

Waikato Community Hospice (Submission Number: 453)

Hospice's submission, on PC9, pertains to their site at 322 and 342 Cobham Drive, Hamilton. Their site is directly and indirectly affected by the listing of eight protected trees, being Trees 4.1 to 4.8. These trees are a mixture of Redwoods, Holm oak and Atlantic cedar.

Hospice was concerned about the impact the continued listing of the trees, first and foremost, and the subsequent the impact the associated protected root zone rules would have on their ability to maintain their site and/or develop their site further in the future. This was driven by the fact that the vast majority of the protected root zones already contain concrete hardstand, carparking or built form.

Hospice accepts the conclusions of the Arborlab reporting that the trees exceed the 130 STEM point requirement for listing, as set out in Section 1.3 of that report. The continued listing of each tree is therefore not been challenged further, subject then to remaining all healthy trees. Hospice also supports the amended provisions relating to works within the protected root zone, as set out in Attachment 1 of the evidence in chief of Laura Galt on behalf of HCC, and specifically the following changes to Rule 20.3(v):

- o A new permitted activity standard to provide for repair, maintenance, and replacement of existing footpaths, tracks, lawns, gardens and fences.
- o A new permitted activity standard that enables additions to, or the replacement of any existing building or structure that is proposed that do not exceed the envelope or footprint of the existing building(s) or structure(s).
- o A new permitted activity standard that enables the placement and/or construction of any building or structure that do not exceed the envelope or footprint of the existing building(s) or structure(s).

Rule 20.3(v)(v), in my opinion, could also benefit from providing for the repair, maintenance, and replacement of existing impervious surfaces (i.e. parking areas), so as to read as follows:

"v. Routine maintenance and repair or replacement of existing impervious surfaces, tracks, footpaths, lawns and gardens and fences."

This change would enable Hospice to maintain their parking areas without with need for a resource consent approval. This change appears to be warranted too, as Rule 20.3(w)(ii) specifically excludes *"forming of any impervious surface that exceed the area of impervious surface that already exists at (decision date)"*. With the change to Rule 20.3(v)(v), Rule 20.3(w)(ii) could then be updated to read:

"ii. The laying, sealing, paving or forming of any impervious surface not provided for in Rule 20.3(v)(v)."