

The District Plan currently contains no reference to accessible parking, but instead relies on NZS 4121:2001 which sets the number of accessible car parks as a ratio of the total number of car parks provided. This means that changes will need to be made to ensure accessible parking can still be required where appropriate.

The District Plan has been assessed to identify all references where an amendment would be appropriate to ensure accessible car parking can be required. Note that some of the District Plan references below will have been removed in order to meet the NPS-UD requirements. Deletions that have been made in the District Plan to meet the NPS-UD requirements are shown in column 2 (District Plan Section and Activity) in red and struck through, while new text is shown in red.

The proposed changes are shown in Column 3 (Plan Change – Accessible Parking Requirements – requires Schedule 1 process) in red for new text and in red and struck through for deletions. Table 1 below provides details of the assessment and recommendations.

Table 1: District Plan Assessment and Recommended Changes - Accessible Parking

Item No.	District Plan Section and Activity	Plan Change – Accessible Parking Requirements – requires Schedule 1 Process	Assessment criteria
	3 Zone Descriptions		
1	3.6.1 Urupā and cemeteries Council shall restrict its discretion to: ... 4. Transportation – including provision of adequate car parking and traffic management measures to ensure the safe and efficient operation of the surrounding road network. ...	Amend to read: ‘3.6.1 Urupā and cemeteries ‘ Council shall restrict its discretion to: ... 4. Transportation – including provision of adequate car parking that includes accessible parking , and traffic management measures to ensure the safe and efficient operation of the surrounding road network.’ ...	Ensures the provision of accessible parking can be considered.
2	3.7.17.1 Traffic Effects Council shall have regard to: a. traffic volumes and traffic mix relative to existing and future traffic patterns, access, parking and loading on-site; ...	Amend to read: ‘3.7.17.1 Traffic Effects Council shall have regard to: a. traffic volumes and traffic mix relative to existing and future traffic patterns, access, parking, accessible parking , and loading on-site; ...	Ensures the provision of accessible car parking can be considered.

<p>3</p>	<p>3.7.30.1 On-site Parking Council shall have regard to; ... e. purchase of land for car parking: i. whether an applicant has purchased land adjoining or in close proximity to the activity to provide the required car parking spaces; and ii. whether a legally binding agreement shall be entered into to ensure the relevant Certificates of Title are amalgamated or otherwise held together. ... e. modification of parking and loading standards; i. the degree of variance from the number of parking spaces proposed and whether the parking demand likely to be generated by the proposed activity can be accommodated on the site;</p>	<p>Amend to read: '3.7.30.1 On-site car parking Council shall have regard to: ... c. purchase of land for car-parking: i. whether an applicant has purchased land adjoining or in close proximity to the activity to provide the required accessible car-parking spaces; and ii. whether a legally binding agreement shall be entered into to ensure the relevant Records of Title are amalgamated or otherwise held together. ... e. modification of parking and loading standards; i. the degree of variance from the number of accessible parking spaces proposed and whether the parking demand likely to be generated by the proposed activity can be accommodated on the site; ...' ...'</p>	<p>Adds a rule to enable consideration when land is adjoining or in close accessible proximity but precludes the use of existing or proposed public parking for privately required accessible parking.</p>
<p>3.7 Assessment criteria – Discretionary / non complying activities for all Zones</p>			
<p>4</p>	<p>3.7.32.1 Council shall have regard to; ... f. traffic movement on and off of the site including access, parking and loading of vehicles for attendees and for emergency and security vehicles;'</p>	<p>Amend to read: '3.7.32.1 Council shall have regard to; ... f. traffic movement on and off of the site including access, accessible parking and loading of vehicles for attendees and for emergency and security vehicles;'</p>	<p>Enables consideration of accessible car parking provision</p>

5	<p>3.7.36.1 Council shall have regard to;</p> <p>a. whether the use of the community activity will be in conflict with the business activities on neighbouring sites and elsewhere in the Light Industrial or Industrial Zone. Particular regard will be given to the numbers of people to be accommodated, the intended hours of use, and the level of parking proposed;</p> <p>...'</p>	<p>3.7.36 Community Activities in the Light Industrial and Industrial Zones</p> <p>Amend to read:</p> <p>'3.7.36.1 Council shall have regard to;</p> <p>a. whether the use of the community activity will be in conflict with the business activities on neighbouring sites and elsewhere in the Light Industrial or Industrial Zone. Particular regard will be given to the numbers of people to be accommodated, the intended hours of use, and the level of accessible parking provided;</p>	<p>Enables consideration of accessible parking provision</p>
6	<p>3.7.44 Community Activities in the Large Format Retail Zone.</p> <p>3.7.44.1 Council shall have regard to;</p> <p>...</p> <p>d. the maximum level of parking proposed.'</p>	<p>Add:</p> <p>3.7.44.1 Council shall have regard to;</p> <p>...</p> <p>e. the maximum level of parking proposed, including the number of accessible carparks.</p> <p>...</p>	<p>Enables consideration of accessible parking provision</p>
<p>5 Business (Business Centre, Commercial, Large Format Retail and Mixed Use Zones</p>			
<p>5.3 Assessment criteria for controlled activities</p>			
7	<p>5.3.3 New buildings and additions over 400m² in the Business Centre, Commercial and Mixed Use Zones (see Rules in 5.2.9)</p> <p>5.3.3.1 Council shall exercise its control over;</p> <p>...</p> <p>c. traffic matters - whether the;</p> <p>...</p>	<p>Amend to read:</p> <p>5.3.3.1 Council shall exercise its control over:</p> <p>...</p> <p>c. traffic matters – whether the:</p> <p>...</p> <p>'ii. development of a site includes the creation of additional car parking, accessible car parking, loading and unloading bays; and'</p> <p>...</p>	<p>Enables consideration of accessible parking provision in Large Format Retail Zones</p>

	<p>ii. development of a site includes the creation of additional car parking and loading and unloading bays; and'</p> <p>...'</p>		
8	<p>5.3.5 Two or more dwellings per Lot (see Activity Status Table 3.4 Item 2)</p> <p>5.3.5.1 Council exercise its control over;</p> <p>...</p> <p>a. the number, location and design of access and parking space, and on-site vehicle manoeuvring to ensure the safe and efficient operation of the transport network;</p> <p>...</p>	<p>Amend to read:</p> <p>5.3.5.1 Council exercise its control over;</p> <p>...</p> <p>a. 'the number of accessible car parks, location and design of access and parking space, and on-site vehicle manoeuvring to ensure the safe and efficient operation of the transport network;'</p> <p>...</p>	<p>Enables consideration of accessible parking provision in Business Zones</p>
9	<p>5.3.6 Places of Assembly of 10-50 people (see Activity Status Table 3.4 Item 11b)</p> <p>5.3.6.1 Council shall exercise its control over;</p> <p>'...</p> <p>b. traffic effects (including but not limited to access, on-site vehicle manoeuvring areas, the provision of bus bays, drop off zones, measures to separate pedestrians, buses, cyclists and vehicles, traffic volumes and traffic mix, parking and loading, pedestrian and cyclist safety, construction traffic, and the practicability of combining access ways serving more than one site or lot);</p>	<p>Amend to read:</p> <p>'5.3.6.1 Council shall exercise its control over;</p> <p>'...</p> <p>b. traffic effects (including but not limited to access, on-site vehicle manoeuvring areas, the provision of accessible parking, bus bays, drop off zones, measures to separate pedestrians, buses, cyclists and vehicles, traffic volumes and traffic mix, parking and loading, pedestrian and cyclist safety, construction traffic, and the practicability of combining access ways serving more than one site or lot);</p>	<p>Enables consideration of the provision of accessible parking.</p>

10	<p>5.3.7 Educational Facilities of 10-50 people (see Activity Status Table 3.4 Item 12b)</p> <p>5.3.7.1 Council shall exercise its control over; ... b. traffic effects (including but not limited to access, on-site vehicle manoeuvring areas, the provision of bus bays, drop off zones, measures to separate pedestrians, buses, cyclists and vehicles, traffic volumes and traffic mix, parking and loading, pedestrian and cyclist safety, construction traffic, and the practicability of combining access ways serving more than one site or lot);</p>	<p>Amend to read: '5.3.7.1 Council shall exercise its control over; ... b. traffic effects (including but not limited to access, on-site vehicle manoeuvring areas, the provision of accessible parking, bus bays, drop off zones, measures to separate pedestrians, buses, cyclists and vehicles, traffic volumes and traffic mix, parking and loading, pedestrian and cyclist safety, construction traffic, and the practicability of combining access ways serving more than one site or lot);</p>	<p>Enables consideration of the provision of accessible parking.</p>
13. Transportation and Services			
13.2 Rules			
11	<p>13.2.7 Traffic Flow Generation</p> <p>13.2.7.2 Any activity in the Business Centre, Mixed Use and Commercial Zone which provides or is required to provide more than 25 on-site parking spaces shall be a discretionary activity.</p>	<p>Amend to read: '13.2.7.2 Any activity in the Business Centre, Mixed Use and Commercial Zone which provides more than 25 on-site parking spaces and 2 or more accessible parking spaces shall be a discretionary activity.'</p>	<p>Enables consideration of accessible parking provision.</p>

12	<p>13.2.9 On-site Parking</p> <p>13.2.9.1 On-site parking shall be provided at the following rates:</p> <p>(See Table 13:7 – Onsite Parking Rates)</p>	<p>Include new section:</p> <p>‘13.2.9 Accessible parking provision</p> <p>13.2.9.1 Accessible parking is not required for dwellings where there are less than four car parks per lot, or for business activities with frontage onto pedestrian streets in the Whakatāne or Kopeopeo Business Centre Zones.</p> <p>13.2.9.2 Accessible parking requirements do not apply to permitted activities in the Rural Zones. These are identified in s3.4.1.1 (Items 31-37c) and include farming, forestry, rural processing activities and quarrying.</p> <p>13.2.9.2 Where car parking is provided, and excluding dwellings where there are less than four per lot and business activities with frontage to a pedestrian street in the Business Centre Zone, spaces for people with a disability shall be provided in accordance with the following table:</p> <p>Table 13.7 – Number of car parks:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="882 999 1532 1254"> <thead> <tr> <th>Total number of car parks</th> <th>Number of accessible car park spaces</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>0– 20</td> <td>Not less than 1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>21 – 50</td> <td>Not less than 2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>For every additional 50 car parks</td> <td>Not less than 1</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Total number of car parks	Number of accessible car park spaces	0– 20	Not less than 1	21 – 50	Not less than 2	For every additional 50 car parks	Not less than 1	<p>Incorporates the Building Code requirements for accessible parking into the District Plan.</p>
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13	<p>13.2.10. Location and Design of Parking Areas</p> <p>13.2.10. Parking spaces are to have sufficient width and depth to enable the parking of a vehicle without any part extending into a manoeuvring area, accessway, over a boundary of the lot or into a common vehicle area (right-of-way, service lane, and common area for a cross-lease). A manoeuvring area shall include any part of the site that is used by vehicles to move from the access point to any parking or loading space and includes all driveways and aisles, and may be part of an accessway. Compliance with AS/NZS 2890:1:2004 shall satisfy this rule (See Appendix 13.7.2).</p>	<p>Amend to read:</p> <p>‘13.2.10. Parking spaces are to have sufficient width and depth to enable the parking of a vehicle without any part extending into a manoeuvring area, accessway, over a boundary of the lot or into a common vehicle area (right-of-way, service lane, and common area for a cross-lease). A manoeuvring area shall include any part of the site that is used by vehicles to move from the access point to any parking or loading space and includes all driveways and aisles, and may be part of an accessway. Compliance with AS/NZS 2890:1:2004 shall satisfy this rule (See Appendix 13.7.2). Accessible parking spaces must comply with NZS 1421:2001.’</p>	<p>Ensures that all accessible parking spaces provided comply with NZS 1421:2001 requirements.</p>
14	<p>13.2.13 Service Lane or Roads</p> <p>13.2.13.1 All parking spaces and manoeuvring areas shall be provided on-site, shall be exclusive of land shown to be acquired for a service lane or road.</p>	<p>Amend to read:</p> <p>‘13.2.13.1 All parking spaces, including for accessible parking, and manoeuvring areas provided on-site, shall be exclusive of land shown to be acquired for a service lane or road.’</p>	<p>Manages location of accessible parking spaces.</p>

13.3 Assessment Criteria for Controlled Activities			
15	<p>13.3.1 Alternatives to On-Site Vehicle Parking (see Rules in 13.2.17).</p> <p>13.3.1.1 Council shall exercise its control over;</p> <p>...</p> <p>b. whether it will provide convenient parking for the permitted activity and whether there is appropriate access between the permitted activity and the associated vehicle parking area; and</p> <p>...'</p>	<p>Amend to read:</p> <p>13.3.1.1 Council shall exercise its control over:</p> <p>...</p> <p>b. whether it will provide convenient parking, including accessible parking, for the permitted activity and whether there is appropriate access between the permitted activity and the associated vehicle parking area; and</p> <p>...'</p>	<p>Enables consideration of the provision of accessible car parking.</p>
13.4 Assessment Criteria for Restricted Discretionary Activities			
16	<p>13.4.7 Roads and Property Access excluding State Highway (see Rules in 13.2.2), Sight Lines (see Rule 13.2.2.2 (i), Provision of Loading spaces (see Rules in 13.2.18), Restricted vehicle access Parking (see Rules in 13.2.15), Design Construction Private ways, Access Legs, Access Lots or Common Areas Utilised for Vehicle Access on a Cross or Company Lease or Unit Title (see Rules in 13.2.4), Design Construction of Vehicle Crossing Excluding State Highway (see Rules in 13.2.5) and Restricted Vehicle access to Loading spaces (13.2.21)</p> <p>13.4.7.1 Council shall restrict its discretion to;</p> <p>a. traffic volumes and traffic mix relative to existing and future patterns, access, parking and loading on-site;</p> <p>...'</p>	<p>Amend to read:</p> <p>13.4.7 Roads and Property Access excluding State Highway (see Rules in 13.2.2), Sight Lines (see Rule 13.2.2.2 (i), Provision of Loading spaces (see Rules in 13.2.18), Restricted vehicle access Parking (see Rules in 13.2.15), Design Construction Private ways, Access Legs, Access Lots or Common Areas Utilised for Vehicle Access on a Cross or Company Lease or Unit Title (see Rules in 13.2.4), Design Construction of Vehicle Crossing Excluding State Highway (see Rules in 13.2.5) and Restricted Vehicle access to Loading spaces (13.2.21)</p> <p>13.4.7.1 Council shall restrict its discretion to;</p> <p>a. traffic volumes and traffic mix relative to existing and future patterns, access, parking, including accessible parking and loading on-site;</p> <p>...'</p>	<p>Enables consideration of the provision of accessible car parking.</p>

17	<p>13.4.8.1 Council shall have regard to:</p> <p>a. The extent to which the following circumstances may apply, as the basis for being able to provide alternative parking provisions:</p> <p>i. Multiple provision on one site – two or more owners may make joint provision for off-street parking so long as the total provision is no less than the sum of the requirements for each individual activity except where vehicles will regularly be attracted to the site at times that seldom coincide. A legally binding agreement shall be entered into to ensure the relevant Certificates of Title are amalgamated or otherwise held together;</p>	<p>Amend to read:</p> <p>13.4.8.1 Council shall have regard to:</p> <p>a. The extent to which the following circumstances may apply, as the basis for being able to provide alternative parking provisions:</p> <p>i. Multiple provision on one site – two or more owners may make joint provision for accessible car parking so long as the total provision is no more than the sum of the requirements for each individual activity except where vehicles will regularly be attracted to the site at times that seldom coincide. A legally binding agreement shall be entered into to ensure the relevant Certificates of Title are amalgamated or otherwise held together;</p>	Enables consideration of provision of accessible car parking.
18	<p>13.4.8.1a.</p> <p>...</p> <p>ii. Reduction in car parking requirements – where it is adequately shown that the full parking requirement need not be met because of such factors as;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the small number of persons likely to be attending the site; ● the low volume of service delivery and visitor traffic likely to be generated by the site; ● the ability of an adjoining site to provide additional parking; ● the amount, if any, of public off street parking that is provided or is planned to be provided in the vicinity of the site; 	<p>Add new section:</p> <p>'13.4.8.1.a</p> <p>...</p> <p>'ii. Reduction in accessible car-parking requirements – where it is adequately shown that the accessible parking requirement need not be met because of such factors as;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the small number of persons likely to be attending the site; ● the low volume of service delivery and visitor traffic likely to be generated by the site; ● the ability of an adjoining site to provide additional accessible parking; ● the amount, if any, of off-street accessible parking that is provided or is planned to be provided in the vicinity of the site, 	Enables consideration of the provision of accessible car parking.

	<p>any physical characteristics of the site that may affect its ability to accommodate off-street parking; and ...'</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> any physical characteristics of the site that may affect its ability to accommodate off-street parking; and ...' 	
19	<p>13.4.8.1.a</p> <p>'v. Modification of parking and loading standards – The Council shall have regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the degree of variance from the number of parking spaces proposed and whether the parking demand likely to be generated by the proposed activity can be accommodated on the site; <p>...'</p>	<p>Include new section:</p> <p>'v. Modification of parking and loading standards – The Council shall have regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the number of accessible parking spaces proposed and whether the parking demand for accessible parking likely to be generated by the proposed activity can be accommodated on the site; <p>...'</p>	<p>Enables consideration of the provision of accessible car parking.</p>