

MEMORANDUM

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Subject: Archaeological, Heritage and Outstanding Tree Assessment For Howard Street Residential Rezoning

Brief

- 1.1 This is a brief memo examining the location of archaeological sites, heritage buildings and outstanding trees within the Howard Street Residential Rezoning Area. This is a desk top review for the area proposed to be rezoned for Residential purposes between Havelock Road and Howard St up to the Awahou drain. The purpose of the assessment was to identify any potential effects associated with the future development of the greenfields residential area on the archaeological and historic values of the area.

Limitations

- 1.2 The report is the result of a review of existing literature and historic documents associated with the area. No site inspection or fieldwork was carried out as part of this report. It should be noted that this is an archaeological and historic assessment and does not present the views of tangata whenua regarding the significance of the area to them. However it is noted that notification was sent to Ngati Kahangunu and Te Taiwhenua who have both confirmed they had no issues with this development proceeding and there is no sites of cultural significance in defined area.

Location

- 1.3 The area of the proposed rezoning is located to the south of Hastings city, in between Hastings and Havelock North. It will be centred between Havelock Road to the west and Howard St to the east, the existing Hastings Residential Zone to the North and Awahou Drain to the South.
- 1.4 The land included within this area is primarily used for small market garden and orcharding purposes, small scale agricultural use and residential lifestyle purposes. There are no other significant infrastructure alterations for this area. Figure 1 and 2 show the proposed area.

Proposal

- 1.5 Hastings District Council are considering a proposed plan change that would rezone the area of land shown in figure 1 and 2 from Plains zone to Residential Zone. This is proposed to occur in one stage. There will also be a large area set aside for stormwater detention near the Awahou drain.

Figure 1 – Howard St Structure Plan

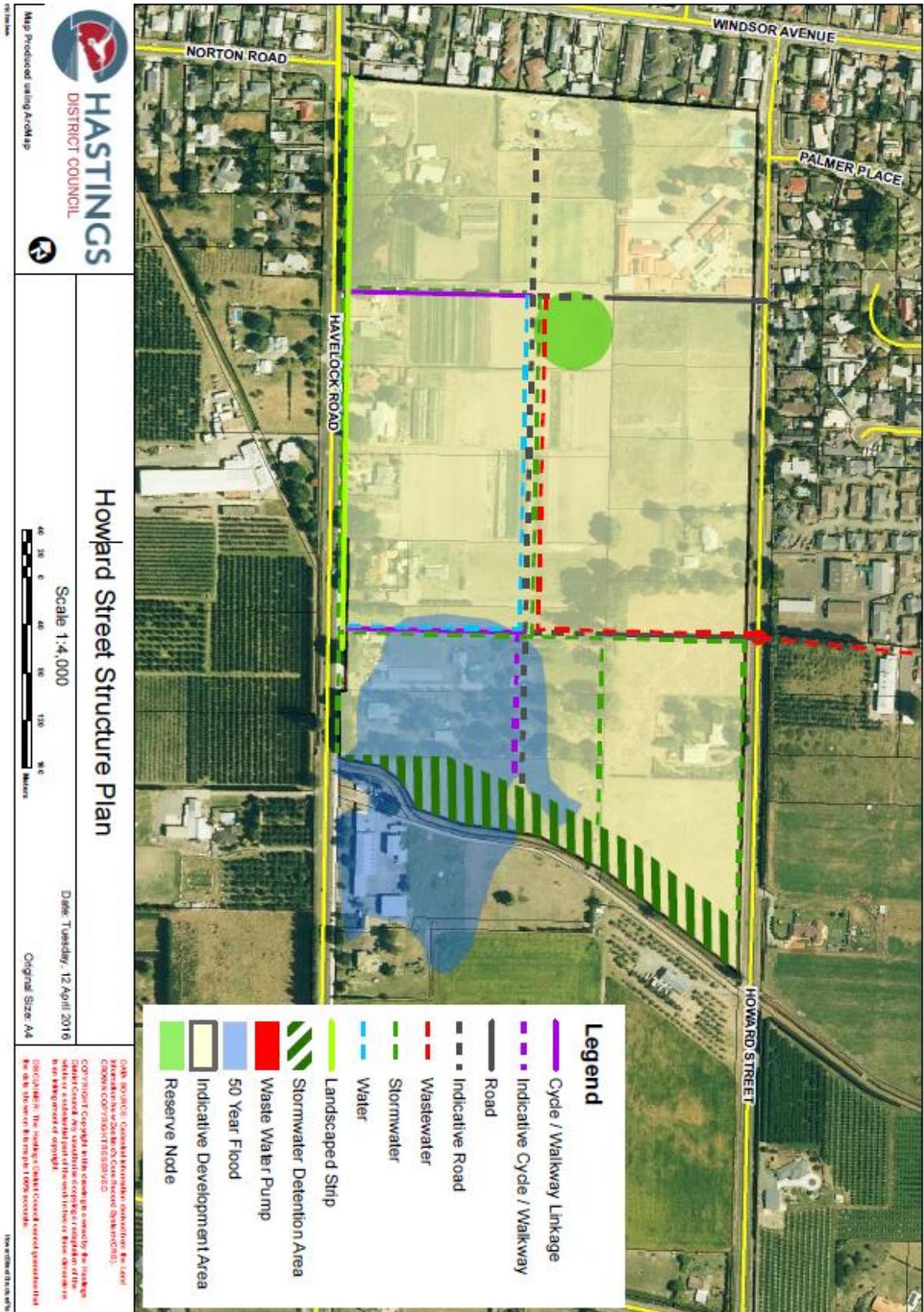
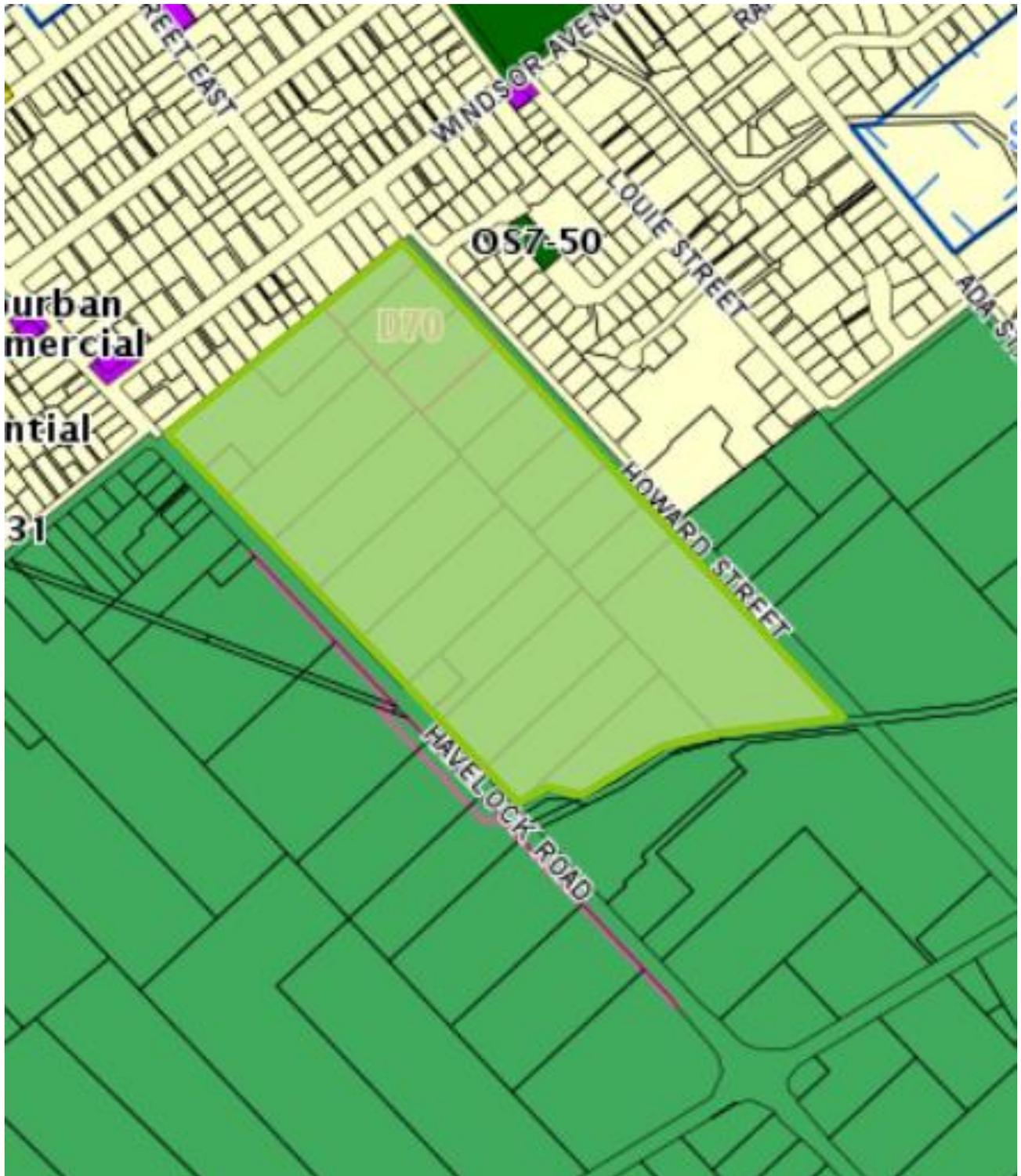


Figure 2 – Howard Street Residential rezoning Area



2 Historic Information

2.1 Methodology

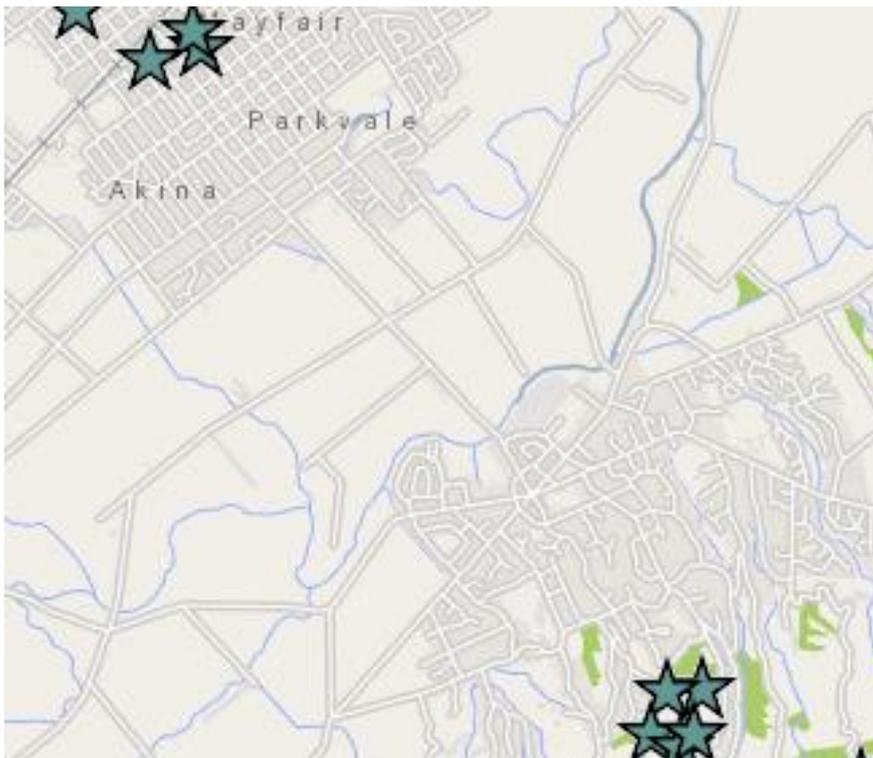
This study involved the review of existing information relating to the archaeological and historic heritage for the existing zone.

2.2 NZAA Database

The New Zealand Archaeological Association (NZAA) manages a national database of recorded archaeological sites in New Zealand. There are currently over 59,000 records in the database however there remain several areas of New Zealand that have not been the subject of intensive archaeological survey and recording.

Examination of the database indicates there are no recorded archaeological sites within the identified area, nor are there any archaeological sites within close proximity, as shown by figure 3 below.

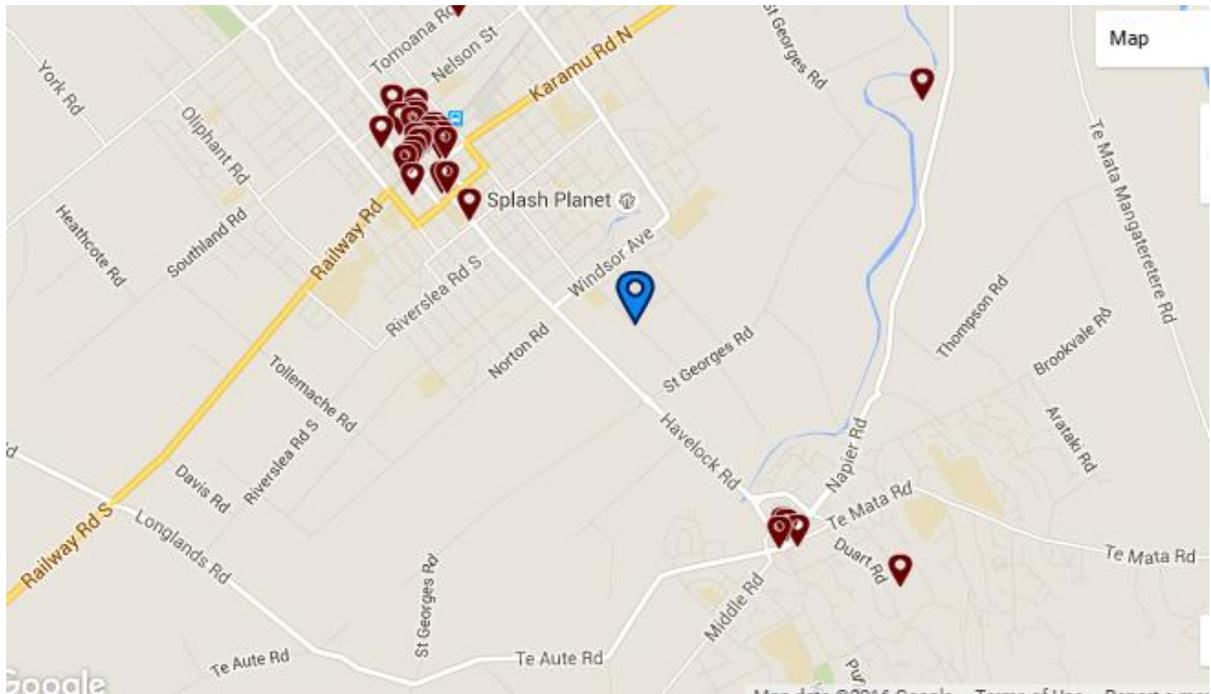
Figure 3 – NZAA database of archaeological sites



2.3 NZHPT Register

The New Zealand Historic Places Trust (NZHPT) compiles and maintains a register of buildings, places or areas of historic significance and/or waahi tapu. There are no known buildings or sites within the project area that are registered as significant with the NZHPT as shown by figure 4 below.

Figure 4 – NZHPT database of significant heritage buildings and areas



2.4 Hastings District Council GIS Database Information

The Hastings district Council records areas of significant heritage, archaeological sites, waahi tapu sites and has a list of outstanding trees. Much of these records are replication of the above mentioned databases, but not all. All of these records are compiled and shown within our GIS database. A check of this database has shown no recorded Heritage sites, archaeological sites or waahi tapu areas on the land in question or within close proximity.

There are however two outstanding trees located at the front of the property being 250 Havelock Road. These two trees are listed in the District Plan as being T147(a) and T147 (b). They are both English Oaks, no specific brief has been provided as to why they are Outstanding. They are however given a significance of B in the District Plan which means the Trees are of special botanic interest because of their scarcity or uniqueness, or because they are a particularly good example of their species.

Given that the trees are located on the periphery of the rezoning area, it is not anticipated that significant infrastructure will be required to be implemented within the area in which the outstanding trees are located, thus it is not anticipated that the trees will create significant restrictions to the development of the overall area. However these trees must be noticed and recognised in that they may restrict the ability to further develop parts of the site at 250 Havelock Road, and this should be recognised as a minor economic impact within the development. Given the low probability of the trees affecting the overall uptake of development, it is not considered any additional provisions are required within the Hastings District Plan, apart from the existing protection measures in 18.1 of the proposed Plan (12.5 of the Operative Plan). The existing rules provide adequate protection for potential development around these trees.

The location of the trees are shown below in figure 5



Figure 5 – Outstanding Trees within the Howard St Rezoning Area



There are 3 other outstanding trees within close proximity of the zone, listed as T194, T177, T138 and T148. It is not anticipated that these trees will restrict development of the Howard Street Rezoning Area, however they should be noted for any potential impacts.

3.0 **Conclusion**

The purpose of this assessment was to identify any potential effects associated with the future development of the residential area on the archaeological and historic values in the Howard St development area and identify options that could be used to avoid, remedy or mitigate any potential for adverse effects.

It has been determined that there are no known sites of historic and archaeological significance. It is anticipated the potential to locate remains of historic occupation and use within the area of the proposed rezoning is low. If there was an accidental discovery of an archaeological site, the provisions of the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 would come into effect, which would require work to stop and examination through Heritage NZ. It is considered this is adequate protection for heritage of the area in this instance.

There are two outstanding trees located on 250 Havelock Road. Whilst these trees will require protection, or Resource Consent to be removed, it is not anticipated that their location will affect the overall viability or development of the residential rezoning, and existing District Plan rules will provide adequate protection.

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