

Notes

What: Auckland Plan Committee Workshop re Unitary Plan

Where: Auckland Town Hall, Level 2 Reception Lounge

When: Thursday 11 July 2013, 10.00am-1.00pm

Who:

Councillors

Penny Hulse (Chair), Ann Hartley, Des Morrison, Richard Northey, Penny Webster, Mike Lee, Arthur Anae, Dick Quax, Sharon Stewart, John Walker, Calum Penrose, George Wood, Wayne Walker, Member Tupuhi

Local Board Chairs

Desley Simpson, Angela Dalton, Andrew Baker, Peter Skelton, Simon Randall, Lindsay Waugh, Chris Darby, Derek Battersby

Local Board Members

David Cooper, Tunumafono Ava Fa'amoe, Christine O'Brien, Neil Henderson

Officers

Oliver Roberts, Daniel Sadlier, Jacques Victor, Penny Pirrit, John Duguid, Anita Palacio, Claire Richardson, John Evans, Mark Bishop, Megan Tyler, Nola Rundle, Crispian Franklin

Apologies

Councillor Cathy Casey, Member Morehu, LB Chair Vanessa Neeson

Item	Who	Time
Item 1: Welcome	Deputy Mayor Penny Hulse	10:00am
Outline provided of key issues and feedback.		

Item 2: Universal Design	Anthony Horton
Summary of the outcome of the reference group discussion and a general support to apply 20% of the proposed standards on a proportion of new houses and also to educate developers on these rules.	
Further discussion on option of ground floor toilets for all multi-level homes and wider corridors for easy accessibility. This to be included with ADM guidance.	
Interim direction from the group to take on board the feedback from the reference group forum.	
The following interim directions were generally agreed:	
A balanced approach.	
Acknowledge the limitations of the Unitary Plan in addressing all aspects of Universal Design.	

No UP rules for commercial or publically accessible buildings that are covered by the Building Act.

Apply standards to a proportion of new houses

Example: 20 % of residential development which contains 10 or more dwellings to meet the following:

Minimum doorway (810mm), stairway (900mm) and corridor widths (1050mm)

Greater size of a single car parking space (3.5m width and maximum gradient of 1:20)

Gradient and width of access from the street or car park to the entrance of a dwelling (1.2m width, maximum slope of 1:20 and cross fall of 1:50)

Auckland Design Manual will incorporate more detailed (non-statutory) Universal Design Guidance.

Investigate issue of downstairs toilets within dwellings in the Auckland Design Manual.

Item 3: GMO

Megan Tyler

The issue of whether or not to control Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) in the Unitary Plan was discussed. Officers offered four key options, with option four on balance being the suggested approach:

1. Unitary Plan silent on GMOs
2. Unitary Plan status quo – issue and objective
3. Non-RMA policy
4. Unitary Plan includes Inter Council Working Party's suggested approach (discretionary activity for field trials, prohibited activity for general release)

A number of views were discussed which saw each option being supported by more than one member.

In relation to option 2, it was suggested that should this option be agreed, then the Unitary Plan should also include a statement recognising the national regime of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 and Environmental Protection Agency.

As a result of the discussion, there were no interim directions generally agreed. Officers will bring the matter back to the Auckland Plan Committee for its decision making meetings in August.

Item 4: Aircraft Noise

John Duguid

Discussion around aircraft noise near the Auckland Airport area and existing residential areas.

A number of options were discussed.

1. Retain the approach in the Draft Auckland Unitary Plan
2. Retain the approach in the Draft Auckland Unitary Plan and rezone all residential properties within the Auckland Airport High Aircraft Noise Area to Single House zone
3. Introduce prohibited activity status for activities sensitive to aircraft noise within the High Aircraft Noise Area for Auckland Airport, rezone all residential properties within the High Aircraft Noise Area to Single House zone and provide for a limited range of commercial activities in

this part of the Single House zone as a discretionary activity.

4. Prohibited activity status for activities sensitive to aircraft noise within the High Aircraft Noise Area for Auckland Airport and rezone residential land in the High Noise Area to Light Industry zone
5. Non-complying activity status for activities sensitive to aircraft noise within the High Aircraft Noise Area for other airports (consistent with the draft provisions for Auckland Airport)

Options to keep as per Unitary Plan provisions or to align more closely to other airports in Auckland.

The following interim direction was generally agreed:

Option 3: Introduce prohibited activity status for activities sensitive to aircraft noise within the High Aircraft Noise Area for Auckland Airport, rezone all residential properties within the **Auckland Airport** High Aircraft Noise Area to Single House zone and provide for a limited range of commercial activities in this part of the single house zone as a discretionary activity.

Meeting close

Deputy
Mayor Penny
Hulse

