Rural Lifestyle Zone

Introduction

The Rural Lifestyle Zone provides for areas used predominantly for a residential lifestyle within a rural environment on lots smaller than those of the General Rural Zone.

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The Rural Lifestyle Zone provides a lifestyle choice and meets the demand for rural living. It is provided in areas adjoining Timaru, Temuka, Geraldine and Pleasant Point at locations that are capable of integrating with infrastructure. It has been focused on these locations in order to limit fragmentation of rural land; reduce impacts on high quality soils; and help avoid reverse sensitivity effects associated with housing in proximity to more intensive forms of primary production.

Both FResidential activities and rural activities are both anticipated to occur in this Z≥one. A high level of amenity and environmental quality is expected that is consistent with rural lifestyle living. The Rural <u>Lifestyle</u> <u>₹</u>Zone enables primary production to occur, but only to the extent that it does not significantly detract from character and qualities of the Z≥one. It does not provide for intensive primary production and other activities with significant potential adverse effects on the environment in this Z≥one.

New development is expected to integrate with the natural environment and infrastructure. This will primarily occur through the Development Area Plan (DAP) process and development standards.

Objectives

RLZ-01 Purpose of the Rural Lifestyle Zone

The Rural Lifestyle Zone provides for areas adjoining Timaru, Temuka, Geraldine and Pleasant Point used predominantly for a residential lifestyle within a rural environment on lots smaller than those of the General Rrural Zzone, while enabling compatible primary production to occur.

RLZ-O2 Character and qualities of the Rural Lifestyle Zone

The character and qualities of the Rural Lifestyle Zone comprise:

- 1. natural character and openness; and
- 2. residential buildings, trees and landscaping that integrate with the natural and rural character of the area: and
- 3. a high level of amenity, outlook, access to sunlight and environmental quality; and and
- 4. a pastoral landscape and the presence of compatible primary production and
- 5. a coordinated pattern of development at a density that is capable of efficiently connecting to sewer and water infrastructure.1

RLZ-O3 **Protection from inappropriate activities**

Activities that have significant potential to have adverse effects on the environment do not occur in the Rural Lifestyle Zone.

RLZ-04 Compatible and complementary complimentary² activities

A range of compatible and complementary complimentary³ commercial activities, community activities, health <u>care facilities</u> and emergency <u>service</u> activities occur in the Rural Lifestyle Zone.

RLZ-05 Integrated **D**development

Rural lifestyle development is integrated with the environment and appropriate infrastructure.

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¹ ECan [183.149]

² Clause 16(2)

³ Clause 16(2)

Policies

RLZ-P1 Residential activities

Enable residential activities, including minor residential units and supported residential care, where:

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- 1. they maintain the character and qualities of the Z₂one; and
- 2. are connected to a reticulated drinking water supply; and
- 3. any minor residential unit is subordinate to the principal residential unit; and
- 4. any supported residential care activity is ancillary to the use of the residential unit; and
- 5. they can comply with the New Zealand Fire Service Firefighting Water Supplies Code of Practice.

RLZ-P2 Primary production (excluding intensive primary production)

- 4. Provide for primary production (excluding intensive primary production) where it:
 - a. 1 allows for the ongoing productive use of land for present and future generations; and
 - b. 2. maintains the character and qualities of the Rural Lifestyle Zone.

RLZ-P3 Character and qualities

The character and qualities of the Rural Lifestyle Z_₹one are maintained by:

- 1. ensuring the scale and setback of buildings and structures provides for an open character and access to sunlight; and
- 2. ensuring trees do not cause overshadowing; and
- 3. requiring trees that will contribute to rural and natural character; and
- 4. ensuring road boundary treatments and allotment sizes maintain an open character; and
- 5. ensuring activities are compatible with residential amenity <u>values</u> and do not adversely affect the character and qualities of the <u>Z</u>**≥**one.

RLZ-P4 Commercial activities

Provide for small scale commercial activities where they:

- 1. are of a scale and nature that maintain the character and qualities of the Rural Lifestyle Zone; and
- 2. do not compromise residential amenity.

RLZ-P5 Emergency services <u>facilities</u>, health care <u>facilities</u> and community facilities

Only allow emergency services facilities, health care facilities and community facilities where:

- 1. they serve the local rural community;
- 2. they have a functional need or operational need to locate in the Rural Lifestyle Zone;
- 3. they are designed and located to minimise adverse effects on existing activities and the character and qualities of the Zzone.

RLZ-P6 Conservation activities

Enable a range of conservation activities where they maintain the character and qualities of the Z≥one.

RLZ-P7 Recreation activities

Enable non-commercial recreation activities and small scale commercial recreation activities that maintain the character and qualities of the Zzone.

RLZ-P8 Intensive primary production, mining, quarrying and industrial activities

Avoid intensive primary production, mining, quarrying and industrial activities in the <u>Rural Lifestyle</u> Z≥one, unless:

- 1. it is demonstrated that the activity cannot be conducted in the General Rural Zone, General Industrial Zone or the Port Zone; and
- 2. the activity is of such a small scale or nature that all adverse effects on sensitive activities will be avoided; and
- 3. there is adequate infrastructure available to service the activity, including on-site servicing where

reticulated services are not available: and

- 4. there is adequate water supply provided for firefighting purposes; and
- 5. the character and qualities of the Z≥one will be maintained or improved; and
- 6. the activity will not compromise the efficiency and safety of the roading network.

RLZ-P9 Other activities

Only allow other activities where:

- 1. there is a functional need or operational need for the activity to locate within the Zone; and
- 2. the scale, intensity and nature of the activity is compatible with the character and qualities of the Z≥one and all adverse effects are minimised; and

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- 3. there is adequate infrastructure available to service the activity, including on-site servicing where reticulated services are not available; and
- 4. there is adequate water supply provided for firefighting purposes; and
- 5. the activity will not compromise the efficiency and safety of the roading network.

Rules

Note: For certain activities, consent may be required by rules in more than one chapter in the <u>District</u> Plan. Unless expressly stated otherwise by a rule, consent is required under each of those rules. The steps plan users should take to determine what rules apply to any activity, and the status of that activity, are provided in Part 1, HPW — How the Plan Works - General Approach.

RLZ-R1	Residential activities (not otherwise listed in this chapter)	
Rural Lifestyle Zone	Activity status: Permitted Where:	Activity status whenre compliance not achieved with PER-2: Restricted Discretionary
	PER-1 The activity# does not include seasonal workers accommodation, or visitors	Matters of discretion are restricted to: 1. the matters of discretion of any infringed standard.
	accommodation except as provided for under rule RLZ-R9; and PER-2 RLZ-S8 is complied with. Note: Any associated building and structure must be constructed in accordance with RLZ-R14.	Activity status whenre compliance not achieved with PER-1: Discretionary
RLZ-R2	Residential units and including4 minor resi	dential units
Rural Lifestyle Zone	Activity status: Permitted Where:	Activity status whenre compliance not achieved with PER-5: Restricted Discretionary
	PER-1 There is a maximum of one <u>principle</u> ⁵ residential unit per site and one minor	Matters of discretion are restricted to: 1. the matters of discretion of any infringed standard.

⁴ Clause 16(2) RMA

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⁵ Clause 16(2) RMA

residential unit per site; and

PER-2

There is a minimum site area of 5,000m², unless the site existed before 22 September 2022 [the date this rule was made Operative]⁶; and

PER-3

The minor <u>residential</u> unit has a maximum gross floor area of 80m²; and

PER-4

Access to the minor residential unit, including any car parking area provided for the minor residential unit, is from the same access as the principal residential unit; and

PER-5

All the <u>Ss</u>tandards of this chapter are complied with.

Note: Any associated building and structure must be constructed in accordance with RLZ-R14.

Activity status whene compliance not achieved with PER-1, PER-2, PER-3, or PER-4: Non-complying

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RLZ-R3 Primary production (not otherwise listed in this chapter)

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Activity status: Permitted

Where:

PER-1

The activity does not include any of the following activities:

- 1. an offensive trade; or
- 2. mining or quarrying; or
- 3. intensive primary production; or
- 4. extensive pig farming not provided in RLZ-R4: or
- 5. free range poultry farming not provided in RLZ-R5-; or
- 6. milking sheds ; or
- 7. buildings used to house or feed milking stock; or
- 8. stock effluent holding tanks; or
- 9. stock effluent treatment and storage ponds or a caress disposal area; and

PER-2

All the **S**tandards of this chapter are complied with.

Activity status whene compliance not achieved with PER-2: Restricted Discretionary

Matters of discretion are restricted to:

1. the matters of discretion of any infringed standard.

Activity status whene compliance not achieved with PER-1: Non-complying

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⁶ MFL [60.46]

RLZ-R4 Pig production for domestic self-subsistence home use Rural **Activity status: Permitted** Activity status whenre compliance not Lifestyle achieved **PER-3**: Restricted with Zone Where: **Discretionary** PER-1 Matters of discretion are restricted to: The pigs are only for the subsistence of the 1. the matters of discretion of any people residing on the site and are not sold infringed standard. to anyone not residing on the site; and PER-2 Activity status whenre compliance not There is are no more than six pigs located achieved with PER-1 or **PER-2**: on the site and the pigs are setback a **Discretionary** minimum distance of 25m from a building containing an existing sensitive activity on a separate site under different ownership; and PER-3 All the Standards of this chapter are complied with. Note: Any associated building and structure must be constructed in accordance with RI 7-R14 **RLZ-R5** Keeping of poultry for domestic self-subsistence home use Rural **Activity status: Permitted** Activity status whenre compliance not Lifestyle achieved PER-4: Restricted with Zone Where: **Discretionary** PER-1 **Matters of discretion are restricted to:** 1. the matters of discretion of any The poultry are for the subsistence of the people residing on the site and the poultry infringed standard. and their eggs⁷ are not sold to anyone not residing on the site; and Activity status whenre compliance not PER-2 achieved with PER-1, PER-2 or PER-3: There is are no more than 30 birds located **Discretionary** on the site: and PER-2 Any building or structure with an area of less than 50m2 used to confine chickens is

setback a minimum distance of 25m from a building containing an existing sensitive activity on a separate site under different

No roosters are kept within 100m from the notional boundary of an existing sensitive

ownership: and

PER-3

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⁷ Spiers, B [66.43]

activity on a separate site under different ownership; and

PER-4

All the **S**tandards of this chapter are complied with.

Note: Any associated building and structure must be constructed in accordance with RLZ-R14.

RLZ-R6

Home business <u>not otherwise listed in this chapter</u> (excluding other permitted activities in this chapter)

Rural Lifestyle Zone

Activity status: Permitted

Where:

PER-1

The home business is carried out entirely within an existing residential unit, or a building accessory to the residential unit, and is ancillary to the use of the residential unit; and

PER-2

The activity does not occupy a total area greater than 100m²; and

PER-3

The resident(s) and no more than three other people who do not resident on the site are employed; and

PER-4

No articles are sold or displayed for sale on the premises; and

PER-5

The home business does not involve an offensive trade or a licenced premise.

Activity status whene compliance not achieved with PER-1, PER-2, PER-3 or PER-4: Discretionary

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Activity status whene compliance not achieved with PER-5: Non-complying

RLZ-R7 Educational facilities

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Activity status: Permitted

Where:

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The activity is undertaken within an existing residential unit and is ancillary to the use of that residential unit; and

PER-2

The educational facility is for a childcare service or home school; and

Activity status whenre compliance not achieved with: Restricted Discretionary

Matters of discretion are restricted to:

- 1. the matters of discretion of any infringed standard; and
- the location and design
 of buildings and any proposed car
 parking and loading areas and
 access; and

	PER-3 The maximum number of children attending at any one time is six, excluding any children who reside on site live in the residential unit.	 hours of operation; and noise, disturbance and loss of privacy of neighbours; and screening and landscaping; and waste treatment and disposal: and whether the activity has a operational need or functional need to locate in the Rural Lifestyle Zone RLZ.8
RLZ-R8	Supported residential care activitiesy	
Rural Lifestyle Zone	Activity status: Permitted Where:	Activity status whenre compliance not achieved: Discretionary
	PER-1 The supported residential care activity is within an existing residential unit and is ancillary to the use of that residential unit; and	
	PER-2 The maximum occupancy does not exceed six residents, excluding any staff.	
RLZ-R9	Visitor accommodation and residential vis	itor accommodation
Rural Lifestyle Zone	Activity status: Permitted Where:	Activity status whenre compliance not achieved: Discretionary
	PER-1 For visitor accommodation, it is contained within an existing minor residential unit; and	
	PER-2 For residential visitor accommodation, it is contained within an existing residential unit; and	
	PER-3 The maximum combined occupancy is six guests per night.	
RLZ-R10	Conservation activities	
Rural Lifestyle Zone	Activity status: Permitted Where: PER-1	Activity status whenre compliance not achieved with PER-2: Restricted Discretionary
	Land, buildings or structures are used for: 1. preservation, protection, restoration,	Matters of discretion are restricted to: 1. the matters of discretion of any infringed

⁸ MoE [106.26]

standard. promulgation, or enhancement planting of indigenous species, Activity status where compliance not habitats of indigenous fauna; or achieved with PER-1: Discretionary 2. pest control and weed control: or 3. conservation education; or 4. observation or surveying; or tracks. 5. walking board walks. pedestrian bridges; and PER-2 All the Standards of this chapter (except RLZ-S8), are complied with. Note: Any associated building and structure must be constructed in accordance with RI 7-R14 RLZ-R11 **Recreation activities** Rural **Activity status: Permitted** Activity status whenre compliance not Lifestyle achieved PER-2: with Restricted Zone Where: **Discretionary** PER-1 Matters of discretion are restricted to: The activity is not a commercial activity, or 1. the matters of discretion of any an organised sporting events; and infringed standard. PER-2 Activity status whenre compliance not All the Standards of this chapter (except achieved with PER-1: Discretionary RLZ-S9) are complied with. **Note:** Any associated building and structure must be constructed in accordance with RLZ-R14 RLZ-R12 Rural produce retail Rural **Activity status: Permitted** Activity status whenre compliance not Lifestyle PER-5: Restricted achieved with Zone **Discretionary** Where: PFR-1 Retail sales must be limited to the sale of Matters of discretion are restricted to: produce grown on the site; and 1. the matters of discretion of any infringed standard. PER-2 The retail area has a maximum gross floor Activity status whenre compliance not area of 75m²; and achieved with PER-1, PER-2, PER-3, or **PER-4: Discretionary** PER-3 There is no more than one rural produce retail operation per site; and PER-4 Access to the retail area is not from a state highway with a speed limit greater than

80km/h; and

PER-5

All the <u>Ss</u>tandards of <u>this chapter</u> the <u>zone</u> are complied with.

Note: Any associated building and structure must be constructed in accordance with RLZ-R14.

RLZ-R13

Rural produce manufacturing

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Activity status: Permitted

Where:

PER-1

The rural produce manufacturing area has a maximum gross floor area of 75m²; and

PER-2

All manufacturing, altering, repairing, dismantling or processing of any materials or articles must be undertaken within a building; and

PER-3

There must be no more than three full-time equivalent persons who reside elsewhere than on the site employed in rural produce and manufacturing activities on the site; and

PER-4

Any associated retail sales must be limited to the sale of produce manufactured on the site; and

PER-5

All the **S**standards of this chapter are complied with.

Note: Any associated building and structure must be constructed in accordance with RLZ-R14.

Activity status when compliance not achieved with PER-5: Restricted Discretionary

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Matters of discretion are restricted to:

1. the matters of discretion of any infringed standard.

Activity status when compliance not achieved with PER-1, PER-2, PER-3 or PER-4: Discretionary

RLZ-R14

Buildings and structures (not provided in RLZ-R15 or RLZ-R16)

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Activity status: Permitted

Where:

PER-1

The building or structure is associated with or is ancillary to a permitted activity; and

PER-2

Activity status whenee compliance not achieved with PER-1: The same status as the activity the building or structure is associated with or ancillary to.

Activity status when compliance not achieved with PER-2: Restricted Discretionary

	All the Sstandards of this chapter are complied with.	Matters of discretion are restricted to: 1. the relevant matters of discretion of any infringed standard.
RLZ- R <mark>14A15</mark>	Full or partial demolition of buildings or st	<u>ructures</u> 9
Rural Lifestyle Zone	Activity status: Permitted	Activity status when compliance not achieved: Not applicable
RLZ- R <mark>1516</mark>	Crop support structures	
Rural Lifestyle Zone	Activity status: Permitted Where:	Activity status whene compliance not achieved: Restricted Discretionary
20110	PER-1 RLZ-S1 and RLZ-S2 are complied with.	Matters of discretion are restricted to: 1. the relevant matters of discretion of any infringed standard.
RLZ- R <mark>46<u>17</u></mark>	Artificial crop protection structures	
Rural Lifestyle	Activity status: Permitted	Activity status whenre compliance not achieved: Restricted discretionary
Zone	PER-1 The structure (s) is: 1. open at the side; or 2. dark green or black cloth is used for all vertical faces; and PER-2 The structure meets the following setbacks: 1. If or structure(s) less than 4m high, the structure(s) is are setback a distance of: a. 10m from road boundaries; and b. 20m from road boundaries that are a national, regional or district arterial road; and c. 15m from a non-road boundary of a site in different ownership; and 2. If or structure(s) greater than 4m in height, then the horizontal setback distance between the boundary and the structure should increase a further 5m than that stated above for every 2m increase in height; and	 Matters of discretion are restricted to: 1. the extent of visual impacts including: limiting view shafts and panoramas from properties and public areas; changing the character of a location; changing the naturalness of the landscape; and creating an incongruous colour variation; and 2. the extent of shading adverse effects on adjoining sites, activities and roads; and 3. mitigation measures.
	PER-4	

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⁹ NZHHA [184.2]

RLZ- R4718 Rural	The structure(s) are collectively no longer than 100m (measured parallel to any common boundary with a site in different ownership); and PER-5 RLZ-S1 and RLZ-S2 are complied with. Emergency services facilities, health care facilities includes health care facilities no Activity status: Restricted Discretionary	t provided under RLZ-R8 Activity status whene compliance not
Lifestyle Zone	 Matters of discretion are restricted to: whether the activity serves the community in the vicinity of the site; and whether it has a functional need or operational need to locate in the Z₂one; and suitability of the location, site design and layout and design of buildings; and the intensity and scale of the activity; and the extent of adverse effects on the character and qualities of the Z₂one; and the extent of adverse effects on the safe and efficient operation of the road network, and suitability of onsite loading, manoeuvring and access; and provision of infrastructure to service the activity; and measures to avoid, mitigate or remedy adverse effects; and the matters of discretion of any standard in this chapter RLZ-S1 to RLZ-S11 not complied with. 	achieved: Not applicable
RLZ- R <mark>48<u>19</u></mark>	Any aActivities not otherwise listed in this of	chapter
Rural Lifestyle Zone	Activity status: Discretionary	Activity status whene compliance not achieved: Not applicable
RLZ- R 19 20	Industrial activities	
Rural Lifestyle Zone	Activity status: Non-complying	Activity status whene compliance not achieved: Not applicable

Standards		
RLZ-S1	Height of buildings and structures	
1. Rural Lifestyle Zone	The height of buildings and structures must not exceed 8m, except for buildings and structures located within 50m of a General Residential Zone, which must not exceed 4.5m in height. Towers and poles associated with emergency service facilities must not exceed 15m. 10 Note: 11 Height shall be measure 12 from the existing ground level prior to any works commencing.	Matters of discretion are restricted to: 1. dominance in the landscape; and 2. overlooking and loss of privacy of adjacent residential units; and 3. shading of adjacent residential units; and 4. landscaping.
2. Brookfield Road Specific Control Area	Buildings and structures must not exceed a maximum height of 4.5m in the Brookfield Road Specific Control Area. Note: Height shall be measured from the existing ground level prior to any works commencing.	Matters of discretion are restricted to: 1. dominance in the landscape; and 2. overlooking and loss of privacy of adjacent residential units; and 3. shading of adjacent residential units; and 4. landscaping.
RLZ-S2	Height in relation to boundary	
Rural Lifestyle Zone	Buildings and structures must be contained within a building envelope defined by recession planes from points 2.5m above ground level at the boundaries of the site. The method for determining recession planes and any permitted projection is described in APP8 - Recession Planes.	Matters of discretion are restricted to: 1. any impact on solar access to habitable rooms and outdoor living areas; and 2. any adverse effects resulting from the bulk and dominance of buildings and structures on existing activities; and 3. measures to avoid or mitigate adverse effects.
RLZ-S3	Building coverage	
Rural Lifestyle Zone	The footprint of all buildings on the site shall not exceed 10% site coverage. The building coverage of any site must not exceed 10%. 13	Matters of discretion restricted to: 1. adverse effects on the character and qualities of the zone; and 2. landscaping and screening.
RLZ-S4	Boundary sSetbacks for buildings and struc	ctures
Rural Lifestyle Zone	All new buildings and structures (excluding fences, irrigators, water troughs, crop support structures and artificial crop protection structures) shall be setback 8m from all site boundaries.	Matters of discretion are restricted to: 1. location of buildings and structures; and 2. the extent of adverse effects including noise, smell, visual, character, privacy, shading, dominance and reverse sensitivity; and 3. measures to avoid and mitigateien

¹⁰ FENZ [131.40] 11 ECan [183.4] 12 Clause 16(2) RMA 13 ECan [183.1]

		adverse effects.
RLZ-S5	Boundary treatment styles	
Rural Lifestyle Zone	Boundary treatments must be limited to: 1. post and rail fences; or 2. post and wire fences (including netting) ¹⁴ ; or 3. hedges; and The height of hedges must not exceed 1.2m.	 Matters of discretion are limited to: 1. adverse effects on the character and qualities of the Z₂one; and 2. security of livestock; and 3. the location, height and design of fences or hedges.
RLZ-S6	Colour reflectance	
Rural Lifestyle Zone	The colour reflectance of materials must be no greater than: 1. 10% for roofs; and 2. 30% for the exterior of building walls.	 Matters of discretion restricted to: 1. adverse effects on the character and qualities of the Z≥one; and 2. effect on amenity values.
RLZ-S7	Exterior building materials - Brookfield Road Specific Control Area	
Brookfield Road Specific Control Area	All materials used for buildings or fencing must be either: 1. painted and/or stained in natural hues of grey, green and/or brown; or 2. unpainted timber; or 3. local bluestone; or 4. bricks or concrete block that have muted and/or recessive colour tones.	 Matters of discretion restricted to: 1. adverse effects on the character and qualities of the Z≥one; and 2. any adverse effects on amenity values; and 3. alternative exterior materials.
RLZ-S8	Trees	
Rural Lifestyle Zone	 Within each site there must be a minimum of 4 four trees (for sites under 5,000m²), or 8 eight trees (for sites over 5,000m²) capable of attaining a minimum height of 8m metres at maturity and those trees must: be 2.5m high at planting with a trunk diameter of 50mm; and be planted no closer than 20m metres apart; and include at least two trees planted in the road boundary setback, except for rear allotments; and be established prior to the issue of building consent for a building; and e. be maintained and any dead or diseased trees replaced; and not consist of pines, firs or eucalypts; and the height of any trees located within 100m of a residential unit on an adjoining site are contained within an envelope defined by a recession plane 	 Matters of discretion restricted to: adverse effects on the character and qualities of the Z₂one; and effect on amenity values; height and setback of trees from property boundaries and roads; and shading of houses; and effects on the character of the area and amenity values; and tree species.

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¹⁴ Spiers, B [66.44]