

## SASM – Sites and areas of significance to Maaori

*The relevant area specific zone chapter provisions apply in addition to this chapter.*

### Overview

The district council has identified sites and areas of significance to Maaori, for example under Schedule 16(f) of the Joint Management Agreement with Waikato-Tainui, significant archaeological sites such as paa and urupaa. While individual sites are noted on the district plan maps and managed under the district plan rules, special mention is being made here of cluster sites which make up 'significant areas' of Waikato history: The Point; Wainui Reserve; Horea, Te Toto; Oioroa; Rangiriri, Meremere; Te Aukati ki Maungatawhiri, Hooker Road and Kernott Road Maaori Gardens and all of the redoubts and mission stations. These sites should be recognised for both their tangible and metaphysical association to Maaori to the extent enabled by planning and decision-making management of natural resources through objectives, policies and rules.

### Objectives

SASM-O1 Strategic objective – Tautoko te Whakatupuranga.

To support Iwi aspirations to grow prosperous, healthy, vibrant, innovative and culturally strong people.

SASM-O2 Hononga.

The connections between tangata whenua and their ancestral lands, water, sites of significance, waahi tapu, other taonga and taonga species are protected or enhanced.

SASM-O3 Whakaute ahuraa.

Cultural practices and beliefs of tangata whenua are respected.

### Policies

SASM-PI Hononga (relationship between tangata whenua and nature).

(I) Recognise the hononga (relationship of between mana whenua and nature) with waters, ancestral lands, sites of significance, waahi tapu, urupaa, maunga and other landforms, mahinga/hauanga kai, and other taonga and taonga species (indigenous flora and fauna) such as through:

- (a) Cultural value assessments and/or cultural impact assessments;
- (b) Accidental discovery protocols;
- (c) Use of mana whenua traditional place names;
- (d) Protection, enhancement and restoration of mauri;
- (e) Use of appropriate locally sourced native plant species where practicable;
- (f) Use of archaeological information including Maaori archaeological information; and
- (g) Incorporation of traditional or sympathetic Maaori design elements where practicable.

SASM-P2 Ngaa taonga tuku iho (Sites and areas of significance to Maaori).

- (1) Ensure subdivision, use and development does not compromise the cultural and spiritual significance of areas, including waahi tapu, urupaa, maunga and other landforms, mahinga kai, and indigenous flora and fauna.
- (2) Areas and sites of significance to Maaori including waahi tapu sites and waahi tapu areas are protected from adverse effects of development or activities on those sites.

## Rules

Land use – effects

<b>SASM-R1</b>	Minor earthworks	
All zones	<p><b>(1) Activity status: PER</b></p> <p><b>Where:</b></p> <p>(a) Disturbance of land within a SASM – Site and area of significance to Maaori as identified in SCHED3 – Sites and areas of significance to Maaori for the purposes of:</p> <p>(i) Gardening;</p> <p>(ii) Installation of fence posts;</p> <p>(iii) Repair or maintenance of existing underground farm infrastructure; and</p> <p>(iv) Interments in a burial ground, cemetery or urupa.</p>	<p><b>(2) Activity status where compliance not achieved: n/a</b></p>
<b>SASM-R2</b>	Signs	
All zones	<p><b>(1) Activity status: PER</b></p> <p><b>Where:</b></p> <p>(a) A sign must comply with all of the following standards:</p> <p>(i) The sign is for the purpose of identification and interpretation of sites and areas of significance to Maaori.</p>	<p><b>(2) Activity status where compliance not achieved: RDIS</b></p> <p><b>Council’s discretion is restricted to the following matters:</b></p> <p>(a) Effects on cultural values of any sites and areas of significance to Maaori.</p>

*Advice note: The Sites and Areas of Significance to Maaori are also recorded archaeological sites and may also contain unrecorded archaeological sites. These sites are subject to the requirements of the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014. Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga must be contacted regarding development on, or in proximity to, these sites and the need to undertake an archaeological assessment to determine the need for an archaeological authority. The Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 protects both recorded and unrecorded archaeological sites.*

<b>SASM-R3</b>	Cultivation	
All zones	<p><b>(1) Activity status: RDIS</b></p> <p><b>Where:</b></p>	<p><b>(2) Activity status where compliance not achieved: n/a</b></p>

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	<p>(a) Cultivation within a SASM – Site and area of significance to Maaori as identified in SCHED3 – Sites and areas of significance to Maaori.</p> <p><b>Council's discretion is restricted to the following matters:</b></p> <p>(b) Effects on heritage and cultural values.</p>	
<b>SASM-R4</b>	Earthworks	
All zones	<p><b>(1) Activity status: RDIS</b></p> <p><b>Where:</b></p> <p>(a) Earthworks within a SASM – Site and area of significance to Maaori as identified in SCHED3 – Sites and areas of significance to Maaori 3.</p> <p><b>Council's discretion is restricted to the following matters:</b></p> <p>(b) Effects on heritage and cultural values.</p>	<p><b>(2) Activity status where compliance not achieved: n/a</b></p>

*Subdivision*

<b>SASM-R5</b>	Title boundaries	
All zones	<p><b>(1) Activity status: RDIS</b></p> <p><b>Activity specific standards:</b></p> <p>(a) The boundaries of every proposed allotment containing a SASM – Sites and areas of significance to Maaori identified in SCHED3 – Sites and areas of significance to Maaori.</p> <p><b>Council's discretion is restricted to the following matters:</b></p> <p>(b) Effects on the sites and areas of significance to Maaori.</p>	<p><b>(2) Activity status where compliance not achieved: DIS</b></p>