Proposed District Plan Change 13

TEMPORARY ACTIVITIES AND FILMING

Publicly Notified: 4 August 2009

Submissions Close: 1 September 2009 at 5.00pm

Part 1: Introduction

1. The Purpose of Proposed Plan Change 13

The function of this Plan Change is to encourage and enable filming and temporary activities within Hutt City while ensuring any adverse effects on the environment are avoided, remedied or mitigated.

2. Structure of this document

This document contains five parts:

Part 1 is this introduction.

Part 2 contains a copy of the public notice of Proposed Plan Change 13.

Part 3, 3A, 3B and 3C states the amended definitions and chapters

Part 4 and 4A is a copy of the *Section 32 Evaluation* prepared for Proposed Plan Change 13, as required by section 74 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Part 5 contains a copy of a submission form (Form 5).

All five parts of this document are publicly available from Hutt City Council as detailed in Part 2 of this document.

3. The Process of Proposed Plan Change 13

The process for preparing Proposed Plan Change 13 to date can be summarised as:

Dec 2008 Need for Plan Change identified

April 2009 Council approval to prepare Proposed Plan Change 13

May 2009 Internal and external consultation with relevant groups

July 2009 Proposed Plan Change adopted by Council's District Plan Committee for public notification

Aug 2009 Proposed Plan Change notified

Upon notification, all interested persons and parties have an opportunity to make further input through the submission process. The process for public participation in the consideration of this proposal under the Act is as follows:

- After the closing date for submissions, Hutt City Council must prepare a summary of the submissions and this summary must be publicly notified;
- There must be an opportunity to make a further submission in support of, or in opposition to, the submissions already made;

- If a person making a submission asks to be heard in support of his or her submission, a hearing must be held;
- Hutt City Council must give its decision on the proposal (including its reasons for accepting or rejecting submissions); and
- Any person who has made a submission has the right to appeal the decisions on the proposal to the Environment Court.

4. Reasons for Proposed Plan Change

The Hutt City Council recently identified a need for provisions for temporary activities and filming in the District Plan

Currently there are no issues, objectives, policies or rules for temporary activities and filming in the District Plan. Because of this, a temporary activity or filming activity requires a resource consent.

It is considered by the council that when resource consent processes act as a barrier to filming and temporary activities such as community events, a considerable loss to the city occurs in terms of social, cultural and economic effects, such as missed opportunities for local communities and loss of ongoing promotional opportunities. Another major disadvantage of not having provisions for filming and temporary activities is that negative effects on the environment cannot be mitigated as well as they could be.

5. Summary of Proposed Plan Change 13 amendments

In addressing the issues, the Proposed Plan Change adds new policy direction to address issues which were either unanticipated at the time of writing the District Plan or have since emerged through consultation and national guidance such as the LGNZ Filming Protocol. It also clarifies the intent of the new policy through minor amendments to existing policy.

The proposed amendments include the addition of Chapters 14J (Temporary Activities) and 14K (Filming) and minor changes to the rules in Chapters 3 (Definitions), 7A (General Recreation), 7C (River Recreation) and 14A (Transport).