

Kawerau District Council

Summary of Site Re-Assessments

This summary of the site re-assessments under the criteria within the Freedom Camping Act 2011 used to inform a Freedom Camping Bylaw Development.

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 (the Act) is permissive by default, which means its starting point is to allow freedom camping on all local authority land, with any vehicles used for freedom camping being required to be certified self-contained. Any potential areas for prohibition or restriction must be first assessed against the criteria in section 11(2) of the Act. This section states that Councils can only prohibit or restrict freedom camping in an area if this is necessary to:

1. Protect the area – to protect areas that are environmentally or culturally sensitive.
2. Protect health and safety – to keep freedom campers and other visitors to an area safe.
3. Protect access to the area – where the presence of freedom campers could block access or damage infrastructure.

In order to determine whether there is a need to prohibit or restrict access to Council owned or administer land, Council initially undertook site assessment in June 2024. Upon public consultation and a recent High Court Case, Council has confirmed elements were considered in the initial assessment (amenity and economic values), which should not have been considered under s11 of the Freedom Camping Act 2011. A re-assessment has been completed removing the amenity and economic considerations and reviewing the suitability of Council land for the use of freedom camping under the Freedom Camping Act 2011.

While the review of the June 2024 site assessments has changed some scoring of the individual criteria for various sites, the site re-assessments have not lead to significant changes. No sites have been reclassified to enable freedom camping, that were previously recommended to be prohibited or restricted in the June 2024 site assessments. However, It is recommended that three previously included sites, are no longer included in the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw as freedom camping be prohibited for other reasons.¹

The assessments of each site within this document have been completed with criteria used by many New Zealand Councils and is considered best practice by the sector. This assessment looks at each of the three elements outlined in section 11(2) of the Act to determine whether or not prohibiting or restricting freedom camping is necessary on the site.

¹ Section 44(1) of the Reserves Act 1977 prohibits camping where not specifically incorporated in a operative Reserves Management Plan.

The tool provides councils with a standardised and transparent way of applying the Act and demonstrates a clear line of sight between the criteria in the Act, and the bylaw.

Given Kawerau District is small an assessment was completed for all Council owned land. In completing the reviews, Council also gave consideration to sites where it may be suitable for freedom camping in vehicles which are not self-contained or in tents. All sites included within the assessment fall within local authority areas, which is defined in section 6(1) of the Act and is land controlled or managed by or on behalf of Council.

Certain areas have been excluded from this assessment, such as:

- Private land.
- Crown land including conservation land, land managed by Waka Kotahi, and LINZ land.
- Leased land (such as parts of Monika Lanham Reserve).
- Inaccessible land.
- Existing paid campgrounds (Kawerau does not currently have any)
- Areas where parking regulations manage vehicles.

While some comments in the freedom camping summary of assessments table, may remain unchanged from the June 2024 version, Council confirms that it has undertaken a complete and full re-assessment of each criteria for every site. Changes in assessment scores can be seen in red. For more details on the reason for the changes, please refer to the Kawerau District Council Site Re-Assessment November 2024 Document – where notes have been added under the assessments, outlining the scoring changes.

The Assessment Criteria

This criteria assigns scores for each of the element in Section 11(2) of the Freedom Camping Act 2011 as follows:

PROTECT THE AREA – Considers cultural or historical significance and the natural environment		PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PEOPLE WHO MAY VISIT THE AREA - Considers levels of vehicular traffic (car parks/lookout points), use for other activities (like sports grounds), and issues of persistent vandalism/vagrancy		PROTECT ACCESS TO THE AREA - Considers damage caused by vehicular access to flora and fauna and the impact that people accessing the site will have on other users of the area	
Has historical, cultural or environmental significance and requires full protection	5	Risk to health and safety is too great to allow access to the site, including no	5	No access to the site, and any vehicle access would cause significant damage	5

		vehicle access to, or car parking on, the site.			
Contains some significant historical, cultural or environmental areas.	4	Significant health and safety concerns.	4	Restricted access to the site, and any vehicle access would cause damage.	4
Contains some areas that should be protected	3	Minimal health and safety concerns (risk for the elderly or children)	3	Moderate access to the site, and any vehicle access would cause minimal damage.	3
Low concerns about areas that need protecting	2	Low concerns regarding health and safety	2	Good access to the site, which would not cause damage.	2
No significant area concerns	1	No health and safety concerns	1	Fully formed access to the site	1

Application of the Criteria

- Each area is given a score of 1-5 for each of the three elements.
- If the total score of all three purposes is **9 or more**, restricting or prohibiting freedom camping on the area may be necessary. If the score for **any one of the three purposes is 5**, this also indicates a need to protect the area for that purpose by prohibiting or restricting freedom camping.
- If the total score of all three purposes is **8 or less** and the area is a reserve*, there is an indication that freedom camping may be permitted on the reserve. For other areas that have a total score of **8 or less**, the tool indicates that it is appropriate for freedom camping to remain permitted.

* NB: freedom camping on gazetted reserves is otherwise prohibited under the Reserves Act 1977 (RA) unless provided for in an individual Reserve Management Plan (RMP).

Area assessed against the criteria	Current Status	Score	Summary of Assessment	Recommendation
Boyce Park	Freedom camping in self – contained vehicle is currently permitted, upon Council approval.	Protect the area: 4 Protect health and safety: 2 Protect access: 3 Total Score - 9	The esplanade along the river embankment has high value to the community, and is both culturally and naturally significant, and requires protection of the waterways from contamination. Low health concerns due to the low use of the area. Single lane access is available to a small parking areas. Freedom campers would have an impact on the ability for other users to access the area for recreational purposes.	<p>Restrict freedom camping at the Boyce Park to self-contained vehicles upon gaining prior consent from Council. Prior consent considered where other sites are unavailable.</p> <p><i>Would require an amendment to the Reserve Management Plan to include proposed freedom camping location for self-contained vehicles only.</i></p>
Firmin Field	Freedom camping in self – contained vehicle is currently permitted in carpark. Also permitted on the field, upon Council approval, plus may allow tents and non-self-contained.	Protect the area: 4 Protect health and safety: 3	The esplanade along the river embankment has high value to the community, and is both culturally and naturally significant, requiring protection of the waterways from contamination. Freedom camping reduces the capacity and restricts access for other users which may reduce visitor experience of the area. Public toilets are available on site and are open 24/7, however with freedom campers staying on site the public facilities sometimes struggles to meet demand. The parking area can become very busy, large vehicles can reduce visibility of pedestrians walking through the parking area. The area is used for recreational purposes with vehicles coming and going regularly.	<p>Restrict freedom camping at the Firmin Field to self-contained vehicles only along the eastern edge of the carpark. Upon Council prior consent, parking on the field may be enabled for organised groups in self-contained vehicles along the north and eastern boundaries (10m from riverbank). Non-self-contained vehicles and tents may be considered for prior consent.</p>

		Protect access: 3 Total Score - 10	Good access and off street parking is available for vehicles, including six powered freedom camping parks. All grass areas are fenced with locked gates to protect the fields. The fields may be damaged with use in poor ground or weather conditions.	<i>Would require an amendment to the Reserve Management Plan to enable self-contained vehicle being used for freedom camping on the reserve.</i>
Keith McKenzie Park	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act	Protect the area: 4 Protect health and safety: 2 Protect access: 3 Total Score - 9	The esplanade along the river embankment has high value to the community, and is both culturally and naturally significant, requiring protection of the waterways from contamination. Fencing is in place to minimise damage to sensitive areas. Low health and safety concerns. There is good vehicle access to Keith McKenzie Park with an unsealed roundabout and short-term parking area. Parking on the grass may damage the park, particularly when it is wet. The rest of the park has been fenced to avoid vehicle access and prevent damage.	Prohibit freedom camping at Keith McKenzie Park in the proposed bylaw.
Lyn Hartley Reserve	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act.	Protect the area: 3 Protect health and safety: 2 Protect access: 5 Total Score - 10	The esplanade along the river embankment has high value to the community, and is both culturally and naturally significant, requiring protection of the waterways from contamination. Low health and safety concerns. Area used for exercising dogs. Locked gates to avoid damage to the grassed reserve exclude vehicle access. Pedestrian access is available	Prohibit freedom camping at Lyn Hartley Reserve in the proposed bylaw.
Monika Lanham Reserve	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act.	Protect the area: 5 Protect health and safety: 4	The reserve contains archaeological, culturally significant sites and community significant projects. The northern edge of the reserve is geothermally active with some steam coming from vents in the	Prohibit freedom camping at Monika Lanham Reserve in the proposed bylaw.

		<p>Protect access: 3</p> <p>Total Score - 12</p>	<p>ground and Sulphur smell being evident in the area. Entrance to this area is discouraged.</p> <p>There is good vehicle access to a small short term parking area off Fenton Mill Road. The rest of the park has been fence to avoid vehicle access and prevent damage.</p>	
Pat Baker/Dump Reserve	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act.	<p>Protect the area: 4</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 4</p> <p>Protect access: 5</p> <p>Total Score - 13</p>	<p>The reserve has a number of trees providing shade and provides an attractive frontage for the Dump Reserve.</p> <p>The Dump reserve has culturally significant areas that require protection.</p> <p>There is limited capacity and freedom camping would limit visitor experience.</p> <p>A footpath runs along the side of the road providing walkways and access to the reserve for the community. Trees will reduce visibility of vehicles trying to access the reserve and could endanger pedestrian users.</p> <p>Parking availability on the roadside is narrow and the reserve is located partly on the corner of River Road. Parking may create visibility restrictions for those using the roads or footpath around the reserve. This poses safety risk to pedestrians and other road users.</p> <p>There is no public toilets or facilities at this reserve. Enabling freedom camping would pose a health and safety risk due to no available space parking and the level of traffic on the Transfer Station Road.</p> <p>There is no vehicle access to this reserve. Driving over the concrete berm and footpath will cause damage over time.</p> <p>The reserve is planted with trees providing shade and reducing the ability for vehicle access.</p>	<p>Prohibit freedom camping at Pat Baker Reserve in the proposed bylaw.</p>

			The dump reserve is closed to the public except for opening hours of 12 to 4pm. Short-term parking is only available to customers using the reserve.	
Prideaux Park	<p>Freedom camping in self – contained vehicle is currently permitted on grass behind the Pavilion and Bowling Club. .</p> <p>Freedom Camping is provided for in the Reserves Management Plan</p>	<p>Protect the area: 4</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 4</p> <p>Protect access: 2</p> <p>Total Score - 10</p>	<p>The esplanade along the river embankment has high value to the community, and is culturally and naturally significant, requiring protection. Protection of the sport field is required, so designated parking areas help to minimise damage to the turf.</p> <p>Prideaux Park has multiple areas and as such the health and safety risk differ across the Park. The Maurie Kaur Aquatic Centre and Bowling Club carpark, although good access is available, this carpark is frequently visited by children and vulnerable members of the community. Freedom camping vehicles can be large and reduce visibility creating a health and safety risk. Prideaux Park can be used for large events reducing the space available for freedom camping and creating a health and safety risk with vehicle movements unable to be managed. There may be times in which Prideaux Park should be closed to enable safer event management. Sealed vehicle access is available across the reserve including the Maurie Kaur Aquatic Centre, the Rangī Delamere Centre and the Sport Field Pavilion via a driveway off Plunket Street. There is a large carpark in front of the Maurie Kaur Centre and the Bowling Club providing off street parking. The Sports field is fenced off with a low fence and locked gate to ensure vehicles do not access the field without Council permission.</p>	<p>Restrict freedom camping to the south side of the entrance and behind the Sport Field Pavilion. In addition, restrict the use of the Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre carpark to self-contained vehicles only, between the hours of 4pm and 9am.</p> <p><i>Would require an amendment to the Reserve Management Plan to include different areas for self-contained vehicle being used for freedom camping on the reserve.</i></p>

Roy Weston Walk	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act.	<p>Protect the area: 4</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 3</p> <p>Protect access: 4</p> <p>Total Score - 11</p>	<p>The esplanade along the river embankment has high value to the community, and is both culturally and naturally significant, requiring protection of the waterways.</p> <p>This is very popular spot for family and children, particularly in summer. A footpath runs along the side of the road providing walkways and access to the reserve for the community. Trees reduce visibility of vehicles trying to access the reserve and could endanger pedestrian users.</p> <p>Limited off street parking is available for short-term users only. The roadside is narrow so parking and may create visibility restrictions for those using the roads or footpath around the reserve. This poses safety risk to pedestrians and other road users.</p> <p>There is no public toilets or facilities at this reserve. Porritt Drive is narrow and provides little room for on street parking or large vehicles..</p> <p>A few off street parks are available for short-term visitors.</p> <p>There is no vehicle access to this reserve. Driving over the concrete berm and footpath may cause damage over time.</p> <p>The reserve is planted with trees providing shade and reducing the ability for vehicle access.</p>	Prohibit freedom camping at Roy Weston Reserve and the adjacent road (Porritt Drive) in the proposed bylaw.
Ruruanga Reserve	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act.	<p>Protect the area: 4</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 1</p> <p>Protect access: 5</p> <p>Total Score - 10</p>	<p>The esplanade along the river embankment has high value to the community, and is both culturally and naturally significant, requiring protection.</p> <p>No health and safety concerns due to limited access to foot traffic only.</p> <p>There is no vehicle access to Ruruanga Reserve. Access is likely to cause damage to the kerb and the grounds.</p>	Prohibit freedom camping from Ruruanga Reserve in the proposed bylaw.

Stoneham Walk	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act.	<p>Protect the area: 5</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 3</p> <p>Protect access: 4</p> <p>Total Score - 12</p>	<p>The esplanade along the river embankment has high value to the community, and are culturally and naturally significant, requiring protection. Stoneham walk is a popular spot for walking, picnics, wedding ceremonies and exercising the family dog. The introduction of vehicles would pose a health and safety risk due to the contour of the area and shared use without formed access ways. Short-term visitor parking is available off Fenton Mill Road for visitors. . Freedom camping will limit capacity for the number regular visitor to Stoneham Walk. Stoneham reserve is fenced off with locked gates to prevent vehicle access.</p>	<p>Prohibit freedom camping from Stoneham Walk and associated car park (Fenton Mill Road) in the proposed bylaw.</p>
Tarawera Park	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act. Bylaw also prohibits.	<p>Protect the area: 4</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 3</p>	<p>The esplanade along the river embankment has high value to the community, and is both culturally and naturally significant, requiring protection. This area is fenced off from other areas of the park. Designated parking areas are available to ensure damage to the sports field turf is minimised. These areas are fenced off from the car parking and clubrooms. Underground wastewater and water assets require protection from vehicles driving on the reserve. The reserve attracts recreational users and children. Trees will reduce visibility of vehicles trying to access the reserve and could endanger pedestrian users. Large amounts of traffic during events raises health and safety risks to visitors. Tarawera Reserve is fenced off with locked gates to prevent vehicle access outside of these hours as</p>	<p>Prohibit freedom camping from Tarawera Park and associated car park in the proposed bylaw.</p>

		<p>Protect access: 3</p> <p>Total Score - 10</p>	<p>a result of ongoing vandalism to the fields and fences.</p> <p>Carpark locked between 5pm and 9am.</p> <p>While there is significant parking available, capacity is limited during sporting or other organised events. Enabling freedom camping on this reserve would create concerns around capacity of parking.</p> <p>Designated parking areas are available to ensure damage to the sports field turf is minimised. These areas are fenced off from the car parking and clubrooms.</p>	
River Road Reserve	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act.	<p>Protect the area: 5</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 4</p> <p>Protect access: 4</p> <p>Total Score - 13</p>	<p>The Tarawera River and esplanade along the river embankment has high value to the community, and is both culturally and naturally significant, requiring protection.</p> <p>Underground storm water assets require protection from vehicles driving on the reserve.</p> <p>This area is used by pedestrians for recreational purposes such as walking their dogs and exercising. The introduction of vehicles would pose a health and safety risk due to the contour of the area and shared use without formed access ways.</p> <p>There is no vehicle access to this reserve and no formed access ways. Each end is fenced to enable foot traffic only.</p>	Prohibit freedom camping from River Road Reserve in the proposed bylaw.
Waterhouse Reserve	Freedom camping in self – contained vehicle is currently permitted, upon Council approval	<p>Protect the area: 5</p>	<p>The Tarawera River and esplanade along the river embankment has high value to the community, and is both culturally and naturally significant, requiring protection.</p> <p>Underground storm water assets require protection from vehicles driving on the reserve.</p>	Restrict freedom camping at the Waterhouse Reserve, to organised groups, upon prior consent, for self-contained vehicles. Non-self-contained vehicles and tents may be considered

		<p>Protect health and safety: 3</p> <p>Protect access: 3</p> <p>Total Score - 11</p>	<p>This area is used by pedestrians for recreational purposes such as walking their dogs and exercising. The introduction of vehicles would pose a health and safety risk, particularly due to the number of trees established within the reserve making parking and visibility more difficult. Sealed vehicle access is available off Waterhouse Street, however this is locked to monitor access and avoid damage. This access also provides for a small number of off street parking for short-term visitors to the reserve.</p>	<p>for prior consent where associated with the hireage of Firmin Lodge.</p> <p><i>Would require an amendment to the Reserve Management Plan to include proposed freedom camping location for self-contained vehicles only.</i></p>
Waterwheel Heritage Park	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act	<p>Protect the area: 4</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 1</p> <p>Protect access: 3</p> <p>Total Score - 8</p>	<p>The Tarawera River and esplanade along the river embankment has high value to the community, and is both culturally and naturally significant, requiring protection.</p> <p>Park is low use and is isolated. There is no boundary along the river edge, which has a steep bank to the river.</p> <p>The reserve is fenced and has no formed access or formalised parking area.</p>	<p>Do not include the area in the proposed bylaw.</p> <p><i>This will have the effect of freedom camping no the reserve remaining prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Act 1977.</i></p>
Stock Pound (Yet to be Named)	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act	<p>Protect the area: 3</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 1</p> <p>Protect access: 5</p> <p>Total Score - 9</p>	<p>This reserve has some cultural significance, which would be protected in development.</p> <p>Some native trees are on this reserve, however it is largely exotic trees.</p> <p>This area is set for future development as a community space for families of all ages.</p> <p>No significant health and safety concerns.</p> <p>No public facilities on site, which may create a health and safety risk, if waste is inappropriately disposed of.</p> <p>The reserve is fenced off and gated, providing no direct access. A kerb and concrete footpath runs</p>	<p>Prohibit freedom camping from the previous Stock Pound in the proposed bylaw.</p>

			along the roadside of this reserve and enabling access may damage this infrastructure.	
Ballance/Seddon Street Reserve	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act Bylaw also prohibits due to playground	Protect the area: 3 Protect health and safety: 3 Protect access: 5 Total Score - 11	This is an important recreational space (open green space) within a built up neighbourhood. Allowing freedom camping will take away the experience of a nice open green space. Vehicles may damage the grassed area and recreational play space. Introduction of vehicle into a space with no access and parking facilities will provide a health and safety risk. No vehicle access or parking available. Vehicles would have to cross the kerb which may cause damage. Vehicular access will reduce the suitability of the reserve to be used for neighbourhood kids.	Prohibit freedom camping from Ballance Street and Seddon Street Reserves in the proposed bylaw.
Beattie/Shepherd Road Reserve	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act	Protect the area: 3 Protect health and safety: 3 Protect access: 5 Total Score - 11	This is an important recreational space (open green space) within a built up neighbourhood. Allowing freedom camping will take away the experience of an open green space. Vehicles may damage the grassed area and the roots of the trees. The reserve is used by the neighbours for walking, dog exercise and as access to nearby streets. Introduction of vehicle into a space with no access and parking facilities will provide a health and safety risk. Navigating the trees will create an extra risk for vehicles and pedestrians. No vehicle access or parking available. Vehicle would have to cross the kerb, which may cause damage. Vehicular access will reduce the suitability of the reserve to be used for neighbourhood kids.	Prohibit freedom camping from Beattie Road and Shepherd Road Reserves in the proposed bylaw.

Boss Road Reserve	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act	<p>Protect the area: 3</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 2</p> <p>Protect access: 5</p> <p>Total Score - 10</p>	<p>This is an important recreational space (open green space) within a built up neighbourhood. The space is small, there is no capacity to allow freedom camping while maintaining the recreational opportunities and visitor experience of an open green space. Vehicles or camping may damage the grassed area. The reserve is small and slightly sloped. The reserve has low use. Introduction of vehicle into a space with no access and parking facilities will provide a health and safety risk to other users. No vehicle access or parking available. Vehicle would have to cross the kerb, which may cause damage. Vehicular access will reduce the suitability of the reserve to be used for neighbourhood kids.</p>	Prohibit freedom camping from Boss Road Reserve in the proposed bylaw.
Cobham Drive Reserve	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act Bylaw also prohibits due to playground	<p>Protect the area: 3</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 3</p> <p>Protect access: 4</p> <p>Total Score - 10</p>	<p>This is an important recreational space (open green space) within a built up neighbourhood, providing a playground for local children. Allowing freedom camping will take away from the visitor experience of an open green space. Vehicles or camping may damage the grassed area. The playground on the reserve attracts recreational users and children. Freedom camping and vehicle movements on the reserve are likely to pose a safety risk to other users of the playground and site. There is no access to the reserve itself (fenced). There is a formed vehicle access, which only services one of the two parking spots. The second spot would require a vehicle to drive over the</p>	Prohibit freedom camping at Cobham Drive Reserve and the adjacent road (Cobham Drive and Holland Crescent) in the proposed bylaw.

			<p>concrete kerb and park on the grass, which may cause damage.</p> <p>The road is very narrow. Parking on the roadside may cause blockage of the surrounding road network.</p>	
Fraser Street Reserve	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act	<p>Protect the area: 3</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 2</p> <p>Protect access: 5</p> <p>Total Score - 10</p>	<p>The reserve is used for the Kawerau Urban Food Garden and backs on to the school grounds.</p> <p>The reserve has low use to medium use, however enabling freedom camping would create health and safety concerns for all uses due to access.</p> <p>There is no vehicle access to the Fraser Street Reserve. The only access is by foot from River Road along the side of a small stream or through the rear of the Kawerau North School off Cobham Drive.</p> <p>Any vehicle access would need to be across private land or Public School property, with the risk of damaging private land or school property.</p>	Prohibit freedom camping from Fraser Street Reserve in the proposed bylaw.
Hadley Street Reserve	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act	<p>Protect the area: 3</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 3</p>	<p>This is an important local recreational space (open green space) within a built up neighbourhood.</p> <p>The space is small, and surrounded by residential properties. There is no capacity to allow freedom camping while maintaining the recreational opportunities and visitor experience of an open green space, within the current setting.</p> <p>Vehicles or freedom camping may damage the grassed area.</p> <p>The reserve is used by the neighbours for walking, dog exercise and as access to nearby streets.</p> <p>Introduction of vehicle into a space with no access and parking facilities may provide a health and safety risk.</p>	Prohibit freedom camping from Hadley Street Reserve in the proposed bylaw.

		<p>Protect access: 5</p> <p>Total Score - 11</p>	<p>There is no off-street parking or formed vehicle access onto the reserve. Vehicles parked on the narrow cul-de-sac on both ends may block the surrounding roading network and property access. A concrete berm and footpaths runs along the edge of the grassed area by the road and vehicle access would require driving over the kerb, potentially causing damage.</p> <p>Vehicle access may result in this being used as a thoroughfare causing damage to the grassed area.</p>	
Hilldale Reserve	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act	<p>Protect the area: 3</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 3</p> <p>Protect access: 4</p> <p>Total Score - 10</p>	<p>This is an important recreational space (open green space) within a built up neighbourhood, providing recreational opportunities locally.</p> <p>The reserve is used by the neighbours for walking, dog exercise and as access to nearby streets. Vehicles may damage the grassed area. Due to the high water table, this area can get wet, which would result in excessive damage.</p> <p>Introduction of vehicle into a space with no access and parking facilities, may provide a health and safety risk to other users.</p> <p>The community are allowed to play golf on this reserve, this places an health and safety risk to freedom campers and their vehicles.</p> <p>While access ways have been developed the reserve is fenced and gated to prevent vehicle access.</p> <p>There is no off-street parking or formed vehicle paths within the reserve. Vehicle access may result in this being used as a thoroughfare causing damage to the grassed area.</p>	<p>Prohibit freedom camping from Hilldale Reserve in the proposed bylaw.</p>

<p>MacKenzie Reserve</p> <p>Street</p>	<p>Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act Bylaw also prohibits due to playground</p>	<p>Protect the area: 3</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 3</p> <p>Protect access: 5</p> <p>Total Score - 11</p>	<p>This is an important recreational space (open green space) within a built up neighbourhood, providing a playground for local children. The space is small, and there is no capacity to allow freedom camping while maintaining the recreational opportunities and visitor experience of an open green space and playground. Vehicles may damage the grassed area. The playground on the reserve is set up to attract families with young children. Camping and vehicle movements on the reserve are likely to pose a safety risk to other users of the playground and site. There is no off-street parking or formed access into this reserve. A concrete berm and footpaths runs along the edge of the grassed area by the road and vehicle access would require driving over the kerb, potentially causing damage. Vehicles parked on the narrow road, may block easy access of the surrounding roading network.</p>	<p>Prohibit freedom camping from MacKenzie Street Reserve in the proposed bylaw.</p>
<p>Porritt Glade Reserve</p>	<p>Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act Bylaw also prohibits due to playground</p>	<p>Protect the area: 3</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 4</p>	<p>This is an important recreational space (open green space) within a built up neighbourhood, providing a playground for local children. The space is small, and surrounded by residential properties. There is no capacity to allow freedom camping while maintaining the recreational opportunities and visitor experience of an open green space and playground. Vehicles or camping may damage the grassed area. The playground on the reserve is set up to attract families with young children. Limited space within</p>	<p>Prohibit freedom camping from Porritt Glade Reserve in the proposed bylaw.</p>

		<p>Protect access: 5</p> <p>Total Score - 12</p>	<p>the reserve to manoeuvre a vehicle will pose a safety risk to other users of the reserve. There is no off-street parking or formed access into this reserve. A concrete berm and footpaths runs along the edge of the grassed area by the road and vehicle access would require driving over the kerb, potentially causing damage. Vehicles parked on the narrow road, may block easy access of the surrounding roading network.</p>	
Recreation Centre Reserve	Freedom camping is currently permitted, upon Council approval, for organised groups to freedom camp on the seal carpark in a self-contained vehicle. Part are Prohibited under bylaw	<p>Protect the area: 3</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 4</p> <p>Protect access: 2</p> <p>Total Score - 9</p>	<p>The Recreation Centre sits within this reserve. The availability and use of the facility may be reduced where large numbers of freedom campers are parking in this area. Underground storm water assets require protection from vehicles driving on the reserve. Geothermal gases can be dangerous when found in high concentrations, this makes freedom camping in this area unsuitable for tenting and gas levels should be monitored if allowing self-contained vehicle. Unmarked parking creates a health and safety risk to other users A playground, basketball court, skate park and bmx track are all within this area. This may create a health and safety risk as vehicle move around in the vicinity of the parks. Vehicle access and off-street parking is available, however this is not marked. The grassed area off Thomlinson Way is fenced off and cannot be used for parking.</p>	<p>Prohibit freedom camping from Recreation Centre Reserve in the proposed bylaw.</p>

Robinson Reserve	Street	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act Bylaw also prohibits due to playground	<p>Protect the area: 3</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 3</p> <p>Protect access: 4</p> <p>Total Score - 10</p>	<p>This is a local recreational space (open green space) within a built up neighbourhood, providing a playground for local children. The space is small, and surrounded by residential properties. There is no capacity to allow freedom camping while maintaining the recreational opportunities and visitor experience of an open green space and playground. Vehicles or freedom camping may damage the grassed area. The playground on the reserve attracts recreational users and children. Camping and vehicle movements on the reserve are likely to pose a safety risk to other users. A concrete berm runs along the edge of the grassed area by the road and vehicle access would require driving over the kerb, potentially causing damage. The road is very narrow. Parking on the roadside may cause blockage of the surrounding road network. Access to the site will impact on families using the playground.</p> <p>Prohibit freedom camping from Robinson Street Reserve and the adjacent road (Robinson Street) in the proposed bylaw.</p>
Tuwharetoa Reserve	Road	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act Bylaw also prohibits due to playground	<p>Protect the area: 3</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 3</p>	<p>This is a local recreational space (open green space) within a built up neighbourhood, providing a playground for local children. The space is small, and surrounded by residential properties. There is no capacity to allow freedom camping while maintaining the recreational opportunities and visitor experience of an open green space and playground. The playground on the reserve attracts recreational users and children. Vehicle movements on the</p> <p>Prohibit freedom camping from Tuwharetoa Road Reserve in the proposed bylaw.</p>

		<p>Protect access: 5</p> <p>Total Score - 11</p>	<p>reserve are likely to pose a safety risk to other users.</p> <p>No public facilities may create additional health and safety issues.</p> <p>There is no off-street parking and is currently fenced off to protect the area.</p> <p>A concrete kerb and footpath runs along the road edge of the reserve and concrete footpaths are throughout the reserve. Vehicle access would require driving over the kerb, and footpaths potentially causing damage.</p>	
Valley Road/Ryder Place Reserve	<p>Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act</p> <p>Bylaw also prohibits due to playground</p>	<p>Protect the area: 3</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 3</p> <p>Protect access: 5</p> <p>Total Score - 11</p>	<p>This is a local recreational space (open green space) within a built up neighbourhood, providing a playground for local children.</p> <p>There is no capacity to allow freedom camping while maintaining the recreational opportunities and visitor experience of an open green space and playground.</p> <p>Vehicles may damage the grassed area.</p> <p>The playground on the reserve attracts recreational users and children. Vehicle movements on the reserve are likely to pose a safety risk to other users.</p> <p>No public facilities may create additional health and safety issues.</p> <p>There is no off-street parking and is currently fenced off to protect the area.</p> <p>A concrete kerb and footpath runs along the road edge of the reserve and concrete footpaths are throughout the reserve. Vehicle access would require driving over the kerb, and footpaths potentially causing damage.</p>	<p>Prohibit freedom camping from Valley Road and Ryder Place Reserves in the proposed bylaw.</p>

			Vehicles parked on the narrow side roads accessing the reserve, may block access to the surrounding roading network and properties.	
Valley Road/Kirk Crescent Reserve	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act	<p>Protect the area: 3</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 3</p> <p>Protect access: 5</p> <p>Total Score - 11</p>	<p>This reserve forms part of the well-used Stoneham Walk is an important recreational space. Allowing freedom camping will take away from the visitor experience of an open green space. Vehicles may damage the grassed area. The bush area needs to be protected in its natural state. The bush area is very steep in places posing a health and safety risk, for vehicles and users. No public facilities may create additional health and safety issues. There is no off-street parking and the reserve is fenced off to protect the area. A concrete berm and footpaths runs along the road edge of the grassed area by the road and vehicle access would require driving over the kerb, potentially causing damage. Vehicles parked on the narrow roads accessing the reserve, may block easy access of the surrounding roading network.</p>	Prohibit freedom camping from Valley Road and Kirk Crescent Reserves in the proposed bylaw.
Valley Road/Delamere Drive Reserve	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act	<p>Protect the area: 3</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 3</p>	<p>This is a local recreational space behind a built up neighbourhood. Residents use the area for exercise and dog walking. Allowing freedom camping will take away from the visitor experience of an open green space. Vehicles may damage the grassed area. The reserve is available for all pedestrians to share including dog owners exercising their family pets. Enabling access to vehicles would pose a health and safety risk to other users of the reserve.</p>	Prohibit freedom camping from Valley Road and Delamere Drive Reserves in the proposed bylaw.

		<p>Protect access: 5</p> <p>Total Score - 11</p>	<p>No public facilities may create additional health and safety issues.</p> <p>There is no off-street parking or formed access into this reserve.</p> <p>A concrete berm and footpaths runs along the road edge of the grassed area by the road and vehicle access would require driving over the kerb, potentially causing damage.</p> <p>Vehicles parked on the narrow roads accessing the reserve, may block easy access of the surrounding roading network.</p>	
Weld Street Reserve	<p>Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act</p> <p>Bylaw also prohibits due to playground</p>	<p>Protect the area: 3</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 4</p> <p>Protect access: 3</p> <p>Total Score -10</p>	<p>This is a local recreational space (open green space) within a built up neighbourhood, providing a playground for local children.</p> <p>The space is small, and surrounded by a roadway.</p> <p>There is no capacity to allow freedom camping while maintaining the recreational opportunities and visitor.</p> <p>Families use the reserve and playground which can create a hazards with children coming and going across the road.</p> <p>Enabling access to vehicles would pose a health and safety risk to other users of the reserve.</p> <p>No public facilities may create additional health and safety issues.</p> <p>There is no parking available and a concrete berm surrounding the reserve. Driving over the berm and grass may cause unnecessary damage.</p>	<p>Prohibit freedom camping at Weld Street Reserve and the adjacent road (Weld Street) in the proposed bylaw.</p>
Beattie Road Reserve	<p>Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act</p>	<p>Protect the area: 3</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 2</p>	<p>Protection of the overflow drain is required to ensure it remains fit for the purpose of drainage.</p> <p>This reserve is essentially an overflow drain and as such presents a health and safety risk as the area is not suitable for vehicles or camping in any form.</p>	<p>Prohibit freedom camping from Beattie Road Reserve in the proposed bylaw.</p>

		<p>Protect access: 4</p> <p>Total Score - 9</p>	<p>There is no public toilets or facilities at this reserve. There is formed access to the reserve, however there is no developed roadway or parking area. Access is only for maintenance purposes. Access needs to be protected to ensure the overflow drain is not compromised.</p>	
Fenton Street Reserve	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act	<p>Protect the area: 2</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 1</p> <p>Protect access: 5</p> <p>Total Score - 8</p>	<p>The purpose of this reserve is to contribute to the environmental pleasantness and attractiveness of the area. This is a local open green space within a built up neighbourhood and provides recreational opportunities. No health and safety concerns. This reserve is fenced off and there is no off street parking available. A concrete kerb runs along the road edge of the reserve. Vehicle access would require driving over the kerb, and potentially damaging the kerb and fencing.</p>	<p>Prohibit freedom camping from Fenton Street Reserve in the proposed bylaw.</p> <p><i>Maximum score of 5 under any one elements indicates a need to protect the area.</i></p>
Owen/Julian Road Reserve	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act	<p>Protect the area: 3</p> <p>Protect health and safety: 1</p> <p>Protect access: 5</p> <p>Total Score - 9</p>	<p>The purpose of this reserve is to contribute to the environmental pleasantness and attractiveness of the area. This also provides recreational opportunities for visitors. Underground water waster, storm water and water assets require protection from vehicles driving on the reserve. No health and safety concerns. This reserve is fenced off and there is no off street parking available. A concrete kerb runs along the road edge of the reserve. Vehicle access would require driving over</p>	<p>Prohibit freedom camping from Owen Road and Julian Road Reserves in the proposed bylaw.</p>

			the kerb, and potentially damaging the kerb and fencing.	
Reserve near Manukorihi Drive	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act	Protect the area: 4 Protect health and safety: 1 Protect access: 5 Total Score - 10	The Tarawera River and esplanade along the river embankment has high value to the community, and is both culturally and naturally significant, requiring protection. No health and safety concerns. There is no vehicle access to this reserve and no formed access ways.	Prohibit freedom camping at the reserve near Manukorihi Drive in the proposed bylaw.
Tamarangi Drive (north and south side of road)	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act	Protect the area: 2 Protect health and safety: 2 Protect access: 4 Total Score - 8	The purpose of this reserve is to contribute to the environmental pleasantness and attractiveness of the area. Low health and safety concerns, however if freedom camping was allowed there would be an increased risk with shared footpaths. This reserve has no off street parking available. A concrete kerb runs along the road edge of the reserve. Vehicle access would require driving over the kerb, and potentially damaging the kerb.	Do not include the area in a proposed bylaw. <i>This will have the effect of freedom camping on the reserve remaining prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Act 1977.</i>
Cemetery	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act	Protect the area: 5 Protect health and safety: 4	The cemetery is a sensitive area with high value to the community, being both culturally and historically significant. It is important that the area be protected. Cemeteries are used frequently by pedestrians including elderly people and children. Freedom camping does pose a health and safety risk to cemetery visitors, through a reduction of visibility and limited space. There is also health and safety concerns due to the likelihood of open ground (plots), use of digging equipment and burial services taking place.	Prohibit freedom camping from the cemetery and the road adjacent to the cemetery.

		Protect access: 3 Total Score - 12	The cemetery has limited accessibility for vehicles to protect the grounds. Pedestrian access to the cemetery is available of Valley Road. Freedom camping vehicles, even parked on the road side, would impede on the access to others and the visibility of those visiting their loved ones.	
Beattie Road Reservoir Reserve	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act	Protect the area: 5 Protect health and safety: 1 Protect access: 5 Total Score - 11	This reserve is covered in native trees and should be protected. No health and safety concerns. There is no road access to this reserve.	Prohibit freedom camping at the Beattie Road Reservoir Reserve in the proposed bylaw.
Circus Paddock	Camping not provided for in the Reserve Management Plan, so is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Management Act	Protect the area: 2 Protect health and safety: 3 Protect access: 3 Total Score - 8	Circus paddock is used for local events. The capacity and availability of the area may be reduced where large numbers of freedom campers are parking in this area. This would reduce the recreational value of the current space. This area may be affected by geothermal gases, however dangerous level are not excepted at Circus paddock. Vehicle access near the skate parks and adjoining basketball court raises health and safety concerns due to the unpredictability of children and their social activities. Vehicle access and off-street parking is available, however the parking area is used by the Cosmopolitan Club. To access the grassed area, vehicle must drive over the kerb or remove a wooden post protecting the reserve from vehicle. This may cause damage to the area, although the market accesses with vehicles on a regular basis.	Do not include the area in a proposed bylaw. <i>Proposed lease will exclude from Freedom Camping Act 2011 requirements.</i>