

Proposed Kaipara District Plan **Summary of Submissions**

This document contains a summary of decisions requested by persons making submissions on the Proposed Kaipara District Plan in accordance with clause 7 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act. The summary of decisions requested for Light was notified on 21 October 2025 and those submissions are therefore not included in this document.

Important Notes

- Where submissions are unclear, the summary of decisions requested contain the word *inferred*.
- This summary is **not a substitute** for reading the full submission. If you think your interests may be affected, please review the full submission online here: [PDP Submissions](#) - submissions are also available for viewing online at our offices and libraries in **Dargaville** or **Mangawhai**.
- Submission point numbers may not be sequential due to quality assurance checks.
- Submission numbers are unique identifiers and must be stated when making a further submission.

Guide to the Summary of Submissions

- Decisions are organized by provision number.
- Where specific wording changes have been requested in submissions, those changes shown as:
 - Underlined = new wording
 - ~~Strikethrough~~ = deletions

How to Make a Further Submission

- From 1 December to 15 December 2025, you can:
 - **Save time! Complete our easy online Form 6 here:** [PDP Online Form 6](#)
 - **OR**
 - **Download a pdf version of Form 6:** [Form 6 pdf version](#)
 - **THEN**
 - **Email it to:** districtplanreview@kaipara.govt.nz
 - **Post it to:** Planning and Policy Team, Kaipara District Council, Private Bag 1001, Dargaville 0340
 - **Deliver it to either Council office:** 32 Hokianga Road, Dargaville or 6 Molesworth Drive, Mangawhai
- Deadline: Further submissions close at 5:00pm on Monday 15 December 2025.**

Important: You must send a copy of your further submission to the original submitter **within 5 working days** of lodging it with Kaipara District Council. To access a list containing Submitter Contact Details, click [here](#).

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This summary of submissions has been prepared and published in accordance with the Resource Management Act to assist the public in understanding the points raised by submitters. Kaipara District Council has used its best endeavours to accurately summarise the relief sought in the submissions, however, we cannot guarantee the accuracy or completeness of the information provided in this document.

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Please note that all original submissions and names of submitters are publicly available on the Council website. Submitters should read the full submission for themselves.

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Summary of Submissions for the topic of: Open Space Zone

Submission point No.	Submitter	Provision	Position	Summary of decision requested	Reasons
149.125	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated	General	Amend	ADD a new permitted activity Open space zone rule regarding vegetation clearance and associated land disturbance, with a standard allowing up to 50m ² of disturbance. AND Any consequential amendments and alternative relief to address the concerns raised.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Given the presence of indigenous vegetation and ecological values in the Open space zone, there should be rules and standards to manage vegetation clearance, earthworks and potential effects on these values.
149.126	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated	General	Amend	ADD a restricted discretionary Open space zone rule for indigenous vegetation clearance and associated land disturbance that does not meet the area standard, with the following matters of discretion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effects on of vegetation clearance and associated land disturbance on indigenous biodiversity; Extent of clearance proposed and any practicable alternative locations or methods to avoid or reduce the extent of indigenous vegetation clearance and associated land disturbance; Proposed measures to avoid, remedy, mitigate, offset or compensate adverse effects on indigenous biodiversity values; Reasons for the indigenous vegetation clearance and associated land disturbance; and Positive effects associated with the indigenous vegetation clearance and associated land disturbance. AND Any consequential amendments and alternative relief to address the concerns raised.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Given the presence of indigenous vegetation and ecological values in the Open space zone, there should be rules and standards to manage vegetation clearance, earthworks and potential effects on these values.
216.68	Cabra Mangawhai Ltd & Pro Land Matters Ltd	General	Amend	RETAIN the provisions of the Open Space Zone, and AMEND to ensure all provisions within the plan align, are clear and consistent.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submitter supports the intent of the provisions within the Open Space Zone and wants to ensure any consequential amendments are made, and give effect to the NPS and are consistent with the National Planning Standards.
222.11	Kaipara District Council	General	Amend	ADD a new rule to the Open space zone as follows: <u>OSZ-RX Demolition of a building or structure</u> <u>1 Activity status: Permitted</u> <u>2 Activity Status when compliance not achieved: Not applicable</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To permit the demolition of a building or structure within the Open space zone to be consistent with other zones.
222.9	Kaipara District Council	General	Amend	ADD a new rule in the Open space zone as follows. <u>OSZ-RX Conservation activity</u> <u>1 Activity status: Permitted</u> <u>2 Activity Status when compliance not achieved: Not Applicable</u> AND Any consequential amendments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservation Activities should be permitted within all zones to be consistent with NOSZ-R3.
267.40	Northland Fish and Game Council	General	Support	RETAIN Open space zone policies and rules as notified.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submitter supports the policies and rules in this chapter.
99.11	Venessa Anich	OSZ-O2	Support	RETAIN OSZ-O2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submitter seeks to retain OSZ-O2 as horse riding is included within the definition of Recreational Activities.
149.123	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated	OSZ-P1	Amend	AMEND OSZ-P1.3. as follows: 3. Manage effects on the <u>natural, ecological, cultural and heritage values in the zone, and effects on the character and amenity of any adjacent General residential zone and the surrounding area.</u> AND Any consequential amendments and alternative relief to address the concerns raised.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Open space zone Overview and OSZ-O1 establish the zone as including natural, ecological, cultural and heritage values. The submitter therefore considers that OSZ-P1 should seek to manage the effects on these values.
99.12	Venessa Anich	OSZ-P1	Support	RETAIN OSZ-P1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submitter seeks to retain this provision due to horse riding being included within the definition of Recreational Activities.
149.124	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated	OSZ-P5	Amend	AMEND OSZ-P5 as follows: <u>Avoid Minimise</u> land uses and activities that would compromise public use and enjoyment, <u>access to and the natural, ecological, cultural and heritage values associated with and access to</u> the Open space zone. AND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submitter considers that, given the purpose, characteristics and values of the Open space zone, incompatible activities should be avoided rather than minimised. The activities capable of compromising Open space zone values (as set out in OSZ-O1) should also be avoided.

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99.13	Venessa Anich	OSZ-R3	Amend	ADD to OSZ-R3 the requirement for equestrian paths and connections.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Horse riding is a large part of the Kaipara District communities and should be provided for. It is an active mode of transport, equally as important as walking and cycling.
26.86	Chorus New Zealand Ltd, Connexa Ltd, Spark NZ Trading Ltd, Fortysouth Group LP and One NZ	OSZ-S4	Oppose	DELETE OSZ-S4.2.d. AND Any alternative relief and/or consequential amendments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The standard is a setback from the CMA stating that they do not apply to infrastructure and network utilities. As the Infrastructure Chapter states that no zone rules apply to infrastructure, these standards (even as exemption clauses) may cause confusion and are inconsistent with the intent of the plan structure.
99.10	Venessa Anich	Overview	Amend	ADD to the Overview Statement in the Open space zone acknowledgement of equestrian uses as one of the types of public access use.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Horse riding in appropriate parts of the Open Space Zone should be supported as this is a large part of the Kaipara District's community. The definition of Recreational Activities does not preclude horse riding.