

UNITARY PLAN UPDATE REQUEST MEMORANDUM

TO Craig Cairncross, Team Leader, Central / South Manager

FROM Vanessa Leddra



DATE 11 OCTOBER 2022



SUBJECT Alteration to Designation 5007 for Educational purposes – primary school (years 0 – 8) in accordance with s181 of the Resource Management Act



This memorandum requests an update to Auckland Unitary Plan Operative in part

Reason for update – alteration to designation 5007	
Chapter	Chapter K – Designations AUP GIS Viewer – Designations layer
Section	Minister of Education
Designation only	
Designation # 5007	Minister of Education 5007
Locations:	56 Middlefield Drive, Flat Bush
Lapse Date	None – given effect to
Purpose	Educational Purposes – primary school (years 0 to 8)
Changes to text (shown in underline and strikethrough)	Amended purpose and updated text in chapter K [clean copy] in attachment A Existing text and purpose in chapter K Attachment B showing underline and strikethrough changes
Changes to diagrams	N/A
Changes to spatial data	N/A
Attachments	Attachment A: Minister of Education Decision Attachment B: Corrections to text (strikethrough & underlined) Attachment C: Corrected text (clean)

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Attachment A: Minister of Education
Decision



24 August 2022

Auckland Council
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Auckland 1142

Attention: John Duguid
Manager, Plans and Places

Dear John

Decision by the Minister of Education on a Requirement to alter Designation 5007 Willowbank School.

The Minister of Education (“the Minister”) served a Notice of Requirement on Auckland Council to alter a designation at 56 Middlefield Drive, Flat Bush, Auckland by changing the purpose to “*Educational Purposes – Primary School (Years 0-8)*” which removes the Early Childhood Education part of the purpose, removing the existing roll cap special condition, and adding new special conditions regarding transport and parking matters. This was acknowledged as received by Auckland Council on 12 January 2021.

The matter was considered by Commissioners Janine Bell (Chair) and Trevor Mackie with a hearing held on 2 August 2022 because a submitter wished to be heard. The recommendation of the Commissioners acting under delegated authority from Auckland Council was received by the Minister’s agent on 19 August 2022. Auckland Council has recommended that the alteration of designation be confirmed. The Minister accepts the recommendation in full including the amended purpose and changes to special conditions. The special conditions that now apply to this designation are set out in Attachment A.

Pursuant to s172(1) of the Resource Management Act 1991 (“the Act”), **the Minister accepts in full** the Commissioners’ recommendation for the following reasons:

1. The designation, and the alteration of it, are reasonably necessary for achieving the objectives of the Minister and will provide for the community’s social, cultural and economic well-being by meeting the growing demand for educational facilities in, and continue to serve the educational needs of, the community as urban growth occurs at Flat Bush as enabled by the Auckland Unitary Plan: Operative in Part (*Auckland Unitary Plan*).
2. This alteration of designation enables the Minister to accommodate the anticipated roll of 900 students and enable growth as identified under the master plan.
3. The works enabled by the designation are consistent with Part 2 of the Act in that they will promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources.
4. The provision of the increased roll as provided for by the alteration of designation is consistent with relevant national policy statements and the objectives and policies of the

Auckland Unitary Plan.

5. The alteration of designation will ensure that any adverse environmental effects of the works are appropriately avoided, remedied or mitigated.

The designation shall be included in the Auckland Unitary Plan as set out in **Attachment A** of this decision.

Please notify this decision to all submitters in accordance with s172 of the Act.

Yours sincerely



Brian Mitchell

Group Manager National Property Services, Te Puna Hanganga, Matihiko | Infrastructure & Digital, Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga, Ministry of Education

Under delegated authority from the Minister of Education

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CC: Vanessa Leddra, Policy Planner, Auckland Council

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Attachment A – Amendments to Auckland Unitary Plan

**Attachment A:
Designation Schedule – Minister of Education**

Delete 5007 Willowbank School in its entirety and replace with the following:

5007 Willowbank School

Designation Number	5007
Requiring Authority	Minister of Education
Location	56 Middlefield Drive, Manukau
Rollover Designation	Yes
Legacy Reference	Designation 275, Auckland Council District Plan (Manukau Section) 2002
Lapse Date	Given effect to (i.e. no lapse date)

Purpose

Educational purposes - primary school (years 0 - 8).

Conditions

The standard conditions for all Minister of Education designations apply to this designation, except that where any standard condition conflicts with a site-specific condition below, the site-specific condition shall take precedence.

1. On-Site Car Parking – School

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2. Transport Assessment

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- (f) the impact of any increase in vehicle movements on the safe and efficient operation of the adjacent street network.
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The Transport Assessment shall be prepared in consultation with Auckland Transport and the outcome of that consultation recorded in the outline plan. Any necessary relocation and upgrading of pedestrian crossings or other changes to transport infrastructure, subject to the approval of Auckland Transport, shall be undertaken at the Requiring Authority's expense.

3. School Travel Plan

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Conditions

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