

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS SOUGHT ON PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 12 (Open Space Environment Provisions) TO THE DISTRICT PLAN

No.	Name	Address for Service	Decision Sought from Waitakere City Council
12/1/-	Watercare Services Ltd	Private Bag 92082 Penrose, Auckland Attn: Alistair Shanks	<p>Watercare Services Ltd operate and maintain various water supply facilities and will need to seek resource consent for minor works unless the words “and is not in the Open Space Environment” from Rule 2.1(a)(ii) Vegetation Alteration in the General, Restoration, Managed and Protected Natural Areas are deleted, or</p> <p>amending the proposed Rule 2.1(c) to read “Maintenance of regional water supply infrastructure, parks and parks infrastructure in the open Space Environment”</p>
12/2/-	Auckland Regional Council	Director, Parks & Recreation Private Bag 92012 Auckland	<p>The Auckland Regional Council makes the submission in support of the Proposed Plan Change</p> <p>1.0 General</p> <p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. all relevant <i>Natural Area</i> Rules 2. <i>City-Wide Rules</i> of the Plan relating to: noise standards, natural hazards, hazardous facilities and contaminated sites, and heritage 3. all relevant <i>Human Environment</i> Rules relating to: noise, air discharges and odour, dust, glare and vibration” <p>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.</p> <p>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 Plan Change 12 is aligned to the strategic objectives of this Project.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>2.0 Introduction to the Rules (NB Waitakere City Council clarifies that the following ARC</p>

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			<p>submission relates to a summary of the City-Wide, Natural Areas and Human Environment rules on page 3 of Vol 1 of the District Plan and notes that it is in relation to the latter rules and not the Natural Environment rules as stated)</p> <p>2.1 The Rules Content</p> <p>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:</p> <p>“Open Space Environment</p> <p>Covering land owned by the Council, <u>owned or managed by</u> the Auckland Regional Council or other public agencies.”</p> <p>2.2 Written Consents & Notification – Discretionary Activities and Non-Complying Activities</p> <p>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.</p> <p>3.0 City Wide Rules – Definitions</p> <p>3.1 General</p> <p>3.1.1 The prescriptive nature of the Definitions is such that there may be park activities, structures, infrastructure etc that have been omitted.</p> <p>3.2 Boardwalk</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>3.3 Bridge(s)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>3.4 Parks Buildings</p> <p>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</p>

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			<p>related buildings such as stockyards, sheds (including shearing sheds). In addition, other definitions are reviewed to incorporate farming infrastructure.</p> <p>3.5 Parks Contract</p> <p>3.5.1 Licensees or lessees of ARC park buildings or facilities may directly engage contractors to carry out development works. The definition of Parks Contract should, therefore, be amended to reflect this scenario.</p> <p>3.6 Parks Facilities</p> <p>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 the shelters on Regional Parks, for example for information and interpretation.</p> <p>3.7 Parks Field Structures</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 <i>Open Space Environment(...)</i>”</p> <p>3.8 Parks Furniture</p> <p>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.</p> <p>3.8.2 The definition should recognise that outdoor lighting may be installed on parks for both amenity and security purposes.</p> <p>3.8.3 It is considered appropriated that ‘outdoor furniture’ such as vehicle counters and security cameras should be included in the definition.</p> <p>3.9.3 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 <i>Open Space Environment</i> and shall include the following: Seats, tables, rubbish bins, barbeques, drinking fountains, and sculptures/art works Bicycle racks</p>

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			<p><u>Vehicle counters</u></p> <p><u>Security cameras</u></p> <p>Amenity <u>and security</u> lighting.”</p> <p>3.9 Parks Infrastructure</p> <p>3.9.1 It is noted that the 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):</p> <p>“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”.</p> <p>It is recommended that specific mention be made to mountain biking tracks within the definition of Parks Infrastructure.</p> <p>3.9.2 Clarification is sought as to whether reference to ‘post and rail fences’ includes typical farm fencing.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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:</p> <p>“(…)provided that the above work is being undertaken in accordance with a Parks Contract, or by ARC Parks Staff using <u>environmental</u> 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.” <u>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.”</u></p>

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			<p>3.10 Parks Maintenance</p> <p>3.10.1 The definition includes the following activity:</p> <p>“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” (<i>refer point two</i>).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>3.10.2 The definition incorporates the following activity:</p> <p>“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” (<i>refer point four</i>).</p> <p>i. It is recommended that re-metalling and re-shelling of bush tracks be generally referred to as ‘re-surfacing’.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>3.10.3 The definition incorporates the following activity:</p> <p>“Repairs and maintenance to the exterior of <i>parks buildings, parks facilities, parks field structures, parks furniture and parks signs.</i>” (<i>refer point ten</i>)</p> <p>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.</p>

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			<p>3.10.4 Parks Maintenance incorporates “replanting” activities (<i>refer point 11</i>). It is recommended that this also include revegetation.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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:</p> <p>“(…)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”. <u>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.</u>”</p> <p>4.0 Natural Area Rules</p> <p>4.1 General</p> <p>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. Therefore, it is recommended that reference to the “current operative Regional Parks Management Plan” is deleted in the assessment criteria.</p> <p>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:</p> <p>…)<u>Any Vegetation Alteration for the purposes of Parks Maintenance/Parks Maintenance and Parks Infrastructure</u> in the Open Space Environment.</p> <p>4.1.3 In the Notes to the Natural Area rules, any reference to the “Proposed Auckland Regional Plan: Sediment Control” should be replaced with “Auckland Regional Plan: Sediment Control.”</p> <p>4.2 Rule 2 – Vegetation Alteration</p> <p>4.2.1 Rule 2.1(a)(i) states:</p> <p><i>“native vegetation and exotic vegetation which is less than 6.0 metres in height and less than 600mm in girth (as measured at any point higher than 1.4m above the ground,(…)”</i></p> <p>Clarification is sought as to why the reference of “as measured at any point higher than 1.4m above the ground “differs from that stated in the definition of Parks Maintenance and other</p>

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			<p>natural area rules, i.e., “measured 1.4 metres above the ground.”</p> <p>4.2.2 Vegetation alteration may also be necessary for the safety of park users. It is, therefore recommended that Assessment Criteria 2 (e) is amended as follows:</p> <p>“The extent to which the proposed <i>vegetation alteration</i> is necessary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To accommodate <i>development</i> otherwise permitted by the Plan • To ensure the safety or integrity of existing <i>development</i> on the <i>site</i> • <u>To ensure the safety of park users</u> (...) <p>The Regional Council’s submission would be met by:</p> <p>The matters raised through Sections 1.0-4.2.2 inclusive of this submission being addressed through amendments to Proposed Plan Change 12.</p>
12/3/-	Te Atatu Residents & Ratepayers Assn	C/- 2/212 Te Atatu Rd, Te Atatu South	<p>The submission is referred to as Submission A and requests the following: “Identify all parks where valued resources occur, then ensure that these are protected. Include a new Policy under Objective 12 to achieve this with appropriate methods. This may involve special policies, rules and concept plans for individual/groups of parks.”</p> <p>The details of the decisions sought appear to be included in Submission 12/4/- (Decisions Sought (TARRA Submissions A and B)</p>
12/4/-	Te Atatu Residents & Ratepayers Assn	C/- 212 Te Atatu Rd, Te Atatu South	<p>This submission is referred to as Submission B on the separate sheets.</p> <p>Decisions Sought (TARRA Submissions A and B)</p> <p>3.1 That Proposed Plan Change 12 Open Space Environment Provisions be abandoned.</p> <p>3.2 Alternatively, the provisions could be reworked in consultation with interested parties to ensure that all natural and cultural heritage resources in parks are protected absolutely from inappropriate development and use/activities and that all aspects of the RMA are complied with.</p> <p>3.3 We seek deletion of all references in the Waitakere City District Plan to landowners’ documents that have not been subjected to rigorous testing via RMA processes, such as “reserve management plans”, parks contracts, etc., including the Harbourview-Orangihina Open Space Management Plan, and marae concepts/development plans to underpin elements of the District Plan.</p> <p>3.4 We seek removal of the Permitted Activity status and/or Limited Discretionary Activity status and/or Discretionary Activity status of all proposals from such plans that will have a more than minor adverse effect on resources.</p> <p>And</p>

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			<p>In relation to Harbour view Orangihina Park (Submission B), we seek:</p> <p>3.5 The Pleistocene terrace landform be listed as an outstanding landform in the Outstanding Natural Features Appendix H and provision made for its absolute protection.</p> <p>3.6 The rural heritage landscape of the upper terrace be listed in the Heritage Appendix and provision be made for its absolute protection.</p> <p>3.7 All heritage features at Harbour View Orangihina, including the middens and the waahi tapu, be listed in the Heritage Appendix and be absolutely protected.</p> <p>3.8 The upper terrace be identified as a sensitive ridge.</p> <p>3.9 The view(s) using the park pasture as an important foreground – to the North Shore, the CBD, etc., from Te Atatu Road approximately between the northern boundary of Stage 2A (north of Gloria Avenue roundabout) and the Pony Club house, be included in Appendix K Views and additional provision be made in the plan for the absolute protection of these views (as well as View 43 and View 44).</p> <p><i>3.10 and 3.11 were withdrawn following receipt of a fax dated 15/2/05 from TARRA as these matters have been resolved by Consent Order implementing Council resolution 2253/2004</i></p> <p>3.12 We seek re-identification of the Living Environment identifications within Harbour View Orangihina Park to Open Space Environment as for Proposed Plan Change 2 plus Lot 87 DP 203198 (brick villa site).</p> <p>3.13 We seek deletion of the Marae Special Area identification from Maps D9 and D10, as well as deletion of the associated new Policy and Special Areas Rule 21.</p> <p>3.14 We seek removal of development which we deem inappropriate (some pathways, the marae, the transportation centre and all development other than the provision of basic public access for low impact recreation and toilets) from the Harbourview-Orangihina Open Space Management Plan.</p> <p>3.15 We seek that the entire area encompassed by the Harbour View-Orangihina Park have its own new policies and rules, pursuant to Objectives 11 & 12, being the areas of land identified on our concept plan, including Lot 87 DP 203198 (brick villa site), and excluding the Harbour View Beach Reserve, i.e., identified as Harbour View-Orangihina Park [Open Space Area] on Maps D9 and D10 of the Waitakere City District Plan with wording having the following effect.</p> <p>3.16 The Association seeks that a revised Policy 11.25 and/or, preferably, a new Policy 12.? Be introduced to include the protection of all resources including Matters of National Importance that occur on the land with wording having the following effect:</p> <p>“Policy 11.25 or Policy 12.?”</p> <p>The fundamental purpose of Harbour View – Orangihina Park shall be the perpetual preservation and protection of all the natural and cultural heritage resources for the benefit of</p>

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			<p>future generations.</p> <p>A precautionary approach shall be taken in the development and use of Harbour View – Orangihina Park.</p> <p>The development, use and management of the park shall be consistent with the preservation and protection of the resource values of the adjoining coastal marine area (identified in the Auckland Regional Policy Statement 1999 and the Auckland Regional Plan – Coastal) in order to achieve the integrated approach required by the Auckland Regional Policy Statement 1999.</p> <p>A range of park activities may be located and carried out within the Harbour View – Orangihina Park provided that no development, use or activity permitted by the concept plan shall interfere with any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The natural character of the coastal environment and coastal marine area; • Outstanding natural features and the landscape elements/landform; • The expansive open space rural landscape character; • The panoramic views, including the views from Te Atatu Road and the notable public views as set out in Appendix K and shown on Map 3.6(e); • The indigenous biological diversity of significant vegetation and the coastal marine wetland ecosystem and the intrinsic values of this ecosystem; • Archaeological sites; • Waahi tapu; • Historic heritage sites; • The ability of the general public to appreciate and enjoy the resources; • Public safety; • The potential to meet the needs of future generations <p><i>Explanation</i></p> <p>The Harbour View – Orangihina Park is an area of land on Te Atatu Peninsula which has been set aside by Waitakere City Council for the development of a great park in accordance with the wishes of the majority of citizens. The vision for the park is:</p> <p>“To create a park which retains the natural open space character of all the undeveloped land at Harbour View for the perpetual enjoyment of the people of Waitakere City and the Auckland region.”</p>

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			<p>The guiding principles for the park’s development and use are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To protect all of the remaining land in perpetuity as public open space (a park); • To have strong community participation in planning, developing and managing the park; • To develop the park itself as a “signature” gateway to clean, green Waitakere City; • To protect the coastal environment; • To protect, extend and rehabilitate the wetland and natural coastal vegetation, using ecologically acceptable methods (50 year time frame); • To protect the Maori middens and waahi tapu; • To protect the brick house in the north and the wooden house opposite Gloria Avenue; • To protect the panoramic views, including those from outside the park which use the park as a foreground; • To avoid permanent development in areas that are subject to Treaty of Waitangi claims; • To use sustainable environmental design, wherever possible; • To provide for a range of recreational experiences for visitors – from a moderately used community events site to areas where people may experience relative remoteness from the urban environment and other people; • To provide for a wide variety of resource-based, mainly unorganised recreational activities, e.g., walking, relaxing, picnicking, kite-flying, unpowered model aircraft, photography, sightseeing, reading, etc. • To encourage visitors to appreciate the heritage features of the park with a view to inspiring them to become actively involved in protecting the park and the environment generally (interpretation and education); • To provide facilities in stages, initially limited to those necessary for basic public access and safety (parking, water supply, toilets, waymarking) and for maintenance and security of the park, and subsequently for enhancing the park environment and experience (particularly specimen/shade trees, shelters, and the interpretation of the park and its natural and cultural heritage features and views – board walks and pontoons) • To enhance the local economy by attracting visitors to Waitakere City and specifically encouraging them to spend in the existing Te Atatu business area. <p>3.17 An additional Open Space Rule 12 with wording to the following effect:</p> <p>“Rule 12 HARBOUR VIEW – ORANGIHINA PARK</p>

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			<p>12.0 General</p> <p>The Concept Plan referred to in these rules is the Concept Plan for the Harbour View-Orangihina Park. The Concept Plan identifies the dominant activity for each specified area of the Park. The protection and maintenance of the dominant activity is required of all development on the site and of all applications for resource consent. All subsidiary activities must be consistent with the dominant activity.</p> <p>12.1 Permitted Activities</p> <p>The following activities are <i>Permitted Activities</i> in Harbour View-Orangihina Park without a <i>resource consent</i> where they comply in all respects with Policy 11.25 [and/or policy 12.?], the dominant activity, and with the relevant development controls and any other relevant rules in this Plan.</p> <p>a) <i>Existing developments and uses, without expansion or extension unless consistent with the dominant activity.</i></p> <p>b) In Area A of the Concept Plan (the whole park):</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Dominant Activity: <i>The preservation and protection of all natural and cultural heritage resources, including the coastal protection areas of the coastal marine area.</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Subsidiary Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Park maintenance</i> • <i>Security equipment</i> • <i>Park interpretation and minor information signage</i> • <i>Picnic, rest and viewing areas including, shelters/pavilions to a maximum of 9 sq m, picnic furniture and barbecues, and viewing platforms to a maximum of 50 sq m</i> • <i>Wetland rehabilitation including blocking drains and excluding planting</i> • <i>Planting for amenity purposes that will not compromise views or alter the genetic composition/biological diversity (qualitative and quantitative) of indigenous vegetation (within species, between species and ecosystems).</i> • <i>Pedestrian pathways not exceeding 2m in width and way-marking</i> • <i>The grazing of animals and associated fencing, gates and stiles (on the upper terrace only)</i> • <i>Removal of buildings, except the historic houses</i> • <i>Resource-based recreational, educational and community activities of no more than 4 days duration and having no adverse effects that can be identified 14 days after the end of</i>

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			<p><i>the activity</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dog walking</i> (on the upper terrace only) <p>c) In Area B of the Concept Plan: Dominant Activity: <i>parking areas for park visitors, extending no more than 8 metres within the park boundary</i></p> <p>d) In Area C of the Concept Plan: Dominant Activity: <i>Visitor Reception (including park administration), Education and Interpretation Services</i> The subsidiary activity is: <i>public toilets</i></p> <p>e) In Area D of the Concept Plan (brick villa): Dominant Activity: <i>Environmental Education and Park Administration, parking</i></p> <p>12.2 Non-complying Activities</p> <p>Any <i>Activity</i> which is not a <i>Permitted Activity</i> under the above rule and any subdivision shall be deemed to contravene a rule in this plan and shall be a <i>Non-Complying Activity</i>.”</p> <p>Attachment to Rule 12: Harbour View-Orangihina Park Concept Plan.</p> <p>Or, we seek an alternative relief as per the notice of reference for Proposed Plan Change 12 lodged with the Environment Court on 29.1.04 (ENV A 0026/04) – providing for a Harbour View Orangihina Park Special Area identification, Policy 11.25 and Special Area Rule 7 with concept plan.</p> <p>The proposed method for regulation on this Special Area to follow the approach taken for the large property management areas in Waitakere City District Plan, i.e. to include a Concept Plan for the special area, to which the rules are linked.</p> <p>3.13 The Association seeks such further or other relief that may be appropriate in the circumstances.</p> <p>3.14 The Association is very willing to negotiate or participate in pre-hearing discussions on this matter.</p>
12/5/-	Anne Grace	202 Forest Hill Road Henderson	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Abandon Proposed Plan Change 12 2. Identify all significant resources in the parks in the District Plan. Assess the real actual and potential adverse effects on such resources and amend the District Plan accordingly to ensure their absolute protection/preservation, including requiring active resource protection activities, e.g. habitat management for threatened/scarce/declining species, preservation of historical heritage items and archaeological sites/waahi tapu (avoid adverse effects as a minimum). 3. Provide a policy (policies) pursuant to Objective 12 that ensures that natural and cultural

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			<p>heritage resources in parks will be protected/preserved in perpetuity, i.e., emphasis on avoidance of adverse effects.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Provide park-specific policies, pursuant to objective 12, and rules with associated concept plans for individual/groups of parks that are major repositories for natural and cultural heritage features, e.g., Waitakere Ranges Regional Parkland, City-wide parks with special resources such as the west coast parks, Harbour View – Orangihina Park, etc. The rules should require active protection/preservation of special resources. 5. Re-identify the unused “paper” roads bounded by the Waitakere Ranges Regional Parkland (and adjoining other parks if applicable) as Open Space Environment. 6. Provide a City-wide rule that protects absolutely the naturally occurring scarce plant species of Waitakere City, together with a list of these species, e.g., the list provided on pages 37-40 Auckland Botanical Society Journal 54 (1) (plus subsequent additions) plus species in low numbers or declining in the City, e.g., kūmarahou, etc. Such rules should require active protective measures to be implemented. 7. Provide a City-wide rule that ensures that planting of natives does not interfere with the indigenous biological diversity of naturally occurring species (actual and potential adverse effects of planting are both qualitative and quantitative). 8. Include the entire Pleistocene Terrace landform (upper terrace surface, “scarp” and lower terrace surface) at Harbour View Orangihina in Appendix H Outstanding Natural Features and ensure its protection/preservation, including identifying/listing the entire upper terrace and scarp as a sensitive ridgeline. 9. Such other relief as may be necessary as a result of developments in the consultation process.
12/6/-	Te Atatu Residents & Ratepayers Assn	C/- 212 Te Atatu Road, Te Atatu South	Conduct the hearing of submissions on Proposed Plan Change 12, using independent commissioners, then make final decisions pursuant to Section 34 RMA. Remove all references to land administrator's documents.
12/7/-	Waitakere City Council	Harry O'Rourke Chief Executive Officer Waitakere City Council Private Bag 93109 Waitakere City	<p>1. Open Space Environment clarification of text to the General Section of Rules 4,6,7 and 9</p> <p>The Open Space Environment rules relate generally to matters of bulk and location for buildings and structures. The <i>Parks Maintenance</i> definition does not relate to buildings and structures and therefore there are no bulk and location issues. The first part of each rule in the Open Space Environment is “General” and it lists the activities included or excluded by the rule. <i>Parks Maintenance</i> have been omitted by error from Rule 4 - Yards, Rule 6 – Building Location-Natural Landscape Elements, Rule 7 – Parking, Access and Traffic Generation, and both <i>Parks Maintenance</i> and <i>Parks Infrastructure</i> have been omitted by error from Rule 9 – Infrastructure, and need to be added to ensure consistency with the District Plan format and for clarity.</p> <p><u>Add</u> the underlined words to the General section of the Open Space Environment rules as</p>

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			<p>follows:</p> <p>Rule 4 – Yards <u>but not including Parks Maintenance, and</u></p> <p>Rule 6 – Building Location-Natural Landscape Elements, <u>but does not include Parks Maintenance</u></p> <p>Rule 7 – Parking, Access and Traffic Generation, and <u>but does not include Parks Maintenance</u></p> <p>Rule 9 – Infrastructure <u>but does not include Parks Maintenance or Parks Infrastructure – refer to these definitions and all Natural Area Rules</u></p> <p>2. Rule 6 - Buildings in the Riparian Margins/Coastal Edge Natural Area, provides for <i>Parks Maintenance, Parks Infrastructure, Parks Buildings and Parks Facilities</i>, and these have been omitted from Rule 7 - Buildings in the Restoration Natural Area. <i>Parks Maintenance, Parks Infrastructure, Parks Buildings and Parks Facilities</i> need to be included to ensure consistency and standardization where appropriate within the Natural Areas.</p> <p><u>Add</u> the following underlined words to Restoration Natural Area Rule 6 – Buildings:</p> <p>6.1 Permitted Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u><i>Parks Maintenance and Parks Infrastructure in the Open Space Environment</i></u> <p>6.2 Limited Discretionary Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u><i>Buildings</i> or on that part of any <i>site</i> within a <i>Restoration Natural Area</i>, where building coverage is increased, and <i>Parks Buildings</i> or <i>Parks Facilities</i> in the <i>Open Space Environment</i>.</u> • <u><i>Parks Infrastructure</i> 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>.</u> • <u><i>Parks Maintenance</i> where the enhancement/improvement to a footbridge, boardwalk or culvert exceeds 40%, in the <i>Open Space Environment</i>.</u> <p>3. Definitions – Defintions for Parks Buildings, Parks Maintenance and Parks Infrastructure need minor amendments as follows:</p> <p>Parks Building provides for buildings or structures 100m² or more in gross floor area for a use associated with a park or for community purposes, and the term ‘community purposes’ requires clarification.</p>

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			<p>Add the underlined words to the definition of Parks Buildings to clarify what community purposes means as follows in:</p> <p><u>PARKS BUILDINGS</u></p> <p>Means flood lights, or any <i>building</i> or <i>structure</i> 100m² or more in gross floor area, for a use associated with a park or for community purposes (<u>non-profit or charitable organisation with registered/legal status</u>), located in the Open Space Environment but shall not include:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">childrens play equipment</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">buildings of up to 100m² in gross floor area used for the storage of parks equipment or maintenance materials; or</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">goal posts</p> <p>but excluding <i>buildings</i> and <i>structures</i> defined as, <i>parks facilities</i>, <i>parks furniture</i>, <i>parks infrastructure</i>, <i>parks signs</i> and <i>parks sports field structures</i>.</p> <p>Parks Maintenance requires a minor change to the 7th bullet point in the definition that relates to the replacement, repairs and maintenance of existing bridges, boardwalks and culverts to ensure that the allowance for any enhancement/improvements in the width, length or height is no more than 40% for bridges and boardwalks <u>less than</u> 15m in length and culverts <u>less than 10m</u> in length. The Proposed Plan Change makes provision for longer bridges, boardwalks and culverts as Limited Discretionary or Discretionary Activities.</p> <p>Add the underlined changes to the seventh bullet point relating to the length of bridges, boardwalks and culverts:</p> <p><u>PARKS MAINTENANCE</u></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"> • 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 <i>weed management plan</i> and provided all exposed areas of earth are re-vegetated • <i>vegetation alteration</i> of <i>native</i> and <i>exotic vegetation</i> 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 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 • re-topsoiling, reseeding, sandslitting for parks sports fields and parks

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <u>less than</u> 15m in length or culverts <u>less than</u> 10m in length • resealing and sealing metal carparks and access drives • maintenance of jetties and boat ramps • repairs and maintenance to the exterior of <i>parks buildings, parks facilities, parks field structures, parks furniture and parks signs</i> • Replanting <p>Provided that the above work is 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”.</p> <p>Parks Infrastructure provides for the construction of infrastructure and includes provision for footpaths, track and trail systems, fitness trails, cycle ways, bridle trails. This should also include provision for mountain bike trails, which are different from a cycle way.</p> <p>Add the underlined words to the definition of Parks Infrastructure to include mountain bike trails.</p> <p><u>PARKS INFRASTRUCTURE</u></p> <p>Means infrastructure located in the <i>Open Space Environment</i> and shall include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • footpaths, track and trail systems, fitness trails, cycle ways, bridle trails <u>and mountain bike trails,</u> • entry gates, track marking bollards, soldier bollards and chains, post and rail fences • footbridges or boardwalks 15m or less in length • culverts 10m or less in length • access drives associated with parks activities • jetties and boat rams • carparking for a maximum of 5 vehicles <p>provided that the above work is 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”</p>

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			<p>4. Assessment Criterion - New assessment criteria are included in all the Open Space Environment Rules and the Natural Areas Rules and the reference to parks documents to be referred to should include the Leisure Strategy prepared by WCC Parks:</p> <p>Amend the assessment criterion in all Open Space and Natural Area Rules to include the underlined words</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 <u>and current Waitakere City Leisure Strategy</u> or current operative Regional Parks management plan.”</p> <p>5. In addition to the amendments sought that are specified above, such decisions as may be necessary to give effect to this submission, including those incidental to the amendments sought above.</p>
12/8/-	Department of Conservation	Auckland Conservancy Private Bag 68-908 Auckland Attn: Rachel Treston	<p>The Department of Conservation’s interest in the proposal is primarily related to their mandate under the Conservation Act 1987 (Sections 6 and 53(3)(b)) to advocate the conservation of natural resources in general. The Department has a strong interest in the Plan Change as it administers pockets of Crown owned land identified as Open Space Environment.</p> <p>The Department is supportive of the amendments in the Plan Change and agrees that changes are required to better facilitate development and general maintenance within parks and reserves while ensuring a high level of environmental protection that incorporate different rules and standards for the unique vulnerabilities in the various natural areas.</p> <p>There is no provision in the definitions of Parks Maintenance and Parks Infrastructure for the Department of Conservation to undertake work on land it administers as the reference to parks contracts and documents does not include their staff or equivalent documents.</p> <p>Add the following wording to the definition of parks maintenance and parks infrastructure “...<i>and current operative Regional Parks management plan or Department of Conservation equivalent documents.</i>”</p>