

## Appendix 'A'

### TABLE OF CHANGES TO THE TEXT OF PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 12

PC Ref No	District Plan Section	Chapter	Page No	Reference or Rule No	Proposed Plan Change
12	Introduction To The Rules Volume 1	The Rules Content	3	Human Environment Rules	<p>Amend by adding words in bold as follows:</p> <p><b>Open Space Environment</b></p> <p>Covering land owned or managed by the Council, the Auckland Regional Council or other public agencies.</p>
	Introduction To The Rules Volume 1	Resource Consents	6 - 7	Written Consents & Notification – Discretionary Activities and Non-Complying Activities	<p>Amend by adding words in bold as follows:</p> <p>2. For <i>Discretionary Activity</i> applications seeking <i>resource consent</i> in respect of the following matters, applications will generally not be notified if the written consents of the owners of <i>adjoining sites</i> are submitted.</p> <p><b>NB: with respect to large reserves or parks, written consents of the owners of adjoining sites would not necessarily mean all land owners but those persons affected by the proposal. The discretion as to who is affected would be determined on a case by case basis by Council.</b></p> <p>• <i>Development</i> in the <i>Open Space Environment</i> which is in accordance with an Operative Reserve Management Plan, (this may also include an Approved Concept Plan or Landscape Design and Planting Plan) but the proposal does not comply with all the rules of <i>Open Space Environment</i>.</p> <p>3. For <i>Discretionary Activity</i> applications seeking <i>resource consent</i> in respect of the following matters, applications may not be notified, if the written consents of the owners of <i>adjoining sites</i> are submitted.</p> <p><b>NB: with respect to large reserves or parks, written consents of the owners of adjoining sites would not necessarily mean all land owners but those persons affected by the proposal. The discretion as to who is affected would be determined on a case by case basis by</b></p>

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					<p>Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Development</i> in the <i>Open Space Environment</i> where there is no Operative or Draft Reserve Management Plan, or Approved Concept Plan or Landscape Design and Planting Plan and the proposal does not comply with all the rules of <i>Open Space Environment</i>.</li> </ul>
	Natural Areas Rules Volume 1	Open space environment	2	PROCEDURAL GUIDELINE FOR THE RULES	<p><b>Consequential Amendment to Step 7</b> Add the words in bold:</p> <p>"Note that the written approval of the landowner – Waitakere City Council, Auckland Regional Council or Department of Conservation will be required in relation to any proposed activity in the Open Space Environment, <b>and including land that is managed by the Auckland Regional Council.</b>"</p>
	Human Environment Rules Volume 2	Open space environment	2	PROCEDURAL GUIDELINE FOR THE RULES	<p><b>Consequential Amendment to Step 8</b> Add the words in bold:</p> <p>"Note that the written approval of the landowner – Waitakere City Council, Auckland Regional Council or Department of Conservation will be required in relation to any proposed activity in the Open Space Environment, <b>and including land that is managed by the Auckland Regional Council.</b>"</p>
		General, Restoration and Managed Natural Areas Rules	4,5,5	RULE VEGETATION ALTERATION	2 <p>Delete the words "and is not in the Open Space Environment" from</p> <p>General Natural Area Rule 2.1(a)(ii) Restoration Natural Area Rule 2.1(c)(ii) Managed Natural Area Rule 2.1(b)(ii)</p>
12.	Natural Areas Rules Volume 1	General, Restoration, Managed, Coastal, Protected and Riparian Margins/Coastal Edges Natural Areas Rules	5	RULE VEGETATION ALTERATION	2 <p>Add the words "<b>vegetation alteration for</b>" <i>Parks Maintenance</i> and <i>Parks Infrastructure</i> in the <i>Open Space Environment</i> to General Natural Area Rule 2.1(c), and</p> <p>Add the words "<b>vegetation alteration for</b>" <i>Parks Maintenance</i> in the <i>Open Space Environment</i> to</p> <p>Restoration Natural Area Rule 2.1(e), Managed Natural Area Rule 2.1(d), Coastal Natural Area Rule 2.1(d), Protected Natural Area Rule 2.1(d), and Riparian Margins/Coastal Edges Natural Area Rule 2.1(d)</p>

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12	Natural Areas Rules Volume 1	General Natural Areas Rule	5	RULE VEGETATION ALTERATION	2	Add the words in bold to clause 2.1(c), (c) <i>Vegetation alteration for Parks Maintenance and Parks Infrastructure in the Open Space Environment</i> provided that: - the work is authorised by WCC, ARC or DoC, and - the work is undertaken using environmental best practice methods that include accepted modern arboricultural practices, and measures to protect adjoining vegetation, and - is in accordance with the New Zealand standards Handbook for Track and Outdoor Visitor Structures (SNZHB8630:2004) and operative Reserve Management Plans.
12	Natural Areas Rules Volume 1	Restoration, Managed, Coastal, Protected and Riparian Margins/ Coastal Edges Natural Areas Rules	5	RULE VEGETATION ALTERATION	2	Add the words in bold to clause 2.1(e), 2.1(d), 2.1(d), 2.1(d) and 2.1(d) respectively (c) <i>Vegetation alteration for Parks Maintenance in the Open Space Environment</i> provided that: - the work is authorised by WCC, ARC or DoC, and - the work is undertaken using environmental best practice methods that include accepted modern arboricultural practices, and measures to protect adjoining vegetation, and - is in accordance with the New Zealand standards Handbook for Track and Outdoor Visitor Structures (SNZHB8630:2004) and operative Reserve Management Plans.
12	City Wide Rules Volume 1	Definitions	1- 25	BOARDWALK  BRIDGE(S)		Amend the following definitions by adding the words in bold and the deleting the strikeouts:  means a <i>structure</i> that provides pedestrian access and is under 1m in height measured from ground level, including under ephemeral or permanent water bodies or wetlands, to the walking surface or top of the structure over a wetland, along the coast or through bush in order to protect soil structure, vegetation and/or roots or other environmental resources  Means a <i>structure</i> that spans and provides access over a river, stream or watercourse and includes <del>board walks or structures</del> for

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				<p><b>PARKS CONTRACT</b></p> <p><b>PARKS FACILITIES</b></p>	<p><b>pedestrian access</b> over 1.0m above the ground <b>even where they do not span a water body</b> but excludes a culvert or covered pipes</p> <p>Delete the definition and also delete the reference to parks contract from the definitions of Parks Infrastructure, Parks Maintenance</p> <p>Means any <i>building or structure</i> less than 100m<sup>2</sup> in gross floor area, for a use <b>associated with a park</b> located in the <i>Open Space Environment</i>, and shall include <b>but is not limited to</b> the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• shade structures,</li> <li>• toilets and changing facilities</li> <li>• shelters, <b>information and interpretation kiosks, outdoor education structures and facilities</b></li> <li>• <b>viewing platforms</b></li> <li>• buildings used for the storage of parks equipment or maintenance materials, or equipment associated with an activity on a park</li> <li>• childrens play equipment, excluding skate board facilities</li> </ul> <p>but excluding <i>buildings and structures</i> defined as <i>parks buildings, parks furniture, parks infrastructure, parks signs and parks field structures</i>.</p>
12	City Wide Rules Volume 1	Definitions	1-25	<p><b>PARKS FIELD STRUCTURES</b></p> <p><b>PARKS FURNITURE</b></p>	<p>Means structures relating to an active sport or recreational activity, that are provided or <b>authorised by WCC Councils for a use associated with a park</b> on land located in the <i>Open Space Environment</i> and shall include <b>but not be limited to</b> the following: goal posts, cricket nets, fences, petanque courts, playing courts, sideline shelters and other similar structures which are ancillary to and used in conjunction with, sports grounds, playing fields, hard courts and greens, skate board facilities and pony club course structures (jumps) and arenas</p> <p>but excluding <i>buildings and structures</i> defined as <i>parks buildings, parks facilities, parks furniture, parks infrastructure and parks signs</i>.</p> <p>means outdoor furniture provided or <b>authorised by the WCC or ARC for a use associated with a park</b> that is located on</p>

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					<p>land in the <i>Open Space Environment</i> and shall include <b>but not be limited to</b> the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• seats, tables, rubbish bins, barbecues, drinking fountains, and</li> <li>• sculptures/art works/Pou</li> <li>• bicycle racks</li> <li>• amenity lighting</li> <li>• <b>security cameras and security lighting</b></li> <li>• <b>vehicle counters</b></li> </ul>
12	City Wide Rules Volume 1	Definitions		<p><b>PARKS INFRASTRUCTURE</b></p> <p>means infrastructure located in the <i>Open Space Environment</i> and shall <b>include but not be limited to</b> the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• footpaths, track and trail systems, fitness trails, cycle ways, bridle trails <b>or mountain bike trails</b></li> <li>• entry gates, track marking bollards, soldier bollards and chains, post and rail fences <b>or similar fencing</b></li> <li>• footbridges or boardwalks 15m or less in length</li> <li>• culverts 10m or less in length</li> <li>• access drives associated with parks activities</li> <li>• jetties and boat ramps</li> <li>• carparking for a maximum of 5 8 vehicles</li> </ul> <p>provided that the above work is <b>authorised by WCC, ARC or DoC and/or undertaken by their staff, lessees or contractors.</b></p> <p><del>being undertaken in accordance with a Parks Contract or by ARC Parks Staff using best practice methods such as is specified in the following relevant and current documents: "Regional Parks Environmental Best Practice Guidelines", "Regional Parks Infrastructure, Tracks and Design Manual" and current "operative Regional Parks management plan".</del></p> <p>means undertaking any of the following activities on land located in the <i>Open Space Environment</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• clearance of vegetation in the Removable Vegetation Appendix and the Environmentally Damaging Plants Appendix (Vol 1- Appendices), including where this clearance occurs within the dripline of any vegetation, undertaken in accordance with a weed</li> </ul>	
				<p><b>PARKS MAINTENANCE</b></p>	

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management plan and provided all exposed areas of earth are re-vegetated

- *vegetation alteration of native and exotic vegetation less than 6.0 metres in height and less than 600mm in girth (measured 1.4metres above the ground), within 1.0m of the edge of an existing footpath, track, footbridge or boardwalk to provide for unimpeded pedestrian access on the path*
- maintenance and repair of footpaths (concrete, gravel and shell)
- track and trail maintenance and repair including **resurfacing, remetalling, re-shelling** bush tracks and including clearing/reforming drainage channels alongside tracks and minor re-alignment of tracks within 1.0m of the edge of a track to minimise erosion.
- re-topsoiling, reseeding, sandslitting for parks sports fields and parks
- grass mowing
- replacement, repairs and maintenance of existing bridges, boardwalks, and culverts and includes any enhancement/improvements provided that there shall be no more than a 40% increase in the width, length or height of footbridges or boardwalks **over less than 15m in length or culverts over less than 10m in length**
- resealing and sealing metal carparks, and access drives and **internal park roads**
- Maintenance of jetties and boat ramps
- Repairs and maintenance to the exterior of *parks buildings, parks facilities, parks field structures, parks furniture and parks signs*
- **Ecosystem restoration by replanting and revegetation**

provided that the above work is **authorised by WCC, ARC or DoC and/or undertaken by their staff, lessees or contractors.**

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means any sign located in an *Open Space Environment (or Transport Environment)*, that has been authorised by the WCC or

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				<b>PARKS SIGNS</b>	ARC for the purpose of identifying the name of a reserve and detailing the activities that take place on that reserve, provided that the sign is in accordance with a parks contract or relevant and current codes of practice.
12	District Plan Policy	Significant resource management issues objectives, policies and methods	76 & 99	Policy 10.28 and Policy 11.32	<p><b>Add</b> the words in bold to Policy 10.28</p> <p><u>Methods</u></p> <p><i>District Plan Rules</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Space Environment rules</li> </ul> <p><i>Other Methods</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Parks Strategy</li> <li>• Reserve Management Plans</li> <li>• Councils "Code of Practice"</li> <li>• <b>Parks Contracts</b></li> </ul> <p>Policy 11.32</p> <p><u>Methods</u></p> <p><i>District Plan Rules</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Space Environment rules</li> <li>• Natural Areas rules</li> </ul> <p><i>Other Methods</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Parks Strategy</li> <li>• Reserve Management Plans</li> <li>• Council's "Code of Practice"</li> <li>• Supervision and monitoring of parks contractors</li> <li>• <b>Parks Contracts</b></li> </ul>
	Natural Area Rules Volume 1	General Natural Area	<u>4</u>	<b>RULE VEGETATION ALTERATION</b>	<p>2 Amend Rule 2.1 (delete strikeouts and include words in bold)</p> <p>(a) any <i>vegetation alteration</i> of :</p> <p>(i) <i>native vegetation</i> and <i>exotic vegetation</i> less than 6.0 metres in height and less than 600mm in girth (as measured at any point higher than 1.4metres above the ground), and</p> <p>(ii) <i>vegetation</i> listed in the Removable Vegetation Appendix and the Environmentally Damaging Plants Appendix, provided that any <i>clearance</i> does not exceed a <i>total cleared area</i> of 500m<sup>2</sup>, and is not in the <u>Open Space Environment</u>.</p>
	Natural Area Rules	General Natural Area		<b>RULE 3 EARTHWORKS</b>	Amend Rules 3.1 and 3.2 by adding the words in bold

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	Volume 1			<p><b>Rule 3.1 Permitted Activities</b></p> <p>(c) <b>Earthworks</b> for <i>Parks Maintenance</i> and <i>Parks Infrastructure</i> in the <i>Open Space Environment</i> provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the earthworks activities are in accordance with the sediment control measures outlined in the <b>Erosion/sediment Control Measures Appendix</b> and</li> <li>- undertaken using environmental best practice methods;</li> </ul> <p><b>Rule 3.3 Limited Discretionary Activities</b></p> <p>(c) <b>Earthworks</b> for <i>Parks Infrastructure</i> where a footbridge or boardwalk is greater than 15m in length or for culverts greater than 10m in length or for carparks with more than 5 8 carparking spaces, or for <b>parks access roads</b> in the <i>Open Space Environment</i></p>
	<p><b>Natural Area Rules</b> Volume 1</p>	<p><b>Restoration</b></p>	<p><b>RULE 2 VEGETATION ALTERATION</b></p>	<p><b>Amend</b> Rule 2.1(c) and (e) (delete strikeouts and include words in bold)</p> <p>(c) any <i>vegetation alteration</i> of :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) <i>vegetation</i> listed in the <b>Environmentally Damaging Plants Appendix</b>, and</li> <li>(ii) <i>exotic vegetation</i> less than 6.0 metres in height and less than 600mm in girth (as measured at any point higher than 1.4metres above the ground), provided that any <i>clearance</i> does not exceed a <b>total cleared area</b> of 500m<sup>2</sup>, and <del>is not in the Open Space Environment.</del></li> </ul> <p>(e) <i>Vegetation Alteration</i> for <i>Parks Maintenance</i> in the <i>Open Space Environment</i> provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>the work is authorised by WCC, ARC or DoC, and</b></li> <li>- is undertaken using environmental best practice methods that include accepted modern arboricultural practices, and measures to protect adjoining vegetation, and</li> <li>- is in accordance with the <b>New Zealand standards Handbook for Track and Outdoor Visitor Structures (SNZHB8630:2004)</b> and <b>operative Reserve Management Plans.</b></li> </ul> <p>2.3 Limited Discretionary Activities</p>

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				<p><b>RULE EARTHWORKS</b></p> <p>3</p>	<p>3.1 Permitted Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>any <i>vegetation alteration</i> for <i>Parks Infrastructure</i> where a footbridge or boardwalk is greater than 15m in length, or for culverts over 10m in length, or for carparks with more than 5 8 car parking spaces, or for <b>parks access roads</b> in the <i>Open Space Environment</i>.</li> <li><i>earthworks</i> for <i>Parks Furniture, Parks Signs, and Parks Maintenance</i> in the <i>Open Space Environment</i> provided that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>there are no earthworks on a sensitive ridge or headland/cliff/scarp as shown on the Natural Areas Maps, and</li> <li>the <b>earthworks activities</b> are in accordance with the sediment control measures outlined in the <b>Erosion/sediment Control Measures Appendix</b>, and</li> <li>are undertaken using <b>environmental best practice methods</b>;</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>3.3 Discretionary Activities</p> <p>(d) <i>earthworks</i> for <i>Parks Infrastructure</i> where a footbridge or boardwalk is greater than 15m in length or for culverts greater than 10m in length or for carparks with more than 5 8 carparking spaces, or for <b>mountain bike trails, or parks access roads</b> in the <i>Open Space Environment</i></p>
<p><b>Natural Area Rules</b> Volume 1</p>	<p><b>Restoration Natural Area</b></p>	<p>13</p>	<p><b>RULE BUILDINGS</b></p> <p>6</p>	<p><b>Amend</b> by adding the words in bold: Rule 6.1 Permitted Activities Add two new (second and third) bullet points to Rule 6.1 as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Parks Infrastructure and Parks Maintenance</b> in the <i>Open Space Environment</i>.</li> <li>The alteration of existing <i>buildings</i> including <b>Parks Buildings or Parks Facilities</b> on that part of any site within a <i>Restoration Natural Area</i>, where <i>building coverage</i> is not increased</li> </ul> <p><b>Amend</b> the first bullet point of Rule 6.2 by adding the words in bold as follows: 6.2 Limited Discretionary Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>buildings</i> including <b>Parks Buildings or Parks Facilities</b> on that part of any site within a <i>Restoration Natural Area</i>, where <i>building coverage</i> is increased</li> </ul>	

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				<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ASSESSMENT CRITERIA</b></p>	<p>Add two new bullet points by adding the words in bold as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Parks Maintenance</b> where the enhancement/improvement to a footbridge, boardwalk or culvert exceeds 40%, in the <i>Open Space Environment</i>.</li> <li>• <b>Parks Infrastructure</b> where a footbridge or boardwalk is greater than 15m in length or a culvert is greater than 10m in length in the <i>Open Space Environment</i>.</li> </ul> <p>Amend the wording of the following sentence by adding the numbers in bold: Assessment of <i>Limited Discretionary Activities</i> applications will be limited to the matters of scale, location, method, <i>design</i>, and <i>monitoring</i> and will be considered in accordance with Assessment Criteria 6(a) – 6(e).</p> <p><u>Add 2 new assessment criteria 6(d) and 6(e) as follows:</u></p> <p><b>6(d)</b> The extent to which proposed <b>bridge, boardwalk or building</b> is necessary to facilitate the use of land for public access in the <i>Open Space Environment</i>.</p> <p><b>6(e)</b> The extent to which the proposed <b>bridge, boardwalk or building</b> is in accordance with development proposed in a relevant Operative Reserve Management Plan, Parks Concept Plan, current Waitakere City Parks Strategy or current operative Regional Parks management plan.</p> <p>To the Note at the end of the Assessment Criteria add the following 2 Policy numbers <u>10.28</u> and <u>11.32</u></p>
Natural Area Rules Volume 1	Managed Natural Area	4	RULE VEGETATION ALTERATION	2	<p>Amend by adding the words in bold and including the strikeouts as follows:</p> <p>2.1 Permitted Activities</p> <p>(b) any <i>vegetation alteration</i> of :</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(i) <i>exotic vegetation</i>, and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(ii) <i>vegetation</i> listed in the Removable Vegetation Appendix and the Environmentally Damaging Plants Appendix, provided that any <i>clearance</i> does not</p>

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					<p>exceed a total cleared area of 500m<sup>2</sup>, and is not in the Open Space Environment.</p> <p>(d) <i>vegetation alteration for Parks Maintenance in the Open Space Environment</i> provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the work is authorised by WCC, ARC or DoC, and</li> <li>- the work is undertaken using environmental best practice methods that include accepted modern arboricultural practices, and measures to protect adjoining vegetation, and</li> <li>- is in accordance with the New Zealand standards Handbook for Track and Outdoor Visitor Structures (SNZHB8630:2004) and operative Reserve Management Plans.</li> </ul>
				<p><b>RULE</b> 3 <b>EARTHWORKS</b></p>	<p><b>3.1 Permitted Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>earthworks for Parks Furniture, Parks Signs, and Parks Maintenance in the Open Space Environment</i> provided that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the earthworks activities are in accordance with the sediment control measures outlined in the Erosion/sediment Control Measures Appendix, and</li> <li>- are undertaken using environmental best practice methods;</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>3.3 Discretionary Activities</b></p> <p>(c) <i>earthworks for Parks Infrastructure</i> where a footbridge or boardwalk is greater than 15m in length or for culverts greater than 10m in length or for carparks with more than 5 8 carparking spaces, or for parks access roads in the Open Space Environment</p>
	Natural Area Rules Volume 1	Coastal Natural Area	4-5	<p><b>RULE</b> 2 <b>VEGETATION</b></p>	<p>Amend by adding the words in bold Rule 2.1 Permitted Activities</p> <p>(d) <i><b>vegetation alteration</b> for Parks Maintenance in the Open Space Environment</i> provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the work is authorised by WCC, ARC or DoC, and</li> <li>- the work is undertaken using environmental best practice methods that include accepted modern arboricultural practices, and measures to protect</li> </ul>

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	<p>Natural Area Rules Volume 1</p>	<p>Coastal Natural Area</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>RULE EARTHWORKS</p>	<p>3</p> <p>adjoining vegetation, and - is in accordance with the New Zealand standards Handbook for Track and Outdoor Visitor Structures (SNZHB8630:2004) and operative Reserve Management Plans.</p> <p>Amend by adding the words in bold as follows:</p> <p>3.1 Permitted Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>any earthworks</i> for <i>Parks Furniture, Parks Signs</i> and <i>Parks Maintenance</i> in the <i>Open Space Environment</i> provided that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- there are no earthworks on a sensitive ridge or headland/cliff/scarp as shown on the Natural Areas Maps, and</li> <li>- <b>the earthworks activities are in accordance with the sediment control measures outlined in the Erosion/sediment Control Measures Appendix, and</b></li> <li>- <b>are undertaken using environmental best practice methods;</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>3.3 Discretionary Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>any earthworks</i> for <i>Parks Infrastructure</i> where a footbridge or boardwalk is greater than 15m in length or for culverts greater than 10m in length or for carparks with more than <b>5 8</b> carparking spaces, or for <b>parks access roads</b> in the <i>Open Space Environment</i></li> </ul>
	<p>Natural Area Rules Volume 1</p>	<p>Protected Natural Area</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>RULE VEGETATION ALTERATION</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Amend by adding the words in bold as follows:</p> <p>2.1 Permitted Activities</p> <p>(d) <i>vegetation alteration</i> for <i>Parks Maintenance</i> in the <i>Open Space Environment</i> provided that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the work is authorised by WCC, <b>ARC</b> or DoC, and</li> <li>- the work is undertaken using environmental best practice methods that include accepted modern arboricultural practices, and measures to protect adjoining vegetation, and</li> <li>- is in accordance with the New Zealand standards Handbook for Track and Outdoor Visitor Structures (SNZHB8630:2004) and operative Reserve</li> </ul> </p>

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				<b>RULE EARTHWORKS</b> 3	<p><b>Management Plans.</b></p> <p>3.1 Permitted Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>earthworks</i> for <i>Parks Furniture, Parks Signs</i> and <i>Parks Maintenance</i> in the <i>Open Space Environment</i> provided that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- there are no earthworks on a sensitive ridge or headland/cliff/scarp as shown on the Natural Areas Maps, and</li> <li>- the earthworks activities are in accordance with the sediment control measures outlined in the <b>Erosion/sediment Control Measures Appendix</b>, and</li> <li>- are undertaken using <b>environmental best practice methods</b>;</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>3.3 Discretionary Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>earthworks</i> for <i>Parks Infrastructure</i> where a footbridge or boardwalk is greater than 15m in length or for culverts greater than 10m in length or for carparks with more than <b>5 8</b> carparking spaces, or for <b>parks access roads</b> in the <i>Open Space Environment</i></li> </ul>
	<b>Natural Area Rules</b> Volume 1	<b>General, Restoration, Managed, Coastal, Protected and Riparian Margins/Coastal Edges Natural Areas Rules</b>		<b>RULE VEGETATION ALTERATION ASSESSMENT CRITERIA</b> 2	<p><b>Amend</b> the following criterion</p> <p>The extent to which the proposed <i>vegetation alteration</i> is for development proposed in a relevant Operative Reserve Management Plan, Parks Concept Plan, current Waitakere City Parks Strategy, or <b>current Waitakere City Leisure Strategy</b>, or <del>current operative Regional Parks management plan</del> and <b>avoids any species known to be threatened or endangered'</b></p>
	<b>Natural Area Rules</b> Volume 1	<b>General, Restoration, Managed, Coastal, Protected and Riparian Margins/Coastal Edges Natural Areas Rules</b>		<b>RULE EARTHWORKS ASSESSMENT CRITERIA</b> 3	<p><b>Amend</b> the following criterion</p> <p>The extent to which the proposed <i>earthworks</i> are for development proposed in a relevant Operative Reserve Management Plan, Parks Concept Plan, current Waitakere City Parks Strategy, or <b>current Waitakere City Leisure Strategy</b>, or <del>current operative Regional Parks management plan</del> and <b>avoids any species known to be threatened or endangered'</b></p>
	<b>Natural Area Rules</b> Volume 1	<b>General, Restoration, Managed, Coastal, Protected and Riparian</b>	7 or 8	<b>RULE EARTHWORKS Note Box</b> 3	<p><b>Amend</b> point 6/9</p> <p>Activities will also need to comply with the relevant provisions of the Auckland Regional Council's <del>Proposed</del> Auckland Regional Plan: Sediment Control</p>

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		Margins/Coastal Edges Natural Areas Rules			
Human Environment Rules Volume 2	Open Space Environment	6	<p><b>Rule 4 YARDS</b> 4.0 General</p> <p><b>4.3 Discretionary Activities</b></p> <p><b>Rule 6 BUILDING LOCATION NATURAL LANDSCAPE ELEMENTS</b> 6.0 General,</p> <p><b>Rule 7 PARKING ACCESS AND TRAFFIC GENERATION</b></p> <p><b>Rule 9 INFRASTRUCTURE</b> 9.0 General</p>	<p>For consistency the General part of every rule in the Open Space Environment should list the activities that the rules apply to rather than the activities that they do not apply to <b>Amend</b> the rules by adding the words in bold as follows:</p> <p>4.0 General The following rules shall apply to <i>Any Activity</i> involving the erection or alteration of <i>Parks Buildings, Parks Facilities, Parks Furniture, Parks Infrastructure, Parks Field Structures, and Parks Sports Fields</i></p> <p>4.2 <del>(4.3)</del> Limited Discretionary Activities</p> <p>4.3 Discretionary Activities (a) <i>Parks Buildings</i> which meet the following performance standard are setback 3 metres from any site boundary which adjoins land within the <i>Living, Bush Living, Waitakere Ranges, Rural Villages, Coastal Villages, Countryside or Foothills Environments</i> (b) Additions and alterations to existing <i>Parks Buildings not meeting the performance standards in Rule 4.2(b)</i></p> <p>6.0 General The following rules shall apply to <i>Any Activity</i> involving the erection or alteration of <i>Parks Buildings, Parks Facilities, Parks Furniture, Parks Field Structures and Parks Infrastructure.</i> (.no change required)</p> <p>7.0 General The following rules shall apply to <i>Any Activity</i> involving the erection or alteration of <i>Parks Buildings Parks Field Structures, Parks Sports Fields</i></p> <p>7.2 Limited Discretionary Activities (d) <i>Parks Infrastructure</i> for carpark with 9 or more carpark</p> <p>9.0 General The following rules shall apply to <i>Any Activity</i> involving the erection or provision of infrastructure including (No change required)</p>	

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<p><b>Human Environment Rules</b></p> <p>Volume 2</p>	<p><b>Open Space Environment</b></p>	<p><b>Non-Complying Activities</b></p> <p><b>Rules 2,3,4,5 and 7,</b></p>	<p><b>Rule 2 Building Height</b></p> <p><b>2.4 Non-Complying Activities</b></p> <p><i>Any Activity</i> involving the erection or alteration of <i>Parks Buildings, Parks Facilities, Parks Furniture, Parks Infrastructure and Parks Signs</i> which is not a <i>Permitted Activity</i> or a <i>Limited Discretionary Activity</i> or a <i>Discretionary Activity</i> under the above rules shall be deemed to contravene a rule in this <i>Plan</i> and shall be a <i>Non-Complying Activity</i></p> <p><b>Rule 3 Height In Relation To Boundary</b></p> <p><b>3.4 Non-Complying Activities</b></p> <p><i>Any Activity</i> involving the erection or alteration of <i>Parks Buildings,, Parks Facilities and Parks Field Structures</i> which is not a <i>Permitted Activity</i> or a <i>Limited Discretionary Activity</i> or a <i>Discretionary Activity</i> under the above rules shall be deemed to contravene a rule in this <i>Plan</i> and shall be a <i>Non-Complying Activity</i></p> <p><b>Rule 4 YARDS</b></p> <p><b>4.4 Non-Complying Activities</b></p> <p><i>Any Activity</i> involving the erection or alteration of <i>Parks Buildings, Parks Facilities, Parks Furniture, Parks Infrastructure, Parks Field Structures, and Parks Sports Fields</i> under the above rules which is not a <i>Permitted Activity</i> or a <i>Limited Discretionary Activity</i> or a <i>Discretionary Activity</i> under the above rules shall be deemed to contravene a rule in this <i>Plan</i> and shall be a <i>Non-Complying Activity</i></p> <p><b>Rule 5 Building Coverage</b></p> <p><b>5.4 Non-Complying Activities</b></p> <p>The following rules shall apply to <i>Any</i></p>	

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Natural Areas Rules Volume 1	General, Restoration, Managed, Coastal, Protected and Riparian Margins/Coastal Edges Natural Areas Rules	5	<b>RULE VEGETATION ALTERATION</b> Assessment Criterion: 2(l), 2(m), 2(t), 2(p), 2(q) and 2(t).	2	<p><b>Amend</b> the Assessment Criterion by adding the words in bold as follows:</p> <p>The extent to which the proposed <i>vegetation alteration</i> is for development proposed in a relevant Operative Reserve Management Plan, Parks Concept Plan, current Waitakere City Parks Strategy , or <b>current Waitakere City Leisure Strategy</b> or current operative Regional Parks management plan <b>and avoids significant vegetation and any species known to be threatened or endangered.</b></p> <p><b>Alternatively</b>, add a new Assessment Criterion to the list of Assessment Criteria for each Natural Area and number 2(ml), 2(n), 2(u), 2(q), 2(r) and 2(u).</p> <p>The extent to which the proposed <i>vegetation alteration</i> in an <i>Open Space Environment</i> <b>avoids significant vegetation and any species known to be threatened or endangered.</b></p>

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## Appendix 'B'

Submissions and further submissions to Proposed Plan Change  
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Dear Sir

**Auckland Regional Council's Submission to Proposed Plan Change 12 –  
Open Space Environment Provisions of the Waitakere City District Plan 2002**

Pursuant to Clause 6 of the First Schedule (Part 1) to the Resource Management Act 1991, please find enclosed the Regional Council's submission to Proposed Plan Change 12.

File Ref: D352-02

It would be appreciated if notification of the hearing date and the planning officer's report could be forwarded in due course.

Yours sincerely

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**SUBMISSION TO PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE  
UNDER CLAUSE 6 OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE (PART 1) TO THE RESOURCE  
MANAGEMENT ACT 1991**

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File Ref: D352-02

**The Auckland Regional Council makes this submission in support of the  
Proposed Plan Change by:**

Waitakere City Council which seeks to amend the Open Space Environment and Natural Area rules of the Waitakere City District Plan, 2002 (District Plan) in order to better facilitate development and general maintenance within parks and reserves.

**The particular parts of the Proposed Plan Change that this submission  
relates to are:**

- Introduction to the Rules
- City Wide Rules
- Natural Area Rules
- Open Space Environment Rules

**The reasons for the Regional Council's submission are:**

**1.0 General**

1.1 The Auckland Regional Council (ARC) owns and/or manages the Waitakere Ranges Regional Park (WRRP) comprising over 16,000 hectares of land. The WRRP falls within the Open Space Environment and Natural Area of Waitakere City. The majority of the WRRP is designated for Regional Park purposes. Parts of WRRP that are not designated include Pae o te Rangi, Paruroa/Big Muddy Creek and Whatipu. The conditions relating to the ARC designation state that it shall be subject to:

1. all relevant *Natural Area Rules*
2. *City-Wide Rules* of the Plan relating to: noise standards, natural hazards, hazardous facilities and contaminated sites, and heritage
3. all relevant *Human Environment Rules* relating to: noise, air discharges and odour, dust, glare and vibration."

This Proposed Plan Change which amends the Open Space Environment and Natural Area rules, therefore, has significant implications on the management, use and development of the WRRP.



- 1.2 ARC has representatives on the Waitakere Ranges and Foothills Protection Project which is investigating possible options to improve the long term protection of the Waitakere Ranges. It is therefore considered appropriate that Proposed Plan Change 12 is aligned to the strategic objectives of this Project.
- 1.3 The ARC is generally supportive of the approach taken with the Proposed Plan Change to establish a new framework for the management of open space in Waitakere City. However, this submission makes a number of recommended changes to ensure that (i) the ARC's ability to undertake routine park maintenance is not unduly constrained, and (ii) activities, facilities and development undertaken in the WRRP is sufficiently recognised within the proposed rules.

## 2.0 Introduction to the Rules

### 2.1 The Rules Content

- 2.1.1 In relation to the Natural Environment Rules, it should be noted under 'Open Space Environment' that not all land in the WRRP is owned by the ARC. It is therefore recommended that this description should state:

**"Open Space Environment**  
covering land owned by the Council, **owned or managed by** the Auckland Regional Council or other public agencies."

### 2.2 Written Consents & Notification – Discretionary Activities and Non-Complying Activities

- 2.2.1 In regard to Point 2 of the 'guideline', the ARC wish to highlight that some parts of the WRRP is held in large land parcels. Obtaining the written consent of the owners of adjoining sites would be impractical and most owners in effect would be located some distance from the proposed activity. It is recommended that this guideline have regard to this scenario.

## 3.0 City Wide Rules - Definitions

### 3.1 General

- 3.1.1 The prescriptive nature of the Definitions is such that there may be park activities, structures, infrastructure etc that have been omitted.

### 3.2 Boardwalk

- 3.2.1 In reference to the specified height of the structure, i.e., "under 1m", clarification is sought as to what point this height measurement is taken.
- 3.2.2 It should be noted in the definition that boardwalk structures also may be provided to protect soil structure or other environmental resources.
- 3.2.3 The definition should recognise that ARC use outdoor visitor structures other than boardwalks to provide pedestrian access. For example: rafts and viewing platforms.

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### 3.3 Bridge(s)

- 3.3.1 The definition of Bridge(s) states that it "includes boardwalks over 1.0m above the ground". It should be recognised that within the WRRP there are boardwalks over 1.0m in height that would not be classified as bridges as they do not pass over waterways.

### 3.4 Park Buildings

- 3.4.1 Pastoral farming is carried out within WRRP. For example at Anawhata, Huia and Cascades-Kauri Park. It is therefore recommended that the definition of park buildings incorporate farm related buildings such as stockyards, sheds (including shearing sheds). In addition, other definitions are reviewed to incorporate farming infrastructure.

### 3.5 Parks Contract

- 3.5.1 Licensees or lessees of ARC park buildings or facilities may directly engage contactors to carry out development works. The definition of Parks Contract should, therefore, be amended to reflect this scenario.

### 3.6 Parks Facilities

- 3.6.1 This definition includes "shelters/shade" structures. Clarification is sought as to how 'shelters' are defined. For example, does it include information kiosks? The grouping of shelters with shade structures does not recognise the other uses of shelters on Regional Parks, for example for information and interpretation.

### 3.7 Parks Field Structures

- 3.7.1 There are active sport or recreational activities, which although not provided by the ARC, currently take place on park land, such as the Waitakere Golf Course (Falls Road, Cascades-Kauri Park).
- 3.7.2 The ARC would like to ensure that opportunities for activities on park land, such as those specified in this definition, are not foreclosed in the future.
- 3.7.3 The following amendments to this definition are, therefore, recommended.

"Means structures relating to an active sport or recreational activity provided **for or located on land managed** by WCC or ARC that are located in the *Open Space Environment* (...)."

### 3.8 Parks Furniture

- 3.8.1 There is park furniture that is provided (for example, donated) to the ARC by individuals, Iwi and organisations that should be recognised in this definition. For example: memorial seats and Pou.
- 3.8.2 The definition should recognise that outdoor lighting may be installed on parks for both amenity and security purposes.
- 3.8.3 It is considered appropriated that 'outdoor furniture' such as vehicle counters and security cameras should be included in the definition.

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- 3.6.3 It is recommended that the definition of Parks Infrastructure be amended as follows, or similar:

"Means outdoor furniture provided and/or managed by the WCC or ARC that is located in the *Open Space Environment* and shall include the following:

seats, tables, rubbish bins, barbeques, drinking fountains, and sculptures/art works  
 bicycle racks  
vehicle counters  
security cameras  
 amenity and security lighting."

### 3.9 Parks Infrastructure

- 3.9.1 It is noted that cycle ways are included in the definition. The ARC are currently investigating the feasibility of mountain biking activity in parts of the WRRP as per Management Action 55.2-2 of the Regional Parks Management Plan (Management Plan):

"Mountain biking which is currently prohibited in the Waitakere Ranges will be reviewed in consultation with affected stakeholders and the community. Any proposed change in policy will require a formal amendment to the Plan".

It is recommended that specific mention be made to mountain biking tracks within the definition of Parks Infrastructure.

- 3.9.2 Clarification is sought as to whether reference to 'post and rail fences' includes typical farm fencing.
- 3.9.3 The definition includes "carparking for a maximum of 5 vehicles". The majority of carparks provided for at the various locations throughout the WRRP well exceed this stated maximum. It is recommended that consideration be given to increasing this maximum to 10 carparks and that the relevant rules be amended accordingly.
- 3.9.4 It is recommended that other park infrastructure in the WRRP, such as internal park access roads, outdoor education structures and facilities and viewing platforms should be specifically included in this definition.
- 3.9.5 It is recommended that the ARC's Guidelines for the Design of Outdoor Visitor Structures in Accordance with the New Zealand Building Code, (2001) and New Zealand standards for tracks and structures (HB8630) be referenced with respect to the definition of Parks Infrastructure. It is also recommended that rather than refer to the "current operative Regional Parks Management Plan" that it generally is referred to as a "operative Reserve Management Plan". ARC recommends that the activities, as specified in the definition of Parks Maintenance, should be undertaken in accordance with the following:

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"(...) provided that the above work is being undertaken in accordance with a Parks Contract, or by ARC Parks Staff using **environmental** best practice methods such as is specified in the following relevant and current documents: "Regional Parks Environmental Best Practice Guidelines", "Regional Parks Infrastructure, Tracks and Design Manual" and current "operative Regional Parks Management Plan." **operative Guidelines for the Design of Outdoor Visitor Structures in Accordance with the New Zealand Building Code, New Zealand standards for tracks and structures (HB8630) and operative Reserve Management Plan.**"

### 3.10 Parks Maintenance

#### 3.10.1 The definition includes the following activity:

"vegetation alteration of native and exotic vegetation (...) within 1.0m of the edge of an existing footpath, track, footbridge or boardwalk to provide for unimpeded pedestrian access on the path" (*refer point two*).

It is recommended that this activity be amended to recognise that vegetation alteration is undertaken along park internal roads for safety reasons to maintain clear visibility for motorists. The specified 1.0m is considered too restrictive in this regard and depends much upon the speed and form of the road. It is also considered that the specified 1.0m is restrictive in other instances, where vegetation alteration is necessary when there has been damage to tracks through natural events, such as slips occurring after heavy rainfall. The form of the track and location of native vegetation and significant trees may be such that vegetation alteration is required more than 1.0m from the edge of an existing track.

#### 3.10.2 The definition incorporates the following activity:

"track and trail maintenance and repair including re-metalling, re-shelling bush tracks and including clearing/reforming drainage channels alongside tracks and minor re-alignment of tracks within 1.0m of the edge of a track to minimise erosion" (*refer point four*).

- (i) It is recommended that re-metalling and re-shelling of bush tracks be generally referred to as 're-surfacing'.
- (ii) ARC frequently review existing track routes throughout the WRRP. This process is initiated, among other things, to mitigate or avoid environmental damage and improve track design for park users. This process often results in realignment of existing tracks. It is recommended that realignment of tracks be referred to in this list as a separate activity. In addition, it is recommended that a length of track realignment should be specified, in the definition of Parks Infrastructure and Parks Maintenance, as has been done with regards to other activities such as bridges, boardwalks and culverts and the relevant rules amended accordingly.
- (iii) It is considered that the specified area of 1.0m from the edge of a track for maintenance and repair or minor re-alignment is too restrictive. As stated in Section 3.10.1, the maintenance required to repair track damage is dependent upon extent of the damage as well as the site context, for example location of significant vegetation. It is recommended that this measurement be reconsidered and the relevant rules amended accordingly.



3.10.3 The definition incorporates the following activity:

*"Repairs and maintenance to the exterior of parks buildings, parks facilities, parks field structures, parks furniture and parks signs."  
(refer point ten)*

Clarification is sought as to whether this definition recognises that both the ARC and its licensees or leasees may be undertaking repairs and maintenance work.

3.10.4 Parks Maintenance incorporates "replanting" activities (refer point 11). It is recommended that this also include re-vegetation.

3.10.5 In some instances, parks maintenance activity may involve the replacement of structures or buildings that is required due to health and safety reasons. If the replacement structures or buildings are of a similar scale and design to that existing, it is considered appropriate that this activity should be recognised in the definition of Parks Maintenance.

3.10.6 As stated in 3.9.5, the ARC recommends that activities, as specified in the definition of Parks Maintenance, should be undertaken in accordance with the following:

*"(...) provided that the above work is being undertaken in accordance with a Parks Contract, or by ARC Parks Staff using **environmental** best practice methods such as is specified in the following relevant and current documents "Regional Parks Environmental Best Practice Guidelines", "Regional Parks Infrastructure, Tracks and Design Manual" and current "operative Regional Parks Management Plan." **operative Guidelines for the Design of Outdoor Visitor Structures in Accordance with the New Zealand Building Code, New Zealand standards for tracks and structures (HB8630) and operative Reserve Management Plan.**"*

#### 4.0 Natural Area Rules

##### 4.1 General

4.1.1 The assessment criteria listed throughout the Natural Area rules refers to the extent to which a particular activity is for development proposed in a "(...) current operative Regional Parks Management Plan." The reference to "Operative Reserve Management Plan" is suffice to encompass the Regional Parks Management Plan. Therefore, it is recommended that reference to the "current operative Regional Parks Management Plan" is deleted in the assessment criteria.

4.1.2 The Permitted Activities for Vegetation Alteration in the Natural Area rules refer to either "Parks Maintenance and Parks Infrastructure in the Open Space Environment" or "Parks Maintenance in the Open Space Environment". For clarity purposes, it is recommended that this activity be amended as follows:

*"(...) **Any Vegetation Alteration for the purposes of Parks Maintenance/Parks Maintenance and Parks Infrastructure** in the Open Space Environment."*

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