

Notification of proposed private plan change

The Whangarei District Council gives notice that it has received the following proposed private plan change to the Whangarei District Plan from the Whangarei Racing Club Inc:

Plan Change 113 – Ruakaka Racecourse: The plan change relates to the 50 hectares of land owned by the Whangarei Racing Club on the coast at the end of Peter Snell Road, Ruakaka (legally described as Lot 2 DP210980 CT NA 139A/702).

The plan change proposes to rezone the racecourse site from Coastal Countryside Environment to a new zone being the Ruakaka Equine Environment (REE). That REE would provide for equine (horse) activities as well as residential and other non-equine related activities such as educational activities, visitor accommodation and events.

Public Inspection

The proposal may be inspected at: Whangarei District Council Service Centres at Forum North, Rust Avenue, Whangarei; Ruakaka Service Centre, Takutai Place, Ruakaka; Whangarei Central Library, Rust Avenue, Whangarei; Kamo Library, Kamo Road, Whangarei; Onerahi Library, Commins Road, Onerahi; Tikipunga Library, Paramount Parade, Tikipunga; and on Council's website at www.wdc.govt.nz/districtplan. Please contact Council's Policy and Monitoring Department if you have any questions about the proposal.

Submissions

Any person may make a submission on the proposal. The submission must be in Form 5 and must state whether or not you wish to be heard on your submission. Copies of this form are available from Whangarei District Council. Your written submission must be sent to:

Whangarei District Council
Private Bag 9023
WHANGAREI 0148
Attention: Policy and Monitoring Department
Fax: (09) 438 7632

delivered to Whangarei District Council Offices, Forum North, Rust Avenue, Whangarei or emailed to mailroom@wdc.govt.nz.

Submissions close on Friday 26 April 2013

Public Participation Process

The process for public participation in the consideration of the proposal under the Act is as follows:

- after the closing date for submissions, Whangarei District Council must prepare a summary of the submissions and this summary must be publicly notified
- there must be an opportunity to make a further submission in support of, or in opposition to, the submissions already made
- if a person making a submission asks to be heard in support of his or her submission, a hearing must be held
- Whangarei District Council must give its decision on the proposal (including its reasons for accepting or rejecting submissions)
- any person who has made a submission has the right to appeal the decision on the proposal to the Environment Court.

This notice is given pursuant to Clause 5 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991.