

Business Activity package

Delivering Auckland Plan Strategic Directions 6, 10, 12 and 13:

These directions include the following actions, specifically addressed within the business package:

- *Plan and provide for sufficient business-zoned land and infrastructure to achieve employment capacity targets and improved economic opportunity*
- *Protect, enhance and improve business-zoned areas and business improvement districts*

The Auckland Unitary Plan will provide clear direction on where and how industrial and commercial activities should occur in the region

Key changes:

- Building heights in towns and local centres will increase in some areas
- Priority given to good design in all development and consent will be required in most business zones (except the industrial areas) to enable the design of the building to be assessed
- New provisions to discourage out-of-centre retailing and revitalise centres
- Region-wide parking standards, including allowing, in centres on good public transport routes, business development that does not have to provide on-site parking

Rural Land package

Delivering Auckland Plan Strategic Direction 9:

Keep rural Auckland productive, protected and environmentally sound

The Auckland Unitary Plan will provide clear direction on the use and development of rural land.

Key changes

- Numerous existing zones reduced to five:
 - rural coastal, mixed rural, rural production – zones prioritised for primary production; halt ad hoc subdivision for lifestyle development
 - countryside living zone to consolidate lifestyle development in suitable areas
 - rural conservation zone – new activities restricted; continuing use enabled
- Protection of rural production land from fragmentation and activities more appropriately located in urban areas
- Consolidating industry best practice for livestock exclusion from streams and coastal marine areas
- A consistent framework for transferable development entitlements in rural Auckland

Residential Housing package

Delivering Auckland Plan Strategic Directions 10, 11, 12 and 13:

These directions include the following actions, specifically addressed within the residential package:

- *Create a stunning city centre with well-connected quality towns, villages and neighbourhoods*
- *Realise quality compact urban environments*
- *Demand good design in all development*
- *Create enduring neighbourhoods centres and business areas*
- *Increase housing supply to meet demand*
- *Increase housing choice to meet diverse preferences and needs*
- *Improve the quality of existing and new housing*
- *Improve housing affordability and the supply of affordable housing*

The Auckland Unitary Plan will provide clear direction on residential housing density, location and design.

Key changes

- Numerous existing zones reduced to four: Terraced Housing and Apartment Buildings; Mixed Housing; Single House; and Large Lot
- The “Terraced Housing and Apartment Buildings” zone will enable increases in building height and encourage greater housing choice
- The “Mixed Housing” zone will cover large parts of urban Auckland and will allow for greater housing choice by encouraging the development of detached, semi detached and attached houses, town houses, terraced houses and low-rise apartments.
- These zones will encourage more efficient use of land and a greater range of housing types to improve housing affordability and cater for a mix of people’s ages, incomes and lifestyles.
- Most areas subject to significant change will be close to metropolitan, town and local centres and to rapid or frequent public transport
- New minimum dwelling sizes for apartments and terraced housing
- Apartment buildings of ten or more to have a mix of unit sizes suitable for families, couples and singles
- Emphasis on quality and design

Natural Environment package

Delivering Auckland Plan Strategic Directions 7, 8, 9 and 12

These directions include the following actions, specifically addressed within the natural environment package:

- *Recognise and promote:*
 - *The contribution of natural heritage to urban character, quality, amenity and sense of place*
 - *Natural heritage as part of sustainable rural land management*
 - *Opportunities for conservation of natural heritage on public open space and private land*
- *Protect coastal areas, particularly those with high values – including special natural character, significant marine habitats and recreational importance – from the impacts of use and development, and enhance degraded areas*

The Auckland Unitary Plan will provide clear direction on the management of natural features and landscapes, significant ecological areas (SEAs), trees, earthworks, coastal environment, and coastal marine areas. In particular, it will provide a consistent Auckland-wide approach to restoration and enhancement of natural features and landscapes, as well as to the protection of volcanic features and view shafts

Key changes

- Refined controls on earthworks, forestry clearance and development in flood plains
- Interim water quality guidelines for freshwater
- Refined and updated coastal provisions
- Integrated management across the land-sea interface