

Appendix O

Planning provisions relating to managing the effects of climate change and flood hazard

Provision Number	Provision wording	Introduced or modified through	
		PC12?	PPC14?
Hamilton City Operative District Plan (6 March 2025) including Proposed Plan Change 14 (21 January 2025)			
Objective 22.2.1	Risks from natural hazards are managed in a way that: i. do not increase the potential for adverse effects to people, property and the environment. ii. where practicable reduce, risks arising from natural hazards for adverse effects on people, property and the environment.	No	Yes
Policy 22.2.1a	Manage subdivision, use, and development to mitigate risks from natural hazards, or minimise them to a tolerable level, including by: i. Assessing the effects of and risks from natural hazards. ii. Taking a precautionary approach. vi. Ensuring new activities do not create new, or exacerbate existing, natural hazards. vii. Considering the effects of climate change on the occurrence and severity of natural hazards. ix. Using the best available information and applying best practice where practicable.	No	Yes
Policy 22.2.1b	When assessing flood hazard risks, consider the following matters: i. the anticipated effects of climate change on the frequency and severity of flooding up to and including at least the 1% AEP rainfall event flood level; ii. The health and safety of people; iii. The vulnerability or resilience of activities to the effects of flood events; iv. The possible need for people to be evacuated during a flood event including flood free access and egress;	No	Yes
Policy 25.14.2.1d	Plan the transport network to be resilient to predicted future extreme weather events.	Yes	No
National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020 – updated May 2022			
Part 2: Objectives and Policies	Objective 8: New Zealand’s urban environments:		
2.1 Objectives	b) are resilient to the current and future effects of climate change.		
2.2 Policies	Policy 1: Planning decisions contribute to well-functioning urban environments, which are urban environments that, as a minimum: f) are resilient to the likely current and future effects of climate change		
2.2 Policies	Policy 6: When making planning decisions that affect urban environments, decision-makers have particular regard to the following matters: e) the likely current and future effects of climate change.		
Waikato Regional Policy Statement (NPS UD Decisions Version – 14 Nov 2023)			
Objective IM-O5 – Climate change	Land use is managed to: 1. avoid the potential adverse effects of climate change induced weather variability and sea level rise on: b. the built environment, including infrastructure; e. public health and safety; and f. public access. 2. ... ensure urban environments are resilient to the current and future effects of climate change.		