

Sub-section: AESZ - Te Whanganui-a-Orotu (Ahuriri Estuary) Ecology and Stormwater Zone

Sentiment: Amend

Submission:

We agree with the Regional Park concept as long as it is a last resort and not a first resort to deal with removing/reducing/cleaning contaminants which are discharged into the Ahuriri Estuary.

Relief sought

Perhaps more funding/research is needed in order for the Council to come up with the best way(s) to deal with the issue of eliminating/reducing the amount of contaminants being discharged into the Ahuriri Estuary.

Point 148.2

Section: HRZ - High Density Residential Zone

Sub-section: HRZ - High Density Residential

Sentiment: Amend

Submission:

Specific Comment

Volume

Part 1

Residential

Objective 4.2

To enable the diverse housing needs and preferences of the City's residents to be met while ensuring that the adverse effects on the environment of residential land use, development and subdivision are avoided, remedied or mitigated.

This objective relates to Issue 4.1.1.

With residential intensification there is an increasing tendency of Council's to be permissive and allow more intensive subdivision than the community anticipated when they purchased their property.

The recent proposal in Wellesley Road, already a traffic parking nightmare, and the proposed Kainga Ora Housing in Neeve Place both indicate intensification of housing which has both economic and social implications.

The Association feels, such actions warrant public notification so the views of residents who have invested in their community can be heard, especially with the increasing awareness of property

inundation following the recent cyclone and the recent National Policy statements from Wellington obviating the need for on-site car parking.

Citizens who have invested in their property's should have an opportunity to seek information and comment on significant changes within their community when other landowners seek Council approval to change the character of a suburb.

Relief sought

We wish the Council to make all these resource consent(s) applications to be **notifiable** so the community has an opportunity to have their say.

Point 148.3

Section: SARZ - Sport and Active Recreation Zone

Sub-section: SARZ - Sport and Active Recreation Zone

Provision:

The purpose of the Sport and Active Recreation Zone is to provide for a range of indoor and outdoor sport and active recreational activities and associated facilities and structures.

Napier's sports grounds range from facilities of regional and national significance to grounds principally serving local club demand. Council's sports grounds and associated facilities provide for the majority of the city's sporting demand. The Sport and Active Recreation Zone includes sporting facilities such as Park Island, Nelson Park, Tareha Park, Taradale Park, and Petane War Memorial Reserve. MacLean Park has a special Stadium Zone.

Council's provision of sports facilities needs to respect traditional aspects of sport (for example, club structures), while ensuring decisions now are sufficiently flexible to respond to changing future demand. The buildings and facilities associated with and necessary for operational use of sports grounds are provided for in this zone, although careful consideration has been given to their potential effects on adjacent residential land uses.

Sentiment: Amend

Submission:

One of the primary uses of Park Island is for passive recreation, eg. Walking a dog. A structure which could enhance this primary use is to fence the existing dog agility park at Park Island and have a large, fenced dog run area (in the same location as the existing dog agility area) with seating and a non-grass path around the perimeter for dog owners to use for circuit walking while their dog is exercising. This also provides an even, safe walking surface for wheelchair users, people with mobility issues etc. Regarding Riverside Park behind the PGA, this dog agility area is fenced, BUT the area for dogs to run around in has shrunk. Could the fences be extended to widen (and lengthen, if possible) the total area with additional seating provided. The proposed District Plan should provide for such opportunity.

Relief sought

We are asking the Council to create a suitable fenced dog exercise/agility area at Park Island and to extend/widen the existing fencing at Riverside Park dog agility/dog exercise area in Taradale.

Point 148.4

Section: SW - Stormwater

Sub-section: SW - Stormwater - Rules Table

Provision:

SW-R4: New buildings or any alteration to buildings

SW-R4A

SW-R4B

Activity Status: Permitted

Activity Status where activity conditions are not met: Restricted Discretionary

Where:

1. Any new roof, including replacement of existing roofs, meets standard SW-S2.

Note: Rules in the zone and/or precinct chapter may apply in addition to the above.

Sentiment: Amend

Submission:

The Association has concerns about the increasing addition of surface water into the relatively confined Taipo channel and the total reliance on tidal conditions to handle that water. If it is high tide, Knightsbridge is more likely to be flooded. If it is low tide, it may be spared though stream volume certainly will increase. Water run off from proposed intensification projects should be considered if discharge into the Taipo Stream is proposed and property owners should have the opportunity to submit on applications, especially when greater hard surface areas are involved in intensifications.

Relief sought

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We want Council to minimise hard surfaces to reduce run off into the Taipo Stream.

Point 148.5

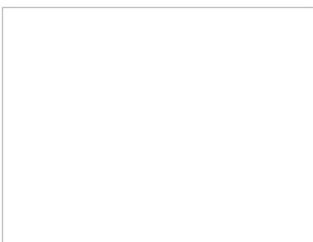
Section: General

Sub-section: General

Provision: General

Sentiment: Amend

Submission:



Matters of discretion are:

1. Public health and safety;
2. Network efficiency, and
3. Effects on the values of the receiving environment.

TARADALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
SUBMISSION ON PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW
NAPIER CITY COUNCIL

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the PDP. The comments below are based on our observations/feedback from some residents, on the general submissions process:

General Comments

When the District Plan was advertised, it was stated that copies of the draft plan were available for viewing in the Taradale Library. This did not occur until 5 weeks before the date submissions closed.

The Taradale Residents Association can understand the desire of Council to digitise everything but given the Taradale community has a high proportion of elderly residents, a hard copy of the document should have been available at libraries at the time of public notification as was advised in the notice.

This did not happen until after the first Council "meet the public sessions" was held in Ahuriri. The delay in having a hard copy available on the shelves resulted in the consultation period being restricted to a month.

There are no page numbers on the document and being a big document, this creates some challenges when referring to different sections throughout the plan.

Many residents who are elderly/computer illiterate people/people without a computer found this online submission process very challenging and gave up trying to submit and therefore did not put in a submission.

Relief sought

For future reference, we would like Council to ensure hardcopies of the document are made available to the public for viewing (at the public library) if that is the information that is advertised.

Would it be possible to number the pages of the document to make it easier to find information if using a hardcopy to do this?

For those who don't have access to the internet or have a computer, would it please be possible to submit via a hardcopy paper submission form?

Thank you.