

## **Key Council meeting outcomes**

### **Extraordinary Council meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

The full agenda for the meeting and related topic details can be found on the Council website.

## **Adoption of the Kaikōura Esplanade Recreation Reserve, Reserve Management Plan**

### **Background**

The Reserve Management Plan for the Kaikōura Esplanade Recreation Reserve, was advertised as a draft for public consultation on the 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024, following endorsement from Council.

Following robust deliberations between Councillors, staff and external legal counsel, it was determined that one (1) key change should be made to the version that was provided for consultation. This was to amend policy 3.4.2(b), which states *no less than 30% of the Reserve shall be reserved for open space use*. It was largely agreed between Councillors that 40% of the Reserve be reserved for open space use, limiting remaining uses of the space to a maximum of 60% of the Reserve. It was emphasised that the remaining 60% could be in the form of any structure or development.

Council has also included a definition of open space.

Council understands that once the reserve management plan is adopted, Council will still retain control over certain matters, such as leases or building designs. It was further clarified that although the reserve management plan may propose an array of activities, they will still be subject to Council approval, RMA processes and processes of other relevant legislation.

### **Outcome:**

Council adopts the Kaikōura Esplanade Recreation Reserve, Reserve Management Plan

### **Spatial Plan Decision for Adoption**

In November 2022, Council agreed to undertake a Spatial Plan. At this time the Resource Management Act was in the process of being replaced with three new Act including the Spatial Planning Act (SPA).

The SPA required the development of regional Spatial Plans. Given the requirements for regional Spatial Plans, it was considered prudent to develop a Kaikōura Spatial Plan to ensure Kaikōura direction was accommodated at the regional level.

The draft Spatial Plan was subject to high-level community consultation. Input was also sought from Councillors at Council Workshops in June and July 2024, as well as with the Runanga through a series of hui through 2023/4. Councillors agreed to notify the draft Spatial Plan at Council on 28th August 2024.

## **Amendments to the Spatial Plan**

During the deliberations, a series of actions and proposed amendments were agreed by the Hearings Panel. KDC planning officers have worked with Boffa Miskell to ensure that the agreed changes from the deliberations have been incorporated into the final version of the Spatial Plan

The changes relate to:

- Ocean Ridge Development Area – Council have agreed that the Ocean Ridge Development Area density zoning and neighbourhood centre will be explored through the anticipated plan change process
- Additional text to clarify that the District Plan review process will enable more granular details and scope regarding controls relating to rural development and future Papakainga.
- Spatial Plan maps – removal of the name ‘Seaview’ and the landscape overlay along the back of Mount Fyffe Road, and the removal of the commercial expansion along the Esplanade
- Incorporation of play principles throughout the Plan in line with advice from New Zealand Play Advocates group including improving connection and resilience of the Churchill Street, West End and Beach Road intersection.

### **Outcome:**

Council formally adopted the Kaikoura Spatial Plan subject to minor corrections and amendments as noted during the meeting.

## **Proposed Building Consent Exemption Fee Change**

A request has been made for Council to reconsider the fees that are being charged for building consent exemptions for retrofit wall insulation, where Codemark certified insulating materials are injected into wall cavities by approved installers.

KDC currently levies the standard building consent exemption fee of \$615 (GST inclusive) for such work, plus \$210 per hour for processing time (typically charging 1 hour) plus \$50 for administration.

The typical total fee for an exemption for this type of work is therefore in the order of \$875.

This is a very high charge in relation to most other councils – most only charge between \$200 and \$300 in total for such exemptions.

Having a Codemark certification shows that a building product meets the requirements of the NZ Building Code, and when used in accordance with that certification must be accepted by Building Control Authorities.

A new fee category – ‘*Extra Low Risk Building Consent Exemptions*’ – would be created, for the following types of work.

a. *Installation of Codemark certified retrofit insulation by an approved installer.*

b. *Minor extensions of works previously granted exemption by the BCA, where the extension is of very similar form and standard of construction to the original works, has a likely total cost of less than \$10,000 and does not result in the combined works falling outside the category of work that the initial exemption was granted for.*

**Outcome:**

*The fee for this new category will be \$250 inclusive of GST subject to the annual fees and charges review*