

12 DESIGNATIONS

- 12.1.1 Designation procedures provide for Requiring Authorities to “*protect*” land for an existing or proposed public work or utility service and are outlined under Part VIII of the Resource Management Act.
- 12.1.2 The procedure is similar to the resource consent process. The information to be provided in support of a Notice of Requirement for Designation includes the need for any work, the legal descriptions, the nature of the work and any restrictions associated with its operation, the consideration of alternatives, and whether resource consents are required. The process is open to public submissions.
- 12.1.3 Upon confirmation by the Requiring Authority and once any appeals upon the designation have been concluded, the District Council must include the designation in its District Plan as if it were a rule in the District Plan, and the Requiring Authority responsible for the designation may then do anything within the designated land that is in accordance with the designation.
- 12.1.4 Designation serves to inform the public of the location and nature of the work while protecting the land from land use and subdivision activities that may adversely effect its future operations and effectiveness.
- 12.1.5 Section 176A of the Resource Management Act requires Outline Plans to be submitted to the District Council for any work to be constructed on designated land (except where the details were included in the original notice of requirement, or Council waives the requirement for an Outline Plan).
- 12.1.6 Requirements for designations are listed in [Schedule 2](#) and are identified on the Planning Maps.

Roads

- 12.1.7 In the case of Transit New Zealand, all its state highways in the district are designated.
- 12.1.8 Council roads are not designated, and are managed under the Local Government Act.
- 12.1.9 All roads, whether constructed or not, shall have an underlying zoning of the adjoining property. The centreline of the road shall act as the zone boundary, should two different zones define the margins of the road reserve.

Cross References:

[Schedule 2](#) – Designations
Planning Maps