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Waikato District Council
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Dear Fletcher

HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND POUHERE TAONGA COMMENT ON WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL PROPOSAL TO CONVERT THE WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN TO THE NATIONAL PLANNING STANDARDS FORMAT.

Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (HNZPT) is an autonomous Crown Entity with statutory responsibility under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 for the identification, protection, preservation and conservation of New Zealand's historical and cultural heritage. HNZPT is New Zealand's lead bicultural historic heritage agency.

HNZPT submitted to the Waikato District Council Proposed District Plan (WaiDC PDP) with regard the need for the Council to align the WaiDC PDP to the National Planning Standards format.

You have supplied HNZPT via information regarding the nature of this transition in a memorandum by Council to the Hearings Panel, via email on June 1. HNZPT has reviewed the material provided and makes the following comments:

We note that "signs" have been included into the Sites and Areas of Significance to Maori (SASM) rules (Page 12-Part 2: District-wide Matters / Historical and Cultural Values / Historic Heritage (HH) and wonder why they are not over in the signs section in the same way they are for HH. Our concern is that an applicant may see signs covered for a SASM sites in that chapter and not for an HH sites and then think that there are no sign rules applying to HH sites. The signs rules include an identification aspect for HH places.

While the chapter does include the generic set of advice to other rules being applicable, we were hopeful that there could be a specific reference to the sign rules being in another section of the plan as there are specific rules for HH/SASM sites/places. Signs have the potential to adversely impact on those types of sites/places.

HNZPT would also be supportive of there being only one decision version of the WaiDC PDP.

If you have any queries regarding this comment from HNZPT please contact Carolyn McAlley.

Yours sincerely

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