

Attachment D – Open Space Zoning Guidelines

Table 1: Open Space Rezoning Principles

Open space type	How to allocate appropriate zone
Accessway from street to street	Road where it is 8m wide or less. Open Space zone consistent with use (default, as Informal recreation) where is greater than 8m wide.
Accessway from road to park	Zone consistent with adjoining park
Cemeteries	Open for interments – Special Purpose Cemetery Closed for interments and in public ownership – OS Conservation. If the land is in private ownership, then the zoning of the surrounding land should apply.
Community buildings/facilities e.g dog pound, library, plunket rooms, play centre, Council depot	Generally, do not spot zone existing community buildings on OS Conservation, OS Informal Recreation, OS Sport and Active Recreation or OS Civic Spaces zones. If mixed zonings or spot zonings in district plan then bring through to unitary plan. If the certificate of title/gazette notice provides for community use and there is a community building on that area of land –OS Community. If there is an imminent future community building/facility planned for the site (i.e. a line item in the LTP) then spot zone the defined area to OS Community. If park/reserve is predominantly a community building/facility space –OS Community. If buildings/facilities/libraries not on a park/reserve (e.g. a community house in a residential or rural zone) –OS Community. If on land vested as Local Purpose Reserve – Community or similar, the same zoning as the surrounding land should apply. If buildings/facilities/libraries dominate the site and are located in a business or centre zone - leave zoning as business or centre zone as these zones offer much greater flexibility of land use.
Crown land reserved from sale	No change – status as “crown land reserved from sale” does not have any implications for the zoning of the land.
Drainage reserve/works/channel	No change – status as a “drainage reserve or drainage channel does not affect the zoning . However, land vested as reserve and containing stormwater ponds should be zoned Open Space – Informal Recreation.
Education purposes	Crown land vested for education purposes should have the same zoning as the surrounding land. In most cases a designation will apply.
Esplanade reserves	Case-by-case basis. Consider consistency with surrounding public open space zones in assessment. Undeveloped wilderness/bush which may include tracks and paths (eg Waitakere Ranges) – POS Conservation. Areas which have natural, ecological, biological,

	<p>landscape, cultural or historic heritage values (identified through PAUP overlays and local knowledge) –OS Conservation.</p> <p>Developed, with e.g. lawn, pathways, landscaping; boat ramps/jetties with no associated club building –OS Informal Recreation.</p> <p>Developed, with specific water-related recreational facilities (e.g. sailing club building with associated boat ramps/jetties) and/or infrastructure (e.g. hardstand/boat maintenance areas) – OS Sport and Active Recreation.</p>
Infrastructure – e.g. waste water treatment plant, pumping stations, aerodrome site	Infrastructure should have the same zoning as the surrounding land unless a Special Purpose zoning applies e.g. Airport. Significant infrastructure will be subject to designation
Legal Road and Reserve for road purposes – unformed and comprising part of a formed park, but there may be demand for the road to be formed in the future (eg road widening)	Road.
Legal road and Reserve for road purposes – unformed and comprising part of a formed park and unlikely to be formed as road in the future (eg road ends sloping to coast, vehicle access impracticable)	Zone consistent with the adjoining park.
Memorials – e.g. war memorials	<p>If have some soft/green area(s)/useable recreational space –OS Informal Recreation.</p> <p>If purely hard surfaces/paved/no usable recreational space –OS Civic Spaces.</p>
Stormwater pond/drainage	<p>If stormwater pond/drainage infrastructure is part of a wider park – zone should be consistent with the rest of the park.</p> <p>If the stormwater pond/drainage is the only purpose of the open space (eg pond adjacent to a motorway), apply the most appropriate open space zone. In most cases this will be OS Informal Recreation.</p>