

24 October 2017

Dear Madam/Sir,

Re: Outer Green Belt Management Plan Review – What do you think?

The Council is undertaking a review of the Outer Green Belt Management Plan 2004. The Outer Green Belt comprises an almost-continuous open space network at the western edge of the city, extending all the way from Tawa to the south coast and covering 2600 hectares of public reserve land. The management plan is used to guide the management, use, and development of the Outer Green Belt reserves. The area covered is shown on the map attached.

Reserve management plans are a requirement of the Reserves Act 1977 and the Council is required to keep plans up to date. The Outer Green Belt Management Plan is well overdue for a review. For a copy of the current plan go to: wellington.govt.nz/outergreenbelt

Since 2004 a number of new strategies and plans have been developed together with the Wellington community. For example, the Wellington biodiversity strategy, Our Natural Capital, was completed in 2015 and the Open Space Access Plan was completed in 2016. The outcomes of these plans need to be reflected in the Outer Green Belt Management Plan.

The management plan outlines an 'Outer Green Belt concept area', which includes both the public reserves network and privately owned lands. You may have land inside the concept area. The current management plan promotes the idea of working in partnership with private landowners to achieve the vision of an outer green belt that defines the western edge of the city's urban environment. The concept area forms an open space buffer between urban and rural landscapes, with a mix of landscape, ecological, recreation and cultural, and heritage values.

Council officers will prepare a draft Outer Green Belt Management Plan early next year and then seek the Council's approval to publicly consult on the draft plan in early 2018.

The revised management plan will be structured in sections, including;

Section one: Introduction and background information

Section two: Defining the Outer Green Belt concept area

Section three: General policies relating to landscape, ecology/biodiversity, recreation, culture and heritage, partnerships and community participation

Section four: Management sectors from Spicer Forest to Te Kopahou

Section five: Rules for use and development

Section six: Implementation priorities

Alongside the Outer Green Belt management plan review, officers have been developing master plans for Te Kopahou Reserve and Spicer Forest/Forest of Tane. These plans will provide a further level of detail around the key values, management, and use of these parts of the wider Outer Green Belt. You may have already heard about these plans or provided input.

To help us review the Outer Green Belt Management Plan and the two draft master plans, we'd love to hear your initial ideas about what you value about the Outer Green Belt and any key issues with its current management and use.

Please fill out the brief questionnaire found at wellington.govt.nz/ouergreenbelt before 24 November 2017.

We are also planning three drop-in sessions in November, where you can share your thoughts and ideas to help us understand more about how you value and/or use the Outer Green Belt and what should be included in any revised management plan or master plans.

The sessions will be:

Makara

Tuesday 7 November 3pm – 5pm
Makara Community Hall

Tawa

Saturday 18 November, 10am – 12 noon
Linden Social Centre, Doris Mills Lounge

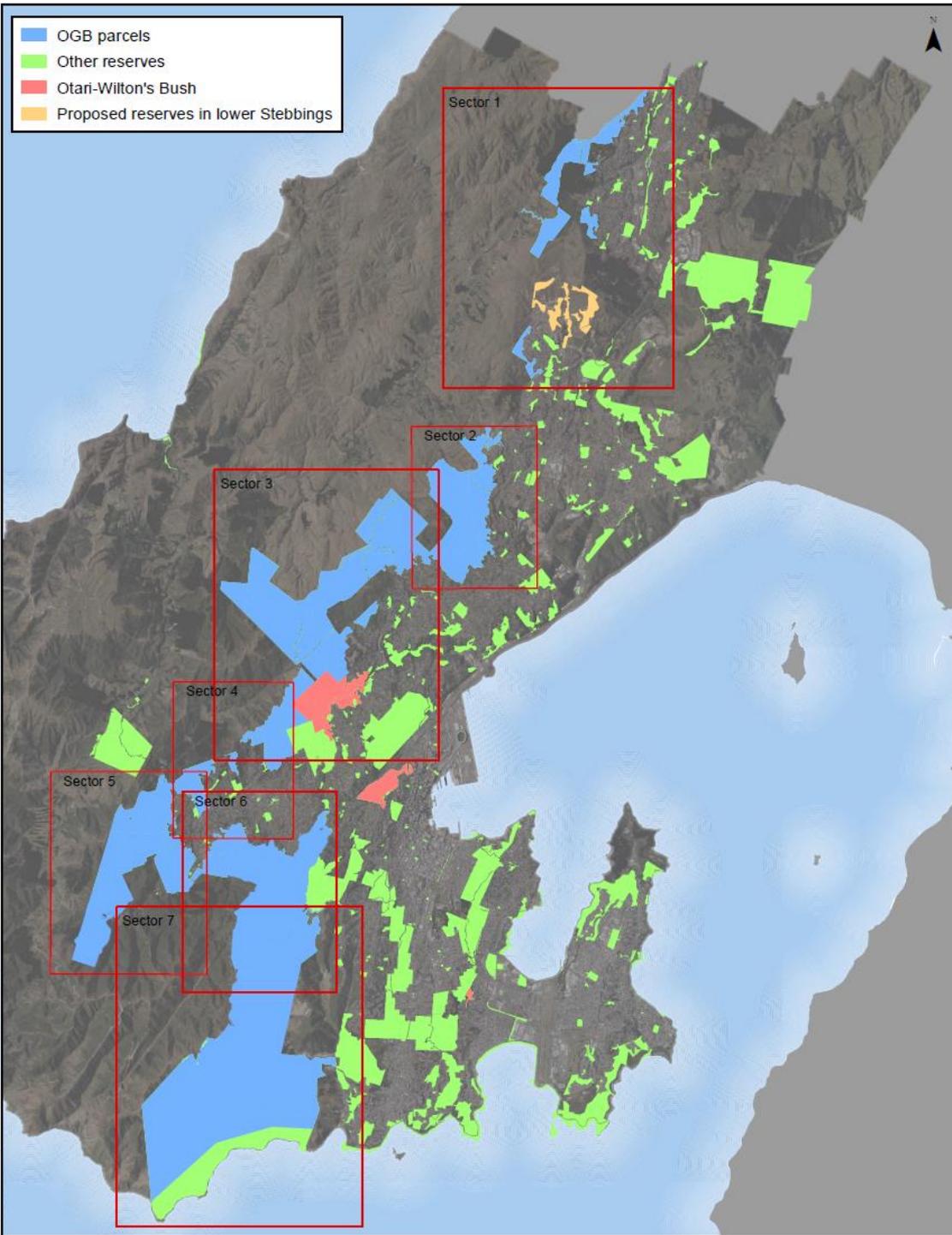
Otari

Saturday 18 November 1pm – 3pm
Otari Wilton Bush, Leonard Cockayne Centre

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing your views.

Yours sincerely

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Outer Green Belt Overview

0 1,300 2,600 5,200
metres
scale 1:100,638

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