



New Zealand Historic Places Trust Pouhere Taonga

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Dear Sarah,

Submission from the New Zealand Historic Places Trust Pouhere Taonga to the Wellington City council Plan Change 77 – Old Karori Road, Curtis Street, Wellington

Thank you for advising NZHPT of Plan Change 77 – Curtis Street Business Area.

NZHPT's position is **neutral** but we would like to advise that any proposed works on the subject property may require an archaeological assessment and archaeological authority from NZHPT.

NZHPT supports the statement in paragraph five of the WCC Heritage Assessment which states that NZHPT should be contacted prior to any works on the subject property.

NZHPT has concerns regarding the conclusion of the Heritage Assessment. The Heritage Assessment states that 'an archaeological assessment of the site is likely to conclude that the potential risk to of damage to an archaeological site is minimal, unless excavations were to go to the former base of the gully and path of the stream'. NZHPT disagrees with this conclusion. In the absence of a proper archaeological assessment including a site visit and possible investigation to determine if archaeological material is present or not, such a definite conclusion cannot be made. NZHPT recommends that further archaeological investigation is undertaken on site before development is considered.

The Historic Places Act 1993 (“the Act”) provides for the identification, protection, preservation and conservation of the historic and cultural heritage of New Zealand. The HPA defines an archaeological site as any place associated with human activity that occurred before 1900 that may contain evidence relating to the history of NZ. Archaeological sites can include sites of Maori and European origin, burial sites and shipwrecks.

An authority is required from NZHPT for any activity that may modify, damage or destroy an archaeological site. An authority is required whether the site is recorded or was previously unknown. An authority is required even if resource or building consent has been granted, or the activity is permitted under the Regional or District Plan. The authority process ensures that work that may affect archaeological sites is undertaken in an appropriate way and heritage places are not needlessly damaged or destroyed.

For further information on archaeology please contact Kathryn Hurren on (04) 494 8324 or email khurren@historic.org.nz.

Yours faithfully,



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