

# HERITAGE BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES



This colour and pattern identifies the Heritage Buildings and Structures on the Planning Maps



Heritage buildings and structures play a very important part in our communities because they offer an understanding of our history and culture and provide us with a sense of place and identity. Council is required by the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) as a matter of national importance, to protect heritage buildings and structures. We are proposing some rules to keep these valued buildings and structures safe for the future.

The current district plan identifies 11 buildings and structures. Each of these is listed by Heritage New Zealand and all of them are located around Te Kūiti and Waitomo Caves Village.

The draft plan identifies a total of 38 buildings and structures from all over the district. They range from monuments to churches, tunnels, bridges, cottages and halls. Each building or structure was either nominated by local people, museums or heritage societies or identified by our heritage consultants.

## How were the sites assessed?

- All buildings and structures were assessed by our heritage consultants. Many did not meet the criteria, but some had such special values or associations that they were included on the heritage schedule
- The criteria used to assess the sites is contained in the Waikato Regional Policy Statement

## How are the draft rules different from the current rules?

- The current rules allow building owners to undertake minor repairs and maintenance, but any other changes, alterations, destruction, demolition, removal or relocation of any listed building or structure needs a resource consent
- The draft rules are very similar. Exterior maintenance and repair, internal alterations and some signs are permitted. One small accessory building is also allowed provided it is located at the rear of the site
- External alterations for earthquake strengthening, fire protection and accessibility upgrades are a controlled activity. This means they need a consent to ensure the changes protect the values of the building, but Council must grant it

- Other additions, alterations, adding new buildings, demolition, repositioning the building on the same site or removal to another site all need a resource consent

## My building is recommended to be on the list - how will this impact how I use it?

- Firstly, as soon as the new plan is formally notified, the rules have immediate effect. The RMA identifies some matters that are so important that the rules are put in place as soon as public notice of a proposed plan is given
- If you disagree with the listing of your building please contact us as soon as possible. You can also make a formal submission to the proposed district plan, but because the rules are live immediately, it is very important to contact us quickly
- Heritage buildings are not subject to noise insulation rules and they are exempt from some of the parking and transportation rules
- There are no restrictions on what colour the building can be painted
- Also, you can carry on using the building as you currently are, and provided you meet zone rules, it's likely you can change what you use the building for as well

**Please note this factsheet is a summary and does not include the full set of rules on this topic. You can read the full set of rules [here](#)**