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## G1 Rural Urban Boundary (RUB)

# **G1. Rural Urban Boundary**

The Rural Urban Boundary identifies land potentially suitable for urban development.

The location of the Rural Urban Boundary is a district plan land use rule pursuant to section 9(3) of the Resource Management Act 1991, other than for Waiheke Island where it is an interim regional policy statement method until it is considered as part of a plan change to incorporate the Auckland Council District Plan – Operative Hauraki Gulf Islands Section into the Unitary Plan.

The planning maps show the Rural Urban Boundary line.

The only method for relocating the Rural Urban Boundary is by way of a plan change pursuant to Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Any relocation of the Rural Urban Boundary must give effect to the objectives and policies of the regional policy statement which establish it.

### G2 Walkable Catchments

# **G2. Walkable Catchments**

Policy 3(c) of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020, updated May 2022, requires regional policy statements and district plans in tier 1 urban environments to enable building heights of at least six storeys within at least a walkable catchment of the following:

- (i) existing and planned rapid transit stops
- (ii) the edge of city centre zones, and
- (iii) the edge of metropolitan centre zones.

Auckland is a tier 1 urban environment.

A walkable catchment of around 1,200m is applied from the edge of the Business – City Centre Zone. A walkable catchment of around 800m is applied from both the edge of the Business – Metropolitan Centre Zones and from the pedestrian access points to existing or planned rapid transit stops.

Edge and route modifying factors can result in the extent and area of walkable catchments deviating from the catchment distances stated above (i.e. 1, 200m around the Business – City Centre Zone and the 800m around Business – Metropolitan Centre Zones and rapid transit stops). Route modifying factors amend the walkable catchments with respect to the impact of topography and arterial road crossing points on the route walkability. While edge modifying factors amend catchments to minimise potential adverse interface and boundary effects between land within and land outside the walkable catchments.

The depiction of walkable catchments in the planning maps is a district plan method pursuant to section 75(2) of the Resource Management Act 1991 for implementing the policies of the district and giving effect to the National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020, updated May 2022.

The planning maps show the location and extent of walkable catchment boundaries, many of which overlap with each other.

The location or extent of a walkable catchment can only be amended by way of a plan change pursuant to Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Any amendment to the location or extent of a walkable catchment must give effect Policy 3(c) of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020, updated May 2022.

The table below sets out the walkable catchments included in the planning maps, the type of walkable catchment and heights of buildings enabled within them.

### G3 Height Variation Controls

# **G3.** Height Variation Controls

The Height Variation Control is applied in identified locations and provides for either greater or lesser heights than the standard height zone, depending on characteristics of the site and surrounds.

Greater height may be provided for through the Height Variation Control where that height is commensurate with the level of commercial activities and community services; is compatible with any qualifying matters and does not result in significant adverse effects on adjacent residential zones; is an efficient use of land; supports public transport and community infrastructure; and aligns with the centres hierarchy, including by supporting the role of centres.

Reduced height may be provided for through the Height Variation Control where the standard zone height would have significant adverse effects on identified special character, identified landscape features, amenity or other qualifying matters.

The Height Variation Control is a district plan land use rule pursuant to Section 9(3) of the Resource Management Act 1991.

The depiction of Height Variation Controls in the planning maps is a district plan method pursuant to section 75(2) of the Resource Management Act 1991 for implementing the policies of the district.

The planning maps show the Height Variation Control applied to relevant sites.

The location or extent of a Height Variation Control can only be amended by way of a plan change pursuant to Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Where the Height Variation Control is shown with an asterisk (\*) on the planning maps, this indicates the presence of another qualifying matter which may impact the ability to achieve the building heights specified in the Height Variation Control.

The table below sets out the walkable catchments where height variation controls, included in the planning maps, enable building heights that are more than the zone standard along with the heights of buildings enabled within them.

Table of Walkable Catchment names and building heights

	Walkable Catchment Name	<u>Type</u>	Height Method	<u>Building</u>
	(† = legislated location)		(HVC or zone standard)	Heights (m) in Walkable Catchments
<u>1.</u>	City Centre (1,200m)	City Centre	<u>HVC</u>	<u>50</u>
<u>2.</u>	Karanga-a-Hape Train Station	Rapid Transit	<u>HVC</u>	<u>50</u>
<u>3.</u>	Te Waihorotiu Train Station	Rapid Transit	<u>HVC</u>	<u>50</u>
<u>4.</u>	Waitemata Train Station	Rapid Transit	<u>HVC</u>	<u>50</u>
<u>5.</u>	Maungawhau Train Station†	Rapid Transit	<u>HVC</u>	<u>50</u>
<u>6.</u>	Parnell Train Station	Rapid Transit	<u>HVC</u>	<u>50</u>
<u>7.</u>	Newmarket Metropolitan Centre	Metropolitan Centre	HVC	<u>50</u>
<u>8.</u>	Grafton Train Station	Rapid Transit	HVC	<u>50</u>
<u>9.</u>	Newmarket Train Station	Rapid Transit	HVC	<u>50</u>
<u>10.</u>	Panmure Train Station	Rapid Transit	HVC	<u>50</u>
<u>11.</u>	Glen Innes Train Station	Rapid Transit	HVC	<u>50</u>
<u>12.</u>	Manukau Metropolitan Centre	Metropolitan Centre	HVC	<u>50</u>
<u>13.</u>	Greenlane Train Station	Rapid Transit	HVC	<u>50</u>
<u>14.</u>	Remuera Train Station	Rapid Transit	HVC	<u>50</u>
<u>15.</u>	Otahuhu Train Station	Rapid Transit	<u>HVC</u>	<u>50</u>
<u>16.</u>	Kingsland Train Station†	Rapid Transit	HVC	<u>50</u>
<u>17.</u>	Manukau Train Station	Rapid Transit	HVC	<u>50</u>
<u>18.</u>	Albany Bus Station	Rapid Transit	HVC	<u>50</u>
<u>19.</u>	Takapuna Metropolitan Centre	Metropolitan Centre	HVC	<u>50</u>
<u>20.</u>	Henderson Metropolitan Centre	Metropolitan Centre	HVC	<u>50</u>
<u>21.</u>	Morningside Train Station <sup>†</sup>	Rapid Transit	HVC	<u>50</u>
<u>22.</u>	Henderson Train Station	Rapid Transit	<u>HVC</u>	<u>50</u>
<u>23.</u>	Ellerslie Train Station	Rapid Transit	<u>HVC</u>	<u>34.5</u>
<u>24.</u>	Orakei Train Station	Rapid Transit	<u>HVC</u>	<u>34.5</u>
<u>25.</u>	New Lynn Metropolitan Centre	Metro Centre	HVC	<u>34.5</u>
<u>26.</u>	New Lynn Train Station	Rapid Transit	HVC	<u>34.5</u>

	Walkable Catchment Name  († = legislated location)	Туре	Height Method (HVC or zone standard)	Building Heights (m) in Walkable Catchments
<u>27.</u>	Albany Metropolitan Centre	Metropolitan Centre	HVC	<u>34.5</u>
<u>28.</u>	Penrose Train Station	Rapid Transit	HVC	<u>34.5</u>
<u>29.</u>	Smales Farm Bus Station	Rapid Transit	HVC	<u>34.5</u>
<u>30.</u>	Puhinui Train Station	Rapid Transit	HVC	<u>34.5</u>
<u>31.</u>	Sylvia Park Metropolitan Centre	Metropolitan Centre	HVC	<u>34.5</u>
<u>32.</u>	Mt Albert Train Station <sup>†</sup>	Rapid Transit	HVC	<u>34.5</u>
<u>33.</u>	Sunnynook Bus Station	Rapid Transit	HVC	<u>34.5</u>
<u>34.</u>	Pakuranga Bus Station	Rapid Transit	HVC	<u>34.5</u>
<u>35.</u>	Baldwin Ave Train Station <sup>†</sup>	Rapid Transit	HVC	<u>34.5</u>
<u>36.</u>	Avondale Train Station	Rapid Transit	HVC	<u>34.5</u>
<u>37.</u>	Akoranga Bus Station	Rapid Transit	HVC	<u>34.5</u>
<u>38.</u>	Sylvia Park Train Station	Rapid Transit	HVC	<u>34.5</u>
<u>39.</u>	Westgate Metropolitan Centre	Metro Centre	HVC	<u>34.5</u>
<u>40.</u>	Papatoetoe Train Station	Rapid Transit	HVC	<u>34.5</u>
<u>41.</u>	Constellation Bus Station	Rapid Transit	HVC	<u>34.5</u>
<u>42.</u>	Meadowbank Train Station	Rapid Transit	HVC	<u>34.5</u>
<u>43.</u>	Te Taha Wai Bus Station (Edgewater Bus Station)	Rapid Transit	HVC	<u>34.5</u>
<u>44.</u>	Williams Ave Bus Station	Rapid Transit	HVC	<u>34.5</u>
<u>45.</u>	Manurewa Train Station	Rapid Transit	Zone standard	<u>22</u>
<u>46.</u>	Botany Metropolitan Centre	Metropolitan Centre	Zone standard	<u>22</u>
<u>47.</u>	Drury Metropolitan Centre	Metropolitan Centre	Zone standard	<u>22</u>
<u>48.</u>	Drury Train Station	Rapid Transit	Zone standard	<u>22</u>
<u>49.</u>	Papakura Train Station	Rapid Transit	Zone standard	<u>22</u>
<u>50.</u>	Sturges Rd Train Station	Rapid Transit	Zone standard	<u>22</u>
<u>51.</u>	Koata Bus Station (Gossamer Bus Station)	Rapid Transit	Zone standard	<u>22</u>

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<u>52.</u>	Glen Eden Train Station	Rapid Transit	Zone standard	<u>22</u>
<u>53.</u>	Pukekohe Train Station	Rapid Transit	Zone standard	<u>22</u>
<u>54.</u>	Papakura Metropolitan Centre	Metropolitan Centre	Zone standard	<u>22</u>
<u>55.</u>	Fruitvale Rd Train Station	Rapid Transit	Zone standard	<u>22</u>
<u>56.</u>	Middlemore Train Station	Rapid Transit	Zone standard	<u>22</u>
<u>57.</u>	Rosedale Bus Station	Rapid Transit	Zone standard	<u>22</u>
<u>58.</u>	Pohatu Bus Station (Burswood Bus Station)	Rapid Transit	Zone standard	<u>22</u>
<u>59.</u>	Homai Train Station	Rapid Transit	Zone standard	<u>22</u>
<u>60.</u>	Ranui Train Station	Rapid Transit	Zone standard	<u>22</u>
<u>61.</u>	Swanson Train Station	Rapid Transit	Zone standard	<u>22</u>
<u>62.</u>	Takaanini Train Station	Rapid Transit	Zone standard	<u>22</u>
<u>63.</u>	Te Mahia Train Station	Rapid Transit	Zone standard	<u>22</u>
<u>64.</u>	Ngākōroa Train Station	Rapid Transit	Zone standard	<u>22</u>
<u>65.</u>	Paerata Train Station	Rapid Transit	Zone standard	<u>22</u>
<u>66.</u>	Sunnyvale Train Station	Rapid Transit	Zone standard	<u>22</u>