

The National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020 (NPS-UD) requires the removal of minimum carparking rates from District Plans. This was implemented in 2021 and as a result the Whakatāne District Plan currently contains no provision for 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. Changes to the District Plan are needed to ensure accessible parking can still be required when appropriate. Changes to do this were notified in 2022 as Proposed Plan Change 5 Accessible Parking (PPC5).

Since PPC5 was notified, there have been several changes. PPC5 was renotified to ensure notification requirements were fully met and as part of renotification minor error corrections were made to PPC5, including numbering and spelling errors. Later, the District Plan was reformatted to comply with the National Planning Standards (NPS)¹ and converted to an ePlan. This means that while the content of the Whakatāne District Plan hasn't changed, the structure and form has, as well as zone, objective, policy, rule and assessment criteria locations and names/numbering. In addition some generic wording, like the preface to assessment criteria, has been standardised across the plan. PPC5 has been reformatted to the current, NPS-aligned version of the District Plan (see table below).

The **Item** column is the identification number for that proposed change. These are used for tracking purposes.

The **Original District Plan Format** column show the notified proposed changes (including error corrections). Red is for amended/new text and red and struck through is for deletions. Sections of the District Plan that were previously removed to meet the NPS-UD requirements and are being reinstated are in red italic with a note. Where they were reinstated with amendments, the amendments are red underlined for additions and strikethrough for deletion.

The **NPS Format** column shows PPC5 in the new, NPS format of the District Plan. The **Section** column shows where the provision is now located. NPS formatting changes are in blue and include standardised wording and numbering. PPC5 proposed changes are in red with strikethrough for deletion.

	PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 5 - TRACKED CHANGES				
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1	 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. 	GRZ-AC6.d MDRZ-AC6.d GRUZ-AC7.d RPROZ-AC7.d CZ-AC4.d LFRZ-AC5.d MUZ-AC9.d TCZ-AC3.d LIZ-AC5.d GIZ-AC4.d OSZ-AC1.d FUZ-AC5.d RCZ-AC6.d	Urupā and cemeteries Activity assessment criteria: RDIS Council shall restrict its discretion to: d. 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		

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 $^{^{1}}$ Excluding implementation of Section 14 Definitions Standard of the National Planning Standards.



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		ROZ-AC13.d		
2	Amend to read: 3.7.17 Traffic Effects 3.7.17.1 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;	TRAN-AC7.a TRAN-AC9.a	Traffic effects TRAN-AC7.a: Activity assessment criteria: DIS TRAN-AC9.a: Activity assessment criteria: NC Without limiting Council's discretion, the following criteria are a guide to the matters 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;	
3	NB: 3.7.30.1(a-d) were deleted in the NPS-UD 2021 changes. Reinstate 3.7.30.1(c) and amend c. and e. to read: 3.7.30 On-site car parking 3.7.30.1 Council shall have regard to: -a. 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 Certificates Records of Title are amalgamated or otherwise held together. eb. 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;	GRZ-AC19 MDRZ-AC19 MUZ-AC16 OSZ-AC7 CCZ-AC5 CPZ-AC5 FUZ-AC11 RCZ-AC17 ROZ-AC24	On-site car Parking Activity assessment criteria: DIS Without limiting Council's discretion, the following criteria are a guide to the matters Council shall have regard to: a. 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; 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.	
4	NB: part of 3.7.32.1f was deleted in the NPS-UD 2021 changes Amend to read: 3.7.32 Temporary Places of Assembly (See Activity Table 3.4 Item 42) 3.7.32.1 Council shall have regard to;	TEMP-AC1	Temporary places of assembly (See Activity Table 3.4 Item 42) Activity assessment criteria: CON Council shall exercise its control over:	



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	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;		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;	
5	NB: part of 3.7.32.1f was deleted in the NPS-UD 2021 changes Amend to read:	LIZ-AC8	Community activities Activity assessment criteria: DIS	
	 3.7.36 Community Activities in the Light Industrial and Industrial Zones 3.7.36.1 Council shall have regard to; 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 	Without limiting Council's discretion, the far a guide to the matters Council shall have rate. a. whether the use of the community act with the business activities on neighbors are in the Light Industrial Zone. be given to the numbers of people to the intended hours of use, and the lev parking provided;		
	be accommodated, the intended hours of use, and the level of accessible parking provided;	GIZ-AC9	Community activities Activity assessment criteria: DIS	
			Without limiting Council's discretion, the following criteria area a guide to the matters Council shall have regard to: b. whether the use of the community activity will be in conflict with the business activities on neighbouring sites and elsewhere in the General 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;	
6	NB: part of 3.7.44.1d was deleted in the NPS-UD 2021 changes Amend to read:	LFRZ-AC10	Community activities Activity assessment criteria: DIS	
	 3.7.44 Community Activities in the Large Format Retail Zone. 3.7.44.1 Council shall have regard to; d. the <i>maximum</i> level of parking proposed, including the number of accessible carparks. 		Without limiting Council's discretion, the following criteria are a guide to the matters Council shall have regard to: e. the maximum level of parking proposed, including the number of accessible carparks.	
7	Amend to read:	CZ-AC1	New buildings and additions over 400m ²	



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	5.3.3 New buildings and additions over 400m2 in the Business Centre, Commercial and Mixed Use Zones (see Rules in 5.2.9) 5.3.3.1 Council shall exercise its control over: c. traffic matters – whether the: ii. development of a site includes the creation of additional car parking, accessible car parking, loading and unloading bays; and	MUZ-AC4 TCZ-AC1	Activity assessment criteria: CON Council shall exercise its control over: c. traffic matters – whether the: ii. development of a site includes the creation of additional car parking, accessible car parking, loading and unloading bays; and		
8	 NB: part of 5.3.5.1a was deleted in the NPS-UD 2021 changes Amend to read: 5.3.5 Two or more dwellings per Lot (see Activity Status Table 3.4 Item 2) 5.3.5.1 Council exercise its control over; 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; 	MUZ-AC1	Two or three dwellings per lot Activity assessment criteria: CON Council shall exercise its control over: c. 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;		
9	Amend to read: 5.3.6 Places of Assembly of 10-50 people (see Activity Status Table 3.4 Item 11b) 5.3.6.1 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);	MUZ-AC2	Places of assembly of 10 to 50 people Activity assessment criteria: CON 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 accessways serving more than one site or lot);		
10	Amend to read:	MUZ-AC3	Educational facilities of 10 to 50 people Activity assessment criteria: CON		



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	5.3.7 Educational Facilities of 10-50 people (see Activity Status Table 3.4 Item 12b) 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);		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 accessways serving more than one site or lot);	
11	NB: part of 13.2.7.2 was deleted in the NPS-UD 2021 changes Amend to read: 13.2.7 Traffic Flow Generation 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 and 2 or more accessible parking spaces shall be a discretionary activity.	TRAN-R5.3	Traffic flow generation Activity status: DIS 3. Any activity which provides more-than 25 on-site parking spaces and 2 or more accessible parking spaces. see DIS assessment criteria TRAN-AC8	
12	Add new section: 13.2.9 Accessible parking provision 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 Kōpeōpeō Business Centre Zones. 13.2.9.2 Accessible parking requirements do not apply to Permitted activities in the Rural Zones. These are identified in Rule 3.4.1.1 (Items 31-37c) and include farming, forestry, rural processing activities and quarrying. 13.2.9.3 Where car parking is provided, and excluding dwellings where there are less than four per lot and business	TRAN-R8	 Location and design of parking, accessible parking provision, and alternatives to on-site parking Activity status: PER 5. 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 Kōpeōpeō Town Centre Zones. 6. Accessible parking requirements do not apply to permitted activities in the Rural Zones. These are identified in the General Rural, Rural Production, Rural Ōhiwa and Rural Coastal Zone chapters and include farming, forestry, rural processing activities and quarrying. 	



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	activities with frontage to a pedestrian street in the Business Centre Zone, accessible car park shall be provided in accordance with the following table: Table 13.7 – Number of car parks:			TRAN-R8.6 - Table 21 Number of Total number of car parks	Number of accessible
				0 - 20 21 - 50	car park spaces Not less than 1 Not less than 2
	Total number of car parks	Number of accessible car park spaces		For every additional 50 car parks7. Where car parking is provided, a	Not less than 1 and excluding dwellings
	0 – 20	Not less than 1		where there are less than four p	
	21 – 50	Not less than 2		activities with frontage to a pedestrian street in the	
	For every additional 50 car parks Not less than 1		Centre Zone, accessible car park spaces shall be p accordance with TRAN-R8.6 – Table 21 Number o (below).	•	
				Activity Status where compliance r TRAN-R8.6 and TRAN-R8.7: RDIS see RDIS assessment criteria TRAN-	
13	Amend to read: 13.2.10. Location and Design of Parking Areas		TRAN-R8.2	Location and design of parking, acc and alternatives to on-site parking Activity status: PER	
	13.2.10.2 Parking spaces are to have depth to enable the parking of a vertext extending into a manoeuvring area boundary of the lot or into a common way, service lane, and common are manoeuvring area shall include any used by vehicles to move from the or loading space and includes all dimay be part of an accessway. Com 2890:1:2004 shall satisfy this rule (Saccessible parking spaces must contact the contact of the contact o	thicle without any part, accessway, over a son vehicle area (right-of-ta for a cross-lease). A part of the site that is access point to any parking riveways and aisles, and apliance with AS/NZS See Appendix 13.7.2).		2. Parking spaces are to have sufficient enable the parking of a vehicle winto a manoeuvring area, accession lot or into a common vehicle are and common area for a cross-leas shall include any part of the site move from the access point to an and includes all driveways and ai accessway. Compliance with AS/this rule (See TRAN-APP2). Access comply with NZS 4121:2001.	way, over a boundary of the a (right-of-way, service lane, se). A manoeuvring area that is used by vehicles to my parking or loading space sles, and may be part of an NZS 2890:1:2004 shall satisfy
14	Amend to read:		TRAN-R7	Service lanes or roads Activity status: PER	



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	13.2.13 Service Lane or Roads 13.2.13.1 All parking spaces, including for accessible parking, and manoeuvring areas shall be provided on-site, exclusive of land shown to be acquired for a service lane or road.		All parking spaces, including for accessible parking, and manoeuvring areas shall be provided on-site, shall be exclusive of land shown to be acquired for a service lane or road.		
15	Amend to read: 13.3.1 Alternatives to On-Site Vehicle Parking (see Rules in 13.2.17). 13.3.1.1 Council shall exercise its control over: 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	TRAN-AC1	Alternatives to on-site vehicle parking Activity assessment criteria: CON Council shall exercise its control over: a. 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		
16	Amend to read: 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) 13.4.7.1 Council shall restrict its discretion to; a. traffic volumes and traffic mix relative to existing and future patterns, access, parking, including accessible parking, and	TRAN-AC2	 Roads and property access excluding State Highway; Sight lines; Provision of loading spaces; Restricted vehicle access parking; Design construction, private ways, access legs, access lots or common areas utilised for vehicle access on a cross or company lease or unit title; Design construction of vehicle crossing excluding State Highway; and Restricted vehicle access to loading spaces. Activity assessment criteria: RDIS Council shall restrict its discretion to: a. traffic volumes and traffic mix relative to existing and future patterns, access, parking, including accessible parking, and 		
17	loading on-site; NB: 13.4.8 was deleted in the NPS-UD 2021 changes.	TRAN-AC11	loading on-site; NB: This tracked changes covers Items 17-19		
1/	Reinstate and amend to read: 13.4.8 On-site Accessible Parking (see Rules in 13.2.9)	INAN-ACII	On-site accessible parking Rules(s): TRAN-R8.5 TRAN-R8.6 TRAN-R8.7		



1	Original District Plan format 13.4.8.1 Council shall have regard to: a. the extent to which the following circumstances may	Section	NPS format
	 apply, as the basis for being able to provide alternative parking provisions: i. multiple provision on one site – two or more owners may make joint provision for off street accessible car parking so long as the total provision is no less 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 Records of Title are amalgamated or otherwise held together; 		Activity assessment criteria: RDIS Council shall restrict its discretion to: a. the extent to which the following circumstances may apply, as the basis for being able to provide alternative parking provisions: 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 Records of Title are amalgamated or otherwise held together;
F	NB: 13.4.8 was deleted in the NPS-UD 2021 changes. Reinstate and amend section to read: 13.4.8.1.a ii. Reduction in accessible car-parking requirements – where it is adequately shown that the full accessible parking requirement need not be met because of such factors as; • 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; • any physical characteristics of the site that may affect its ability to accommodate off-street parking; and		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; aa. the small number of persons likely to be attending the site; ab. the low volume of service delivery and visitor traffic likely to be generated by the site; ac. the ability of an adjoining site to provide additional accessible parking; ad. the amount, if any, of off-street accessible parking that is provided or is planned to be provided in the vicinity of the site, ae. any physical characteristics of the site that may affect its ability to accommodate off-street parking; and iii. modification of parking and loading standards: the number of accessible parking spaces proposed and whether the demand for accessible parking likely to be generated by the proposed activity can be accommodated on the site.
19 /	NB: 13.4.8 was deleted in the NPS-UD 2021 changes.		



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	Reinstate and amend section to read:				
	 13.4.8.1.a \tau. iii. Modification of parking and loading standards: —The Council shall have regard to: the degree of variance from 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;. 				