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Time: 10.05am
Meeting Room: Reception Lounge
Venue: Auckland Town Hall
 301-305 Queen Street
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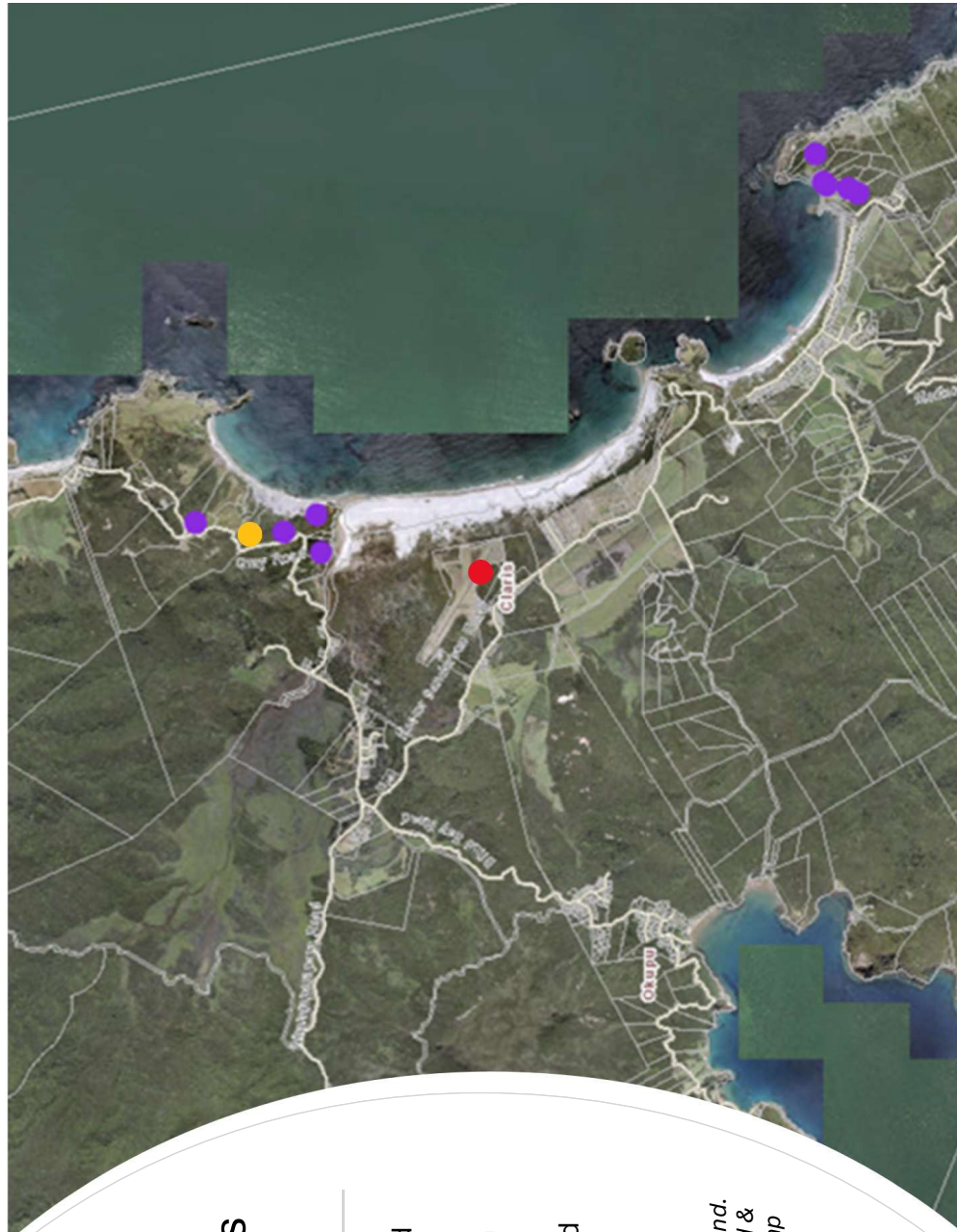
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Recreational helipads on Aotea

- 5 helipads along Greenside Rd (so close together they blur)
- 4 helipads along Gray Rd (2 on one property)
- Yellow dot is a pending helipad
- Red dot is the Claris airfield
- *NB: There are 11 helipads on the island. The other 2 helipads along Mabey Rd & Rosalie Bay Rd not shown on this map*

Planning committee / Planning, Environment and Parks Committee (PEP) resolutions

5 May 2022

The Planning Committee considered Notices of Motion from Local Boards – which included requests for Moratorium /Prohibited Activity status

Planning committee resolution PLA2022/40 directed staff to prepare a Practice Guidance Note; to undertake consents compliance/monitoring project including helicopter movement patterns; and to develop an options analysis based on the compliance/monitoring results

30 March 2023

Staff reported monitoring and compliance findings and presented 4 options

1. defer full review to AUP review
2. early implementation of NPS15 (National Planning Standard -measurement of helicopter noise)
3. HGI Plan modification
4. HGI Plan and AUP modification

PEP committee resolution: PEPCC/2023/48

Approved the early implementation of NPS15 and for review of HGI Provisions to be budgeted for as part of Auckland Unitary Plan review.

14 March 2024

The PEP committee considered a Notice of Motion (Cr Lee) seeking Prohibited Activity Status

PEP committee resolution PEPCC/2024/14 noted the need to integrate the Hauraki Gulf Islands District Plan with the Auckland Unitary Plan, at a later date. As an interim measure, a directive was given to staff to prepare a plan modification to amend Rule 13.8.2 of the Hauraki Gulf Islands District Plan to add the NZ Coastal Policy Statement as a Matter of Discretion to be considered in help pad consent applications;

[The proposed plan modification responds to the 14 March 2024 directive to prepare a plan modification](#)

Option 3 (Recommended option):
Amendments to Restricted Discretionary Activity Rule 13.8 for Helipads – Matters for Discretion – adding reference to the NZCPS; AND amending Assessment Criteria by adding a specific noise criterion for Māori heritage sites, ecological sites, and breeding sites/ nesting areas of threatened, endangered, or rare species - particularly indigenous species

Words added are underlined

Rule 13.8. Rules - helipads and airstrips

**Rule 13.8.2 Restricted Discretionary Activities
Matters of Discretion**

When considering an application to establish a helipad or airstrip, the council has restricted its discretion to the following matters:*

- *Noise effects*
- *The visual effect of any earthworks or retaining structures required to establish a helipad or airstrip*

**The scope of consideration for the listed matters includes the policy directives of the NZCPS on ecological values, cultural values, natural character, amenity and recreational enjoyment which can be adversely affected by noise (as relevant).*

Rule 13.8.2 Assessment Criteria

Words added are underlined

When considering the above matters of discretion, the council will have regard to the following assessment criteria:

- 1. The effects of noise received at or within the notional boundary of noise sensitive activities;*
- 2. The cumulative noise levels received at or within the notional boundary of any noise sensitive activity generated by use of the proposed helipad or airstrip along with any other consented or permitted landing area;*
- 3. The adverse visual or amenity effects resulting from the type and size of the facility to be provided.*

X. The effects of noise on natural and historic heritage including:

- Māori heritage sites, with particular regard given to NZCPS policy 2*
- sites of ecological significance, and breeding sites/ nesting areas of threatened, endangered, or rare species (particularly indigenous taxa) with particular regard to NZCPS policy 11*

- 4. Whether the noise generated by use of the proposed helipad or airstrip can be adequately mitigated so as not to give rise to adverse noise and amenity effects, including appropriate controls over:*
 - the flight procedure, (flight track / path, ground idling, hovering)*
 - the hours of operation and frequency of movements*
 - the location of helipad or airstrip.*
- 5. Proposed consent conditions which provide for recording, monitoring, reporting and review.*

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Attachment A



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Purpose of the report

- Seeks approval to prepare a council-initiated plan change to the Auckland Unitary Plan to address issues with the provisions for on-site and small-scale wastewater management.
- Plan change preparation would occur through 2025, including engagement with stakeholders.
- The draft plan change would be brought back to the Committee to seek approval to notify the plan change.



Two circular inset images show on-site wastewater treatment systems. The top one shows a green-roofed structure with a green tank. The bottom one shows a green tank in a garden setting. The Auckland Council logo is in the bottom right corner of the slide.

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On-site wastewater systems in Auckland


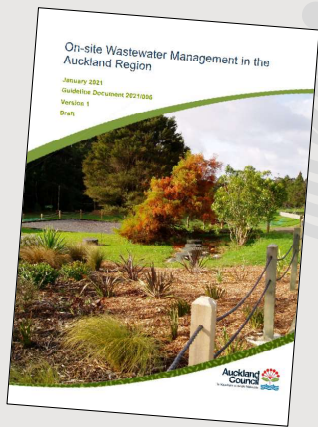
- Provide wastewater treatment and disposal for properties not serviced by a wastewater network
- Rules are in Chapter E5 of the AUP
- Approx. 48,000 systems in Auckland
- Most systems operate as a permitted activity



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Key issues with the AUP provisions

- 1) References to outdated technical information
- 2) Improving the operation and maintenance standards to support compliance monitoring
- 3) Clarifying how upgrades of existing systems are managed.



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Attachment A

Timing of the on-site wastewater plan change

Three options for plan change timing and notification of directly affected parties:


- **Option 1:** Discrete on-site wastewater plan change, with notification to directly affected parties by post.
- **Option 2:** Discrete on-site wastewater plan change, with notification to directly affected parties through the council's public channels (e.g. Our Auckland).
- **Option 3:** Incorporate changes to Chapter E5 in the NPS-FM plan change in 2027 (notification process for directly affected parties still to be determined).



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Timing of the on-site wastewater plan change

- Option 1 is the recommended option. It provides:
 - A timely resolution of operational issues
 - A robust notification process
 - Consequential benefits for freshwater management
- It supports the Safe Septic compliance work that is underway and funded by the Water Quality Targeted Rate.
- It also supports implementation of the council's new guidance document GD06.
- This option has the highest financial cost. The notification costs and subsequent hearings costs can be managed within the overall NPS-FM budget.



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Storm Affected Land Use Policy and implementation approach

Policy and Planning Committee
10 April 2025



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Attachment A



Storm Affected Land Use Policy

Guiding principles

1. Manage risk associated with storm affected land.
2. Make best use of storm affected land, recognising identified risks, costs and benefits.
3. Be prudent with ratepayers' money.
4. Make use of existing council processes.
5. Include opportunities for partnerships with mana whenua on land uses.
6. Include communities, mana whenua and mataawaka in the process to determine land uses where appropriate.
7. Ensure decisions are transparent and fair.



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Development of the Storm Affected Land Use Policy and implementation approach

Process to determine future of 1200 properties needs to be efficient and provide value to Auckland

- May 2024 - interim guidelines agreed
- 13 February 2025 - Draft policy for permanent future land use 'endorsed in principle' by Transport, Resilience, and Infrastructure Committee with request for additional local board engagement
- February - March 2025 - additional engagement with local boards
- 10 April 2025 - Policy and Planning Committee for adoption
- 2025 onwards - site assessments guided by the Policy




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Proposed amendments to the Policy

Recognise the benefit to Auckland – place and people	Pg. 7 <i>Effectively</i> means managing the properties in a way that appropriately manages risk and, where possible, produces positive social, economic, environmental and cultural outcomes for Auckland.
Request explicit reference to Local Board Plans	Pg. 9 Include explicit reference to Local Board Plans and other local area planning documents in Principle 2 explainer.
Include Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area Act 2008 in 'related documents' list	Pg 12. Include in Related documents list - Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area Act 2008.
Clarify which Cat 3 sites will not be maintained	Pg. 15 Footnote types of sites that may not require interim maintenance: - High hazard sites where no access is permitted. - Rear sections that are not visible from the road.
Difficulties in adjusting budgets during the financial year	Pg. 19. Provide for budget consideration and planning - Where local boards plan to incorporate maintenance costs into existing maintenance contracts and consider budget requirements as part of the work programme process, sites can be held by the Recovery Office until the beginning of the new financial year.
Express concern that properties which may be redeveloped for housing may not be able to obtain insurance in the future	Pg. 21... This should include consideration of any legal instruments registered to the title, ability to obtain insurance and all relevant planning provisions to determine whether a resource consent will be required...
Principles of the Policy should include ecological and biodiversity gains, and Add a land use option to retain land for biodiversity outcomes	Pg. 24 Include in Limitations and Assumptions section - Where suitable and appropriate retained land may be established to enhance the natural environment, support biodiversity and environmental outcomes.

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Item 13

Attachment A



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Recommendation

Seeking approval of the approach for developing a masterplan for 120 Hill Road, Manurewa, which forms part of the Auckland Botanic Gardens, noting that the:

1. scope is focused on an ethnobotanic garden at the new site and its connection to the existing gardens
2. methodology will involve three phases: planning, research and design
3. masterplan development will be carried out in partnership with mana whenua
4. input and feedback from Manurewa Local Board, key stakeholders and the local community will inform the final masterplan.

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Context



- September 2023 – purchased 120 Hill Road for \$12.37m
- Planning required for future development and funding options
- Additional masterplan for 120 Hill Road – investment case
- Requires decision of the Policy and Planning Committee

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Existing planning documents and direction

- Auckland Botanic Gardens Management Plan 2001**
Ethnobotanic garden identified as a new plant collection
Focus on traditional Māori plant uses
- Auckland Botanic Gardens Masterplan 2009**
Ethnobotanic garden is an outstanding action for future development
Preserve, study and cultivate native plants of cultural significance to Māori
- Acquisition of 120 Hill Road in 2023**
Provides space to deliver outstanding elements of existing masterplan
Opportunity to include Māori traditional gardens

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