

STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL



PRIORITY BUILDINGS: CONSULTATION ON VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN THOROUGHFARES WITH SUFFICIENT TRAFFIC TO WARRANT PRIORITISATION

REASON FOR THE PROPOSAL

A national system for identifying, assessing and managing earthquake-prone buildings came into effect on 1 July 2017. It targets buildings or parts of buildings that pose the greatest risk to public safety and other property in a moderate earthquake.

The system categorised New Zealand into three seismic risk areas: high, medium and low. It sets timeframes, based on the seismic risk area, for identifying potentially earthquake-prone buildings and doing seismic work on buildings.

It also provides information for people using earthquake-prone buildings, such as notices identifying earthquake-prone buildings and a public register.

The new system introduced the concept of 'priority buildings'. These are certain types of buildings in high and medium seismic risk areas that are considered to present a higher risk to life or other property because of their construction, type, use or location. Priority buildings need to be identified and remediated within half the time allowed for other buildings in the same seismic risk areas.

Certain hospital, emergency and education buildings are prioritised in the Building Act 2004 because they are likely to be needed in an emergency or regularly occupied by more than 20 people.

Other buildings, such as unreinforced masonry (URM) buildings, may be considered a priority because, in an earthquake, parts of the building could fall on to thoroughfares with high pedestrian and vehicle traffic.

Further guidance on priority buildings is available at:

<https://www.building.govt.nz/managing-buildings/managing-earthquake-prone-buildings/resources/>

The Wairoa District has been categorised as a high seismic risk area. This means that Wairoa District Council must identify priority buildings within 2.5 years and other potentially earthquake-prone buildings within 5 years. Affected building owners will be contacted by Wairoa District Council and must strengthen or demolish priority buildings within 7.5 years and other earthquake-prone buildings within 15 years¹.

More information about the new system can be found at:

¹From the date the earthquake-prone building notice is issued.

<https://www.building.govt.nz/managing-buildings/managing-earthquake-prone-buildings/>

WHY WE'RE CONSULTING

Your input is required to identify routes with priority buildings

Unreinforced masonry buildings, or parts of those buildings, are considered priority buildings if they could fall on to thoroughfares with sufficient vehicle or pedestrian traffic to warrant prioritisation.

Wairoa District Council must consult the community to identify public roads, footpaths or other thoroughfares with sufficient traffic to warrant prioritisation of certain buildings and parts on those thoroughfares.

Your views on the acceptable level of risk, our buildings, and their uses will inform Wairoa District Council's decision on which thoroughfares to identify.

This consultation is done in accordance with section 133AF of the Building Act 2004, which requires Wairoa District Council to use the special consultative procedure in section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002 to identify certain priority buildings.

PROPOSAL

Vehicular and pedestrian thoroughfares with sufficient traffic to warrant prioritisation

Wairoa District Council has applied the following criteria to identify roads, footpaths or other thoroughfares to be prioritised:

High pedestrian areas (people not in vehicles)

Description of use	Description of area	Example of application to city or metropolitan area	Example of application to small town or rural area
Areas relating to social or utility activities	Areas where shops or other services are located	City and suburban areas with shops, cafes, restaurants, bars, theatres and malls	Areas such as the shopping area on the main street, the local pub, community centre
Areas relating to work	Areas where concentrations of people work and move around	Areas around office buildings or other places of work where there is a concentration of workers	Areas around businesses in small towns and rural areas where there is a concentration of workers in numbers larger than small shops or cafes
Areas relating to	Areas where concentrations of	Areas around transport hubs, train stations, bus	Areas around bus stops, train stations, tourist

transport	people access transport	stops, car parks	centres
Key walking routes	Key walking routes that link areas where people are concentrated	Routes from transport hubs or other areas relating to transport to areas where shops, other services or areas people work are located	Routes from bus stops or other areas relating to transport to areas where shops, other services or areas people work are located

Areas with high vehicular traffic (people in motor vehicles/on bikes)

Description of use	Description of area	Example of application to city or metropolitan area	Example of application to small town or rural area
Key traffic routes	Key traffic routes regularly used by vehicles including public transport	Central business district streets, well trafficked suburban streets, arterial routes, heavy use bus routes	Well trafficked main streets or sections of state highways, arterial routes
Areas with concentrations of vehicles	Areas where high concentrations of vehicles build up	Busy intersections, areas where traffic builds up at peak hours	Busy intersections

Potential for part of an unreinforced masonry building to fall on to the identified thoroughfare²

Wairoa District Council proposes the following thoroughfares be prioritised.

Wairoa District Council seeks your views on whether these roads, footpaths and other thoroughfares warrant prioritisation. It also seeks your views on whether there are any other thoroughfares that should be included.

- Marine Parade from Community Centre – River View Dairy - Areas such as the shopping area on the main street, the local pub, community centre.
- Paul Street from i-Site to Marine Parade - Areas around bus stops, train stations, tourist centres, Routes from bus stops or other areas relating to transport to areas where shops, other services or areas people work are located

² An unreinforced masonry (URM) building has masonry walls that do not contain steel, timber or fibre reinforcement. URM buildings are older buildings that often have parapets, as well as verandas, balconies, decorative ornaments, chimneys and signs attached to their facades (front walls that face onto a street or open space).

- Thoroughfare from Marine Parade located between 128-132 Marine Parade - Areas such as the shopping area on the main street, the local pub, community centre
- Thoroughfare from Marine Parade located between 162-166 Marine Parade - Areas such as the shopping area on the main street, the local pub, community centre

Questions

1. Do you agree with the thoroughfares identified for prioritisation?
2. If not, which thoroughfares do you disagree with and why?
3. Are there any other thoroughfares that meet the criteria but are not listed?

WHAT HAPPENS ONCE THE ROUTES ARE FINALISED?

Once priority thoroughfares have been finalised, Council will look at buildings on those thoroughfares to determine whether they are potentially earthquake prone in accordance with the EPB methodology³. Affected building owners will be informed.

Owners of potentially earthquake-prone buildings, whether or not they are priority buildings, have 12 months to provide an engineering assessment. Council will then determine whether the building is earthquake prone, and notify the building owner of the timeframe for remediation work.

³ The EPB methodology is a regulatory tool that sets out the types of buildings that [Council] must identify as potentially earthquake prone.

MORE INFORMATION

Further information on the new system for managing earthquake-prone buildings can be found at: <https://www.building.govt.nz/managing-buildings/managing-earthquake-prone-buildings/>

SUBMISSION PROCESS

The consultation document that includes this statement of proposal, and the submission form may be collected from the Council's Main Office in Wairoa, or from the Council's website www.wairoadc.govt.nz

Submissions can be made online using the online form or in writing – a submission form is available to download on the website or at the Council's Main Office in Wairoa.

Those who make a written submission may choose to make an oral submission. Please indicate on your submission form if you wish to speak to your submission. Hearing of oral submissions are tentatively scheduled for Tuesday 6th August at 10am.

PERIOD FOR CONSULTATION

Written submissions on the *Priority buildings: vehicular and pedestrian thoroughfares with sufficient traffic to warrant prioritisation* may be made until **4.30pm Friday 19th July 2019**.

If you have any questions about this consultation or the submission process please contact either:

- Charlotte Knight, Policy & Governance Team Leader on 06 838 7309
- Jared Olsen, Senior Building Compliance Officer on 06 838 7309



SUBMISSION FORM PRIORITY BUILDINGS: CONSULTATION ON VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN THOROUGHFARES WITH SUFFICIENT TRAFFIC TO WARRANT PRIORITISATION

SUBMISSIONS CLOSE 4.30PM 19th JULY 2019

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email address:

Do you wish to speak to your submission?¹

- Āe/Yes
- Kāo/No

Questions on the proposal

1. Do you agree with the thoroughfares identified for prioritisation?

Āe/Yes

Kāo/No

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