

Open Space Zones

What is proposed?

There are two Open Space zones proposed. They are:

- Natural Open Space Zone (NOSZ)
- Sport and Active Recreation Zone (SARZ)

What is the purpose of the Natural Open Space Zone?

The purpose of the Natural Open Space Zone is to ensure the natural environment is retained, and activities, buildings and structures are compatible with the characteristics of the zone. This zone covers land managed by us or the Department of Conservation for a conservation purpose. The land's characteristics include indigenous vegetation and a high degree of naturalness.

Dolamore Park and Croydon Bush are both within the NOSZ.

What is the purpose of the Sport and Active Recreation Zone?

The purpose of the Sport and Active Recreation Zone is to provide open spaces for a range of sport and recreation activities. These spaces are areas where people can also enjoy informal exercise and leisure activities. The SARZ applies to large parks like Bannerman Park, sports grounds, the Gore A&P showgrounds and Gore Multisports Centre.

Other smaller recreation reserves across the District, not included in the Sport and Active Recreation Zone, will be zoned Residential or Settlement. These reserves will continue to operate under a Reserve Management Plan.

The Sport and Active Recreation Zone contains two precincts - the Multisports Precinct and the Showground Precinct. A precinct is an area where slightly different rules apply to allow for activities which may not otherwise be permitted within the Sport and Active Recreation Zone.

The Multisport Precinct will enable the continuing operation of the Gore Multisports Complex, while the Showground Precinct will enable the continued use of the A&P Showgrounds for agriculture and equestrian activities.



Figure 1: Sport and Active Recreation Zone precincts: Multi-Sport Precinct (shaded turquoise)
Showground Precinct (shaded maroon)

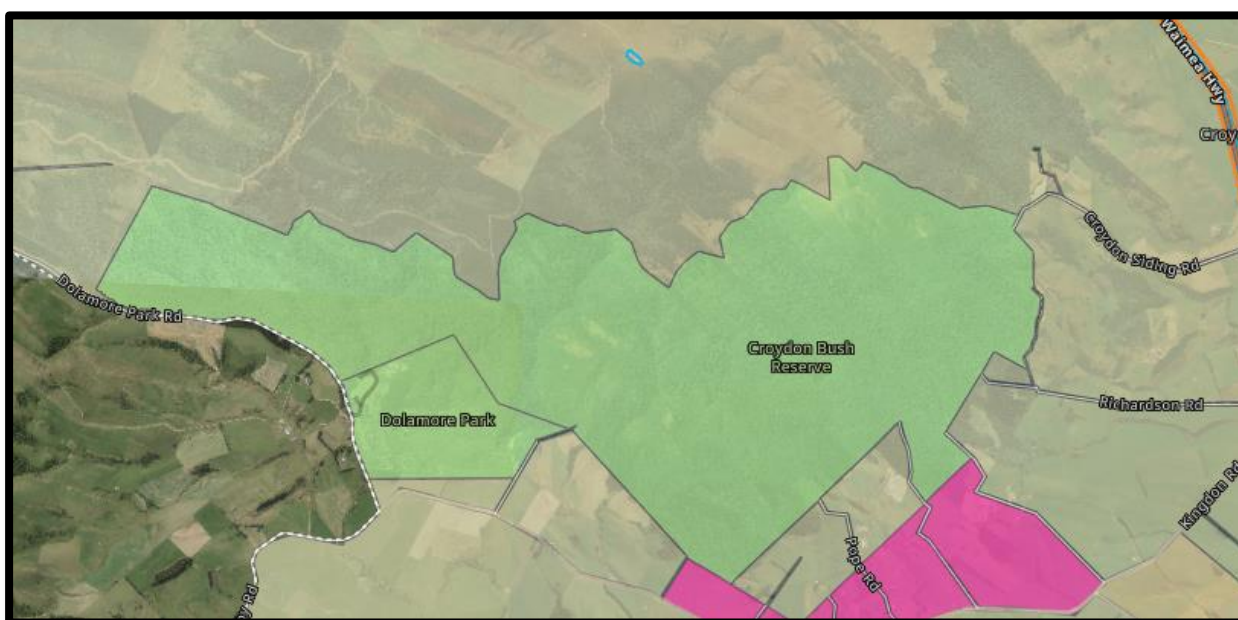


Figure 2: Natural Open Space Zone (shaded green)

Activities allowed in the Natural Open Space Zone and Sport and Active Recreation Zone

The following activities are permitted:

- Community facilities
- Sport and recreation e.g. hiking, cycling
- Conservation activities e.g. indigenous plantings
- Park management activities e.g. fencing
- Limited commercial activities ancillary to any of the above activities
- Agricultural, horticultural and pastoral activities e.g. grazing animals – *Natural Open Space Zone and Showground Precinct only*
- Visitor Accommodation e.g. camping and motor homes – *Natural Open Space Zone and Showground Precinct only*

- Rural Commercial Recreation Activity e.g. guided mountain biking – *Natural Open Space Zone only*
- Residential Activity (limited to caretaker residence)

Buildings and structures in the SARZ are generally provided for, subject to standards managing height, setback, building coverage and screening of car parks.

Buildings and structures within the NOSZ will require resource consent given the natural character of the area.

Activities not in these categories will require a resource consent. The use of publicly owned land will require permission from the Council, for example through a lease or licence. This is in addition to any requirements under the District Plan and RMA, and relevant Reserve Management Plans.

What are the changes from the existing Operative District Plan?

The Operative District Plan does not provide for Open Space zones. Reserves are zoned based on the land surrounding them.

The proposed re-zoning will enable continuation of existing activities as well as additional activities to benefit the community. The diverse purpose and character of these open space zones are recognised. The provisions will further enable the potential effects of future activities and development to be assessed against the character and qualities of the zone ensuring the purpose and level of amenity anticipated by the community is maintained and/ or enhanced.

Links to the Proposed District Plan

This information sheet addresses a few of the key provisions in the Proposed District Plan. It should not be used as a definitive representation of content. To view actual Proposed District Plan content, please go to www.lets.talk.goredc.govt.nz

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