

# Whakatāne District Plan

## Plan Change 5 – Accessible parking

### Section 32AA Further Evaluation Report

This report: evaluates the changes made to the Proposed Plan Change 5 since September 2023.

This is a requirement of Section 32AA of the Resource Management Act 1991.

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**Accessible parking in assessment criteria: Changes to Tracked Change Item 1, 2, 8, 16**

<b>Evaluation of options for managing minimum parking rate interpretation issues in assessment criteria: Changes to Tracked Change Item 1, 2, 8, 16</b>			
<b>Practicable Option Summary</b>			
<b>As Notified</b>	Insert “accessible parking” into assessment criteria for activities likely to require it, when “parking” or “car parking” is already included in the assessment criteria.		
<b>As Recommended</b>	Clarify when parking rates apply for both parking and accessible parking to avoid applying a minimum rate to general parking, as prohibited by the National Policy Statement for Urban Development 2020. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following accessible parking: “(including parking rates in TRAN-R8.5)”</li> <li>• Following non-accessible parking: (excluding parking rate)</li> </ul>		
<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	<b>Options</b>	<b>Costs</b>	<b>Benefits</b>
<b>Environmental</b>	As Notified	None identified	None identified
	As Recommended	None identified	None identified
<b>Economic</b>	As Notified	Interpretation issues increase legal and planning costs.	None identified
	As Recommended	None identified	Higher legal and planning costs due to interpretation issues are avoided.
<b>Social</b>	As Notified	None identified	Provision of accessible parking to meet peoples’ access needs.
	As Recommended	None identified	Provision of accessible parking to meet peoples’ access needs.
<b>Cultural</b>	As Notified	None identified	Provision of accessible parking to meet peoples’ access needs when visiting cultural institutions.
	As Recommended	None identified	Provision of accessible parking to meet peoples’ access needs when visiting cultural institutions.

<b>Economic growth provided or reduced</b>	Of minor consideration. No direct growth although ensuring access to places and services people need to get to, including retail, supports businesses.
<b>Employment opportunities</b>	Possibly increased hiring opportunities for those with the skills and knowledge to design accessible parking that meets the requirements.

**Traffic flow generation: Tracked Change Item 11**

<b>Evaluation of options for traffic flow generation assessment criteria: Changes to Tracked Change Item 11</b>			
<b>Practicable Option Summary</b>			
<b>As Notified</b>	Inserts accessible parking into the activity status determination for traffic flow generation. Any activity with more than 25 car parks and 2+ accessible car parks.		
<b>As Recommended</b>	Adjust to have the 25 car parks include any accessible parking to avoid internal conflict with the parking rates rule.		
<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	<b>Options</b>	<b>Costs</b>	<b>Benefits</b>
<b>Environmental</b>	As Notified	None identified	None identified
	As Recommended	None identified	None identified
<b>Economic</b>	As Notified	Interpretation issues increase legal and planning costs.	None identified
	As Recommended	None identified	Higher legal and planning costs due to interpretation issues are avoided.
<b>Social</b>	As Notified	None identified	None identified
	As Recommended	None identified	None identified
<b>Cultural</b>	As Notified	None identified	None identified
	As Recommended	None identified	None identified
<b>Economic growth provided or reduced</b>	None identified		
<b>Employment opportunities</b>	None identified		

**Accessible parking rate requirements: Tracked Change Item 12**

<b>Evaluation of options for accessible parking rate and included/excluded activities: Changes to Tracked Change Item 12</b>			
<b>Practicable Option Summary</b>			

<b>As Notified</b>	Introduces minimum accessible car parking rates and specifies which activities are excluded.		
<b>As Recommended</b>	Remove the exclusions lists and instead clarify that the activities required to comply are those required to provide accessible parking under the Section 118 of the Building Act 2004.		
<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	<b>Options</b>	<b>Costs</b>	<b>Benefits</b>
<b>Environmental</b>	As Notified	None identified	None identified
	As Recommended	None identified	None identified
<b>Economic</b>	As Notified	Increased legal and planning costs due to misalignment of building and resource consent requirements and interpretation issues.	None identified.
	As Recommended	None identified.	Avoidance of higher legal and planning costs due to interpretation and alignment issues.
<b>Social</b>	As Notified	Accessible parking for in rural zones is not included, affecting activities like sports clubrooms, public toilets, community halls, schools.	Provision of accessible parking to meet peoples' access needs for some activities and locations.
	As Recommended	None identified	Ensures all activities required to provide for accessibility under legislation do so, thereby enabling equal access for all.
<b>Cultural</b>	As Notified	Accessible parking for cultural institutions in rural zones is not required.	Provision of accessible parking to meet peoples' access needs when visiting cultural institutions, except in rural zones.
	As Recommended	None identified	Provision of accessible parking to meet

			peoples' access needs when visiting cultural institutions.
<b>Economic growth provided or reduced</b>	No direct growth although ensuring access to places and services people need to get to, including retail, supports businesses.		
<b>Employment opportunities</b>	Possibly increased hiring opportunities for those with the skills and knowledge to design accessible parking that meets the requirements.		

**Accessible parking design: Tracked Change Item 13**

<b>Evaluation of options for accessible parking design: Changes to Tracked Change Item 13</b>			
<b>Practicable Option Summary</b>			
<b>As Notified</b>	Insert into existing rule for design of parking, that accessible parking must comply with NZS 4121:2002.		
<b>As Recommended</b>	Clarify that it is only section 5 of NZS 4121:2002 that applies and minor adjustments to the sentence formatting.		
<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	<b>Options</b>	<b>Costs</b>	<b>Benefits</b>
<b>Environmental</b>	As Notified	None identified	None identified
	As Recommended	None identified	None identified
<b>Economic</b>	As Notified	Costs to apply the entirety of NZS 4121:2002 fall on the developer. Increased legal and planning costs due to interpretation issues.	Accessible parking would be designed to meet the standards of the Building Act.
	As Recommended	Ensures costs of compliance to the developer are limited to parking matters.	Costs of unnecessary compliance will not fall on the developer.
<b>Social</b>	As Notified	None identified	None identified
	As Recommended	None identified	None identified
<b>Cultural</b>	As Notified	None identified	None identified
	As Recommended	None identified	None identified
<b>Economic growth provided or reduced</b>	No direct growth although ensuring access to places and services people need to get to, including retail, supports businesses.		
<b>Employment opportunities</b>	Possibly increased hiring opportunities for those with the skills and knowledge to design accessible parking that meets the requirements.		

## Definition of accessible car park

Evaluation of options for definition of accessible car park			
Practicable Option Summary			
<b>As Notified</b>	Not included.		
<b>As Recommended</b>	Inserts the definition for accessible car park from the National Policy Statement for Urban Development 2020 and updates references to accessible parking in the proposed provisions to accessible car parks.		
<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	<b>Options</b>	<b>Costs</b>	<b>Benefits</b>
<b>Environmental</b>	As Notified	None identified	None identified
	As Recommended	None identified	None identified
<b>Economic</b>	As Notified	None identified	None identified
	As Recommended	None identified	None identified
<b>Social</b>	As Notified	None identified	None identified
	As Recommended	None identified	None identified
<b>Cultural</b>	As Notified	None identified	None identified
	As Recommended	None identified	None identified
<b>Economic growth provided or reduced</b>	None identified		
<b>Employment opportunities</b>	None identified		