

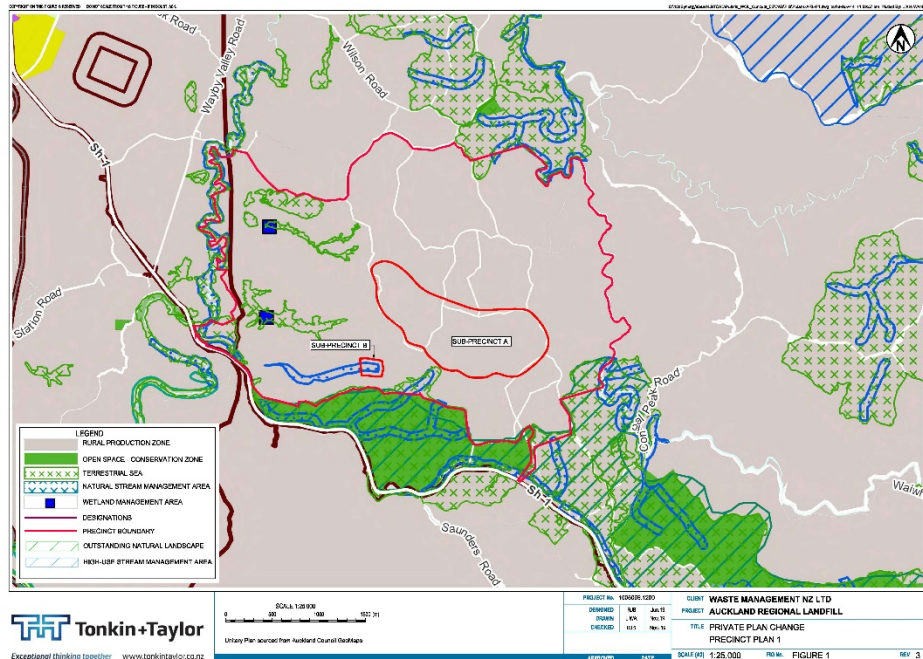
**PROPOSED AUCKLAND REGIONAL LANDFILL RESOURCE CONSENT
APPLICATION & PRIVATE PLAN CHANGE REQUEST**

Frequently asked questions and answers

Question	Answer
Where do I find information on the proposal?	<p>The first source of information is the Council website (www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz).</p> <p>For more information about the Resource Consent and Private Plan Change 42 please refer to the Auckland Council website as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the Resource Consent application please visit our website: http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/notifiedresourceconsent • For the Private Plan Change please visit our website: http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/planchanges <p>Paper copies of both the Resource Consent application and Private Plan Change are also at Council's Graham Street (Auckland CBD), Warkworth and Orewa Service Centres, and the Wellsford War Memorial Museum, although these are for viewing only and cannot leave the premises. Please also note that there are no public photocopying services available at these locations, and staff will not be available to make copies for you.</p> <p>While these facilities are closed due to Covid-19, requests for paper copies, or soft copies on a USB drive, will be considered on a case-by-case basis (for people who are unable to access them via the Council website) by emailing unitaryplan@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz, or by leaving a message on (09) 365 3786 (messages are cleared regularly).</p> <p>When requesting paper copies please consider carefully which documents you actually need, as many are highly technical and very large.</p>
How do I lodge a submission?	<p>You may lodge a submission to any part of the Resource Consent application or Private Plan Change, or both.</p> <p>Should you wish to lodge a submission on both, you must lodge separate submissions because they are two separate legal processes.</p> <p>While written or electronic submissions are acceptable, we strongly recommend that you use electronic submission forms as these are quick and easy to use, and will ensure that your submission is correctly lodged in the Council system for either the Resource Consent application or the Private Plan Change.</p>
How are submissions evaluated by the Hearing Commissioners?	<p>All submissions are evaluated on their content, not just the number of submissions. Submitters are therefore encouraged to clearly state the reasons for their submissions (either supporting or opposing the application), and, if applicable, what specific changes the submitters might want made to the proposal.</p>
Does my submission have to include all of	<p>You should include as much information as is possible when you lodge your submission so that this can be considered by Council's planner and technical specialists, and the Hearing Commissioners, ahead of the hearing. It is</p>

<p>the information I wish to speak to if I plan to attend the hearing?</p>	<p>important to make it clear what all of your concerns are, as this sets the 'scope' of your submission that you can speak to, and potentially lodge an appeal on. However you are able to provide further detail regarding your concerns at the hearing (within reason), just not introduce new issues. The Chair of the Hearing Panel will provide direction on this at the hearing if necessary.</p>
<p>If I represent a group can I lodge a submission on their behalf or must they each lodge their own?</p>	<p>Submissions can be from an individual, an official group such as an incorporated society, charitable trust, registered company or Government Department, or an informal group. You should provide details about your group in your submission so that the Hearing Commissioners gain an understanding of their numbers and scope of interest.</p> <p>When it comes to attendance at the hearing, Council encourages groups, and individuals and groups with common interests, to elect a spokesperson(s) in order to make the best use of time and avoid unnecessary repetition.</p>
<p>What is the closing date for submissions?</p>	<p>All submissions must be received by Council on or before midnight, 26 May 2020, being 40 working days following notification.</p> <p>This is double the normal submission period in recognition of the large amount of information that has been provided by Waste Management New Zealand Ltd (WMNZ).</p> <p>How Covid-19 will impact the submission process is uncertain at this stage, as are any measures that Central Government may take to address this through emergency legislation. Council will continue to monitor the situation and will provide updates on its webpage.</p>
<p>What Council experts are assessing the information provided by WMNZ for the Resource Consent application and Private Plan Change?</p>	<p>Council has a large team of experts assessing the proposal. This includes: resource management planners, a traffic engineer, landscape architect, aquatic and terrestrial ecologists, engineers, hydrogeologist, economist, and waste acceptance criteria, health risk assessment, air quality, erosion & sediment control, noise, geotechnical and stormwater experts, amongst others.</p>
<p>What is a 'precinct' that the private plan change refers to and what does it do?</p>	<p>The Auckland Unitary Plan has a number of zones but the plan also uses precincts when the zone rules do not have enough detail or need to be more specific to a site.</p> <p>Precincts enable local differences to be recognised by providing detailed place-based provisions which can vary the outcomes sought by the zone or Auckland-wide provisions and can be more restrictive or more enabling. Precinct areas are identified on the planning maps with a red outline.</p> <p>The Auckland Regional Landfill precinct that the private plan change seeks to introduce sets up the high-level planning framework for the site (objectives, policies, rules, etc). Specifically, this precinct proposes to enable (subject to resource consent) a landfill to be established or altered</p>

on the site. While the Auckland Regional Landfill precinct covers a very large area (1,020ha), the area in which waste is proposed to be placed is limited to Sub-precinct A (see map below).



What is the process after the submission period?

After the submission period, for the Private Plan Change:

Council planners must prepare a summary of decisions requested by submitters and give public notice of the availability of this summary, and where the summary and submissions can be inspected.

Then the following persons are given the opportunity to make a further submission in support of, or in opposition to, the submissions already made on the Private Plan Change:

- any person representing a relevant aspect of the public interest;
- any person who has an interest in the proposal greater than the general public has; and
- the local authority itself.

If any submitter asks to be heard in support of their submission a hearing must be held.

The Resource Consent application will remain on-hold while the further submission process takes its course on the Private Plan Change, following which a hearing will be scheduled if any submitter has asked to be heard in support of their submission.

The hearing for the Resource Consent application and Private Plan Change may be held jointly or separately. This will be decided later in the year following the submission and further submission processes.

Submitters who wish to be heard will be contacted with the details of the hearing. At this stage we are not able to confirm when this will be, but we anticipate that it may be in the latter half of the year.

	<p>Following the hearing and release of the decisions any submitter may appeal the decision for either the Resource Consent application or Private Plan Change they submitted on, or they may appeal both if they submitted on both.</p>
<p>How will a hearing be held if Covid-19 prevents public gatherings?</p>	<p>If such restrictions are still in place later in the year the hearing could be held via Skype and phone conferencing, or it may be delayed until these are lifted.</p>
<p>To whom do I direct questions or comments about the merits or otherwise of either proposal prior to the close of submissions?</p>	<p>If you have any questions or would like more detailed information on the Private Plan Change or the Resource Consent application, please contact us by email at unitaryplan@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz or by phone (09) 365 3786.</p> <p>Please note that we're not able to have someone answering phone calls, however messages are checked regularly and phone back requests will be actioned promptly.</p>