

Public notice of the Minister's decision on Proposed Plan Change 2 to the Operative Kapiti Coast District Plan 2021

Part 6 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991

Plan Change 2 ('PC2') to the Operative Kapiti Coast District Plan 2021 ('District Plan') is an Intensification Planning Instrument under section 80E of the Resource Management Act 1991 ('RMA'). The purpose of PC2 is to:

- incorporate the Medium Density Residential Standards ('MDRS') into the District Plan and give effect to the intensification policies (Policies 3 and 4) of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020 ('NPS-UD');
- provide for tangata whenua to develop papakāinga housing; and
- amend financial contributions provisions.

At its meeting on Thursday 10 August 2023, the Council decided to accept all of the Independent Hearings Panel's (the 'Panel's') formal recommendations on PC2, except for the recommendation in paragraph [13](b)(i) of their report, which relates to a submitter's request to rezone an 18-hectare site in Otaihanga from Rural Lifestyle Zone to General Residential Zone. The public notice of this decision was issued on Saturday 19 August 2023, and can be found on the Council website at <https://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/whats-on/have-your-say/public-notices/>.

Pursuant to clause 101(2) of Schedule 1 to the RMA, the Council referred the Panel's recommendation that it rejected, along with the Council's reasons for doing so and its alternative recommendation, to the Minister for the Environment (the 'Minister') for a decision.

The Minister's decision

On Wednesday 4 October 2023, the Minister notified the Council of his decision to accept the Panel's recommendation. A copy of the Minister's decision can be found on the Council's website at <https://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/media/v3xftxar/cor5361-ihp-recommendation.pdf>.

What happens next?

As a result of the Minister's decision, and pursuant to clause 105(7) of Schedule 1 to the RMA, the 18-hectare site in Otaihanga will be rezoned from Rural Lifestyle Zone to General Residential Zone in accordance with the Panel's formal recommendation. The extent of land that is to be rezoned is identified in a map that can be found on the Council website at <https://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/media/kckdtwj5/otaihanga-rezone-a4l.pdf>.

The Minister's decision shall become operative on **1 November 2023**.

Do you have questions about PC2?

If you have any questions about PC2, please contact the District Planning team by phone on 0800 486 486 or by email at district.planning@kapiticoast.govt.nz

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The date of this notice is 25 October 2023