

SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS

The amendments to the Selwyn District Plan are due to the following changes:

Name	Description
Plan Change 3	Living WM (West Melton) Zone
Minor Amendments	Various minor amendments included

Please amend your District Plan by updating the following pages:

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CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

The Council resolved on the 8th of February 2011 to approve those parts of the Selwyn District Plan relating to Plan Change 3 (*Living West Melton (WM)*) would be made operative on the 19th February 2011. Provisions which are not yet operative are detailed on the following page.

This resolution was made in accordance with Clauses 17 (2) and 20 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Sealed with the Common Seal of the Selwyn District Council

in the presence of:



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Mayor
K Coe

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Chief Executive
P Davey

Dated at Rolleston this 10 day of February 2011

Requiring Authority	Unresolved Designations (10 June 2008) <i>Refer to Appendix 2</i>
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effluent and stormwater disposal in accordance with Part 2 of the Act. The Council has a function to achieve the integrated management of the natural and physical resources of the District (section 31(l)(a)). Effects of stormwater disposal on flooding are addressed in Section B3.1 – Natural Hazards.

Method

District Plan Policies

- Matter to be considered when assessing plan change requests to rezone land

WATER SUPPLIES

Policy B1.2.3

Require the water supply to any allotment or building in any township to comply with the current New Zealand Drinking Water Standards and to be reticulated in all townships, except for sites in the existing Living 1 Zone at Doyleston.

Explanation and Reasons

Water supplies in all townships should be reticulated, to minimise the potential for groundwater to become contaminated as the result of land uses. The Plan also requires any extension of new Living or Business zones at Doyleston to have a reticulated water supply.

Part B, Section 2.2 – Utility, Policy B2.2.2 requires connections to water supplies to be available at the boundary of new allotments, before they can be sold.

Method

District Plan Rules

- Subdivision – General (all zones)
- Buildings – Water Supply (all zones)

Policy B1.2.4

Recognise and promote the need for protection zones around water supply bores, to reduce the risk of contamination from land uses.

Explanation and Reasons

Water supply bores need an area around them where any activities which may contaminate groundwater are managed to reduce the risk of contaminating water supplies. This area is known as a Zone of Influence. Its size decreases as the well depth increases because the risk of contamination is reduced by the filtering effect of the subsoil and gravels.

The discharge of contaminants on to land within Zones of Influence that can affect water quality is managed by Environment Canterbury through separation distances between activities discharging to water and activities taking water. However, land uses which do not require discharge permits can also affect groundwater in the Zone of Influence. Conversely, Zones of Influence that extend beyond the boundary of a site, can also affect other people's activities on their own land.

The District Council will advocate for any developer putting in a community water supply well in the future to ensure the Zone of Influence is contained within the land subject to the proposed rezoning or subdivision, or else negotiate an easement with the adjoining landowner(s) for the Zone of Influence on his/her property. The Council will also lobby Environment Canterbury to recognise that Zones of Influence outside property boundaries have potential effects on other landowners.

Methods

Information

- Zones of Influence for existing public and community water supply bores in the District are shown on the Council's GIS

Advocacy

- Use opportunities to promote stronger recognition and management of Zones of Influence with Environment Canterbury

Plan Change

- Requests to rezone land for new residential or business developments include provisions to protect Zones of Influence of any new public water supply base.

Policy B1.2.5

Require any sewage treatment and disposal to be reticulated in the townships of Castle Hill, Doyleston, Lake Coleridge Village, Leeston, Lincoln, Prebbleton, Rolleston, Southbridge, Springston, Tai Tapu and West Melton.

Explanation and Reasons

Policy B1.2.5 lists the townships which have reticulated sewerage treatment or disposal, or where it is required to avoid adverse effects on groundwater resources.

Part B, Section 2.2 – Utilities, Policy B2.2.2 requires connections to a reticulated sewage treatment and disposal system to be available at the boundary of any allotment in the towns listed in Policy B1.2.5, before the new allotment is able to be sold. Of the townships listed in Policy B1.2.5, West Melton has access to a reticulated sewage treatment and disposal system to cater for planned township growth. There are currently limits on the public system at Lincoln, Prebbleton, Springston and Tai Tapu. At those townships, the Council should be contacted to confirm connection availability.

Doyleston and Leeston

A number of new connections are available as the system has been upgraded and expanded and a new discharge consent was obtained in 2001.

Lincoln, Prebbleton, Springston and Tai Tapu

Sewage is piped to Christchurch for treatment and disposal. The volume is restricted by an agreement between the two Councils. The agreement will not be subject to renegotiation until upgrades are made to the Bromley Treatment Plant and reticulation in south-west Christchurch.

4 GROWTH OF TOWNSHIPS

B4.1 RESIDENTIAL DENSITY – ISSUES

- The need for a range of section sizes and living environments in Selwyn District, while maintaining the spacious character and amenity values of townships.

What are the Issues?

In a survey of township residents carried out by the Council (November 1998 and April 1999) respondents consistently identified that larger section sizes than those found in Christchurch City and the corresponding impression of “spaciousness”, as important. Many respondents also suggested the existing District Plan did not make sufficient provision in townships for either:

- Flats and small sections; or
- A range of section sizes.

As lifestyles change and the population ages, not all people want or can manage a large section. At the same time, the amenity values associated with larger sections and spaciousness have been identified by people in several forms as an important part of the character of the small rural towns in Selwyn.

Part of promoting sustainable management of natural and physical resources involves both:

- Enabling people and communities to have the living environments and section sizes which suit their needs; and
- Maintaining the spacious character and amenity values of townships.

How a new residential area is designed, the layout and size of sections, and access to open space and outlooks affect how pleasant the place is to live in. For example, if a residential area does not include enough open space or reserve areas and has small section sizes, it will create more of an impression of being a ‘built up’ or ‘metropolitan’ area, than one that has more open space and larger section sizes.

If a township has a local stream or river, public access along that waterbody may enhance the amenity values of the new residential area. Trees, bush, and pasture often add to the amenity values of a township, even when they are on private land. The loss of pasture land is inevitable if the area is used for residential development, but it may be possible to retain trees or bush areas as part of the new residential development. The LTCCP Development Contribution Policy allows for consideration of retained trees and vegetation as a credit towards development contributions for reserves.

This section addresses issues relating to residential density: section sizes; site coverage; and open space; as part of residential growth in townships. Part B, Section 4.2 deals with subdivision of land and Part B, Section 4.3 deals with areas for new residential or business development in the District. Part B, Section 4.4 addresses financial contributions.

RESIDENTIAL DENSITY – STRATEGY

The Township Volume of the District Plan uses the following basic strategy to address issues of residential density:

- Zones used to provide for living environments with differing residential density.
- Existing residential areas have a similar density in the new plan, to the existing density. The residential density in new Living zones or undeveloped Living zones (Living X), together with the Living WM Zone, is determined by the subdivider, but is not more dense than the density in the Living 1 Zone for the township.
- The Plan provisions provide for a range of section sizes in Living zones by having an average lot size, not a minimum.
- Spaciousness is managed through site coverage (small section/small house; large house/large section).
- Increased site coverage for smaller sections and flats is allowed in Living 1 Zones for a percentage of sections. The percentage is managed through a resource consent, to keep overall spaciousness.
- Density in Living 2 Zones is kept low thus reflecting the rural character by maintaining a sense of open space, panoramic views and rural outlook.
- There is no limit on building density and site coverage in Business 1 Zones, with the exception of the Business 1 Zone bounded by State Highway 1, Rolleston Drive and Dick Roberts Place and the Business 1A Castle Hill Zone.
- Open space areas are provided to mitigate effects of building density.

RESIDENTIAL DENSITY – OBJECTIVES

Objective B4.1.1

A range of living environments is provided for in townships, while maintaining the overall ‘spacious’ character of Living zones.

Objective B4.1.2

New residential areas are pleasant places to live and add to the character and amenity values of townships.

Explanation and Reasons

To enable people and communities to provide for their well-being, the District Plan provides for a range and variety of section and house sizes in existing townships. Overall, larger section sizes than those found in Christchurch need to dominate townships, to maintain spaciousness thus reflecting something of the rural character by a sense of open space, panoramic views and rural outlook that attract residents to these townships. The market is the best determinant of the range and variety of section and house sizes that should be provided – what people choose to meet their needs. This includes alternative housing forms such as comprehensive residential development provided the spacious character and amenity values associated with adjoining and surrounding low density living environments are maintained. The role of the District Plan is twofold:

- To set ‘bottom lines’ or base requirements to maintain the overall spacious character.
- To ensure there are not any unnecessary rules or regulations that stop people from choosing the appropriate section or house sizes they want.

The plan sets these ‘bottom lines’ through policies and rules for average allotment sizes and for site coverage.

Policy B4.1.11

Encourage new residential areas to be designed to maintain or enhance the aesthetic values of the township, including (but not limited to):

- **Retaining existing trees, bush, or other natural features on sites; and**
- **Landscaping public places.**

Explanation and Reasons

Trees, bush and other natural features can add to the amenity values of an area, even if they are on private land. Similarly, simple landscaping of public spaces can improve the aesthetics of an area. At the same time, any features or areas to vest in the Council need to be cost-effective to maintain.

Policy B4.1.11 is primarily implemented by advocacy. The LTCCP Development Contributions Policy provides a process for taking development contributions for the provision of network and community infrastructure and reserves.

Method

Advocacy

- Encourage initiatives by property developers to promote high standards of urban design

Policy B4.1.12

Discourage high fences or screening of sites in Living zones that have frontage but no access on to Strategic Roads or Arterial Roads.

Explanation and Reasons

In some cases, sections in Living zones will have frontage on to a road, but are not allowed access on to that road for traffic safety reasons (see Part B, Section 2.1 – Transport Networks). New roads or vehicular accessways are built, as part of the residential development. People often fence or screen the property frontage along the road they cannot have access to. This effect can reduce the aesthetic values of the area, as viewed from that road, and the “feeling” of personal safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

Policy B4.1.12 is to discourage this practice in favour of lower fences and landscaping. The policy is implemented through conditions on consents for subdividing land.

Method

District Plan Rules

- Subdivision

RESIDENTIAL DENSITY – ANTICIPATED ENVIRONMENTAL RESULTS

The following results should occur from implementing Section B4.1:

- A range of living environments is provided for in townships.
- The spacious character of townships in Selwyn District is maintained.

- Residential density in Living 1 Zones is more spacious than in residential areas in Christchurch, but there are some sections with flats, townhouses or large houses on small sites.
- Living 2 Zones are low density residential areas.
- Section sizes in some Living 2 Zones may decrease.
- Higher density living areas may develop in the Business 1 Zones of larger towns such as Lincoln and Rolleston.
- Comprehensive residential development achieving high quality urban design that will not adversely impact on surrounding living environments of low density character and amenity.
- Integrated development, in the Living WM zone, achieving high quality urban design whilst also allowing residential growth to occur to meet target household numbers.
- Low density living environments are only created in appropriate locations in and around townships to achieve a compact township shape and maintain the surrounding rural character of the locality.

RESIDENTIAL DENSITY — MONITORING

Please refer to Part E, Appendix 1.

WEST MELTON

Preferred Growth Option

Substantial growth is expected to take place in and around West Melton. The focal point of this growth will be either side of Weedons Ross Road north of State Highway 73, but not extending north of Halkett Road. A lesser extent of lower density residential development will occur south of State Highway 73. The township will be serviced with reticulated sewerage as part of the development of the land east of Weedons Ross Road under an outline development plan. The nature and scale of development north west of State Highway 73 and west of Weedons Ross Road is still to be determined and is deferred subject to further investigations (particularly in regard to road access and servicing) and the incorporation of an outline development plan for this area in the District Plan. Any further development will also be expected to be serviced by a reticulated sewerage system.

Specific Policies

Policy B4.3.89

Provide a primary focus for new residential or business development north of State Highway 73 and south of Halkett Road, and to allow only a limited extent of new low density residential development south of State Highway 73.

Explanation and Reasons

West Melton has developed with community facilities on both the northern and southern sides of State Highway 73. Residential development has taken place north of the highway centred on Westview Crescent. The primary focus for future growth of the township is to be provided for north of the State Highway. Limited new residential growth will be enabled south of the highway but will be limited in extent and density to minimise effects on the safety and efficiency of the highway. A pedestrian/cycle link will also be provided under the highway to provide an alternative connection between the two areas. This pattern of growth is consistent with maintaining a consolidated form for the future growth of the township, and with Policy B2.1.18 and Town Form Policy B4.3.5.

Policy B4.3.90

Promote a consolidated pattern of future urban growth in West Melton.

Explanation and Reasons

West Melton's future growth is to adhere to a form of development which maintains a generally compact shape. While allowing a substantial amount of urban growth with higher densities north of State Highway 73, development south of the highway is to be limited in extent and density. This pattern is consistent with Town Form Policy B4.3.5.

Policy B4.3.91

Avoid using Laird Place or Westview Crescent as collector roads to access any significant new residential or business areas, in West Melton.

Explanation and Reasons

Westview Crescent and Laird Place are local roads that provide access to properties in the existing West Melton village. The Council prefers a new collector road off Weedons Ross Road to provide access to any new residential or business area on the west side of Weedons Ross Road, rather than any attempt to upgrade these roads. A small area of additional residential development will be provided for off Laird Place. This policy is consistent with Policy B2.1.8.

Policy B4.3.92

Promote new residential areas in West Melton that maintain the lower residential density of the existing village, where practical, whilst providing for the efficient and effective development of the Living WM zone.

Explanation and Reasons

West Melton village is an area with larger section sizes than those found in most townships in Selwyn District, particularly those close to Christchurch. Policy B4.3.92 recognises the character of the existing village and the support for larger section sizes in the Township survey results for West Melton (November 1998). A wide variety of lot sizes in response to market demand, have been provided for, but recognising the potential for West Melton to provide a lower density alternative living environment near Christchurch. However, the efficient and effective development of the Living WM zone must be provided for to achieve the anticipated residential growth for this zone.

Policy B4.3.93

Require any community reticulated sewage treatment and disposal system at West Melton to be designed so it can be connected to the public system when it becomes available.

Explanation and Reasons

Reticulated sewage treatment and disposal is required at West Melton (see Policy B1.2.5). A reticulated system is now available to cater for planned township growth. The Council prefers any community scheme used in the interim to be able to connect into the public system, so residents can transfer their responsibility for the maintenance and repair of their system to the Council. Any community reticulated scheme used at West Melton shall comply with Policy B2.2.4.

Notes

1. A discharge permit is required from Environment Canterbury to dispose of sewage on-site at Kirwee and Darfield.
2. If the Council and the community decide to install a reticulated sewage treatment and disposal system, the Council may require existing dwellings and principal buildings to connect, pursuant to provision in the Local Government Act 1974.

4.6 BUILDINGS AND BUILDING DENSITY

Permitted Activities – Buildings and Building Density

- 4.6.1 The erection on an allotment (other than a site at Castle Hill) of not more than either:
- One dwelling and one family flat up to 70m² in floor area; or
 - One principal building (other than a dwelling) and one dwelling,
- shall be a permitted activity.
- 4.6.2 The erection of not more than one principal building on any site at Castle Hill shall be a permitted activity.
- 4.6.2.1 The erection of any dwellings in the Living WM Zone shall comply with the building densities and locations shown on the Outline Development Plan and associated Layer Plans (appendix 20A) for this zone.

Restricted Discretionary Activities – Buildings and Building Density

- 4.6.3 Except as provided in Rule 4.6.6 the erection of not more than two dwellings on an allotment in a Living 1 zone shall be a restricted discretionary activity.
- 4.6.4 Under Rule 4.6.3 the Council shall restrict the exercise of its discretion to:
- 4.6.4.1 Whether each dwelling has adequate outdoor living space for the exclusive use of that dwelling for residential activities; and
- 4.6.4.2 Whether each outdoor living space will receive direct sunlight on the shortest day of the year; and
- 4.6.4.3 Whether there is adequate privacy between the habitable rooms of the two dwellings erected on the same allotment; and
- 4.6.4.4 The proportion of allotments in the street or subdivision where there is more than one dwelling or principal building; and
- 4.6.4.5 Any adverse effects, including cumulative effects, on the residential density or sense of spaciousness of the area; and
- 4.6.4.6 The need for a ‘step in plan’ to be provided at each 20 metre interval along a continuous building wall in order to mitigate any adverse effects of continuous ‘building bulk’ being close to the boundary of a neighbouring property. The Step shall be sufficient spacing, depth, and length to provide a well articulated façade that provides visual variety and relief from long monotonous buildings.

- 4.6.4.7 Within the Lowes Road Outline Development Plan Area, that the siting of the dwelling does not preclude the establishment of any roads or indicative walkways as shown in Appendix 34.

Note: Building density and site coverage rules both apply.

Discretionary Activities – Buildings and Building Density

- 4.6.5 Except as provided in Rule 4.6.6, the erection on any allotment of any building (other than an accessory building) which does not comply with Rule 4.6.1, 4.6.2.1 or Rule 4.6.3 shall be a discretionary activity in Living 1 zones and the Living WM Zone.

Non-Complying Activities – Buildings and Building Density

- 4.6.6 The erection on an allotment of any building (other than an accessory building) which does not comply with Rule 4.6.1 shall be a non-complying activity in the Living 1A, 1A2, 1A3, 1A4 and Living 1A6 Deferred zones at Prebbleton and all Living 2 and 2A zones.

Note: There is no maximum number of accessory buildings allowed on an allotment, but Rule 4.7 – Site Coverage – applies to all buildings.

4.7 BUILDINGS AND SITE COVERAGE

Permitted Activities — Buildings and Site Coverage

4.7.1 Except as provided in Rule 4.7.2, the erection of any building which complies with the site coverage allowances set out in Table C4.1 below shall be a permitted activity.

Table C4.1 Site Coverage Allowances

Zone		Coverage
Living 1 Zone	Including garage	35%
	Excluding garage	35% minus 36m ²
	<u>Emergency Services</u> only	50%
Living 1A	Castle Hill	35%
Living 1A3	Lincoln	40%
Living 1A4	Lincoln	45%
Living 1A2	Prebbleton	35%
Living 1A5	Prebbleton	35%
		For <u>comprehensive residential development</u> , site coverage shall be applied over the whole Living 1A5 Zone
Living 1A6 (Deferred)	Prebbleton	35%
Living WM Zone	Including garage	35%
	Excluding garage	35% minus 36m ²
	<u>Emergency Services</u> only	50%
Living 2 (all townships not otherwise listed) and Living 2A (Blakes Road, Prebbleton)	Including garage	Lesser of 20% or 500m ²
	Excluding garage	Lesser of 20% minus 36m ² or 500m ² minus 36m ²
	<u>Emergency Services</u> only	40%
Living 2A	Prebbleton and West Melton	10% and a maximum additional area in hardsurfacing of 10%
	<u>Emergency Services</u> only	40%
Living 2A1	Darfield	10% and a maximum additional area in hardsurfacing of 10%
	<u>Emergency Services</u> only	40%

Note: the Living 2 requirement in Rule 4.7.1 does not apply to Dunsandel Primary School.

Temporary Activities

4.7.2 Maximum site coverage rules do not apply to:

- 4.7.2.1 Any building, tent, caravan, trailer or marquee erected for a temporary activity, provided the structure is removed within 2 days after the activity ceases; or
- 4.7.2.2 Any building erected for temporary accommodation associated with a construction project on the site, provided the building is removed within 12 months or when construction ceases, whichever is the shorter time.

Restricted Discretionary Activities – Buildings and Site Coverage

4.7.3 Any activity which does not comply with Rule 4.7.1 shall be a restricted discretionary activity if it complies with all of the following standards and terms:

- 4.7.3.1 The site is located in a Living 1, Living 1A or Living WM zone and the maximum area of the site covered by a building (s) is:
 - (a) 40% - including a garage; or
 - (b) 40% minus 36m² – excluding a garage; or
- 4.7.3.2 The site is located in a Living 1A3 or Living 1A4 zone at Lincoln and the maximum area of the site occupied by a building or buildings is:
 - (a) Living 1A3 Zone 45%; or
 - (b) Living 1A4 Zone 40%.

4.7.4 Under Rule 4.7.3, any resource consent application shall not be notified and shall not require the written approval of affected parties, and the Council shall restrict the exercise of its discretion to consideration of:

- 4.7.4.1 The number of sites in the street or subdivision where site coverage already exceeds 35%.
- 4.7.4.2 Any adverse effects, singularly or cumulatively, on the residential density or 'spaciousness' of the area.

Non-Complying Activities – Buildings and Site Coverage

4.7.5 Any activity which does not comply with Rule 4.7.3 shall be a non-complying activity.

4.8 BUILDINGS AND BUILDING HEIGHT

Permitted Activities – Buildings and Building Height

4.8.1 The erection of any building which has a height of not more than 8 metres shall be a permitted activity.

Discretionary Activities – Buildings and Building Height

4.8.2 Any activity which does not comply with Rule 4.8.1 shall be a discretionary activity.

Note

1. Any structure erected in the Living zones at Arthur's Pass or Castle Hill is also subject to Rule 11.1.

4.9 BUILDINGS AND BUILDING POSITION

Permitted Activities – Buildings and Building Position

The following shall be permitted activities:

Recession Planes

- 4.9.1 The construction of any building which complies with the Recession Plane A requirements set out in Appendix 11.

Setbacks from Boundaries

- 4.9.2 Except as provided in Rules 4.9.3 to 4.9.18, any building which complies with the setback distances from internal boundaries and road boundaries, as set out in Table C4.2 below.

Table C4.2 - Minimum Setbacks for Buildings

Building Type	Metres from <u>Boundary</u>	
	Internal	Road
<u>Dwelling</u> or <u>principal building</u>	2 m	4 m
Garage: Wall length 7m or less and vehicle door faces <u>road</u>	1 m	5.5 m
Garage: Wall length 7m or less and vehicle door faces <u>internal boundary</u>	1 m	2 m
Garage: Wall length greater than 7m and Vehicle door faces <u>road</u>	2 m	5.5 m
Garage: Wall length greater than 7m and Vehicle door faces <u>internal boundary</u>	2 m	4 m
<u>Accessory Building</u> with wall length not more than 7m	1 m	2 m
<u>Accessory Building</u> with wall length greater than 7m	2 m	4 m
<u>Utility Structures</u>	0 m	0 m

Note: Where a garage is proposed on a corner site i.e. has two road frontages, only one wall may be located up to 2m from a road boundary, provided that that wall does not contain a vehicle door and is less than 7m in length. All other walls are to be set back at least 4m from the road boundary, with walls containing a vehicle door set back 5.5m from the road boundary.

Common Wall

- 4.9.3 Buildings may be sited along an internal boundary of the site if the building shares a common wall with another building.

Castle Hill

- 4.9.4 Buildings or structures shall be setback not less than 6m from the south eastern boundaries of Lots 1 and 2 DP 22544 in the Living 1A Zone at Castle Hill Village.
- 4.9.5 Buildings or structures shall be setback not less than 1.5 metres from all internal and road boundaries within the Living 1A Zone at Castle Hill, except that:
- 4.9.5.1 Along the Living 1A Zone boundaries the minimum setback shall be 3 metres; and
- 4.9.5.2 Where an internal boundary is also the boundary of a reserve (other than a road reserve) exceeding 1 metre in width or of an access lot or right of way there shall be no minimum setback.

Prebbleton

- 4.9.6 Any building in the Living 1A Zone at Prebbleton shall be setback from the road boundary of Trices Road by not less than 10 metres. The 10 metre area shall be landscaped.
- 4.9.7 Any building shall be setback not less than 6 metres from the north east or north west zone boundaries of the Living 1A2 Zone at Prebbleton.
- 4.9.8 Any dwelling shall be setback not less than 3 metres from an internal boundary in the Living 1A2, 1A3 and 1A4 Zones in Prebbleton.
- 4.9.9 For the Living 1A6 (Deferred) Zone in Prebbleton, no dwelling shall be sited within 5m of the north western common boundary with the Kingcraft Drive Existing Development Area, as identified in the ODP contained in Appendix 19.
- 4.9.10 Any dwelling in the Living 2A Zone in Prebbleton shall have:
- 4.9.10.1 A setback from any internal boundary other than the southern zone boundary of not less than 6 metres.
- 4.9.10.2 A setback from the southern zone boundary of not less than 20 metres.
- 4.9.11 Any dwelling shall be set back not less than 15 metres from the north eastern boundary of the Living 2A (Blakes Road) Zone.
- 4.9.12 Any dwelling shall be set back not less than 48.2m from the north eastern zone boundary of the Living 2A Def Zone in Prebbleton, as identified in Appendix 19.

West Melton

- 4.9.13 Any dwelling within the area shown in Appendix 20 (Living 1B and Living 2 zones) or Appendix 20A (Living WM Zone) shall be set back at least 40 metres from State Highway 73.
- 4.9.14 Any dwelling in the Living 2A Zone at West Melton shall have:
- 4.9.14.1 A setback from any internal boundary of not less than 6 metres.

4.13 BUILDINGS AND STREETSCENE

Permitted Activities — Buildings and Streetscene

For all residential development located within the Lowes Road Outline Development Plan Area

- 4.13.1 The maximum height of any fence between the front building façade and the street or a private Right of Way or shared access over which the allotment has legal access, shall be 1m. For allotments with frontage to more than one road, this rule shall only apply to the façade that includes the front entrance to the allotment, with fencing on the other road frontage to be no higher than 1.8m.
- 4.13.2 Garages are to occupy no more than 50% of the width of the building façade facing the road, or a private right of way

Restricted Discretionary Activities - Buildings and Streetscene

- 4.13.3 Any activity which does not comply with 4.13.1 or 4.13.2 shall be a restricted discretionary activity
- 4.13.4 Under Rule 4.13.3 the Council shall restrict the exercise of its discretion to consideration of:
 - 4.13.4.1 The degree to which an open streetscene is maintained and views between the dwelling and the public space, private Right of Way or shared accesses are retained.
 - 4.13.4.2 The extent to which the visual appearance of the site from the street, or private Right of Way or shared access over which the lot has legal use of any part, is dominated by garden planting and the dwelling, rather than front fencing.
 - 4.13.4.3 The extent to which the proposed fence is constructed out of the same materials as the dwelling and incorporates steps in plan, landscaping, and see-through materials such as railings or trellis.
- 4.13.5 Under Rule 4.13.3 the Council shall restrict the exercise of its discretion to consideration of:
 - 4.13.5.1 The extent to which the front façade is dominated by habitable rooms and glazing rather than garaging.
 - 4.13.5.2 The extent to which the opportunity for passive surveillance and overlooking of the street, private Right of Way, or shared access from the dwelling is provided.

*Note that this section is also added by Proposed Plan Change 7, which also adds the same rules, but for different zones (Greenfield Living Z). A tidying up exercise (via Clause 16 of the first schedule) is likely to be required to reconcile the numbering of the clauses if both plan changes are approved.

Reasons for Rules

Natural Hazards

Rules 4.1.1 and 4.1.2 identify Tai Tapu as a township where there is a significant known risk of damage to people or property from flooding and ponding. Rule 4.1.1 does not necessarily prevent earthworks and building in the township of Tai Tapu; rather, the rule requires a resource consent application for a restricted discretionary activity for larger scale activities, so the nature and level of any risk of hazard, and any mitigation measures proposed, can be assessed.

Rule 4.1.4 prohibits dwellings and principal buildings from being erected between a waterbody and its stopbank. This is due to the high risk in this area of the flooding or ponding of water occurring. Other townships will be affected by this rule if they contain certain land between a waterbody and an associated stopbank.

Rule 4.1.3 restricts dwellings, parts of dwellings and other principal buildings in an area known to be subject to flooding from the Rakaia River.

It is known by the Council that other townships in Selwyn District are likely to be affected by natural hazards. While information is lacking, these include Whitecliffs and Hororata. The objectives and policies section for Natural Hazards (Part B, Section 3.1) identify that the preferred methods to address this issue in such townships is through reliance on the Building Act and section 106 of the Resource Management Act, and by relevant hazard information held by the Council being provided as part of a request for Land Information Memoranda.

Landscaping

A common feature of residential areas is a tidy area between the house and road frontage. There is a 'market' incentive for home owners to keep this area tidy, as it can add value to the house and property. There is not, however, such a direct market incentive for other activities, such as businesses and community facilities, to retain a tidy 'front yard'. The objective of Rule 4.2 is to ensure non-residential activities locating in Living zones maintain this feature of residential areas.

Water Supply

Every house is required to have a potable water supply and effluent disposal, in order to be 'habitable' under the Building Act 2004. The rules in the District Plan set out additional conditions, such as whether the service must be reticulated, to avoid effects on natural and physical resources such as groundwater and amenity values.

Sewage Treatment and Disposal

The townships listed in Rule 4.5.1 either have a reticulated sewerage treatment and disposal system, or need such a system to avoid adverse effects on groundwater. The Council is currently pursuing options for public reticulated sewerage treatment and disposal at Southbridge.

A reticulated sewerage scheme for West Melton Township to cater for the anticipated township growth is now available. It was considered that this was necessary given the position of Environment Canterbury in relation to the rezoning of land at West Melton for residential development.

Rule 4.5 should not be interpreted as an indication that reticulated sewerage will not be needed in other townships in the future, such as Darfield or Kirwee. Environment Canterbury (the Regional Council) is responsible for issuing discharge permits to allow on-site effluent treatment and disposal. If, in the future, permits are no longer issued for a particular township, a reticulated sewerage system may be required.

Building Density

The site coverage rules only apply to the proportion of an allotment at ground level, that is covered in building. Site coverage rules therefore are unable to control the effects on amenity values of higher density forms of residential development above ground level. Rule 4.6 is intended to manage the effects of such developments as multi-storey block of flats and apartments.

The District Plan recognises that there may be a demand of higher density forms of residential development in townships of the District, particularly in the form of student accommodation at Lincoln. The Plan provides for this is a permitted activity in Business 1 zones, where higher building density is more compatible with commercial amenity values.

The District Plan is not intended to preclude, in Living 1 zones, the erection of medium density housing developments such as small blocks of flats or townhouses. Rule 4.6 therefore provides for this intensity of development as restricted discretionary or discretionary activities, subject to the relevant assessment matters and objectives and policies of the Plan, and the mitigation of any adverse effects on the environment.

In some Living 1 zones, however, the provision of more than one dwelling on an allotment is a non-complying activity. This is because these zones were created as a result of plan changes to the former District Plan. An outcome of the plan change process in those cases was the decision that residential density should be limited to one dwelling per allotment. The new District Plan carries over these decisions.

Due to the lower density environments of the Living 2 zones, it is generally considered inappropriate for there to be more than one dwelling per allotment.

Site Coverage

Rule 4.7 is designed to maintain 'spaciousness' in the Living zones of Selwyn District. It does this by controlling the ratio of land to building rules. The rule does not affect the size of an allotment (only the extent of the lot that can be covered in buildings), therefore a variety of allotment sizes may be provided for. An exemption has been made for Dunsandel Primary School from the maximum building floor space requirement of the Living 2 Zone to bring it into line with other schools which are subject to a percentage of site covered, rather than a maximum floor area figure.

Rule 4.7.3 provides for some allotments to have higher site coverages, as restricted discretionary activities. This enables the Council to meet the demand for small, easy care sections while managing the number of such allotments, so as to maintain overall spaciousness. The rule only applies in Living 1, 1A and Living WM zones because Living 2 zones are distinguished from Living 1 zones by their lower residential density.

Higher levels of site coverage have also been provided for emergency services recognising their importance to the community. Their general one-off locations throughout the district's townships will ensure any impact of increased density on the overall character of an area is minimal.

Significant new development in West Melton will adjoin State Highway 73. The volume of traffic using this road, mainly at "open road" speed limits, requires a degree of physical separation which (in combination with noise bunding) is intended to partly mitigate the effects of traffic noise.

Building Height

Rule 4.8 sets maximum height requirements for buildings and structures, to ensure they are in keeping with the visual character of the Living zones.

Part of the amenity values of townships in Selwyn District is relatively low density of buildings and views across the townships to rural areas, the Southern Alps/Kā Tiritiri o te Moana and the Port Hills. Rule 4.8 helps to maintain those values by limiting the height of buildings and structures.

In consultation on the district plan (township surveys and public workshops), residents and ratepayers identified that ‘sky scrapers’, ‘office towers’ and other multi-storey buildings are not part of the landscape and amenity values of the District. However it was identified that some tall structures, such as power poles and grain silos, are. To that end, Rule 4.8 differentiates between the height of buildings and the height of other structures.

Buildings or structures that cannot comply with Rule 4.8 may be able to be erected in Living zones under an application for a discretionary activity if potential adverse effects on visual character and amenity values are able to be adequately mitigated, remedied or avoided.

Building Position

Rule 4.9 is intended to give property owners maximum flexibility over the use of space on their properties, while affording neighbours adequate protection in relation to sunlight, privacy and outlook. Setback distances are not used to maintain ‘spaciousness’. This is done by site coverage while recession planes control shading, and setback distances control privacy and outlook.

Setbacks do not apply to utility structures because these structures have small bulk and are not occupied by people. However, they do apply to utility buildings which have a larger floor area, as such buildings have the potential to cause shading and loss of outlook. They are more likely to be occupied by people and, therefore, can affect privacy.

If the conditions for permitted activities are unable to be met, the proposed building may be able to proceed by application for a discretionary or restricted discretionary activity. The assessment matters for restricted discretionary activities are listed. A reverse sensitivity issue may arise if the 20 metre setback in Rule 4.9.9 for the Living 2A zone at Prebbleton is not met, due to the nature of adjoining rural land uses at the southern zone boundary. This rule was adopted in the decision on a plan change under the previous District Plan. Similarly, Rules 4.9.6, to 4.9.8 were adopted as a consequence of plan changes made operative under the previous District Plan, and those provisions have been carried over.

The siting of a dwelling less than 150m from the Lincoln Sewage Treatment Plant is a non-complying activity, and is therefore not generally considered appropriate. This rule was also adopted as a consequence of a plan change made operative under the previous District Plan.

Relocated Buildings

Generally, the district plan does not control the design and standard of buildings, except for in the alpine villages at Arthur’s Pass and Castle Hill (refer to Part B, Section 1.4). Buildings which are relocated as a whole, or in parts, on to a site have to be set on a building pad or foundations and often require restoration work to repair minor damage. If relocated buildings are left sitting on blocks or unrepaired for long periods of time, they can detract from the amenity values of Living zones.

Rule 4.10 identifies minor activities involving relocated buildings for which resource consent is not required. Also set out are the matters the Council will consider for relocated buildings of a large scale or of a permanent nature. The matters include the nature of reinstatement works, the time needed to complete them, and the mechanism to give Council the surety they will be completed.

A controlled activity may not be declined by the Council. It may be approved subject to conditions relating to the matters over which the Council has reserved control.

Note: Rule 4.10 does not affect the ability of a subdivider to impose any private covenant on the new Certificate of Titles related to the style and age of buildings able to be established, or the relocation of existing buildings into their subdivision.

Setbacks from Waterbodies

Locating structures close to waterbodies (excluding aquifers) may:

- Cause bank erosion: either on the site; or elsewhere if works have been undertaken on the site to prevent bank erosion;
- Create a potential natural hazard, should the bank be unstable or the waterbody overflow;
- Affect habitat values, and the natural character of the edge of waterbodies; and
- Restrict public access, where public access is provided for.

Rule 4.12 sets the distances for structures from waterbodies (excluding aquifers) as a permitted activity. The distance varies with the type of waterbody, its flood potential and its ecological and recreational values. Structures may be able to locate closer to the waterbody with a resource consent. However, the closer siting (less than 20 metres) of dwellings and principal buildings is generally recognised as inappropriate.

Note: An additional consent may need to be obtained from Environment Canterbury.

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2A (Blakes Road) Zone and connecting into the existing Prebbleton footpath of Blakes Road is laid and formed.

- 12.1.3.35 For the Living 2A (Deferred) Zone at Prebbleton, prior to the issue of any completion certificate under section 224 of the Act for subdivision of Certificate of Title CB41C/255 (comprising part of the land shown on the Outline Development Plan for the Shaw Block in Appendix 19) a restrictive covenant over the remaining Rural (Inner Plains) zoned land in the form of an appropriate legal instrument acceptable to the Council shall be registered in favour of the Council, the Canterbury Regional Council and the Christchurch City Council to prevent subdivision of the remaining Rural (Inner Plains) zoned land below 4 hectares.
- 12.1.3.36 Until either the passing of a Council resolution that there is adequate capacity in a local authority operated reticulated sewage treatment facility to service any particular area of land subject to a deferred living or until all necessary resource consents have been obtained for a method of treatment and disposal of sewage/ stormwater from a particular area of land subject to a deferred living the rules of the Rural Zone (Inner Plains) shall apply to that land; and
- 12.1.3.37 Upon either the passing of a Council resolution that there is adequate capacity in a local authority operated reticulated sewage treatment facility to service any particular area of land subject to a deferred living zone, or until all necessary resource consents have been obtained for a method of treatment and disposal of sewage/stormwater from a particular area of land subject to a deferred living zone, the living zone shall cease to be deferred and the rules of the relevant living zone will apply to that land, and the rules of the Rural Zone (Inner Plains) will cease to apply, without further formality.
- 12.1.3.38 In the Living 2A (Blakes Road) Zone, any subdivision of land within the area shown in Appendix 19 shall be in substantial accordance with the development plan shown in that Appendix. Prior to the issue of any completion certificate under section 224 of the Act, a restrictive covenant in the form of an appropriate legal instrument in a form acceptable to the Council shall be registered in favour of the Council and the Canterbury Regional Council and the Christchurch City Council to prevent the further subdivision of Lots 1-7 on the development plan in Appendix 19.

Springston

- 12.1.3.39 In relation to the Living 1A Zone at Springston:
- (a) only one access point is provided to Ellesmere Junction Road
 - (b) when the single access point is created, the following formation aspects are developed on Ellesmere Junction Road:
 - Southern side: a 2.5 metre wide deceleration lane consisting of two 50 metre long taper lengths and a 50 metre straight.
 - Northern side: a 2.5 metre wide deceleration lane consisting of two 50 metre long taper lengths and a 30 metre straight; and

West Melton

12.1.3.40 Any subdivision of land within the area shown in Appendix 20 (Living 1, Living 1B, Living 2, Living 2A or Rural Zones) or Appendix 20A (Living WM Zone) at West Melton complies with the layout and contents of the Outline Development Plan shown in Appendix 20 and Appendix 20A respectively; and

12.1.3.41 Any subdivision of land within the area shown in Appendix 20 and 20A shall:

- (a) provide a bund for mitigation of traffic noise along the frontage of State Highway 73 to a height of not less than 2 m and a width of not less than 8.5 m, which shall be landscaped by retention of existing hedges or new planting of sufficient height to visually screen dwellings from the highway;
- (b) if it is within the area shown in Appendix 20, provide a pedestrian/cycle underpass beneath State Highway 73 between the Living 1 and Living 2 Zones, prior to titles being issued for more than 30 dwellings in the Living 2 Zone.
- (c) if it is within the area shown in Appendix 20A, be subject to an Accidental Discovery Protocol where in the event of any discovery of suspected cultural/archaeological remains (e.g. concentrations of shell, charcoal or charcoal-stained soil, fire-fractured stone, bottles, pieces of glass or ceramics, bones etc) during the undertaking of earthworks and/or the installation of services, the following protocol shall be followed by the consent holder, or his/her representative:
 - Cease all earthworks immediately; and
 - Contact the local Runanga being Te Taumutu Runanga; and
 - Contact the Regional Archaeologist at the Christchurch office of the New Zealand Historic Places Trust (04 465 2897); and
 - Do not commence earthworks until approval in writing has been given by the Regional Archaeologist of the New Zealand Historic Places Trust, as required under the Historic Places Act 1993.

12.1.3.42 In the Living 2A Zone at West Melton, the maximum number of allotments is 10.

12.1.3.43 No subdivision of land in the Living WM Zone shall take place until:

- (a) A reticulated community potable water supply is available which is capable of serving the entire lots within the subdivision; and
- (b) A reticulated community sewage effluent treatment and disposal system is available which is capable of serving the entire lots within the subdivision; and
- (c) An Outline Development Plan has been incorporated into the District Plan for the development of all land zoned Living WM west of Weedons Ross Road.

- (d) An archaeological assessment has been undertaken by a suitably qualified expert and the results reported to the Council, the Regional Archaeologist at the New Zealand Historic Places Trust, and the iwi organisations Te Ngai Tuahuriri and Te Taumutu Runanga. In carrying out the assessment, the expert is to consult with the iwi organisations

Table C12.1 – Allotment Sizes

Township	Zone	Average Allotment Size Not Less Than
Arthur's Pass	Living 1	The size needed for on-site effluent disposal but not less than 800m ²
Castle Hill	Living 1A	500m ² , and a minimum <u>allotment</u> size of 350m ²
Coalgate	Living 1	The size needed for on-site effluent disposal but not less than 800m ²
	Living 2	1 ha
Darfield	Living 1	650m ²
	Living 2	5,000m ²
	Living 2 (Deferred)	Refer to Subdivision – General Rules. 5,000m ² if criteria met.
	Living 2A (Deferred)	Refer to Subdivision – General Rules. 1 ha if criteria met.
	Living 2A1	2 ha
	Living X (Deferred)	Refer to Subdivision – General Rules. What the subdivider nominates, but not less than the average for the Living 1 Zone in the <u>township</u> (650m ²) if criteria met.
Doyleston	Living 1	650m ²
Dunsandel	Living 1	The size needed for on-site effluent disposal but not less than 800m ²
	Living 2	1 ha
	Living (Area A) (Deferred)	Refer to Subdivision – General Rules. Final density still to be determined.
	Living (Area B) (Deferred)	Refer to Subdivision – General Rules. Final density still to be determined.
Glenn Tunnel	Living 1	The size needed for on-site effluent disposal but not less than 800m ²
Hororata	Living 1	The size needed for on-site effluent disposal but not less than 800m ²
Kirwee	Living 1	800m ²

Township	Zone	Average Allotment Size Not Less Than
	Living 2	1 ha
	Living 2A	1 ha 2 ha for lots along the northern and eastern boundaries of the zone that abuts a Rural Zone.
Lake Coleridge Village	Living 1	800m ²
Leeston	Living 1	650m ²
	Living 1 (Deferred)	4 ha until deferral lifted, then 650m ²
	Living 2	5,000m ²
	Living 2 (Deferred)	4 ha until deferment lifted, then 5,000m ²
	Living 2A	5,000m ²
	Living XA	What the subdivider nominates, but not less than the average for the Living 1 Zone in the <u>township</u> (650m ²)
Lincoln	Living 1	650m ²
	Living 1 (Deferred)	20ha
		For the Living 1 (Liffey Springs) Zone (Deferred) at Lincoln as shown in Appendix 35; upon the passing of a Council resolution that there is adequate capacity in a local authority operated reticulated sewage treatment facility to service that land for residential development, the Living 1(Liffey Springs) Zone (Deferred) at Lincoln, as shown in Appendix 35 shall cease to be deferred and the rules of the Living 1 Zone will apply to that land, and the rules of the Rural Zone (Outer Plains) will cease to apply, without further formality.
	Living 1A	850m ² Minimum of 31 lots for any subdivision plan
	Living 1A1	650m ² Minimum of 31 lots for any subdivision plan
	Living 1A2	650m ² Minimum of 31 lots for any subdivision plan
	Living 1A3	500m ²
	Living 1A4	1,500m ²
	Living 2	3,000m ²
	Living X	2,000m ²
Prebbleton	Living 1	800m ²

Township	Zone	Average Allotment Size Not Less Than
	Living 1A	2,000m ²
	Living 1A (Deferred)	4 ha
	<p>Following either the Council passing a resolution that there is adequate capacity in a local authority operated reticulated sewage treatment facility to service a particular area of land subject to deferred living zoning, or following all necessary resource consents having been obtained for a method of treatment and disposal of sewage/stormwater from a particular area of land subject to a deferred living zone, the living zone shall cease to be deferred and the rules of the Living 1A Zone will apply.</p>	
	Living 1A1	800m ²
	Living 1A2	800m ² and no more than 10 % at less than 700m ²
	Living 1A3	800m ² and no more than 10 % at less than 700m ²
	Living 1A4	800m ² and no more than 10 % at less than 700m ²
	Living 1A5	800m ² and no more than 10 % at less than 700m ² . For <u>comprehensive residential development</u> , the minimum average area shall be 350m ² .
	Living 1A5 (Deferred)	800m ² and no more than 10 % at less than 700m ²
	<p>Following the passing of a Council resolution that there is adequate capacity in a local authority operated reticulated sewage treatment facility to service that land for <u>comprehensive residential development</u>, the Living 1A5 (Deferred) Zone shall cease to be deferred and the rules of the Living 1A5 Zone will apply. For the avoidance of doubt that land may be developed in accordance with the rules of the Living 1A2 Zone.</p>	
	Living 1A6 (Deferred)	4ha
	<p>Following either the Council passing a resolution that there is adequate capacity in the local authority operated reticulated sewage treatment facility to service a particular area of land subject to deferred living, zoning or following all necessary resource consents having been obtained for a method of treatment and disposal of sewage/stormwater from a particular area of land subject to a deferred living zone, the living zone shall cease to be deferred and the following shall apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Area A: 1000m² minimum net allotment area; – Area B: 600m² minimum net allotment area and 900m² maximum net allotment area; – Area C: 550m² minimum average allotment area and 450m² minimum net allotment area; and – In all cases development shall proceed in accordance with the ODP and shall achieve a minimum density of 10 lots/ha once the entire site has been developed. 	
	Living 2	5,000m ²

Township	Zone	Average Allotment Size Not Less Than
	Living 2A	5,000m ² Maximum number of allotments is 32, and on the south side of Trices Road the maximum number of allotments is 8
	Living 2A (Blakes Road)	5,000m ² Subdivision shall proceed in substantial accordance with the development plan in Appendix 19
	Living 2A (Deferred)	4 ha Following either the Council passing a resolution that there is adequate capacity in a local authority operated reticulated sewage treatment facility to service a particular area of land subject to deferred living zoning, or following all necessary resource consents having been obtained for a method of treatment and disposal of sewage/stormwater from a particular area of land subject to a deferred living zone, the living zone shall cease to be deferred and the minimum <u>allotment</u> size shall be 1.5 ha.
	Living X	What the subdivider nominates, but not less than the average for the Living 1 Zone in the <u>township</u> (800m ²)
	Living X (Deferred)	4 ha Following either the Council passing a resolution that there is adequate capacity in a local authority operated reticulated sewage treatment facility to service a particular area of land subject to deferred living zoning, or following all necessary resource consents having been obtained for a method of treatment and disposal of sewage/stormwater from a particular area of land subject to a deferred living zone, the living zone shall cease to be deferred and the rules of the Living X Zone will apply.
Rakaia Huts	Living 1	The size needed for on-site effluent disposal but not less than 800m ²
Rolleston	Living 1	750m ²
	Living 1A	Minimum lot area of 300m ²
	Living 1B	1,200m ² with a minimum lot area 750m ²
	Living 1B Deferred	5,000m ² until deferral lifted in January 2010, then 1,200m ² with a minimum lot area of 750m ²
	Living 1C	2,000m ² with a minimum lot area of 1,000m ²
	Living 2	5,000m ²
	Living 2A	1 ha
Sheffield	Living 1	The size needed for on-site effluent disposal but not less than 800m ²

Township	Zone	Average Allotment Size Not Less Than
	Living 1A	The size needed for on-site effluent disposal but not less than 800m ²
Southbridge	Living 1	650m ²
Springfield	Living 1	The size needed for on-site effluent disposal but not less than 800m ²
Springston	Living 1	800m ²
	Living 1A	800m ²
Tai Tapu	Living 1A	800m ²
	Living 2A	5,000m ²
Waddington	Living 1	The size needed for on-site effluent disposal but not less than 800m ²
West Melton	Living 1	1,000m ²
	Living 1B	2,800m ²
	Living 2	5,000m ²
	Living 2A	Maximum number of allotments is 10, and a minimum <u>allotment</u> size of 1 ha.
	Living WM Medium Density	Minimum lot area of 500m ² and maximum lot area of 3000m ² (Appendix 20A)
	Living WM Low Density	Minimum lot area of 3000m ² and maximum lot area of 5000m ² (Appendix 20A)
	So that a total of 292 allotments must be achieved across the whole Living WM Zone	
Whitecliffs	Living 1	The size needed for on-site effluent <u>disposal</u> but not less than 800m ²
All <u>Townships</u>	Heritage Buildings listed in Appendix 3	Listed in Appendix 3. The <u>building</u> , curtilage and any other area needed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - mitigate adverse effects; or - maintain the heritage values of the site
	Community Reserves, Community Facilities and <u>Point Strips</u>	No minimum area
All Living Zones	Calculating <u>Allotment</u> Sizes	

Township	Zone	Average Allotment Size Not Less Than
		<p>The average <u>allotment</u> size shall be calculated as a mean average (total area of allotments divided by the number of allotments).</p> <p>The total area and number of allotments used to calculate the mean shall exclude areas used exclusively for <u>access</u>, reserves or to house <u>utility structures</u>, or which are subject to a designation.</p> <p>Any <u>allotment</u> which is twice or more the size of the average <u>allotment</u> required in the zone, shall be calculated as being:</p> <p>2 x average <u>allotment</u> size for that zone – 10 m²; or as its actual size, if a covenant is placed on the Certificate of Title to prevent any further subdivision of that land.</p>
All <u>Townships</u>	<u>Allotment</u> sizes for Flats/Townhouses – Living 1	<p>In any Living 1 Zone, where two or more <u>dwelling</u>s have been erected on an <u>allotment</u> the average <u>allotment</u> size per <u>dwelling</u> shall be 0.5 x the average <u>allotment</u> size listed in this table for the Living 1 Zone in that <u>township</u>.</p>

12.1.4 Matters over which the Council has restricted the exercise of its discretion:

Access

- 12.1.4.1 If any allotment has access on to a State Highway or Arterial Road listed in Appendix 7:
- (a) Any adverse effects, including cumulative effects, on traffic safety and traffic flow on the Strategic Road; and
 - (b) The design and location of the vehicular accessway and vehicle crossing; and
 - (c) Whether access to the allotment(s) can be obtained off another road which is not a Strategic Road either directly or by an easement across other land.

Water

- 12.1.4.2 The provision of water for firefighting; and
- 12.1.4.3 In relation to any new bore to provide a potable water supply:
- (a) Whether the protection zone is located outside of the plume of influence of any sewage treatment and/or disposal system; and
 - (b) The need for the protection zone to be confined to within the boundaries of an allotment; and
 - (c) Any measures proposed to mitigate the potential for any adverse effects on the quality of the water supply.

Solid Waste Disposal

- 12.1.4.4 The appropriateness of the proposed facilities for solid waste collection or disposal, considering:
- (a) The number of allotments; and
 - (b) The type of accommodation (permanent or holiday); and
 - (c) The distance to a public solid waste collection service or disposal facility.

Utility Cables

12.1.4.5 Whether any utility cables shall be laid underground.

- (a) For the Living WM zone, whether street lighting options will assist with mitigating any adverse effects on the operation of West Melton observatory whilst not compromising the safe and efficient operation of the road network.

Telephone and Power

12.1.4.6 Whether telecommunication and electricity connections shall be made available to any allotment; and, if not, the mechanism(s) used to alert prospective buyers of an allotment that these connections are not installed to.

Stormwater Disposal

12.1.4.7 The method(s) for disposing of stormwater; and

12.1.4.8 Any adverse effects of stormwater disposal on any land drainage scheme which is administered by Selwyn District Council; and

12.1.4.9 The quantity and rate of stormwater disposed into any land drainage scheme which is administered by Selwyn District Council.

On-Site Effluent Disposal

12.1.4.10 In the Living zones at Arthur's Pass, Coalgate, Darfield, Dunsandel, Glentunnel, Hororata, Kirwee, Rakaia Huts, Sheffield and Waddington, Springfield and Whitecliffs:

- (a) Whether any allotment is of an appropriate size and shape, and has appropriate ground conditions, to enable satisfactory on-site effluent treatment and disposal.

Note: The consent authority shall use the requirements of the relevant regional plan and the New Zealand Building Code to measure when on-site effluent treatment and disposal is satisfactory.

Roads, Reserves and Walkways/Cycleways

12.1.4.11 The provision, location, co-ordination, layout and formation of all roads and vehicular accessways and walkways/cycleways; and

12.1.4.12 The provision, location, coordination, layout and formation of any land required for reserves, which is to comply with the 'Criteria for Taking Land Instead of Cash' clause of the 'Reserves Specific Issues regarding Development Contributions Assessment' in the Development Contribution Policy; and

12.1.4.13 The provision of footpaths, lighting and street furniture; and

12.1.4.14 Any landscaping and tree planting required in the road reserve, recreational reserves, and the margins of cycleways/walkways; and

Note: The consent authority shall consider any relevant provisions in the district plan or the Council's Engineering Standards (2000) where appropriate, in using its discretion under Rules 12.1.4.12 to 12.1.4.14.

Special Sites

- 12.1.4.15 For the subdivision of land which contains or adjoins any waterbody (excluding aquifers) any mitigation to protect the hydrological characteristics and any ecological values of the waterbody (excluding aquifers).
- 12.1.4.16 If the land to be subdivided contains any place or item which is listed in Appendix 3 as a Heritage, Cultural or Ecological site, or in Appendix 2 as a Designation:
- (a) Any effects (adverse or beneficial) which subdividing the land may have on the values of the site, which are identified in the District Plan; and
 - (b) Any proposed mitigation measures to lessen any adverse effects on the site; and
 - (c) Whether public access to the site is desirable and, if so, how this may be improved as part of the subdivision; and
 - (d) Whether the size and shape of the allotment area is appropriate to maintain the values and features of the site and enable ready access to and maintenance of the site or features on the site.

Size and Shape

- 12.1.4.17 The size and shape of allotments in accordance with Rules 12.1.3.5 and 12.1.3.6; and
- 12.1.4.18 The size and shape of allotments for the subdivision of a heritage building or site listed in Appendix 3; and.
- 12.1.4.19 The shape and alignment of allotments with respect to the potential that dwellings erected on them will have to gain orientation to the sun; and
- 12.1.4.20 If any allotment is to be created which is too small to enable a dwelling to be erected on it as a permitted activity under the district plan rules. The mechanism(s) used to alert any prospective buyer(s) of the allotment.

Note: The consent authority shall consider a dwelling as being a minimum of 150m² in gross floor area, when using its discretion under Rules 12.1.4.17 to 12.1.4.20 for compliance with District Plan rules.

Utilities and Facilities

- 12.1.4.22 The design, siting, layout and construction of any roads, reserves, or other utilities or facilities which shall either:
- (a) Vest in Selwyn District Council as owner or manager; or
 - (b) Connect to any road, reserve or other utility which is owned, managed by or otherwise vested in Selwyn District Council; and
- 12.1.4.23 For other utilities and facilities:

- (a) The method(s) by which the operation, maintenance, repaired and any upgrades to those systems shall be managed; and
- (b) The method(s) by which prospective purchasers of allotments are to be informed of any fiscal or managerial responsibilities they have for those services and facilities.

Note: The consent authority shall consider any relevant provisions in the district plan or the Council's Engineering Standards (2000) where appropriate, in using its discretion under Rule 12.1.4.23.

Construction of any Works

- 12.1.4.24 Any measures to mitigate potential adverse effects on people or other parts of the environment from all engineering works associated with preparing land, creating allotments, and installing associated utilities.

Fencing

- 12.1.4.25 Any measures to avoid or mitigate the potential adverse visual effects of 1.8 metre high (or higher) solid fencing being erected along road boundaries where subdivisions "back onto" roads.

Easements

- 12.1.4.26 Any easements or other mechanism(s) needed to obtain or maintain legal access to land or utilities.

High Voltage Transmission Lines

- 12.1.4.27 Where any part of any proposed allotment lies within a corridor 20 metres from the centreline of transmission lines indicated in the Planning Maps or within 20 metres of any support structure for those lines, the means by which compliance with the New Zealand Code of Electrical Practice (NZCEP:34) may be achieved by likely activities on any such allotment.

Esplanade Reserves

- 12.1.4.28 Whether esplanade reserve will be created on any allotment which adjoins a river, lake or stream listed in Appendix 12;
- 12.1.4.29 Whether any esplanade strip will be created on any allotment to protect the natural character of the margins of any river, lake or stream listed in Appendix 12.

Prebbleton

- 12.1.4.30 In the Living 1A2, 1A3, 1A4 and 2A zones at Prebbleton, the retention of existing trees that are considered "significant" in terms of the Prebbleton Townscape Plan; and
- 12.1.4.31 In the Living 1A2 Zone at Prebbleton, the retention of the existing stream; and
- 12.1.4.32 In the Living 1A2 Zone at Prebbleton, the achievement of a graduated density of allotment sizes such that average lot size generally increases in a southward direction; and

- 12.1.4.33 In the Living 1A2 Zone at Prebbleton, without compromising Rule 12.1.4.32, the location of larger sized lots along the north west and north boundaries of the zone; and
- 12.1.4.34 In the Living 1A3 Zone at Prebbleton, the necessity for larger allotments along the boundary of the zone adjoining Meadow Mushrooms, so as to mitigate minor odour and noise effects; and
- 12.1.4.35 In the Living 1A4 Zone at Prebbleton, the necessity for the Ministry of Education to acquire part of the zone to accommodate the future needs of Prebbleton Primary School.
- 12.1.4.36 In the Living 1A6 Deferred Zone in Prebbleton, the extent to which the extension of Cairnbrae Drive is compatible with the existing road network in terms of carriageway width, footpaths, lighting, street furniture and landscaping.
- 12.1.4.37 In the Living 1A6 Deferred Zone in Prebbleton, the extent to which the subdivision layout and design provides for a natural surveillance for the purpose of minimising the potential for criminal behaviour to occur.
- 12.1.4.38 In the Living 1A6 Deferred Zone in Prebbleton, any measures to reduce reverse sensitivity on established adjoining land uses.
- 12.1.4.39 In the Living 1A6 Deferred Zone in Prebbleton, any measures introduced to ensure subdivisions are able to factor in water demand managements and other household sustainability ideas.
- 12.1.4.40 In the Living 2A Zone at Prebbleton, the need for an interim walkway/cycleway linkage to Springs Road via the north west corner of the zone until such time as a linkage on the land between the Living 1A2 and Living 2A zones is able to be achieved.

Note: *The consent authority shall consider any relevant provisions in the district plan or the Council's Engineering Standards (2000) where appropriate, in using its discretion under Rule 12.1.4.40.*

Rolleston

- 12.1.4.41 The extent to which failure to provide a pedestrian linkage identified in Appendix 23 will result in increased use of private motor vehicles within Rolleston;
- 12.1.4.42 The degree to which pedestrian and cycle access throughout Rolleston may be enhanced from an efficiency and amenity perspective through the provision of cycleways and walkways;
- 12.1.4.43 The need to provide linkages (road, cycle, walkways) to schools, business areas, community facilities and reserves to ensure that the town develops in an integrated manner;
- 12.1.4.44 The need to provide for pedestrian and cycle movement within the road reserve;
- 12.1.4.45 The extent to which failure to provide walkways/cycleways may result in a loss of opportunity to enable non-vehicular access by children to and between residential areas, schools and community facilities;

- 12.1.4.46 The need for local reserves;
- 12.1.4.47 The extent to which failure to provide walkways/ cycleways may result in a loss of pedestrian safety and amenity;
- 12.1.4.48 The design guidelines contained in Appendix 23;
- 12.1.4.49 The extent to which a failure to conform with the roading pattern identified in Appendix 23 will adversely affect:
- (a) ease of access within and an efficient road network throughout Rolleston; and
 - (b) bus routes; and
 - (c) the ability of nearby landowners also to conform with the indicative roading layout and the degree to which access (actual or potential) to nearby properties may be changed or compromised.
- 12.1.4.50 The extent to which a failure to provide a linkage will adversely affect the future integration of Rolleston in terms of ease of vehicular and non-vehicular access to and between residential areas, business and community facilities.
- 12.1.4.51 In the Living 1A and 1B zones every allotment shall be served with underground electric power and telephone services in accordance with the standards specified by the relevant network utility operator.
- 12.1.4.52 Except as provided by rule 12.1.4.53, for allotments within or adjacent to the Lowes Road Outline Development Plan area, that the proposed layout is in general accordance with the Outline Development Plan map in Appendix 34.
- In assessing whether the layout is in general accordance with the structure plan map the following will be considered:
- a) that the ability for Council to obtain the indicated linkages is not compromised.
 - b) that the ability for Council to obtain the indicated reserves is not compromised.
 - c) that the layout will result in a logical pattern of development for the area as a whole.
 - d) that the ability of adjoining landowners to develop their land whilst providing for the indicated reserves and linkages is not unduly compromised.
 - e) That the proposal will result in public space of equal or better quality than the Outline Development Plan
 - f) That the proposal will not involve excessive additional costs for Council in the construction of roads or paths funded by development contributions.

- 12.1.4.53 For Lot 32 DP 76956 BLK III Leeston SD (35 Fairhurst Place), any subdivision need not provide connections shown on the Outline Development Plan provided that the average lot size is above 4000m² and the layout plan demonstrates that the connections can be provided in a logical fashion by future re-subdivision. This exception shall not apply to the connection to the adjacent school site (along the southern boundary of 35 Fairhurst Place) and shall not apply to any subsequent re-subdivision of the lots created.

Rolleston Special Character Low Density Areas (Living 1C zoning)

- 12.1.4.54 In the Living 1C zoned area adjacent to Waterbridge Way, that the subdivision would not require the piping of a water-race or its relocation away from the path shown in the Lowes Road Outline Development Plan unless:

- a) an alternative path of equal prominence is provided;
- b) the water-race is landscape to a standard equivalent to surrounding landholdings.

Except that the above shall not apply to any part of the water race which is greater than 12m from the legal road boundary.

In the assessment of this matter, consideration should be given to the likely size, shape and location of any dwellings to be built on the new lots.

- 12.1.4.55 In the Living 1C zoned area adjacent to Waterbridge Way, that the subdivision design minimizes the need for additional crossings of the water races by sharing accessways where possible.

Where new crossings are required, the assessment shall take into account:

- a) The extent to which the crossing would be of similar design, materials and colour to the existing bridges on Waterbridge Way.
- b) The visibility within the streetscene of the crossing.
- c) The extent to which the design would complement the special character of its surroundings.

- 12.1.4.56 In Living 1C zoned areas in Fairhurst Place, that the subdivision would not require the removal of street trees in order to provide access.

Tai Tapu

- 12.1.4.57 If the land to be subdivided is located in an area which is identified on the planning maps as being in the Living 1A or Living 2A zones at Tai Tapu:

- (a) Whether the subdivision of land or subsequent use of the land is likely to cause or exacerbate potential risk to people or damage to property; and

- (b) Any measures proposed to mitigate the effects of a potential natural hazard, including:
 - Building platforms within each allotment, of sufficient size to accommodate a dwelling and associated curtilage; and
 - The filling (with inert hardfill) of any low lying area; and
- (c) How adequate and appropriate any such mitigation measures may be, and the mechanisms to secure any such measures.

Restricted Discretionary Activities – Subdivision – West Melton

12.1.5 The following activities shall be restricted discretionary activities:

- 12.1.5.1 Any subdivision subject to Rule 12.1.1 which does not comply with Rule 12.1.3.34.
- 12.1.5.2 The exercise of discretion shall be restricted to the matters listed in 12.1.5.3 to 12.1.5.6 below.
- 12.1.5.3 Whether any amendments to the roading pattern will retain connectivity and avoid piecemeal and uncoordinated subdivision patterns;
- 12.1.5.4 Whether any amendments to the subdivision would still enable efficient and coordinated provision of services;
- 12.1.5.5 Whether any amendments to the subdivision layout will provide adequately for reserves, pedestrian or cycle linkages;
- 12.1.5.6 Whether any amendments to the subdivision will ensure that there are not an excessive number of lots reliant on a single access point to an adjoining road.

Discretionary Activities – Subdivision – General

12.1.6 The following activities shall be discretionary activities:

- 12.1.6.1 Any subdivision subject to Rule 12.1.1 which does not comply with Rules 12.1.3.9 or 12.1.3.10.
- 12.1.6.2 Any subdivision subject to Rule 12.1.1 which does not comply with Rule 12.1.3.13.
- 12.1.6.3 Any subdivision in the Living 2 Zone at Coalgate or Dunsandel with an average allotment size of less than 1 hectare.
- 12.1.6.4 Any subdivision in a Living 2 zone other than at Kirwee, Coalgate or Dunsandel with an average allotment size of less than 5000m².
- 12.1.6.5 Any subdivision in a Living 1C zone with an average lot size above 1,200m².
- 12.1.6.6 Any subdivision in the Living 2 zone at Lincoln with an average allotment size of less than 3,000m².

Non-Complying Activities – Subdivision – General

- 12.1.7 Except as provided for in Rules 12.1.5 and 12.1.6, the following activities shall be non-complying activities:
- 12.1.7.1 Any subdivision subject to Rule 12.1.1 which does not comply with Rule 12.1.3.
 - 12.1.7.2 Upon deposit of a Plan of subdivision, any further subdivision (other than by way of boundary adjustment) of any allotment within that Plan of subdivision (other than a balance lot) in the Living 1A Zone at Lincoln.
 - 12.1.7.3 In the Living 1A5 Zone at Prebbleton, subdivision for comprehensive residential development shall be a non-complying activity where a land use consent for a comprehensive residential development has not been obtained.
 - 12.1.7.4 Any subdivision in the Lowes Road Outline Development Plan area that is not in general accordance with the Outline Development Plan.
 - 12.1.7.5 Any subdivision in a Living 1C zone with an average lot size below 1,200m².

12.2 SUBDIVISION – BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENTS

Note: If a boundary adjustment completed under 12.2 creates a land use activity which no longer complies with the district plan provisions for a permitted activity, a separate land use consent may be required for the land use activity.

Restricted Discretionary Activities – Subdivision – Boundary Adjustments

12.2.1 Any subdivision to adjust the boundaries between existing allotments shall be a restricted discretionary activity if it complies with the following standards and terms:

12.2.1.1 All allotments subject to the boundary adjustment are adjoining or separated by a road, railway line, vehicular accessway or waterbody (excluding aquifers); and

12.2.1.2 No additional allotments are created as a result of the boundary adjustment; and

12.2.1.3 The area of any allotment after the boundary adjustment has not decreased the smallest allotment existing after the boundary adjustment by an area greater than 15% of that of the smallest allotment prior to the boundary adjustment (except where any such allotment is for the purpose of corner rounding or access to a road); and

12.2.1.4 Each allotment has legal access to a formed, legal road.

If the subdivision complies with Rules 12.2.1.1 to 12.2.1.4, it shall not be notified and shall not require the written approval of affected parties. The exercise of discretion shall be restricted to consideration of the matters listed in Rule 12.2.2.

12.2.2 Matters over which the Council has restricted the exercise of its discretion:

Access

12.2.2.1 If any allotment has access on to a Strategic Road listed in Appendix 7:

- (a) Any adverse effects, including cumulative effects, on traffic safety or traffic flow on the Strategic Road; and
- (b) Any alternative roads that may be used for access; and
- (c) The design and siting of the vehicular accessway or vehicle crossing.

Water

12.2.2.2 In relation to any new bore to provide a potable water supply:

- (a) Whether the protection zone is located outside of the plume of influence of any sewage treatment and/or disposal system; and
- (b) The need for the protection zone to be confined to within the boundaries of an allotment; and
- (c) Any measures proposed to mitigate the potential for any adverse effects on the quality of the water supply.

Size and Shape

12.2.2.3 The proposed size and shape of the allotments altered by the boundary adjustment considering:

- (a) The actual or proposed use of the site; and
- (b) The effects of adjoining land uses on the site; and
- (c) Whether, as a result of the boundary adjustment, an allotment may be created which is too small to enable a dwelling to be erected on it as a permitted activity in the district plan and, if so, the mechanism used to inform any prospective purchaser of any such allotment.

Note: In using its discretion under Rule 12.2.2.3(c), the consent authority shall consider a dwelling of 150m² in gross floor area for compliance with District Plan rules.

Stormwater Disposal

12.2.2.4 The methods for disposing of stormwater;

12.2.2.5 Any adverse effects of stormwater disposal on any land drainage scheme administered by the Selwyn District Council; and

12.2.2.6 The quantity and rate of stormwater discharged in to any land drainage scheme administered by the Selwyn District Council.

On Site Effluent Disposal

12.2.2.7 In the Living zones at Arthur's Pass, Coalgate, Darfield, Dunsandel, Glentunnel, Hororata, Kirwee, Rakaia Huts, Sheffield and Waddington, Springfield and Whitecliffs: Whether any allotment is of appropriate size and shape, and has appropriate ground conditions, to enable satisfactory on-site effluent treatment and disposal.

Note: The consent authority will have regard to the requirements of the relevant Regional Plan and the provisions of the New Zealand Building Code to assist in determining whether on-site sewage treatment and disposal can satisfactorily be achieved.

Special Sites

12.2.2.8 If any allotment subject to the boundary adjustment contains or adjoins:

- (a) Any waterbody excluding aquifers; or
- (b) Any site listed in Appendix 3; or
- (c) A designation:
 - Any effects (adverse or beneficial) which the boundary adjustment may have on these values of the site, as identified in the District Plan; and
 - Any proposed mitigation measures to lessen any adverse effects on these values; and
 - Whether public access to the site is desirable and, if so, where and how this may be improved as part of the boundary adjustment; and

- Whether the proposed size and shape of the allotments are appropriate to maintain the values and features of the site and enable ready access to and maintenance of the site.

Utilities

- 12.2.2.9 Any new or upgraded utilities required to any allotment as a result of the boundary adjustment; and
- 12.2.2.10 Whether any utility cables shall be laid underground; and
- 12.2.2.11 The location, design, layout and construction of any utilities or facilities which are to vest in Selwyn District Council; or which are to connect into or work in conjunction with, utilities or facilities which are owned or managed by Selwyn District Council; and
- 12.2.2.12 For services and facilities which are not to vest in Selwyn District Council:
- (a) The method(s) by which the operation, maintenance, repair and any upgrades to those systems shall be managed; and
 - (b) The method(s) by which prospective purchasers of any allotment are to be informed of any fiscal or managerial responsibilities they have for those utilities or facilities; and
- 12.2.2.13 Measures to avoid, remedy or mitigate any adverse effects of constructing or upgrading utilities or facilities on surrounding residents or other parts of the environment.

Easements

- 12.2.2.14 Any easements or other mechanisms needed to obtain legal access to land or utilities.

High Voltage Transmission Lines

- 12.2.2.15 Where any part of the lands in respect of which boundary adjustments are proposed lies within a corridor 20 metres from the centreline of transmission lines indicated in the Planning Maps or within 20 metres of any support structure for those lines, the means by which compliance with the New Zealand Code of Electrical Practice (NZCEP:34) may be achieved by likely activities on any allotment all or part of which will lie within that corridor or distance.

Esplanade Reserves and Strips

- 12.2.2.16 Whether any esplanade reserve will be created on any allotment which adjoins a river, lake or stream listed in Appendix 12.

Tai Tapu

- 12.2.2.17 If any allotment subject to the boundary adjustment is located in an area which is identified on the planning maps as being in the Living 1A or 2A zones at Tai Tapu:
- (a) Whether the subdivision of land or subsequent use of the land is likely to cause or exacerbate potential risk to people or damage to property; and

- (b) Any measures proposed to mitigate the effects of a potential natural hazard, including:
 - Minimum floor heights for dwellings and other principal buildings; and
 - Building platforms within each allotment, of sufficient size to accommodate a dwelling and associated curtilage; and
 - The filling (with inert hardfill) of any low lying area; and
- (c) How adequate and appropriate any such mitigation measures may be, and the mechanisms to secure any such measures.

Non-Complying Activities – Subdivision – Boundary Adjustments

12.2.3 The following activities shall be non-complying activities

12.2.3.1 Any subdivision to adjust boundaries which does not comply with Rule 12.2.1

12.3 SUBDIVISION — ACCESS, RESERVE AND UTILITY ALLOTMENTS

Controlled Activities — Subdivision – Access, Reserve and Utility Allotments

12.3.1 Subdivision of land to create allotments used solely for:

- Access (including roads and esplanade reserves); or
- Esplanade strips; or
- Protection of sites with special ecological, cultural or heritage values, archaeological sites, or outstanding landscapes; or
- Utility structures and utility buildings;
- Stopbanks.

Shall be a controlled activity which need not be notified or served on the persons prescribed in regulations (except where any part on an allotment intended to be used for utility structures lies within a corridor 20 metres from the centreline of transmission lines indicated in the Planning Maps or within 20 metres of any support structure for those lines. In that case, and subject to S94(2) of the Act, notice of the application shall be served on the appropriate network utility operator). The exercise of discretion shall be restricted to consideration of the matters listed in Rule 12.3.2.

Subdivision of land to create allotments used solely for utility buildings and utility structures shall be a controlled activity, which shall not be notified and shall not require the written approval of affected parties. The exercise of discretion shall be restricted to consideration of the matters listed in Rule 12.3.2.

12.3.2 Matters over which the Council has reserved control:

Access

12.3.2.1 Whether any allotment(s) created by the subdivision require(s) legal access to a legal, formed road; and

12.3.2.2 If legal access is to be to a Strategic Road listed in Appendix 7:

- (a) Any adverse effects, including cumulative effects, on traffic safety and flow; and
- (b) Whether access can be obtained of an alternative road; and
- (c) The design and siting of any vehicular accessway or vehicle crossing.

Size and Shape

12.3.2.3 The size and shape of any allotment created by the subdivision considering:

- (a) The proposed use of the site; and
- (b) Any adverse effects of surrounding land uses on the site.

Special Sites

- 12.3.2.4 For the subdivision of land which contains or adjoins any waterbody (excluding aquifers), the setting aside of esplanade strips or other methods to protect the hydrological characteristics and any ecological values of the waterbody (excluding aquifers).
- 12.3.2.5 If the land to be subdivided contains any place or item which is listed in Appendix 2 or 3 as a Heritage site or ecological site, or designation:
- (a) Any effects (adverse or beneficial) which subdividing the land may have on the values of the site identified in the District Plan; and
 - (b) Any proposed mitigation measures to lessen any adverse effects on these values; and
 - (c) Whether public access to the site is desirable and, if so, how this may be improved as part of the subdivision;
 - (d) Whether the size and shape of the allotment area is appropriate to maintain the values and features of the site and enable ready access to and maintenance of the site;
 - (e) The results of any consultation with the New Zealand Historic Places Trust Pouhere Taonga.

Utilities

- 12.3.2.6 Whether any allotment created by the subdivision needs to be supplied with any utilities or services and, if so:
- (a) The standard of each utility service provided; and
 - (b) Whether any utility cables shall be laid underground; and
 - (c) The location, design, layout and construction of any utilities or facilities which are to vest in Selwyn District Council; or which are to connect into, or work in conjunction with utilities or facilities which are owned or managed by Selwyn District Council, and
 - (d) For services and facilities which are not to vest in Selwyn District Council:
 - The method(s) by which the operation, maintenance, repair and any upgrades to those systems shall be managed; and
 - The method(s) by which prospective purchasers of allotments are to be informed of any fiscal or managerial responsibilities they have for those services and facilities.

Easements

- 12.3.2.7 Any easements or other mechanisms needed to obtain legal access to land or other utilities.

Point Strips

- 12.3.2.8 The creation of any 200mm wide allotment to deny access onto a particular road for traffic safety purposes.

High Voltage Transmission Lines

- 12.3.2.9 Where any part of any proposed allotment lies within a corridor 20 metres from the centreline of transmission lines indicated in the Planning Maps or within 20 metres of any support structure for those lines, the means by which compliance with the New Zealand Code of Electrical Practice (NZCEP:34) may be achieved by likely activities on any such allotment.

Esplanade Reserves and Strips

- 12.3.2.10 Whether any esplanade reserve will be created on any allotment which adjoins a river, lake or stream listed in Appendix 12;
- 12.3.2.11 Whether any esplanade strip will be created on any allotment to protect the natural character of the margins of any river, lake or stream listed in Appendix 12.

Tai Tapu

- 12.3.2.12 If the land to be subdivided is located in an area which is identified on the planning maps as being in the Living 1A or Living 2A zones at Tai Tapu:
- (a) Whether the subdivision of land or subsequent use of the land is likely to cause or exacerbate potential risk to people or damage to property; and
 - (b) Any measures proposed to mitigate the effects of a potential natural hazard, including the filling (with inert hardfill) of any low lying area; and
 - (c) How adequate and appropriate any such mitigation measures may be, and the mechanisms to secure any such measures.

Reasons for Rules

Land is usually subdivided, in townships, to create new allotments to be sold as sites for new residential or business development. Subdivision has been the process used in New Zealand to ensure new allotments have appropriate facilities and features to house new buildings. The District Plan continues to manage these effects at subdivision stage because:

- (a) The 'public' expectation is that if an allotment is purchased, it can be built on – especially in townships.
- (b) It is usually more efficient and effective to ensure utilities and facilities are installed when land is subdivided, rather than when each allotment is sold and built on, particularly reticulated services, roads and reserves.

Rule 12.1 identifies the facilities and other conditions necessary to ensure allotments in each township are suitable for building on. The Plan recognises, in Rules 12.2 and 12.3 that some allotments are not subdivided to house new buildings. Rule 12.2 provides separate, less stringent conditions, for the alternation of boundaries between adjoining allotments, where no new allotments are created. The subdivisions provided for in Rules 12.2 and 12.3 are recognised as having less potential effects on the environment than those in Rule 12.1.

Rules 12.1 and 12.2 make subdivision a restricted discretionary activity if the activity complies with all relevant standards and terms. The resource consent application is not notified and does

not require the written approval of affected parties. These rules are slightly different from the more common controlled activity for two reasons:

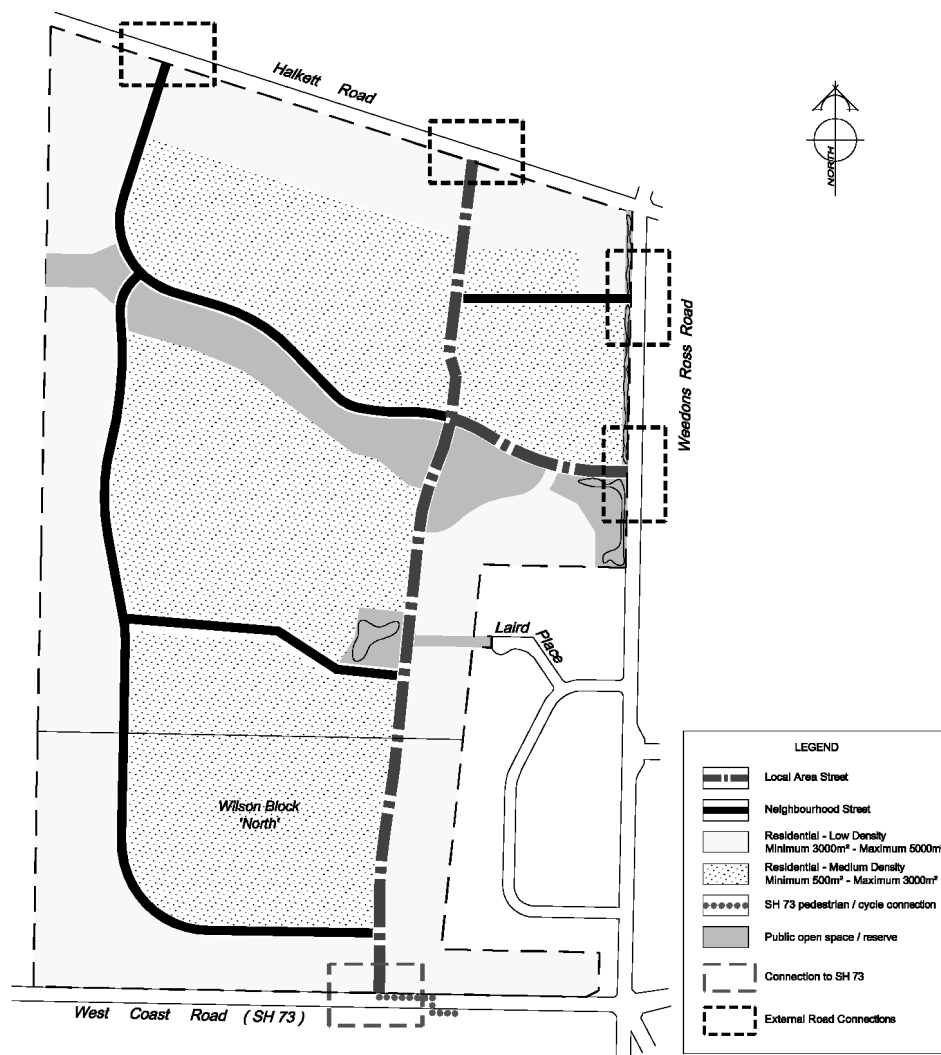
- (a) The consent authority has the discretion to decline 'inappropriate' proposals. Given that the subdivision rules offer increased flexibility for developers in the design and servicing of their subdivisions than was previously the case, this is considered necessary and reasonable.
- (b) A controlled activity is required, under the Act, to be approved. This sometimes resulted in an 'inappropriate' proposal being approved with conditions imposed that, in effect, meant the consent could not be given effect to in terms of the original application (that is, the consent authority was actually declining the application). A restricted discretionary classification avoids this situation.

Outline Development Plans are required in a number of circumstances where the area to be developed is large, or is in multiple ownership. The purpose of Outline Development Plans is to ensure coordinated development, particularly in terms of roading, pedestrian and cycle links; to improve subdivision design; to assist with staging of subdivision; identifying the location of green space and reserves and access points to the adjoining road network; avoidance of adverse effects; and the retention of any key natural features or physical infrastructure.

Where new residential subdivisions are developed adjacent to strategic highways, noise from traffic can have adverse effects on adjoining dwellings, particularly where there are higher speed limits. In these circumstances noise bunding, building setbacks or other measures will be required.

OUTLINE DEVELOPMENT PLAN & LAYER PLAN – LIVING WM (WEST MELTON) ZONE

Appendix 20A - Living WM Zone -
Outline Development Plan



Outline Development Plan

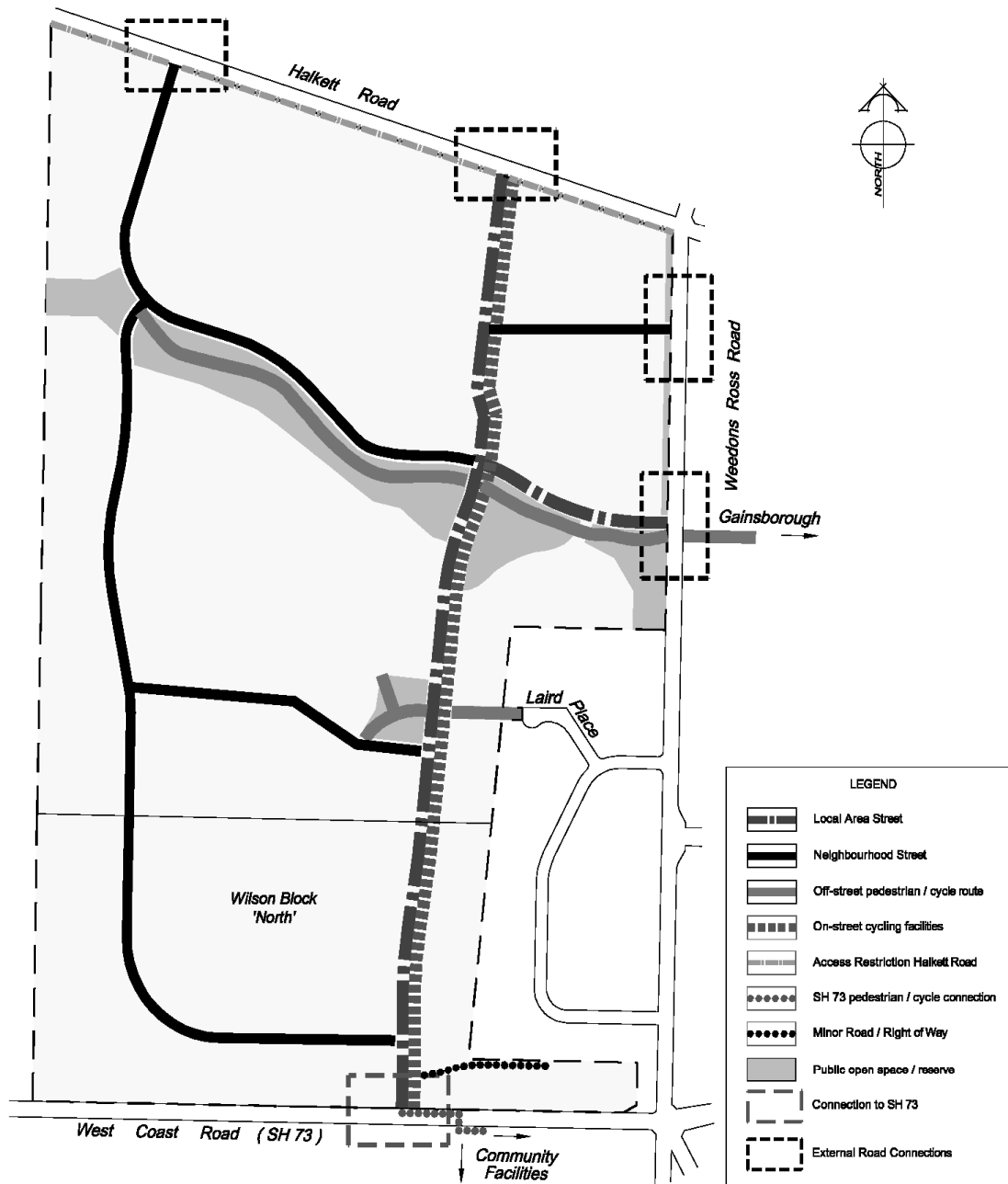
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Notes:

Any fencing erected along Halkett Road, Weedons Ross Road or the Inner Plains boundary, to be generally consistent along the length of the road frontage/boundary and to be of an open, rural style such as post and rail or post & wire.

The centerline of the SH73 connection where it meets SH73 is to be located at New Zealand Map Grid co-ordinates 2456748E, 5742422N and the connection is to be installed in accordance with the plan entitled Preston Downs Plan Change SH73 Intersection Position (No.: 9131_6_C_6A) dated 21 December 2010.

Appendix 20A - Living WM Zone -
Movement Network Plan



Movement Network (Layer Plan)

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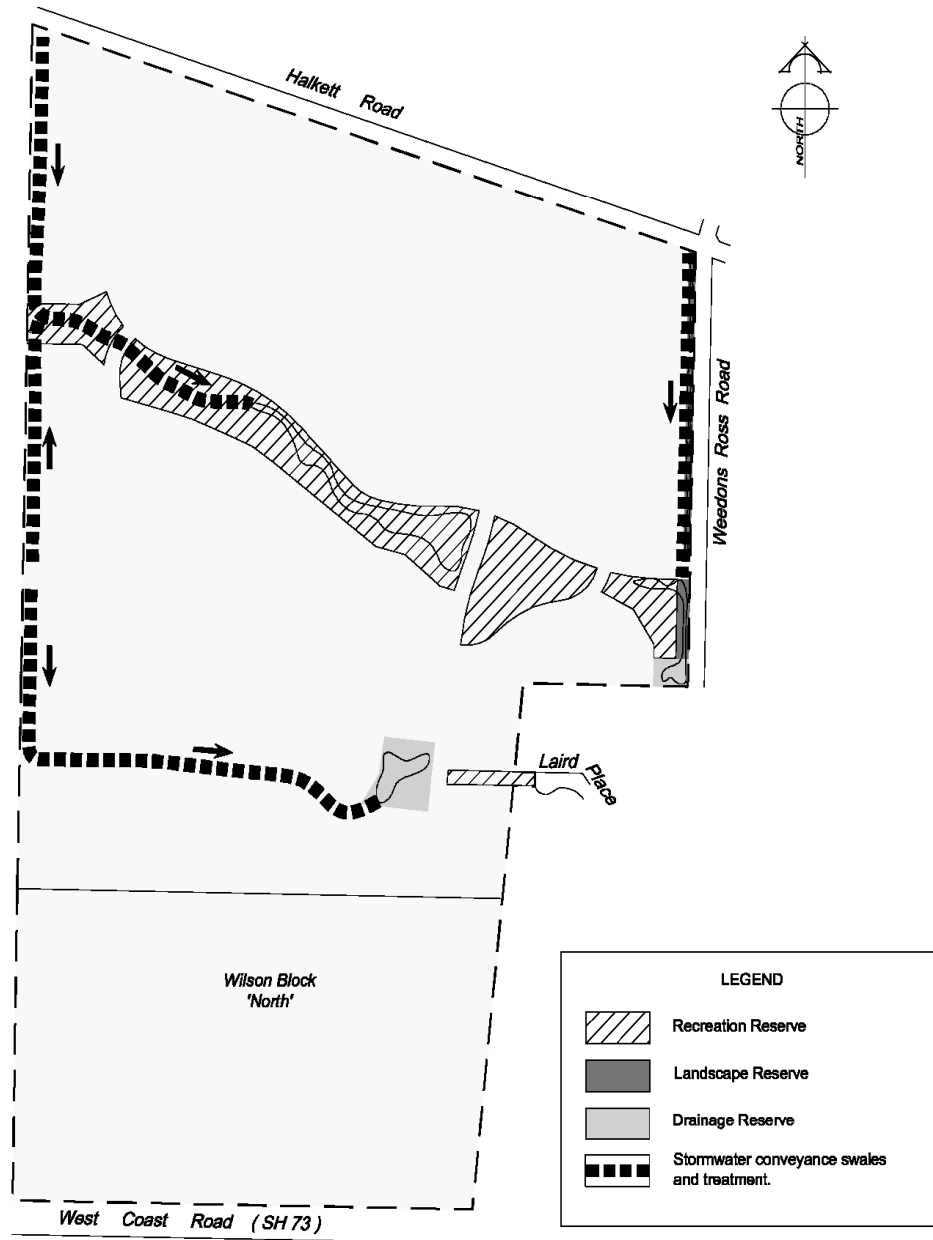
Other local roads to be determined as part of subdivision.

No individual property access to SH73.

No formed vehicular access to individual properties fronting Halkett Road.

The centerline of the SH73 connection where it meets SH73 is to be located at New Zealand Map Grid co-ordinates 2458748E, 5742422N and the connection is to be installed in accordance with the plan entitled Preston Downs Plan Change SH73 Intersection Position (No.: 9131_6_C_6A) dated 21 December 2010.

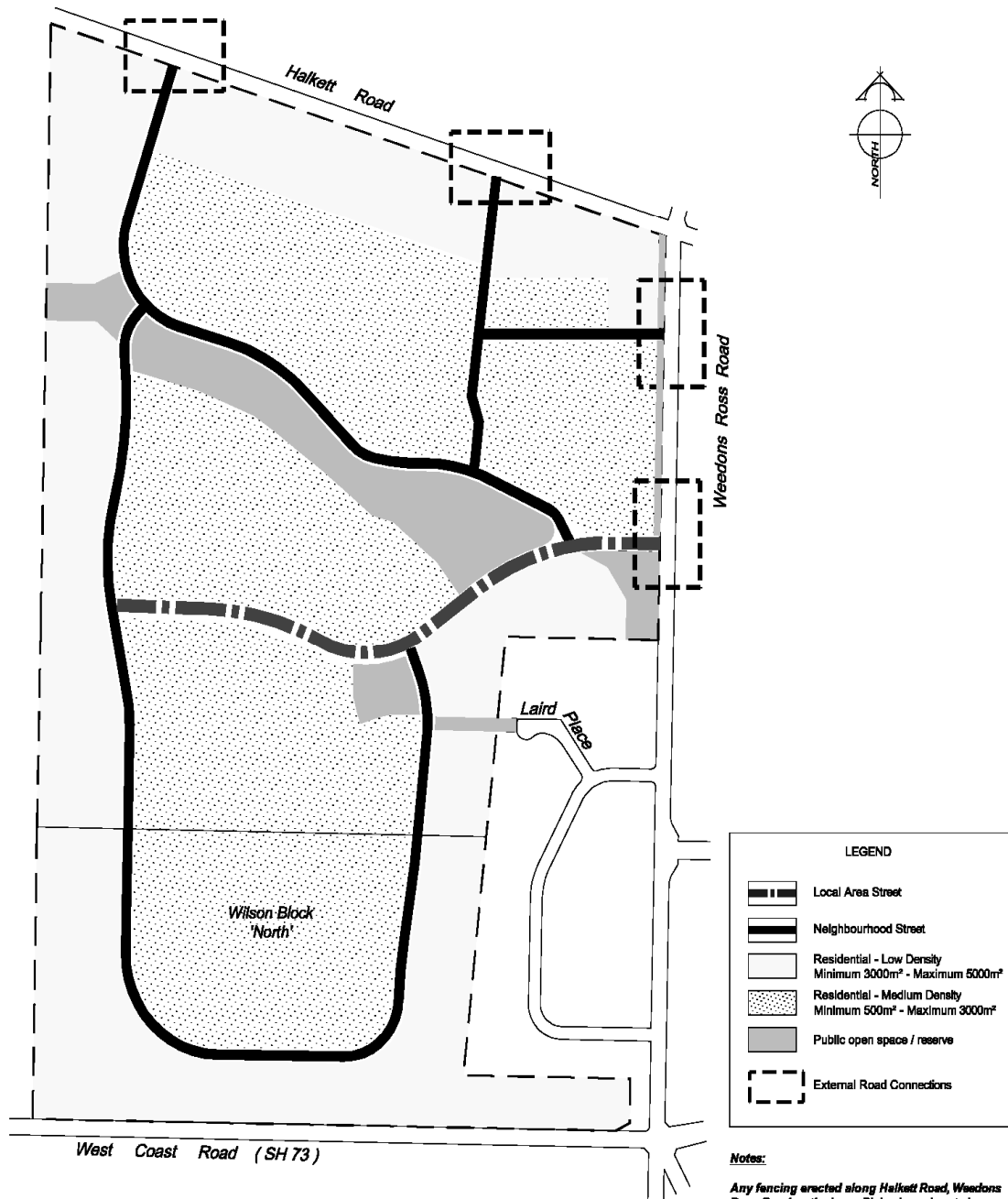
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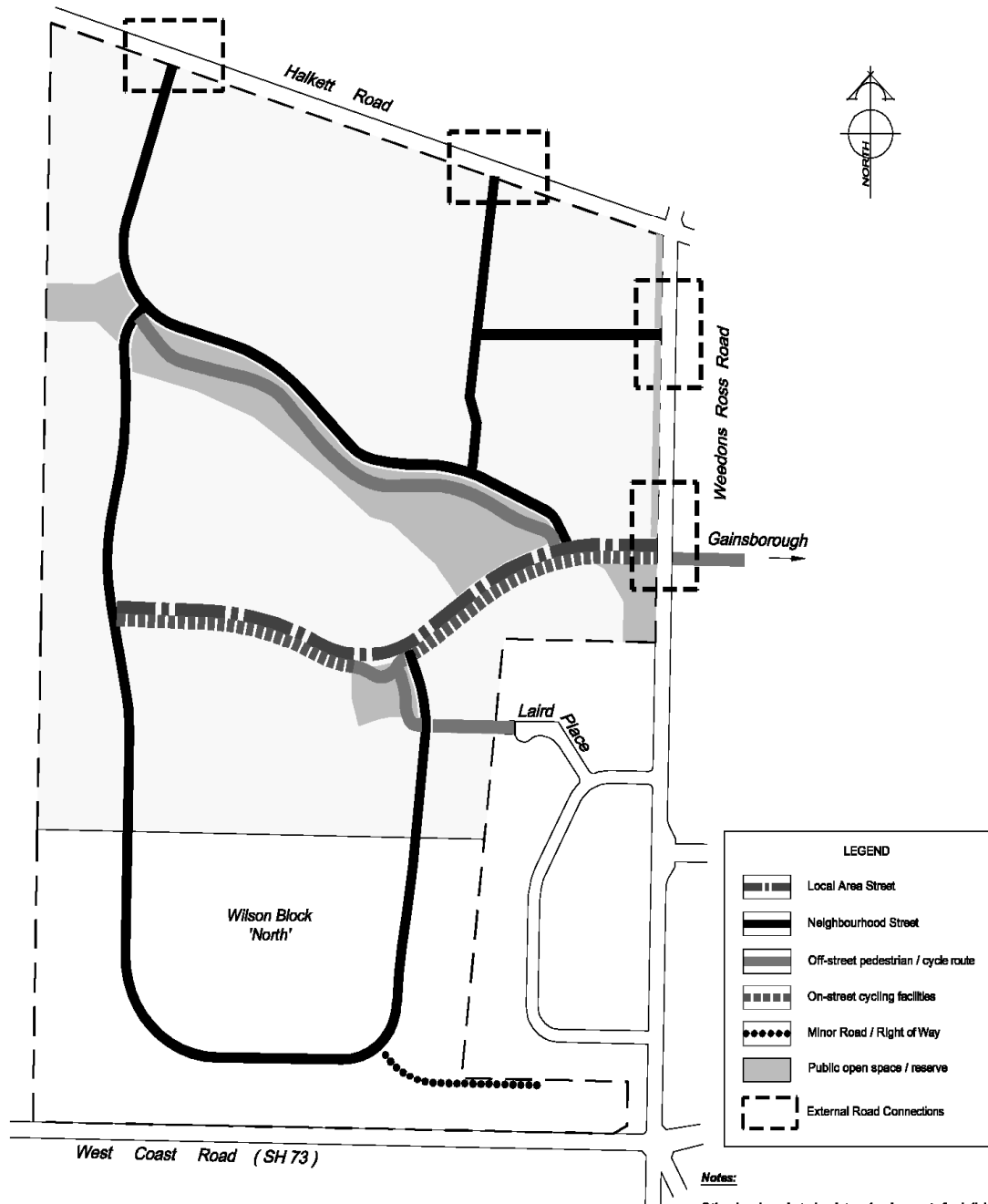
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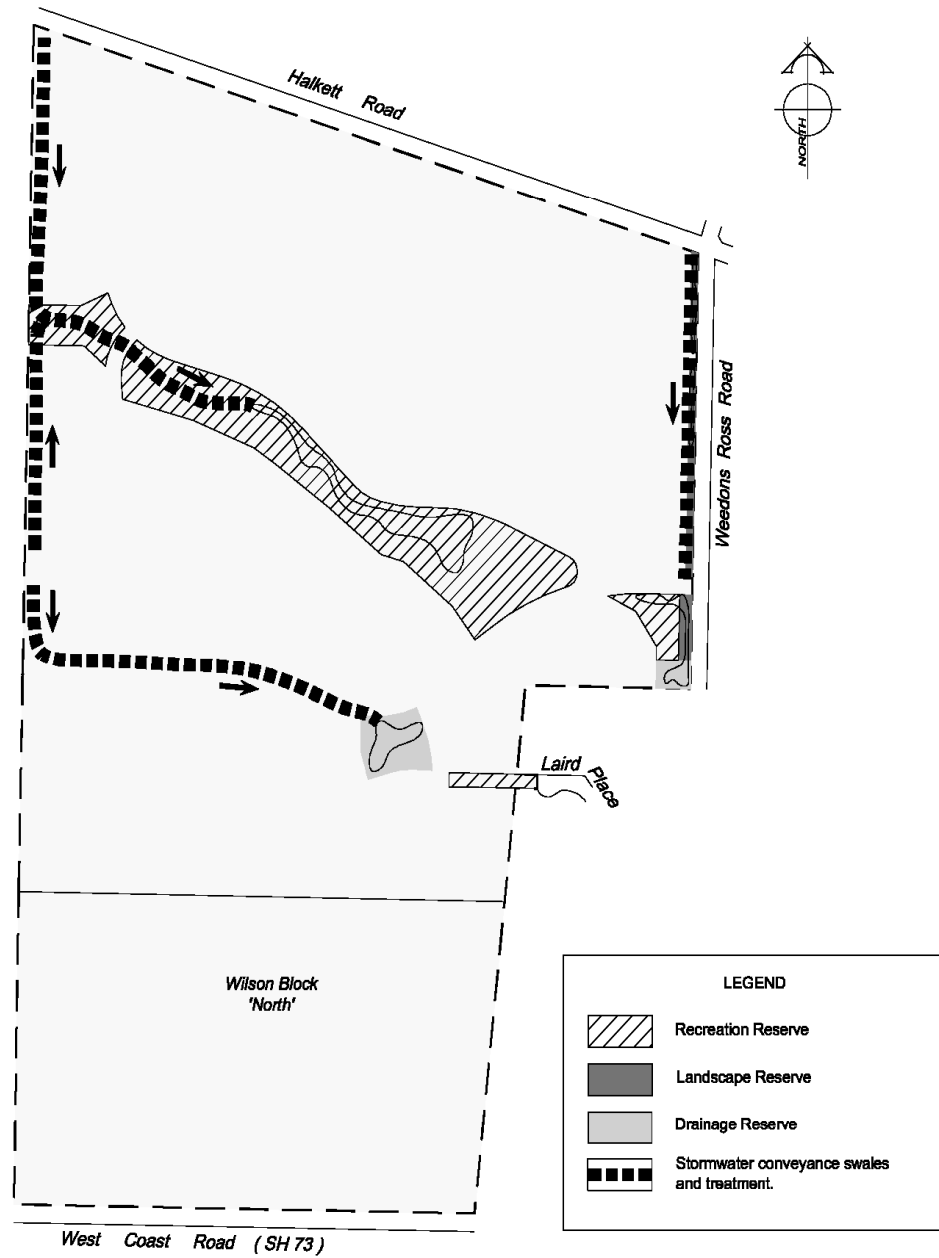
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Movement Network Plan



Movement Network (Layer Plan)

This plan is an alternative to the preceding Outline Development Plan and Movement Network Layer Plan and shall apply only if the New Zealand Transport Agency refuses its consent to the construction of an intersection with State Highway 73. In all other circumstances the preceding versions shall apply.

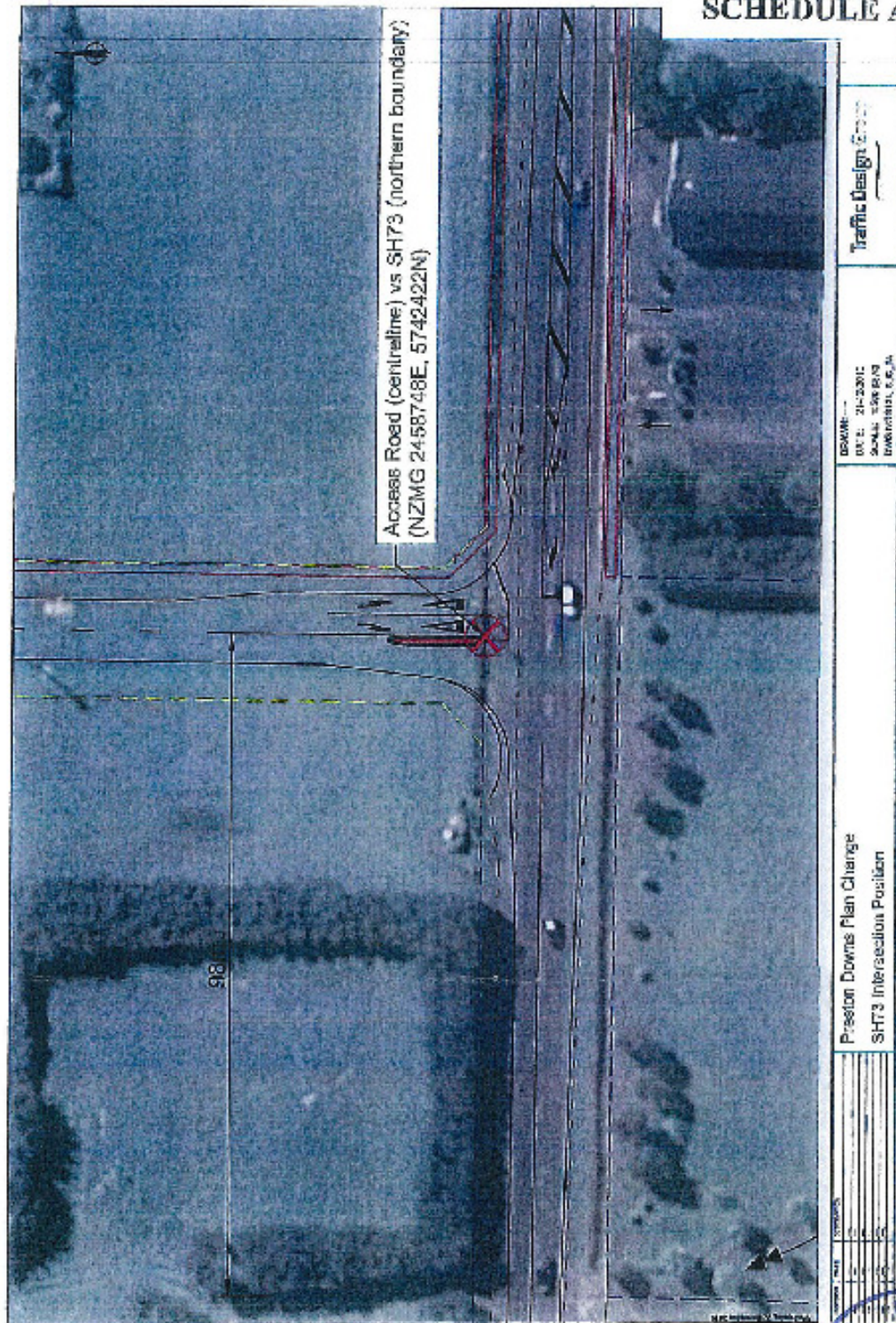
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16 BUSINESS ZONE RULES — BUILDINGS

16.1 BUILDINGS AND LANDSCAPING

Permitted Activities — Buildings and Landscaping

16.1.1 Except as provided in Rules 16.1.2 to 16.1.5 any principal building shall be a permitted activity if the area between the road boundary and the principal building is:

16.1.1.1 Paved or sealed; or

16.1.1.2 Planted in lawn; or

16.1.1.3 Landscaped with shrubs, bark chips or similar materials; or

16.1.1.4 For the purpose of screening in the Business 2 and 3 zones, landscaping methods listed in 16.1.1.1 to 16.1.1.3 are employed.

Note: *landscaping requirements apply to new activities established in a zone. The rules do not apply to existing activities which meet the criteria for existing users under section 10 of the Act.*

16.1.2 Any principal building in the Business 2A Zone shall be a permitted activity if the following standard is met:

16.1.2.1 A landscaping strip of at least 3 metres width shall be provided along every road frontage except along the frontage with Railway Road. The landscaping shall meet the following standards:

- (a) The landscaping shall consist of only those species listed in Appendix 21. Planting for each allotment shall include:
 - A minimum of two trees from Group A for every 10 metres of road frontage. For boulevard roads the species selected shall match any Group A species in the adjacent road.
 - At least 35% of the required area shall be planted in species from Group C.
 - At least 10% of the required area shall be planted in species from Group D.
 - Group B and C species shall be used when screening tall blank walls and vehicle courts.
- (b) All plants shall be of the following maximum spacings:
 - Group B – 1.5 metre centres;
 - Group C – 1.5 metre centres;
 - Group D – 700mm centres.
- (c) The landscaping planted shall be maintained and if dead, diseased or damaged shall be removed and replaced.
- (d) No fences or structures shall be erected within the 3 metre landscaping strip. Footpaths of up to 1.5m in width and generally

at right angles to the road frontage may be provided in the landscape strip.

- (e) All new planting areas shall be mulched.

16.1.3 Any principal building in that part of the Business 2 Zone located south of Jones Road, Rolleston, as shown on the Landscape Development Plan at Appendix 28 shall be a permitted activity if the following standards are met:

16.1.3.1 The area between the common boundary of the Business 2 Zone and the railway reserve, as depicted on the Landscape Development Plan at Appendix 28, and the principal building shall be landscaped to the following standards:

- (a) A landscaping strip shall be established along the Business 2 Zone side of the common boundary to a depth of 10 metres.
- (b) Landscape planting, an irrigation system, and boundary fencing shall be undertaken in accordance with the Landscape Development Plan at Appendix 28.
- (c) The Cupressus hedge on the inner part of the landscape strip shall achieve, once matured, a minimum height of 2.5 metres.
- (d) The landscaping planted shall be maintained, and if dead, diseased, or damaged, shall be removed and replaced.
- (e) No accessory buildings, fences, or structures shall be erected within the 10 metre landscape strip, except in accordance with the Landscape Development Plan at Appendix 28.

16.1.3.2 Before any principal building is erected on any parcel of land subject to Rule 16.1.3.1, all of the landscape planting, irrigation system, and fencing shown on the Landscape Development Plan at Appendix 28 on that allotment shall be completed.

16.1.4 Any principal building in that part of the Business 2 Zone located south of Jones Road and adjoining Hoskyns Road, Rolleston, as shown on the Business 2 Outline Development Plan (Hoskyns Road) Rolleston at Appendix 32 if the following standards are met:

16.1.4.1 The area between the common boundary of the Business 2 Zone and the railway reserve, as depicted on the Outline Development Plan at Appendix 32, and the principal building shall be landscaped to the following standards:

- A landscaping strip shall be established along the Business 2 Zone side of the common boundary to a depth of 5 metres.
- Landscape planting, an irrigation system and boundary (chain link and stock) fencing shall be undertaken in accordance with the Outline Development Plan at Appendix 32. Irrigation is to be provided for a minimum of 2 years following the establishment of the landscaping.
- The Lemonwood (*Pittosporum eugenoides*) hedge on the landscaping strip shall achieve, once matured, a minimum height of 3 metres
- The landscaping planted shall be maintained and if dead or diseased or damaged, shall be removed and replaced.
- Specimen trees shall be a minimum height of 2 metres at planting.

- The existing English Oaks (*Quercus robur*) at the eastern end of the site to be retained, maintained and secured within a fenced 5 metre wide compound extending from the end of the proposed landscape strip.
- No accessory buildings, fences, or structures shall be erected within the 5 metre landscape strip, except in accordance with the Outline Development Plan at Appendix 32.

16.1.4.2 Before any principal building is erected on any parcel of land subject to Rule 11.4.1, all of the landscape planting, irrigation system and fencing shown on the Outline Development Plan at Appendix 32 on that allotment shall be completed.

Discretionary Activities – Buildings and Landscaping

16.1.5 Any principal building which does not comply with Rule 16.1.1 shall be a discretionary activity.

Non-Complying Activities – Buildings and Landscaping

16.1.6 Any principal building which does not comply with Rule 16.1.2 or 16.1.3 or 16.1.4 shall be a non-complying activity.

16.2 BUILDINGS AND CONTAMINATED LAND

Refer to Rule 22.1 – Activities and Contaminated Land.

16.3 BUILDINGS AND WATER SUPPLY

Permitted Activities – Buildings and Water Supply

16.3.1 In all Business zones the erection of any dwelling or principal building connected to a reticulated water supply shall be a permitted activity, provided that it complies with the current New Zealand Drinking Water Standards, except where it can be demonstrated that the use of the principal building in the Business 3 Zone does not require such a supply.

Non-Complying Activities – Buildings and Water Supply

16.3.2 Any activity which does not comply with Rule 16.3.1 shall be a non-complying activity.

16.4 BUILDINGS AND SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL

Permitted Activities – Buildings and Sewage Treatment and Disposal

16.4.1 In the Business zones at Castle Hill, Doyleston, Leeston, Lincoln, Prebbleton, Rolleston and Southbridge, the erection of any dwelling or principal building shall be a permitted activity provided that it is connected to a reticulated sewage treatment and disposal system, unless, in the case of a principal building other than a dwelling

within the Business 3 Zone, the intended use of that building does not generate sewage.

- 16.4.2 In all other Business zones in the District, dwellings shall be permitted activities provided that they are serviced by on-site effluent treatment and disposal systems.

Notes

1. A discharge permit is required from Environment Canterbury to dispose of sewage on-site at Darfield.
2. If the Council and the community decide to install a reticulated sewage treatment and disposal system in an area presently unserved, under the Local Government Act 1974, the Council may require existing principal buildings to connect.

16.5 BUILDINGS AND SITE COVERAGE

Permitted Activities — Buildings and Site Coverage

- 16.5.1 The erection of any building in the Business 1A Zone at Castle Hill shall be a permitted activity if the site coverage does not exceed 50%.
- 16.5.2 In the Business 1 Zone at Rolleston bounded by Rolleston Drive, State Highway 1 and Dick Roberts Place, the following shall be permitted activities:
- 16.5.2.1 The erection of any building, or redevelopment, involving more than 2,500 square metres of gross leaseable floor area where the site coverage does not exceed 35%.
- 16.5.2.2 The erection of any building or redevelopment involving less than 2,500 square metres of gross leaseable floor area where the site coverage does not exceed 50%.

Restricted Discretionary Activities — Buildings and Site Coverage

- 16.5.3 Any activity that does not comply with Rule 16.5.2.1 shall be a restricted discretionary activity. The exercise of the discretion shall be limited to consideration of:
- 16.5.3.1 Any adverse effects of the building or redevelopment on the amenity of adjoining or nearby Living areas;
- 16.5.3.2 Any adverse effects from the visual appearance of the building or redevelopment, the extent and effectiveness of the proposed planting of trees in screening car parking areas and the visual appearance of the building/redevelopment from adjoining or nearby residences.

Non-Complying Activities — Buildings and Site Coverage

- 16.5.4 Any activity that does not comply with Rule 16.5.1 and 16.5.2.2 shall be a non-complying activity.