NOTABLE TREES - TREE

This chapter contains provisions that have legal effect. They are identified with a to the right hand side of the provision.

Overview

Notable trees make a significant contribution to the visual amenity of both *urban areas* and *rural areas*, as well as having cultural significance in some instances. *Notable trees* are those which have been identified as prominent natural features and landmarks that add character and identity to different parts of the district, those which are rare species or spectacular specimens, those associated with special *sites* or events and/or those with special historical or cultural values. *Notable trees* are typically mature trees with significant structural form and health.

The District Plan contains a list of *notable trees* in the District. These have been assessed utilising the nationally recognised Standard Tree Evaluation Method (STEM) to measure their significance. A *notable tree* in the Gore Proposed Plan is one with a STEM score of 100 or above. The score is based on a range of factors including:

- Condition and health – Including form, occurrence, vigour and vitality, function and age,
- Amenity and community benefit – Including stature, visibility, proximity, role and climate, and
- Notability – Including Stature, Historic, and Scientific recognition.

Many of the *Notable* Trees of the Gore District are located on public *land*, and frequently associated with an event or prominent person. For example, the avenues of large trees on Hokonui Drive and State Highway 1 south of Gore make an important contribution to the character of the District. These trees can be lost or adversely affected by felling or inappropriate trimming, and *land* use activities, including ground disturbance, or the construction of *structures* or *buildings*, in close proximity to them.

Objective

TREE-O1 The retention of trees and groups of trees with high botanical, heritage, cultural and/or *amenity values*.

Policies

TREE-P1 Identify *notable trees* and notable groups of trees on the basis of an assessment undertaken by an arborist, holding a qualification approved by the NZ Qualification Authority, utilising the Standard Tree Evaluation Method (STEM), or where relevant, a Māori cultural expert.

TREE-P2 Protect the values and setting of *notable trees* and notable groups of trees.

TREE-P3 Undertake activities, including ground disturbance and *subdivision*, in a manner that provides protection of the viability, health, structural integrity and setting of *notable trees* and notable groups of trees.

TREE-P4 Subject to being undertaken in accordance with recognised arboricultural practices, or where relevant, Māori cultural practices, enable:

1. The removal of broken branches, deadwood or diseased vegetation within *notable trees* or notable groups of trees, and
2. The trimming of any *notable tree* or trees within notable groups of trees where:
   (a) this enhances the long-term health, structural integrity or appearance of the tree(s);
   (b) the values of the tree(s) are not compromised;
   (c) there is a high quantifiable risk to people, property, *buildings* or *infrastructure*; or
   (d) the tree significantly restricts use of the *site*.

TREE-P5 Avoid the removal of a *notable tree* or trees within notable groups of trees unless at least one of the following circumstances apply:

1. changes to the tree or group of trees, arising from natural events, which results in the tree no longer meeting the STEM threshold to be classed as notable, or
2. there is a high quantifiable risk to people, property, *buildings* or *infrastructure*.

TREE-P6 Avoid damage to *notable tree* or trees within notable groups of trees, including tree roots.

TREE-P7 Provide education and advice to encourage the protection of *notable trees* and notable groups of trees.

Notes

Note 1	Provisions in Other Chapters
	The provisions in this chapter apply in addition to the provisions of the other chapters in the District Plan and the plan should be read as a whole. This chapter also implements other chapters in the District Plan that do not have specific rules such as Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori and Mana Whenua.

Rules

TREE-R1	Trimming of any *notable tree* or trees within a notable group of trees in TREE-SCHED	
All zones	**Activity status:** Permitted Where: 1. Trimming is undertaken in accordance with recognised arboricultural practice so as to retain a natural shape, form and branch habitat for that particular species; and 2. Except for the removal of broken branches, deadwood or diseased vegetation, trimming is of branches which are less than 75mm in diameter.	**Activity status where compliance is not achieved with:** **TREE-R1(1) and TREE-R1(2):** Controlled Where: 3. The trimming is required under the Electricity (Hazards from Trees) Regulations 2003. **Matters of control:** 1. The impact that the proposal will have on the integrity, ongoing viability, and values of the *notable tree*. 2. The method (including any relevant Māori cultural practices) and timing of trimming undertaken. 3. The viability, health, shape and form of the *notable tree*. **TREE-R1(3):** Restricted Discretionary **Matters of discretion:** 1. The impact that the trimming will have on the integrity, ongoing viability, and values of the scheduled *notable tree*. 2. The method (including any relevant Māori cultural practices) and timing of trimming undertaken. 3. The viability, health, shape and form of the *notable tree*. 4. The necessity of what is proposed and alternatives.

TREE-R2	**Removal of any *notable tree* or trees within a notable group of trees in TREE-SCHED**	
All zones	**Activity status:** Controlled Where: 1. There are changes to the tree or group of trees, arising from natural events, which results in the tree(s) no longer meeting the STEM threshold to be classed as notable; or 2. There is a high quantifiable risk to people, property, *buildings* or *infrastructure*. **Matters of control:** 1. Arboricultural advice confirms that the tree(s) no longer meets the STEM threshold to be classed as notable. 2. The health, shape, form and ongoing viability of the *notable tree*. 3. The necessity of what is proposed and alternatives.	**Activity status where compliance is not achieved with:** **TREE-R2(1) and TREE-R2(2):** Discretionary Where: 3. The removal is subject to a notice issued under the Electricity (Hazards from Trees) Regulations 2003. **TREE-R2(3):** Non-complying
TREE-R3	**Activities within the *root protection area* of any *notable tree* or trees within a notable group of trees in TREE-SCHED**	
All zones	**Activity status:** Restricted Discretionary Where: 1. The activity is limited to the construction, installation and *maintenance* of any utility service or other *infrastructure*. OR 2. Any activity or the construction, addition or replacement of any *fence* or *structure;* and 3. Any impervious surfacing, sealing, paving, soil compaction, or alteration to the *ground level* of no more than 75mm; and	**Activity status where compliance is not achieved:** Non-complying

	4. The activity does not involve the storage of any *hazardous substance*. **Matters of discretion:** 5. The necessity of what is proposed and alternatives. 6. The impact that the proposal will have on the integrity, ongoing viability and health, and values of the *notable tree*. 7. The method (including any relevant Māori cultural practices) to be used and timing of the proposed works. 8. In relation to *infrastructure*, the potential impact on the levels of service if the work is not undertaken at that location. 9. The mitigation measures proposed to minimise any adverse *effects* on the tree(s).	
TREE-R4	**Fixing of any *structure* or object to any part of a *notable tree* in TREE-SCHED.**	
All zones	**Activity status:** Non-complying	**Activity status where compliance not achieved:** N/A

TREE-SCHED - Notable Trees					
Unique identifier	**Site identifier (address)**	**Species**	**Common name**	**STEM score**	**Tree record**
TREE-1	Gore Gardens, Gore	*Magnolia grandiflora* (4)	evergreen magnolia	105	[link]
TREE-2	Gore Gardens, Gore	*Abies concolor* 'Candicans'	Candicans white fir	144	[link]
TREE-3	Gore Gardens, Gore	*Mespilus germanica*	medlar	105	[link]
TREE-4	Gore Gardens, Gore	*Quercus robur*	English oak	159	[link]
TREE-5	Gore Gardens, Gore	*Ulmus glabra* 'Horizontalis'	horizontal elm (the Bowler Elm)	201	[link]
TREE-6	Gore Gardens, Gore	*Sequoiadendron giganteum*	giant redwood	183	[link]
TREE-7	Gore Gardens, Gore	All trees, not referred to above		294	[link]
TREE-8	Gore Domain, Corner of Fairfield and Preston Streets, Gore	*Quercus robur* (grove of trees)	English oak	201	[link]
TREE-9	Croquet Club Quadrant, Gore Domain, Gore	All trees		237	[link]
TREE-10	Civic Centre, 29 Bowler Ave, Gore	*Ulmus* 'Louis van Houtte"	golden elm	117	[link]
TREE-11	Civic Centre, 29 Bowler Ave, Gore	*Sophora japonica* 'Pendula'	weeping Japanese pagoda	132	[link]
TREE-12	81 Main Street, Gore	*Quercus rubra*	red oak	135	[link]
TREE-13	Road Reserve, 165 Main Street, Gore	*Quercus cerris*	Turkey oak	171	[link]

TREE-SCHED - Notable Trees					
TREE-14	Triangle, Gore	All trees – *Quercus spp.*, *Ulmus sp.*, *Acer*	Includes oaks, elm, & sycamore	227	[link]
TREE-15	SH 94, Hokonui Drive to Waimea St, Gore	All trees – *Betula*, *Carpinus*, *Fagus, Fraxinus*, *Platanus*, *Tilia*, *Ulmus*, *Quercus*, *Prunus*	Includes birch, hornbeam, beech, ash, plane, lime, elm, oak, & cherry	249	[link]
TREE-16	Deer Park, Martin Street, Gore	*Quercus robur* (group of trees)	English oak	216	[link]
TREE-17	Bannerman Park, Gore	*Quercus robur* (group of trees)	English oak	117	[link]
TREE-18	West bank of Mataura River, north of SH 1 bridge, Gore	Mixed row of trees – *Ulmus*, *Acer*, *Fraxinus* & *Quercus*	elm, sycamore, ash & English oak)	180	[link]
TREE-19	Road Reserve, 13 Lewis Street, Gore	*Tilia* x *europaea*	common lime	156	[link]
TREE-20	"Wilden" 15 Lewis Street, Gore	*Tilia* x *europaea*	common lime	156	[link]
TREE-21	37 Coutts Road, Gore	*Fraxinus excelsior* 'Pendula'	weeping ash	192	[link]
TREE-22	Kerwood Place, Gore	*Castanea sativa*	Spanish chestnut	183	[link]
TREE-23	23 Devon Street, Gore	*Sequoiadendron giganteum*	giant redwood	216	[link]
TREE-24	14-28 Coutts Road, Gore High School, Gore	*Betula pendula* (34)	silver birch	162	[link]
TREE-25	14-28 Coutts Road, Gore High School, Gore	*Ulmus glabra* 'Horizontalis'	horizontal elm	186	[link]
TREE-26	Gore Racecourse, 136 Gore-Mataura Highway, East Gore	*Rhododendron* spp. (collection)	Collection of *Rhododendron* species	198	[link]

TREE-SCHED - Notable Trees					
TREE-27	Holy Trinity Church, 19 Traford Street, Gore	*Ulmus minor* 'Atinia' (5) & *Quercus robur* (2)	English elm & English oak	222	[link]
TREE-28	Victoria Park, SH 1 East Gore	All trees; Sequoiadendron giganteum; Quercus spp; & Populus spp.	includes giant redwood, oaks & poplars	252	[link]
TREE-29	East Gore School, 3 Wentworth St, Gore	*Quercus robur*	English oak	183	[link]
TREE-30	Hamilton Park, East Gore	*Fagus sylvatica* (23)	European beech	225	[link]
TREE-31	Tulloch Park, Mataura	*Ulmus glabra* 'Horizontalis'	horizontal elm	135	[link]
TREE-32	Waikaka School, 22 Matheson Road, Waikaka	*Sequoiadendron giganteum* (2)	giant redwood	195	[link]
TREE-33	81 Wigan Street	*Abies procera*	noble fir	141	[link]
TREE-34	81 Wigan Street	*Quercus robur*	English oak	123	[link]
TREE-35	81 Wigan Street	*Fagus sylvatica*	European beech	123	[link]
TREE-36	81 Wigan Street	*Quercus robur*	English oak	144	[link]
TREE-37	81 Wigan Street	*Fagus sylvatica*	European beech	117	[link]
TREE-38	81 Wigan Street	*Fraxinus excelsior*	European ash	111	[link]
TREE-39	81 Wigan Street	*Fagus sylvatica*	European beech	129	[link]
TREE-40	81 Wigan Street	*Quercus robur*	English oak	117	[link]

TREE-SCHED - Notable Trees					
TREE-41	81 Wigan Street	*Quercus robur*	English oak	129	[link]
TREE-42	81 Wigan Street	*Quercus robur*	English oak	144	[link]
TREE-43	81 Wigan Street	*Quercus robur*	English oak	129	[link]
TREE-44	40 Albany Street	*Quercus robur*	English oak	138	[link]
TREE-45	82 Ruia Street	*Juglans regia*	common walnut	123	[link]
TREE-46	90 Kakapo Street	*Cedrus deodara*	deodar cedar	132	[link]
TREE-47	36 Broughton Street	*Ulmus glabra* 'Horizontalis'	horizontal elm	198	[link]
TREE-48	13 Ardwick Street	*Sequoiadendron giganteum*	giant redwood	207	[link]
TREE-49	141 Broughton Street	*Fagus sylvatica* 'Purpurea'	copper beech	174	[link]
TREE-50	14 Crewe Street	*Acer palmatum*	Japanese maple	109	[link]
TREE-51	26 Crewe Street	*Acer sp*.	maple	108	[link]
TREE-52	12 High Street	*Juglans regia*	common walnut	114	[link]
TREE-53	12 High Street	*Quercus palustris*	pin oak	138	[link]
TREE-54	12 High Street	*Fagus sylvatica* 'Purpurea'	copper beech	120	[link]
TREE-55	8 Willis Street	*Ulmus glabra* 'Horizontalis'	horizontal elm	147	[link]
TREE-56	5 Garnet Street	*Fagus sylvatica* 'Purpurea'	copper beech	150	[link]
TREE-57	5 Garnet Street	*Tilia* x *europaea* (2)	common lime	162	[link]

TREE-SCHED - Notable Trees					
TREE-58	1 Garnet Street	*Fuscospora cliffortioides*	mountain beech; tawhai rauriki	159	[link]
TREE-59	11 Norton Street	*Fraxinus uhdei*	evergreen ash	177	[link]
TREE-60	3 Latham Lane	*Fagus sylvatica* 'Purpurea'	copper beech	132	[link]
TREE-61	11 Rock Street	*Fagus sylvatica* 'Purpurea'	copper beech	157	[link]
TREE-62	49 Hamilton Street	*Ulmus glabra* 'Horizontalis'	horizontal elm	162	[link]
TREE-63	61 Hamilton Street	*Quercus palustris*	pin oak	165	[link]
TREE-64	61 Hamilton Street	*Cedrus deodar*	deodar cedar	153	[link]
TREE-65	136 Broughton Street	*Agathis australis*	kauri	129	[link]
TREE-66	Legal Road, William Street	*Quercus rubra*	red oak	138	[link]
TREE-67	39-49 Coutts Road Gore	*Fuscospora fusca*	red beech; tāwhai raunui)	141	[link]
TREE-68	39-49 Coutts Road Gore	*Tilia platyphyllos*	large-leaved lime	126	[link]
TREE-69	39-49 Coutts Road Gore	*Tilia platyphyllos*	large-leaved lime	132	[link]
TREE-70	St Peters College, 129 Kakapo Street	*Sequoiadendron giganteum* (3), *Fagus sylvatica, Carpinus betulus* & *Tilia* x *europaea*	giant redwood, European beech, European hornbeam & common lime	168	[link]
TREE-71	St Peters College, 129 Kakapo Street	*Sequoiadendron*, *Sequoia*, *Cedrus*, *Cupressus*, *Aesculus*, *Platanus* & *Betula spp*.	Mixed group, giant redwood, coast redwood, cedar, macrocarpa, chestnut, plane & birch	162	[link]

TREE-SCHED - Notable Trees					
TREE-72	2 Devon Street	Tilia x europaea	common lime	144	[link]
TREE-73	2 Devon Street	*Quercus robur*	English oak	114	[link]
TREE-74	2 Devon Street	*Ulmus* 'Louis van Houtte'	golden elm	141	[link]
TREE-75	39 Ardwick Street	*Ulmus glabra* 'Horizontalis'	horizontal elm	174	[link]
TREE-76	7 North Terrace South	*Juglans regia*	common walnut	153	[link]
TREE-77	7 North Terrace South	*Acer rubrum*	red maple	177	[link]
TREE-78	9 Halton Street	*Acer palmatum*	Japanese maple	153	[link]
TREE-79	17 Gordon Terrace	*Fuscospora fusca*	red beech; tāwhai raunui	108	[link]
TREE-80	290 Main Street	*Ulmus glabra* 'Horizontalis'	horizontal elm	126	[link]
TREE-81	27 William Street	*Betula pendula*	silver birch	138	[link]
TREE-82	64 Ardwick Street	*Tilia* x *europaea*	common lime	180	[link]
TREE-83	16 Hilbre Street	*Quercus* sp.	oak	102	[link]
TREE-84	38 Wentworth Street	*Fraxinus excelsior* 'Pendula'	weeping ash	147	[link]
TREE-85	7 Lewis Street North	*Cedrus atlantica*	blue Atlas cedar	132	[link]
TREE-86	7 Lewis Street North	*Cedrus deodara* (2)	deodar cedar	156	[link]
TREE-87	7 Lewis Street North	*Fagus sylvatica*	English beech	144	[link]
TREE-88	3 Garnet Street	*Fuscospora solandri*	black beech; tawhairauriki	135	[link]
TREE-89	244 Main Street	*Ulmus glabra* 'Horizontalis'	horizontal elm	147	[link]

TREE-SCHED - Notable Trees					
TREE-90	244 Main Street	*Fagus sylvatica* 'Purpurea'	copper beech	144	[link]
TREE-91	2a Crombie Street	*Ulmus glabra* 'Horizontalis'	horizontal elm	162	[link]
TREE-92	4 Preston Street	*Acer japonicum*	downy Japanese maple	108	[link]
TREE-93	2 Rimu Street	*Sequoiadendron giganteum*	giant redwood	138	[link]
TREE-94	30 Huron Street	*Fagus sylvatica* 'Pururea'	copper beech	108	[link]