

Attachment 3 - Sports and Active Recreation Zone Description, Objectives and Policies in the Auckland Unitary Plan.

H7.6. Open Space – Sport and Active Recreation Zone

H7.6.1. Zone description

The Open Space – Sport and Active Recreation Zone applies to open spaces used for indoor and outdoor organised sports, active recreation and community activities. It includes facilities such as sports fields, hard-court areas and greens, recreational and multi-sport facilities, and marine-related activities such as ramps, jetties, slipways, hardstand areas. These spaces often include buildings and structures such as grandstands, sport and community clubrooms and toilets and changing facilities associated with these uses. Most of these open spaces are also available for informal recreation activities such as walking, jogging and informal games when not used for sport and active recreation.

Commercial activities accessory to sport and active recreation activities may be undertaken in appropriate locations. These activities can provide economic benefits as well as social benefits, such as providing food or beverage to support recreational use and by adding to safety through passive surveillance.

The more intensive use of these open spaces can attract large numbers of people. This can generate high levels of traffic, noise, glare and other adverse effects that need to be managed.

H7.6.2. Objectives

- (1) Indoor and outdoor sport and active recreation opportunities are provided for efficiently, while avoiding or mitigating any significant adverse effects on nearby residents, communities and the surrounding areas.
- (2) Activities accessory to active sport and recreation activities are provided for in appropriate locations and enhance the use and enjoyment of areas for active sport and recreation.
- (3) Larger scale, or clusters of land-based marine-related recreation facilities, are recognised and provided for while maintaining and enhancing public access to and along the coast.

H7.6.3. Policies

- (1) Enable indoor and outdoor organised sports, active recreation, recreation facilities, community activities, accessory activities and associated buildings and structures.
- (2) Enable accessory activities that enhance the use and enjoyment of the public open space and that relate to the primary activities on the site.
- (3) Design and locate buildings and structures (including additions) to be compatible with the surrounding environment in which they are located, particularly residential environments, and to avoid or mitigate any adverse effects, including visual, dominance, overlooking and shading.
- (4) Design and locate buildings, structures and activities so that any adverse effects, including noise, glare and traffic effects, are managed to maintain a reasonable level of amenity value for nearby residents, communities and the surrounding environment.
- (5) Maximise the use of indoor and outdoor recreation facilities including through multifunctional use and adaptable designs to increase the capacity and use of the open space.
- (6) Limit activities and associated facilities on open space adjoining the coast or a water body to those that have a functional or operational requirement for a coastal location.
- (7) Require activities and development in locations adjoining the coast or a water body to meet all of the following:
 - (a) maintain public access, unless access is to be excluded for safety and security reasons;
 - (b) maintain the visual amenity of the coastal environment and water bodies;
 - (c) avoid areas scheduled for their outstanding natural landscape, outstanding or high natural character or historic heritage values; and
 - (d) recognise Mana Whenua values.