

H3. Residential – Single House Zone

H3.1. Zone description

The purpose of the Residential – Single House Zone is to maintain and enhance the amenity values of established residential neighbourhoods in number of locations. The particular amenity values of a neighbourhood may be based on special character informed by the past, spacious sites with some large trees, a coastal setting or other factors such as established neighbourhood character. To provide choice for future residents, Residential – Single House Zone zoning may also be applied in greenfield developments.

To support the purpose of the zone, multi-unit development is not anticipated, with additional housing limited to the conversion of an existing dwelling into two dwellings and minor dwelling units. The zone is generally characterised by one to two storey high buildings consistent with a suburban built character.

H3.2. Objectives

- (1) Development maintains and is in keeping with the amenity values of established residential neighbourhoods including those based on special character informed by the past, spacious sites with some large trees, a coastal setting or other factors such as established neighbourhood character.
- (2) Development is in keeping with the neighbourhood's existing or planned suburban built character of predominantly one to two storeys buildings.
- (3) Development provides quality on-site residential amenity for residents and for adjoining sites and the street.
- (4) Non-residential activities provide for the community's social, economic and cultural well-being, while being in keeping with the scale and intensity of development anticipated by the zone so as to contribute to the amenity of the neighbourhood.

H3.3. Policies

- (1) Require an intensity of development that is compatible with either the existing suburban built character where this is to be maintained or the planned suburban built character of predominantly one to two storey dwellings.
- (2) Require development to:
 - (a) be of a height, bulk and form that maintains and is in keeping with the character and amenity values of the established residential neighbourhood; or
 - (b) be of a height and bulk and have sufficient setbacks and landscaped areas to maintain an existing suburban built character or achieve the planned suburban built character of predominantly one to two storey dwellings within a generally spacious setting.

- (3) Encourage development to achieve attractive and safe streets and public open spaces including by:
 - (a) providing for passive surveillance
 - (b) optimising front yard landscaping
 - (c) minimising visual dominance of garage doors.
- (4) Require the height, bulk and location of development to maintain a reasonable level of sunlight access and privacy and to minimise visual dominance effects to the adjoining sites.
- (5) Encourage accommodation to have useable and accessible outdoor living space.
- (6) Restrict the maximum impervious area on a site in order to manage the amount of stormwater runoff generated by a development and ensure that adverse effects on water quality, quantity and amenity values are avoided or mitigated.
- (7) Provide for non-residential activities that:
 - (a) support the social and economic well-being of the community;
 - (b) are in keeping with the scale and intensity of development anticipated within the zone;
 - (c) avoid, remedy or mitigate adverse effects on residential amenity; and
 - (d) will not detract from the vitality of the Business – City Centre Zone, Business – Metro Centre Zone and the Business – Town Centre Zone.

H3.4. Activity table

Table H3.4.1 Activity table specifies the activity status of land use and development activities in the Residential – Single House Zone pursuant to section 9(3) of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Table H3.4.1 Activity table

Activity		Activity status	Standards to be complied with
Use			
(A1)	Activities not provided for	NC	
Residential			
(A2)	Camping grounds	D	
(A3)	One dwelling per site	P	Standard H3.6.6 Building height; Standard H3.6.7 Height in relation to boundary; Standard H3.6.8 Yards; Standard H3.6.9 Maximum impervious areas; Standard H3.6.10 Building coverage; Standard H3.6.11 Landscaped

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			area; Standard H3.6.12 Front, side and rear fences and walls
(A4)	The conversion of a principal dwelling existing as at 30 September 2013 into a maximum of two dwellings	P	Standard H3.6.3 Conversion of of a principal dwelling into a maximum of two dwellings
(A5)	Minor dwellings	P	Standard H3.6.4 Minor dwellings; Standard H3.6.6 Building height; Standard H3.6.7 Height in relation to boundary; Standard H3.6.8 Yards; Standard H3.6.9 Maximum impervious areas; Standard H3.6.10 Building coverage; Standard H3.6.11 Landscaped area; Standard H3.6.12 Front, side and rear fences and walls
(A6)	More than one dwelling per site (other than the conversion of a principal dwelling in Rule H3.4.1(A4) or minor dwellings in Rule a H3.4.1(A5)	NC	
(A7)	Home occupations	P	Standard H3.6.2 Home occupations
(A8)	Home occupations that do not meet Standard H3.6.2	D	
(A9)	Integrated Residential Development	D	
(A10)	Supported residential care accommodating up to 10 people per site inclusive of staff and residents	P	Standard H3.6.6 Building height; Standard H3.6.7 Height in relation to boundary; Standard H3.6.8 Yards; Standard H3.6.9 Maximum impervious areas; Standard H3.6.10 Building coverage; Standard H3.6.11 Landscaped area; Standard H3.6.12 Front, side and rear fences and walls
(A11)	Supported residential care accommodating greater than 10 people per site inclusive of staff and residents	D	
(A12)	Boarding houses accommodating up to 10 people per site inclusive of staff and residents	P	Standard H3.6.6 Building height; Standard H3.6.7 Height in relation to boundary; Standard H3.6.8 Yards; Standard H3.6.9 Maximum impervious areas; Standard H3.6.10 Building coverage; Standard H3.6.11 Landscaped

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(A13)	Boarding houses accommodating greater than 10 people per site inclusive of staff and residents	D	
(A14)	Visitor accommodation accommodating up to 10 people per site inclusive of staff and visitors	P	Standard H3.6.6 Building height; Standard H3.6.7 Height in relation to boundary; Standard H3.6.8 Yards; Standard H3.6.9 Maximum impervious areas; Standard H3.6.10 Building coverage; Standard H3.6.11 Landscaped area; Standard H3.6.12 Front, side and rear fences and walls
(A15)	Visitor accommodation accommodating greater than 10 people per site inclusive of staff and visitors	D	
Commerce			
(A16)	Dairies up to 100m ² gross floor area per site	RD	Standard H3.6.6 Building height; Standard H3.6.7 Height in relation to boundary; Standard H3.6.8 Yards; Standard H3.6.9 Maximum impervious areas; Standard H3.6.10 Building coverage; and Standard H3.6.12 Front, side and rear fences and walls
(A17)	Restaurants and cafes up to 100m ² gross floor area per site	D	
(A18)	Service stations on arterial roads	D	
(A19)	Offices within the Centre Fringe Office Control as identified on the planning maps	P	Standard H3.6.5 Offices within the Centre Fringe Office Control
(A20)	Offices within the Centre Fringe Office Control as identified on the planning maps that do not comply with Standard H3.6.5	D	
Community			
(A21)	Care centres accommodating up to 10 people per site excluding staff	P	Standard H3.6.6 Building height; Standard H3.6.7 Height in relation to boundary; Standard H3.6.8 Yards; Standard H3.6.9 Maximum impervious areas; Standard H3.6.10 Building coverage;

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			Standard H3.6.11 Landscaped area; and Standard H3.6.12 Front, side and rear fences and walls
(A22)	Care centres accommodating greater than 10 people per site excluding staff	D	
(A23)	Community facilities	D	
(A24)	Education facilities	D	
(A25)	Tertiary education facilities	D	
(A26)	Emergency services adjoining an arterial road	D	
(A27)	Healthcare facilities up to 200m ² gross floor area per site	RD	Standard H3.6.6 Building height; Standard H3.6.7 Height in relation to boundary; Standard H3.6.8 Yards; Standard H3.6.9 Maximum impervious areas; Standard H3.6.10 Building coverage; Standard H3.6.11 Landscaped area; and Standard H3.6.12 Front, side and rear fences and walls
(A28)	Healthcare facilities greater than 200m ² gross floor area per site	NC	
(A29)	Veterinary clinics	D	
Rural			
(A30)	Grazing of livestock on sites greater than 2,000m ² net site area	P	
Mana Whenua			
(A31)	Marae complex	D	
Development			
(A32)	Demolition of buildings	P	
(A33)	Internal and external alterations to buildings	P	Standard H3.6.6 Building height; Standard H3.6.7 Height in relation to boundary; Standard H3.6.8 Yards; Standard H3.6.9 Maximum impervious areas; Standard H3.6.10 Building coverage; Standard H3.6.11 Landscaped area; Standard H3.6.12 Front, side and rear fences and walls
(A34)	Accessory buildings	P	Standard H3.6.6 Building height; Standard H3.6.7 Height in relation to boundary; Standard H3.6.8 Yards; Standard H3.6.9 Maximum impervious areas; Standard H3.6.10 Building coverage

(A35)	Additions to an existing dwelling	P	Standard H3.6.6 Building height; Standard H3.6.7 Height in relation to boundary; Standard H3.6.8 Yards; Standard H3.6.9 Maximum impervious areas; Standard H3.6.10 Building coverage; Standard H3.6.11 Landscaped area; Standard H3.6.12 Front, side and rear fences and walls
(A36)	New buildings and additions to buildings	The same activity status and standards as applies to the land use activity that the new building or addition to a building is designed to accommodate	

H3.5. Notification

- (1) Any application for resource consent the following activities will be considered without public or limited notification or the need to obtain the written approval from affected parties unless the Council decides that special circumstances exist under section 95A(4) of the Resource Management Act 1991:
 - (a) A integrated residential development which complies with all of the standards listed in Table H3.4.1 Activity table; or
 - (b) development which does not comply with H3.6.12 (1a) Front, side and rear fences and walls
- (2) Any application for resource consent for an activity listed in Table H3.4.1 Activity table and which is not listed in H3.5(1) above will be subject to the normal tests for notification under the relevant sections of the Resource Management Act 1991.
- (3) When deciding who is an affected person in relation to any activity for the purposes of section 95E of the Resource Management Act 1991 the Council will give specific consideration to those persons listed in Rule C1.13(4).

H3.6. Standards

H3.6.1. Activities listed in Table H3.4.1 Activity table

- (1) Activities and buildings containing activities listed in Table H3.4.1 Activity table must comply with the standards listed in the column in Table H3.4.1 Activity table called Standards to be complied with.

H3.6.2. Home occupations

Purpose: to enable people to work from home at a scale that the residential character and amenity is maintained.

- (1) A home occupation must comply with all the following standards:
 - (a) at least one person engaged in the home occupation must use the dwelling on the site as their principal place of residence;

- (b) no more than two people who do not use the dwelling as their principal place of residence may work in the home occupation;
- (c) no more than four people in total may work in the home occupation;
- (d) the sale of goods or services from the home occupation that requires customers to come to the site and the delivery of goods to and from the site may not occur before 7am or after 7pm;
- (e) car trips to and from the home occupation activity must not exceed 20 per day;
- (f) heavy vehicle trips must not exceed two per week;
- (g) no more than one commercial vehicle associated with the home occupation may be on site at any one time;
- (h) storage for rubbish and recycling associated with the home occupation must be provided on site and screened from public view;
- (i) materials or goods manufactured, serviced or repaired in the home occupation must be stored and worked on within a building on the same site; and
- (j) goods sold from the home occupation must be:
 - (i) goods produced on site; or
 - (ii) goods that are primarily ordered by mail or electronic transaction and redistributed by post or courier; or
 - (iii) goods ancillary and related to a service provided by the home occupation.

H3.6.3. The conversion of a principal dwelling existing as at 30 September 2013 into a maximum of two dwellings

Purpose: to enable a dwelling existing as at 30 September 2013 to be converted into a maximum of two dwellings and to provide for sufficient outdoor living space for each of the dwellings.

- (1) Where a dwelling existing as at 30 September 2013 is proposed to be converted into a maximum of two dwellings each dwelling must have an outdoor living space that is:
 - (a) at least 5m² for a studio or one-bedroom dwelling and 8m² for a two or more bedroom dwelling; and
 - (b) at least 1.8m in depth; and
 - (c) directly accessible from the dwelling.

H3.6.4. Minor dwellings

Purpose:

- to provide accommodation that is limited in size and secondary to the principal dwelling on a site;
- to ensure that sufficient outdoor living space is provided for the minor dwelling;
- to ensure there is no more than one minor dwelling on each site.

(1) A minor dwelling must not exceed a floor area of 65m² excluding decks and garaging.

(2) A minor dwelling must have an outdoor living space that is:

- (a) at least 5m² for a studio or one-bedroom dwelling and 8m² for a two or more bedroom dwelling; and
- (b) least 1.8m in depth; and
- (c) directly accessible from the minor dwelling.

(3) There must be no more than one minor dwelling per site.

H3.6.5. Offices within the Centre Fringe Office Control as identified on the planning maps

(1) Offices must be located in existing buildings.

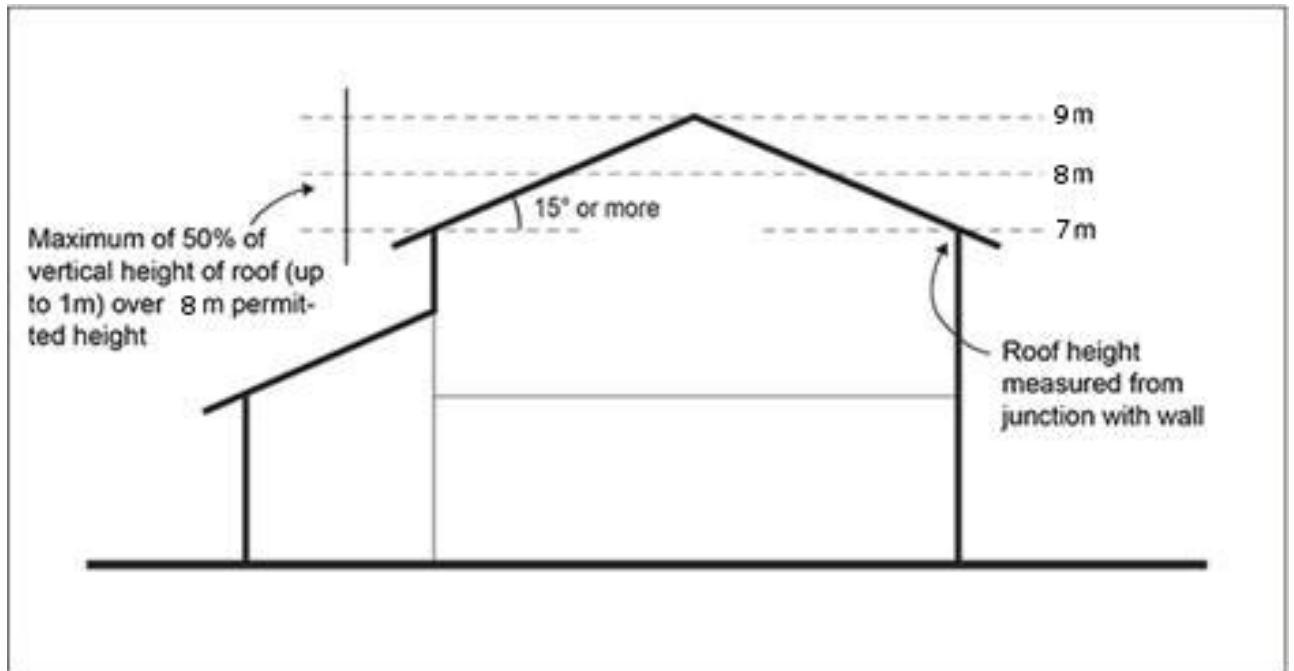
H3.6.6. Building height

Purpose: to manage the height of buildings to:

- Achieve the planned suburban built character of predominantly one to two storeys;
- minimise visual dominance effects;
- maintain a reasonable standard of residential amenity for adjoining sites; and
- provide some flexibility to enable variety in roof forms.

(1) Buildings must not exceed 8m in height except that 50 per cent of a building's roof in elevation, measured vertically from the junction between wall and roof, may exceed this height by 1m, where the entire roof slopes 15 degrees or more, as shown in Figure H3.6.6.1 Building height in the Residential – Single House Zone below.

Figure H3.6.6.1 Building height in the Residential – Single House Zone

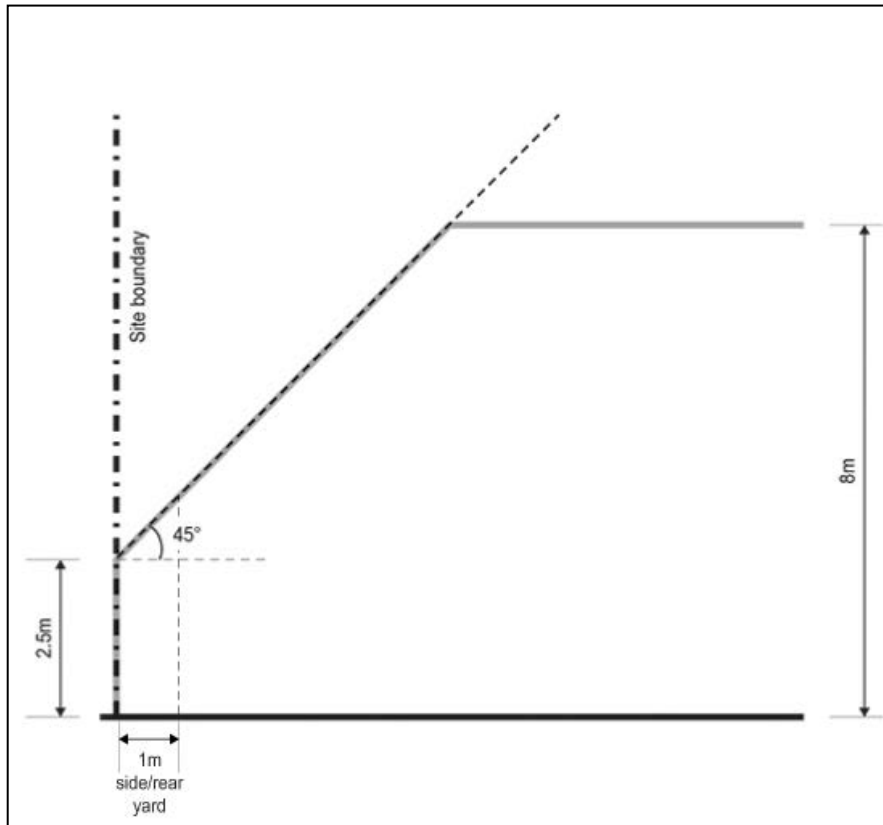


H3.6.7. Height in relation to boundary

Purpose: to manage the height and bulk of buildings at boundaries to maintain a reasonable level of sunlight access and minimise adverse visual dominance effects to immediate neighbours.

- (1) Buildings must not project beyond a 45-degree recession plane measured from a point 2.5m vertically above ground level along side and rear boundaries, as shown in Figure H3.6.7.1 Height in relation to boundary below.

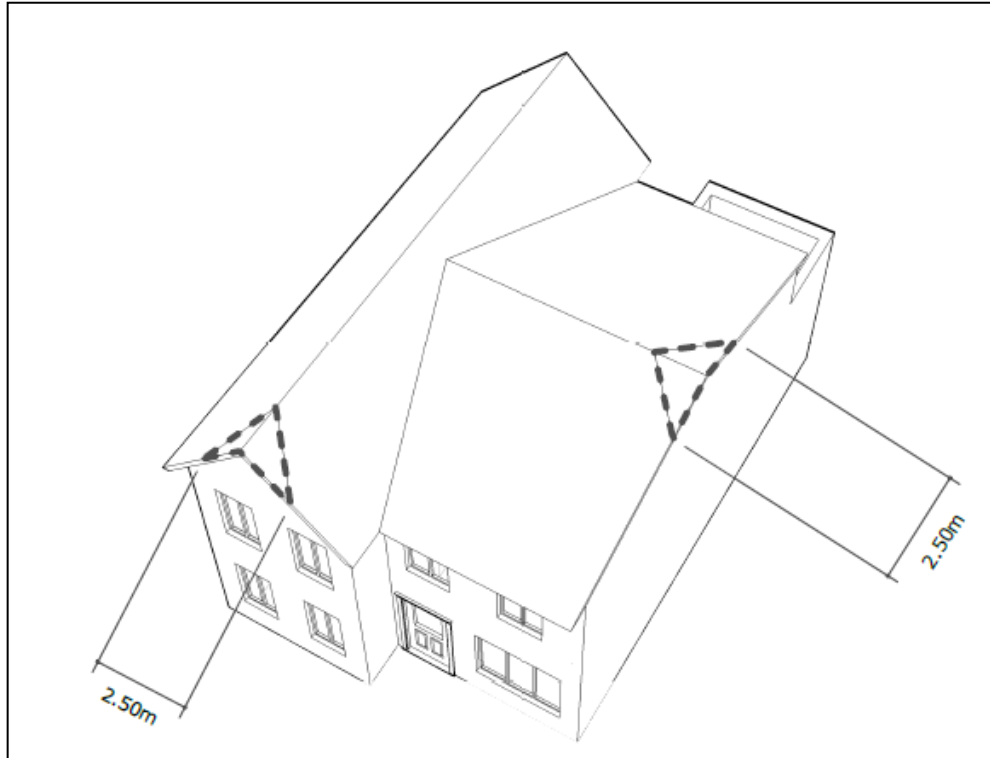
Figure H3.6.7.1 Height in relation to boundary



- (2) Standard H3.6.7(1) above does not apply to a boundary adjoining any of the following:
- (a) a Business – City Centre Zone; Business – Metropolitan Centre Zone; Business – Town Centre Zone; Business – Local Centre Zone; Business – Neighbourhood Centre Zone; Business - Mixed Use Zone; Business – General Business Zone; Business – Business Park Zone; Business – Light Industry Zone and Business – Heavy Industry Zone.
 - (b) sites within the Open Space – Conservation Zone; Open Space – Informal Recreation Zone; Open Space – Sports and Active Recreation Zone; Open Space – Civic Spaces Zone; or the Open Space - Community Zone exceeding 2000m².
- (3) Standard H3.6.7(1) above does not apply to site boundaries where there is an existing common wall between two buildings on adjacent sites or where a common wall is proposed.
- (4) Where the boundary forms part of a legal right of way, entrance strip or access site, the standard applies from the farthest boundary of that legal right of way, entrance strip or access site.
- (5) A gable end, dormer or roof may project beyond the recession plane where that portion beyond the recession plane is:
- (a) no greater than 1.5m² in area and no greater than 1m in height; and

- (b) no greater than 2.5m cumulatively in length measured along the edge of the roof as shown in Figure H3.6.7.2 Exceptions for gable ends and dormers below .

Figure H3.6.7.2: Exceptions for gable ends and dormers



- (6) No more than two gable ends, dormers or roof projections are allowed for every 6m length of site boundary.

H3.6.8. Yards

Purpose:

- to maintain the suburban built character of the streetscape and provide sufficient space for landscaping within the front yard;
- to maintain a reasonable standard of residential amenity for adjoining sites;
- to ensure buildings are adequately set back from lakes, streams and the coastal edge to maintain water quality and provide protection from natural hazards; and
- to enable buildings and services on the site or adjoining sites to be adequately maintained.

- (1) A building or parts of a building must be set back from the relevant boundary by the minimum depth listed in Table H3.6.8.1 Yards below.

Table H3.6.8.1 Yards

Yard	Minimum depth
Front	3m
Side	1m
Rear	1m
Riparian	10m from the edge of all other permanent and intermittent streams
Lakeside	30m
Coastal protection yard	10m, or as otherwise specified in Appendix 6 Coastal protection yard

- (2) Standard H3.8.6(1) above does not apply to site boundaries where there is an existing common wall between two buildings on adjacent sites or where a common wall is proposed.

H3.6.9. Maximum impervious area

Purpose:

- to manage the amount of stormwater runoff generated by a development, particularly in relation to the capacity of the stormwater network and potential flood risks;
- to support the functioning of riparian yards, lakeside yards and coastal protection yards and water quality and ecology;
- to reinforce the building coverage and landscaped area standards; and
- to limit paved areas on a site to improve the site's appearance and cumulatively maintain amenity values in a neighbourhood.

(1) The maximum impervious area must not exceed 60 per cent of site area.

(2) The maximum impervious area within a riparian yard, a lakeside yard or a coastal protection yard must not exceed 10 per cent of the riparian yard, lakeside yard or coastal protection yard area.

H3.6.10. Building coverage

Purpose: to manage the extent of buildings on a site to achieve the planned suburban built character of buildings.

(1) The maximum building coverage must not exceed 35 per cent of net site area.

H3.6.11. Landscaped area

Purpose:

- to provide for quality living environments consistent with the planned suburban built character of buildings;
- to maintain the landscaped character of the streetscape within the zone.

- (1) The minimum landscaped area must be at least 40 per cent of the net site area.
- (2) At least 50 per cent of the area of the front yard must comprise landscaped area.

H3.6.12. Front, side and rear fences and walls

Purpose: to enable fences and walls to be constructed on a front, side or rear boundary or within a front, side or rear yard to a height sufficient to:

- provide privacy for dwellings while enabling opportunities for passive surveillance of the street
- minimise visual dominance effects to immediate neighbours and the street.

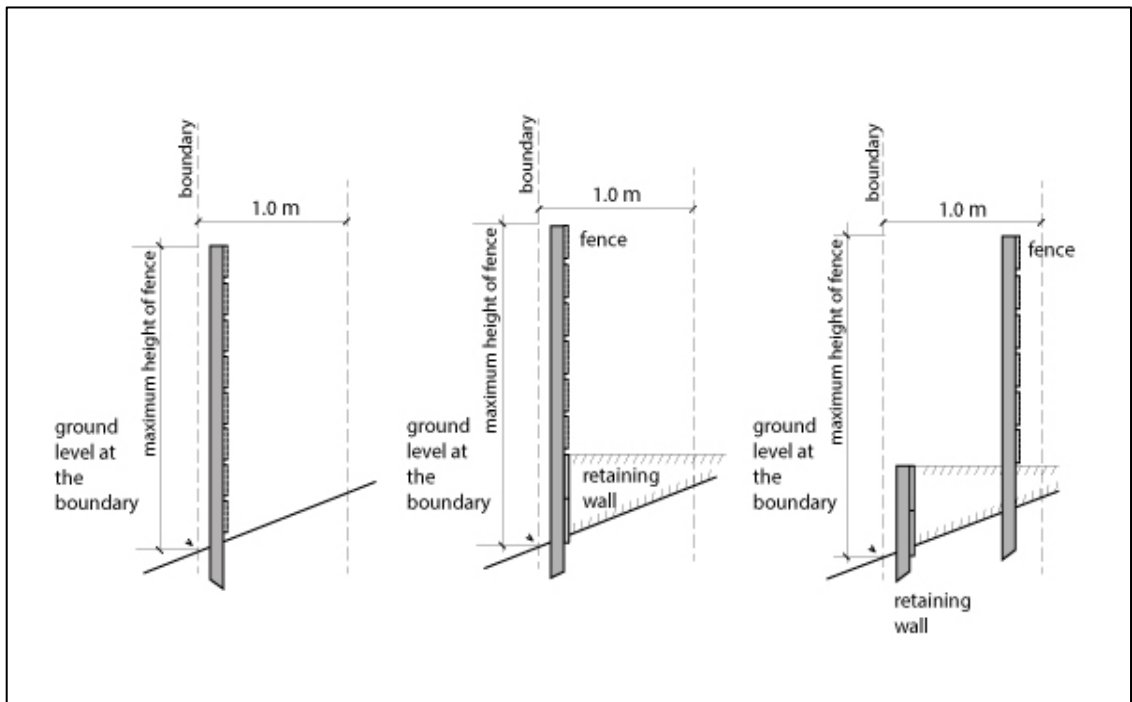
(1) Fences or walls or a combination of these structures (whether separate or joined together) must not exceed the height specified below, measured from the ground level at the boundary:

(a) Within the front yard, either:

- (i) 1.2m in height, or
- (ii) 1.8m in height for no more than 50 per cent of the site frontage and 1.2m for the remainder, or
- (iii) 1.8m in height if the fence is at least 50 per cent visually open.

(b) Within the side and rear yards: 2m.

Figure H.3.6.12.1 Measurement of fence height



H3.7. Assessment – controlled activities

There are no controlled activities in this zone.

H3.8. Assessment – restricted discretionary activities

H3.8.1. Matters of discretion

The Council will restrict its discretion to all of the following matters when assessing a restricted discretionary activity resource consent application:

- (1) for dairies up to 100m² gross floor area per site; and healthcare facilities up to 200m² gross floor area per site:
 - (a) the effects on the neighbourhood character, residential amenity and the surrounding residential area from all of the following:
 - (i) building intensity, scale, location, form and appearance;
 - (ii) traffic;
 - (iii) design of parking and access; and
 - (iv) noise, lighting and hours of operation.
- (2) for buildings that do not comply with Standard H3.6.6 Building height; Standard H3.6.7 Height in relation to boundary; Standard H3.6.8 Yards; Standard H3.6.9 Maximum impervious areas; Standard H3.6.10 Building coverage; Standard H3.6.11 Landscaped area; Standard H3.6.12 Front, side and rear fences and walls:
 - (a) any policy which is relevant to the standard;
 - (b) the purpose of the standard;
 - (c) the effects of the infringement of the standard;
 - (d) the effects on the rural and coastal character of the zone;
 - (e) the effects on the amenity of neighbouring sites;
 - (f) the effects of any special or unusual characteristic of the site which is relevant to the standard;
 - (g) the characteristics of the development;
 - (h) any other matters specifically listed for the standard; and
 - (i) where more than one standard will be infringed, the effects of all infringements.

H3.8.2. Assessment criteria

The Council will consider the relevant assessment criteria below for restricted discretionary activities:

- (1) for dairies up to 100m² gross floor area per site; and healthcare facilities up to 200m² gross floor area per site:
 - (a) building intensity, scale, location, form and appearance:

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- (i) whether the intensity and scale of the activity, the building location, form and appearance is compatible with the character and residential amenity provided for within the zone and compatible with the surrounding residential area.
- (b) traffic:
 - (i) whether the activity avoids or mitigates high levels of additional non-residential traffic on local roads.
- (c) design of parking and access:
 - (i) whether adequate parking and access is provided or required.
- (d) noise, lighting and hours of operation:
 - (i) whether noise and lighting and the hours of operation of the activity avoids, remedies or mitigates adverse effects on the residential amenity of surrounding properties, by:
 - locating noisy activities away from neighbouring residential boundaries; and
 - screening or other design features; and
 - controlling the hours of operation and operational measures.
- (2) for building height:
 - (a) refer to Policy H3.3(1);
 - (b) refer to Policy H3.3(2); and
 - (c) refer to Policy H3.3(4).
- (3) for height in relation to boundary:
 - (a) refer to Policy H3.3(1);
 - (b) refer to Policy H3.3(2); and
 - (c) refer to Policy H3.3(4).
- (4) for yards:
 - (a) refer to Policy H3.3(1);
 - (b) refer to Policy H3.3(2);
 - (c) refer to Policy H3.3(4); and
 - (d) refer to Policy H3.3(5).
- (5) for maximum impervious areas:
 - (a) refer to Policy H3.3(6).

(6) for building coverage:

- (a) refer to Policy H3.3(1);
- (b) refer to Policy H3.3(2); and
- (c) refer to Policy H3.3(4).

(7) for landscaped area:

- (a) refer to Policy H3.3(1);
- (b) refer to Policy H3.3(2); and
- (c) refer to Policy H3.3(4).

(8) for front, side and rear fences and walls:

- (a) refer to Policy H3.3(1);
- (b) refer to Policy H3.3(2);
- (c) refer to Policy H3.3(3); and
- (d) refer to Policy H3.3(4).

H3.9. Special information requirements

There are no special information requirements in this zone.