



PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN CHANGE 10 – UPDATE OF THE NOTABLE TREE REGISTER

What is the current status of the Plan Change?

Further to Hans van Kretgen's meetings with community boards in July 2017, the Planning Office at South Wairarapa District Council is working on a project to update the Notable Tree Register that forms part of the Wairarapa Combined District Plan.

In December 2018, Council gave approval to the Planning Office to begin a 4-step Statutory Plan Change process around the Notable Tree register (see below). This involves notifying the community of the proposal, receiving submissions and holding a hearing if need be. The initial public consultation phase is planned to be launched at the end of February 2019.

It is estimated this will take up to 8 months, finishing October 2019. At this stage, we want to give Community Board members a general heads up prior to the public notification, field any questions or comments.

What is the timeline for the Plan Change?

- Step 1 – February/ March notification of the updated tree register
- Step 2 – April/ May/ June summarise initial submissions and call for further submissions
- Step 3 – July/ Aug officers report and hearing
- Step 4 – Sept/ October notify decision and appeal period

What is the Notable Tree Register?

The Register of Notable Trees is Appendix 1.4 of the Wairarapa Combined District Plan. The District Plan manages the activities of people in a way that benefits the land, wider environment, and the community.

District councils use Notable Tree lists or registers to keep a record of what trees are deemed worthy of protection, and where they are located. The Register provides certainty to landowners, and all other District Plan users about what (if any) trees are protected on a given site.

The Register is currently five-pages listing 92 tree registrations. Each registration has a unique reference number alongside details of the tree, such as species, postal address and a map reference.

What is the proposed change?

The purpose of this Plan Change (#10) is to ensure Appendix 1.4 is up to date and relevant for the District.

The overall approach to tree protection within the District Plan is not proposed to change. The objectives and policies related to Notable Trees also remain unchanged.

How can the community boards help?

We are inviting Community Boards to consider how they might be able to support Council messaging around the notification of the Plan Change. For example, assisting the public through general awareness and education of the Plan Change process and to encourage the community to have an input.

Who do I contact to find out further information?

Council Planner Louis Brown is the project manager. He can answer detailed questions on the telephone on 06 306 9611 extension 812 or email him on lou.brown@swdc.govt.nz. He can provide you with all the background information on the project so far.