

Historic Heritage

Issues

- Is the Operative District Plan list of heritage items robust, i.e. does it contain all items deserving of some form of protection?
- How can heritage protection be enabled while acknowledging the economic cost of protection?
- Should protection of heritage items and buildings be extended to identify the setting within which they sit?

Operative District Plan Approach

The Operative District Plan has list of 129 heritage items throughout the District. 11 items with higher heritage values are classified as Category A and the remaining items are classified as Category B.

Any works on heritage items, other than restoration or repair, require resource consent.

Changes

Key changes include:	Reasons:
<p>Heritage list:</p> <p>The current list of heritage items in the District Plan (129 items) has been updated with the addition of 82 new items. A robust heritage assessment has been prepared for each item. In addition the Plan now contains the criteria used to determine whether items have highly significant heritage value (Category A) or significant heritage value (Category B).</p>	<p>The improved list of heritage items with their respective assessments better represents the history of the District. It is also a great resource for owners, the community and Council relating to the history and values of individual items and historic areas.</p>
<p>Settings of heritage items:</p> <p>The settings that all heritage buildings sit within have been identified and subdivision or new development within the settings will require resource consent.</p>	<p>The protection of the settings of heritage items will avoid losing elements of the surrounding environment which contribute to items historic heritage value.</p>
<p>New historic areas:</p> <p>Two Historic Heritage Areas have been identified and protected (Central Stafford Street and Caroline Bay, Timaru). In addition two Historic Character Areas are to be identified and protected (King Street, Temuka and the area surrounding central Stafford Street, Timaru)</p>	<p>Previously the values of these areas have been managed through their zoning, however it was considered that management under the Historic Heritage Chapter of the District Plan would highlight and increase the heritage values and profile of these areas.</p>
<p>Strengthening of buildings:</p> <p>New provisions will enable structural strengthening of heritage buildings where the strengthening is not visible outside the building.</p>	<p>To reduce the economic cost of protection of heritage items that require seismic strengthening.</p>