

Chapter 25 - City Wide

25.6 Lighting and Glare



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This chapter is subject to the following plan change:

Proposed Plan Change 5 – Peacocke Structure Plan (insertions underlined, deletions ~~struck-out~~)

*The following **provisions** have immediate legal effect under Section 86B (3) of the RMA*

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This chapter has two roles. Firstly, it provides objectives, policies, activity status and standards for activities that are relevant across the City and are not zone specific:

- Earthworks and vegetation removal
- Events and temporary activities
- Hazardous facilities
- Network utilities and the electricity national grid corridor
- Signs
- Transportation

Secondly, the chapter provides City-wide objectives, policies and standards that are applicable to the activities in the zone chapters:

- Development suitability
- Landscaping and screening
- Lighting and glare
- Noise and vibration
- Public art
- Smoke, fumes, odour and dust
- Solid waste
- Three Waters
- Transportation
- Urban design

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25.6.1 Purpose

- a) Intrusive lighting is lighting that causes a nuisance to other people, usually by glare or light spill on to other people or properties. The District Plan manages these effects to protect amenity and safety values.

25.6.2 Objectives and Policies: Lighting and Glare

Objective	Policies
<p>25.6.2.1 An environment free from the adverse effects of intrusive lighting.</p>	<p>25.6.2.1a Ensure that light spill and glare do not detract from the amenity values of other properties, compromise traffic safety, or have a negative effect on people’s health and general welfare.</p>
<p><u>25.6.2.2</u> <i><u>Lighting in the Peacocke Structure Plan Area is managed to ensure areas identified as Significant Bat Habitat Area retain their usability and functionality for bat activity.</u></i></p>	<p><u>25.6.2.2a</u> <i><u>Manage light spill and glare of fixed lighting at the boundary of the Significant Bat Habitat Area to ensure that the useability of long-tailed bat habitat is maintained.</u></i></p> <p><u>25.6.2.2b</u> <i><u>Ensure that fixed- lighting in public spaces, such as parks and road corridors is designed to minimise the effects of lighting and glare on Significant Bat Habitat Area.</u></i></p>
<p>Explanation</p>	
<p><i>Intrusive lighting may include light from floodlights, security lights and activities such as welding. Light spill and glare have the potential to disturb people’s sleep, which could adversely affect their health and general welfare. Unlike other adverse effects of activities, like smoke or noise, which are difficult to contain completely, light spill is reasonably simple to avoid by correct aiming or baffling (shading) of the light source.</i></p>	
<p><i><u>The Peacocke Precinct is an important habitat for long-tail bats which are a threatened native species. Due to the presence of bats in the area, it is important the effects of development are managed to ensure bats are able to continue to move and forage through the area. Bats are particularly sensitive to light, which has the potential to inhibit their movement and feeding habits. For this reason it is important that those area of Peacocke identified as being Significant Bat Habitat Areas are protected from the effects of lighting and glare.</u></i></p>	

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25.6.3 Rules – General Standards

- a) Artificial lighting shall not result in illumination on transport corridors which may dazzle or distract transport corridor users or train drivers, or interfere with any traffic aids or signals. The relevant clauses of Australian Standard AS4282 1997 Control of the Obtrusive Effects of Outdoor Lighting shall apply with respect to the effect of artificial lighting on traffic.
- b) Lighting designed to illuminate public spaces and transport corridors, including roads, public car parks and amenity areas, shall be designed in accordance with the Australian and New Zealand AS/NZS suite of standards.

Note

- 1. Acceptable means of compliance for the provision, design and construction of transport corridor lighting is contained within the Hamilton City Infrastructure Technical Specifications.

25.6.4 Rules – Specific Standards

25.6.4.1 Residential, Special Character, Future Urban and Community Facilities Zones

- a) For any activity in any Residential or Special Character Zones, or the Future Urban or Community Facilities Zones, the spill of light from artificial lighting (excluding street and navigation lights and traffic signals) on to any other site shall not exceed 3 lux (horizontal and vertical) when measured or calculated at points 1.5m within the boundary of any other site.

25.6.4.2 Open Space Zones

- a) Light spill from artificial lighting (excluding street and navigation lights and traffic signals) used in Open Space Zones shall comply with the following standards.

Location of light source (site in Open Space Zone)	Where measured	Standard
i. Sport and Recreation, Neighbourhood, and Natural Open Space Zones	Measured horizontally or vertically, at points 1.5m within the boundary of any other site	Maximum 3 lux
ii. Destination Open Space Zone	Measured horizontally or vertically, at points 1.5m within the boundary of any other site, except as stated in iii below	Maximum 10 lux
iii. Destination Open Space Zone	Measured horizontally or vertically, at points 1.5m within the boundary of any site in the Community Facilities Zone and Future Urban Zone or any Residential, Special Character or other open space zones	Maximum 3 lux

25.6.4.3 Major Facilities Zone and Knowledge Zone

- a) The spill of light from artificial lighting (excluding street and navigation lights and traffic signals) in the Major Facilities Zone and Knowledge Zone on to any other site in any Residential, Special Character, Open Space, Community Facilities or Future Urban Zones, shall not exceed 3 lux (horizontal and vertical) when

measured at points 1.5m within the boundary of the other site, except as provided for in Rule 25.6.4.3(c) and 25.6.4.3(d).

- b) The spill of light from artificial lighting (excluding street and navigation lights and traffic signals) in the Major Facilities Zone and Knowledge Zone on to any other site in any zone not specified in Rule 25.6.4.3a shall not exceed 10 lux (horizontal and vertical) when measured at points 1.5m within the boundary of the other site, except as provided for in Rule 25.6.4.3(c) and 25.6.4.3(d).

c) Seddon Park

i. The flood lights shall not be used at more than 29 night-time events per year.

ii. The lights on the lighting towers shall not be used after:

- 2230 Monday to Thursday inclusive
- 2300 Friday to Sunday inclusive

However, the lights may remain on for the purpose of crowd dispersal for a period of up to one hour after the event or one hour after the time specified above, whichever is the earlier. Except on New Year's Eve when flood lights may be used for crowd dispersal up to 0030 on the following day (January 1).

iii. The level of lighting from Seddon Park shall not exceed 100 lux at all property boundaries.

d) Waikato Stadium

i. The flood lights shall not be used at more than 35 night-time events per year.

ii. The lights on the lighting towers shall not be used after:

- 2230 Monday to Thursday inclusive
- 2300 Friday to Sunday inclusive

However, the lights may remain on for the purpose of crowd dispersal for a period of up to one hour after the event or one hour after the time specified above, whichever is the earlier.

iii. The level of lighting from Waikato Stadium shall not exceed 100 lux at all property boundaries.

25.6.4.4 *Peacocke Medium Density Zone: Peacocke Precinct*

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- a) *Lighting shall not exceed 0.3 lux (horizontal and vertical) when measured at the external boundary of the Significant Bat Habitat Area.*

25.6.4.5 All Other Zones

- a) The spill of light from artificial lighting (excluding street and navigation lights and traffic signals) on to any other site shall not exceed 10 lux (horizontal and vertical) when measured or calculated at points 1.5m within the boundary of any other site. In the case of contiguous sites held in the same ownership for the same activity, the spill of light shall be measured or calculated at points 1.5m within the boundary of any other site beyond the boundary of the land holding.

- b) The spill of light from artificial lighting (excluding street and navigation lights and traffic signals) on to any site in the Residential, Special Character, Open Space, Community Facilities or Future Urban Zones shall not exceed 3 lux (horizontal and vertical) when measured or calculated at points 1.5m within the boundary of any other site so zoned.

25.6.5 Other Resource Consent Information

Refer to Chapter 1: Plan Overview for guidance on the following.

- How to Use this District Plan
- Explanation of Activity Status
- Activity Status Defaults
- Notification / Non-notification Rules
- Rules Having Early or Delayed Effect

Refer to Volume 2, Appendix 1: District Plan Administration for the following.

- Definitions and Terms Used in the District Plan
- Information Requirements
- Controlled Activities – Matters of Control
- Restricted Discretionary, Discretionary and Non-Complying Activities Assessment Criteria
- Design Guides
- Other Methods of Implementation