

Planning Report

Plan Change 41 – Omokoroa Walkways

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to provide recommendations on submissions to Plan Change 41 – Omokoroa Walkways.
- 1.2** When the Structure Plans for Omokoroa were prepared the community was strongly of the view that the peninsula was made walkable, and this formed the basis for the proposed walkway network. Concerns about the extent and cost of providing such a network was expressed by submissions to the adopted 2013-2023 Long term Plan. This Plan Change reviews both the number and location of the proposed walkways.
- 1.3** For a full background to the Plan Change and the proposed provisions please refer to the Section 32 Report. For a list of the proposed provisions only, please refer to the document titled “Summary of Recommendations – All Section 32 Reports”.
- 1.4** Any recommended amendments to rules in this report will be shown as follows; existing District Plan text in black, proposed changes as included in the Section 32 Report in red, and recommendations as a result of this Planning Report in blue.

2.0 Topic 1: Appendix 7 Omokoroa Structure Plan 4.4 and Planning Maps U58, U59 and U63

2.1 Background

There is a strong community desire for a network of walkways and cycleways that is a combination of on-road (footpaths) and off-road. They are for accessing along the peninsula as well as traversing from one side to the other, and are important to link different residential areas, and various features such as reserves and viewing points. Some of the walkways are considered unnecessary because of their close proximity to streets (footpaths) and other walkways. These walkways are proposed for deletion.

The notified Plan Change is as follows:

Delete the following Structure Plan Walk/cycleways from Appendix 7 Omokoroa Structure Plan 4.4 Omokoroa Walkway Plan, and the District Plan Maps:

1. The walkway parallel and perpendicular to, and between Kaylene Place and Western Avenue and from Omokoroa Road to Hamurana Road Extension (walkways 7 and 9).

2. The walkway parallel to the railway line from Omokoroa Road to Hamurana Road extension (walkway 6).
3. The walkway located north of Tranquil Grove that goes from the existing walkway between Links View Drive and Western Avenue to Hamurana Drive Extension (walkway 8).

2.2 Submissions

Three submissions were in support of removing either all of the walkways or specific ones. One submission wanted the pedestrian overbridge over Omokoroa Road at the Western Avenue Reserve removed. There were no submissions in opposition, and no further submissions were received.

The submissions are as follows:

- 2.2.1 W Butler supported removing walkways 7 and 9.
- 2.2.2 Baxter Family Trust supported removing walkway 7.
- 2.2.3 J Palmer supported removing walkways 6, 7, 8, and 9, plus wanted the pedestrian overbridge over Omokoroa Road at the Western Avenue Reserve removed.

2.3 Option 1 – As Proposed – Delete proposed walkways 6, 7, 8, and 9 from the Omokoroa Structure Plan

Advantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Avoids duplication of walkways where there are alternatives in close proximity.
Disadvantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ None

2.4 Option 2 – Removal of the pedestrian overbridge over Omokoroa Road at Western Avenue Reserve.

Advantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Not likely to be necessary for the volume of traffic expected ▪ Saves costs
Disadvantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reduces pedestrian safety

2.5 Discussion

Walkways 6, 7, 8, and 9 are located in close proximity to streets that will provide suitable access at convenient locations. These walkways are therefore considered to be unnecessary and should be deleted.

The need for a pedestrian overbridge is largely determined by vehicular and pedestrian traffic volume and alternative options available for crossing the road. The volume of traffic expected in this locality when Omokoroa is fully developed is around 13,000 vehicles per day. Although the road reserve for Omokoroa Road at this location is wide enough to allow for four-laning, it is likely to remain two-laned, which is possible to cross without a bridge but with appropriate control. This would initially be

a pedestrian crossing, which could be signaled in the longer term if necessary.

2.6 Recommendation

That the following Structure Plan walk/cycleways be deleted from Appendix 7 Omokoroa Structure Plan 4.4 Omokoroa Walkway Plan (as shown in **Attachment A**), and the District Plan Maps (as shown in **Attachment B**):

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4. The pedestrian overbridge over Omokoroa Road at Western Avenue Reserve.

The following submissions are therefore:

Accepted

Submission	Point Number	Name
8	1	Baxter Family Trust
1	1	Butler, W
17	1	Palmer, J

2.7 Reason

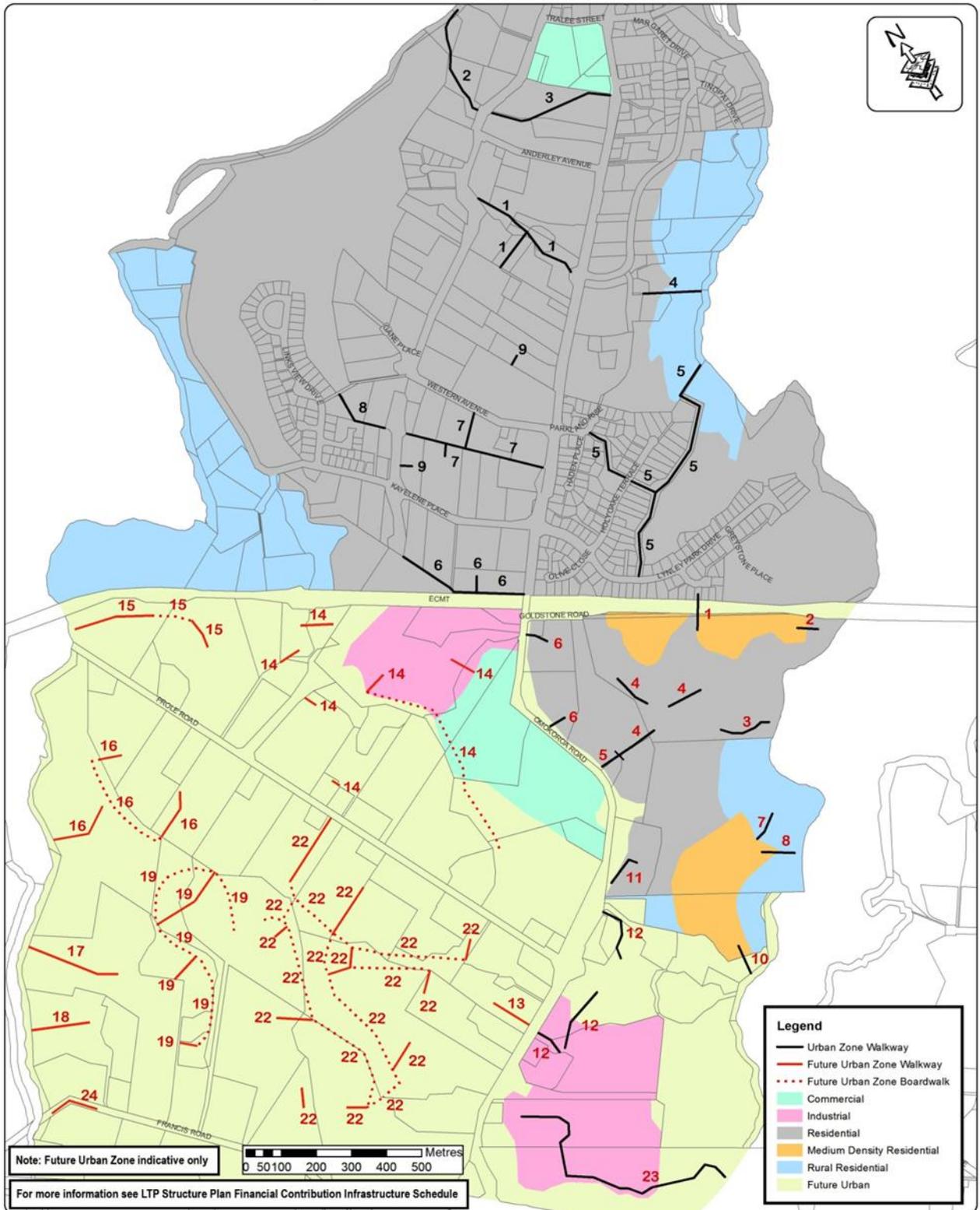
- 2.7.1** There is a strong community desire for a network of walkways and cycleways that is a combination of on-road (footpaths) and off-road.
- 2.7.2** Some of the proposed walkways are considered unnecessary because of their close proximity to streets (footpaths) and other walkways. Their deletion would not affect the walkability of the peninsula.
- 2.7.3** The pedestrian overbridge over Omokoroa Road is considered to be "desirable" rather than "essential" for the traffic volume involved, and there is a cost effective safe alternative available.

3.0 Plan Change 41 - Recommended Changes to the District Plan First Review

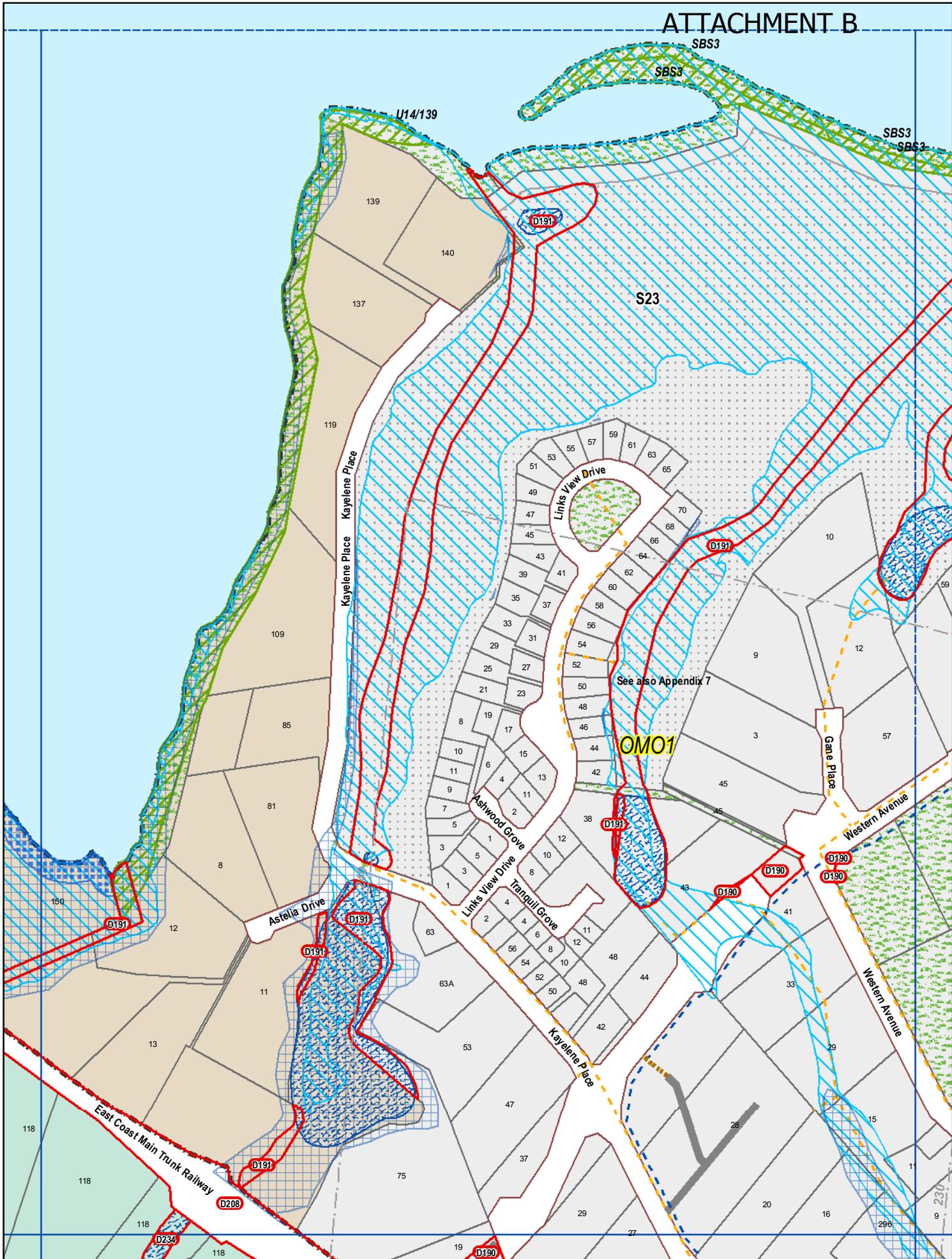
- 3.1** The purpose of this part of the report is to show the Proposed Plan Change in full including any recommended changes in response to the submissions and further submissions.
- 3.2** Recommended changes to the District Plan First Review are shown as follows; existing District Plan text in black, proposed changes as included in the Section 32 Report in red, and recommendations as a result of this Planning Report in blue.
- 3.3 That the following Structure Plan walk/cycleways be deleted from Appendix 7 Omokoroa Structure Plan 4.4 Omokoroa Walkway Plan (as shown in Attachment A), and the District Plan Maps (as shown in Attachment B):**
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District Plan – Appendix 7 Omokoroa Structure Plan

4.4 Omokoroa Walkway Plan



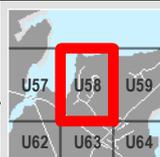
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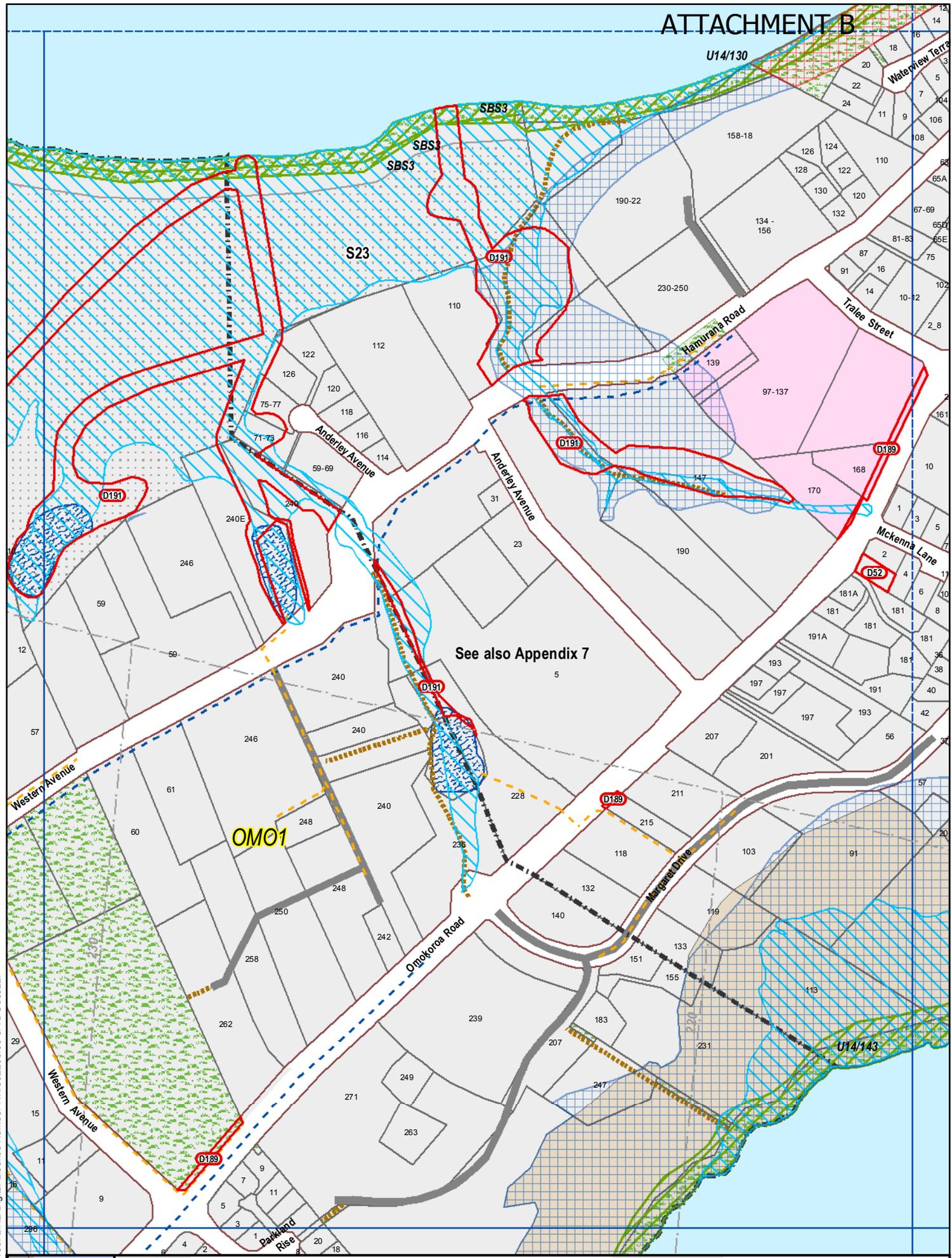
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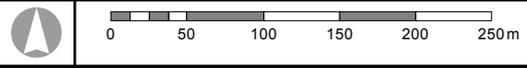
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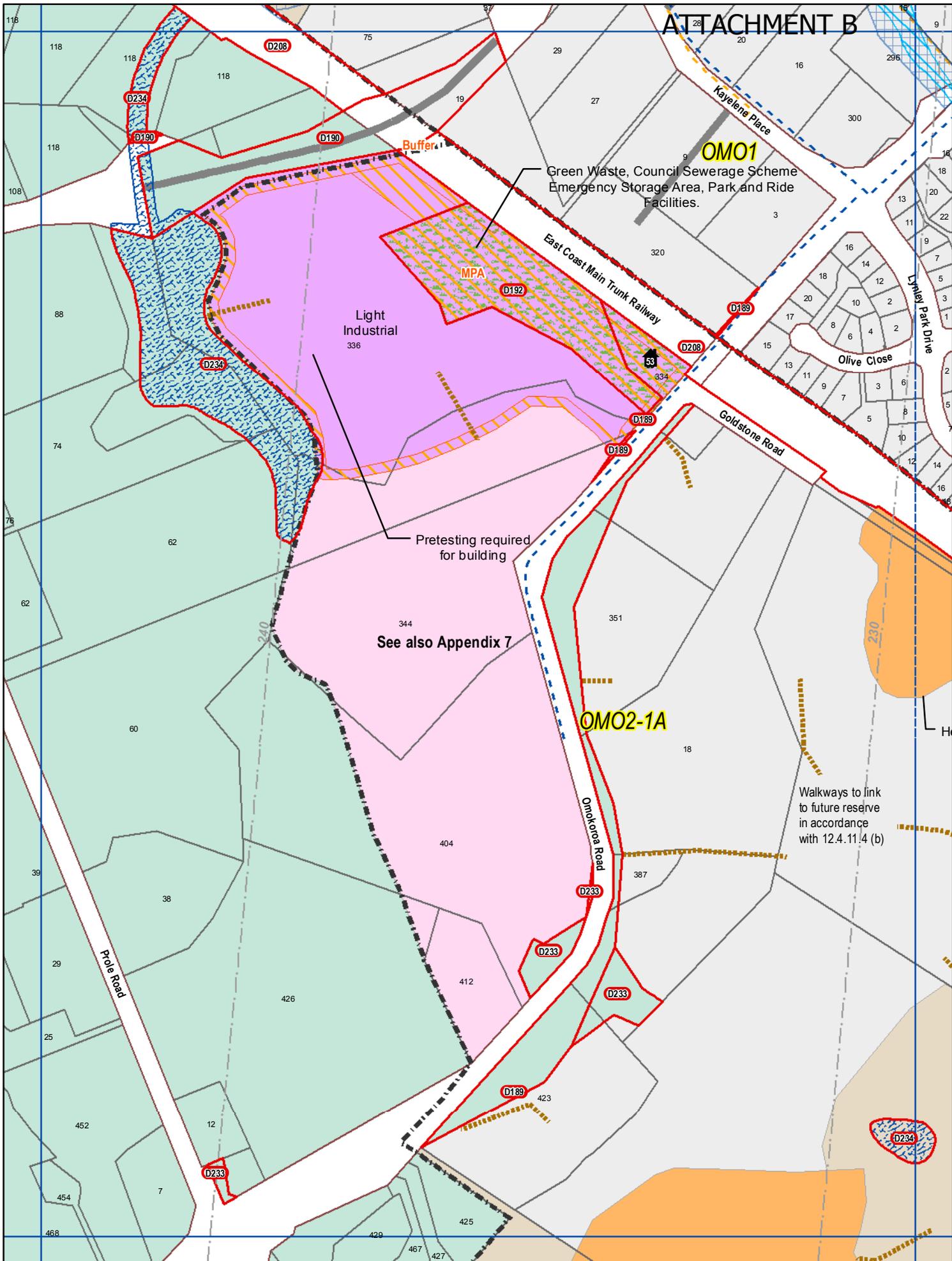
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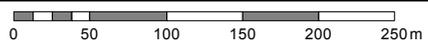
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