



NOTIFICATION GUIDANCE

- (a) Resource consent applications can be processed on either a notified or non-notified basis.
- (b) There are two types of notified resource consent applications:
 - (i) Publicly notified - allows any person to lodge a submission in support and/or opposition, or to indicate a neutral position with respect to an application
 - (ii) Limited notified - notice of the application is served on all affected persons, allowing only those persons identified as affected to lodge a submission. However those persons who are identified as affected and have provided their written approval to the application, do not need to be served notice, and cannot lodge a submission.
- (c) Non-notified resource consent applications are those applications that are not publicly or limited notified. They are applications where Council has decided that the proposed activity, or a requested change or cancellation of an existing resource consent condition:
 - (i) Will not have, or is not likely to have more than minor adverse effects on the environment (in accordance with s95D); and
 - (ii) A rule of a plan or national environmental standard does not require notification; and either:
 - (iii) No parties are considered adversely affected; or
 - (iv) All parties considered to be adversely affected have provided their written approval.
- (d) In deciding for notification purposes, whether the adverse effects of an activity will be minor Council may take into account (but not be limited to) the following:
 - (i) The proximity of the proposed activity to conservation land, in particular the Tongariro National Park, and the potential effects of the activity on the landscape, ecological, habitat, recreational, cultural and other recognised values of the conservation land.
 - (ii) The potential adverse landscape and ecological effects of the proposed activity, particularly where the activity affects an outstanding natural feature or landscape as identified in the District Plan.
 - (iii) The relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral lands, water, protection of taonga, and sites of cultural, spiritual and symbolic importance.
 - (iv) The potential adverse effects of a proposed activity on the amenity values of a neighbourhood, or the rural character of an area.
 - (v) The relationship between existing and new urban areas, including potential effects of the activity on a connected street system, and other urban design and amenity matters
 - (vi) The potential adverse effects of the proposed activity on regionally and nationally significant infrastructure.
 - (vii) Whether the proposed activity involves the use of hazardous substances and/or installations that are likely to have adverse effects.
 - (viii) The degree of documented consultation which has taken place including independently facilitated pre-hearing meetings.
 - (ix) The number and complexity of issues associated with the proposed activity and the level of public concern about the proposed activities actual or likely adverse effects on the environment.

Advice Note:

The above matters are intended to provide guidance to plan users on the matters to which Council could have regard when making decisions around notification in accordance with the relevant sections of Part 6 of the Resource Management Act.