

Amendments to Accessible Parking Provisions in the Operative District Plan and Proposed District Plan

Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC) is consulting on proposed changes to the way accessible parking provisions are expressed in the Operative District Plan (ODP) and Proposed District Plan (PDP). The changes are a consequence of implementing the National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020 (NPS-UD).

What is the National Policy Statement on Urban Development?

The NPS-UD is a national policy statement under the Resource Management Act that came into effect on 20 August 2020.

National policy statements allow central government to prescribe objectives and policies for matters of national significance. District plans are required to give effect to any national policy statement.

The NPS-UD requires district plan provisions that have the effect of requiring a minimum number of on-site car parks to be removed from district plans. This is to occur by 20 February 2022.

The NPS-UD parking requirements do not apply to accessible car parks.

Providing for accessible car parking in QLDC's District Plans

The proposed changes to the ODP and PDP will ensure the continued provision of on-site accessible car parks when the NPS-UD is implemented. The provisions set a minimum number of accessible parks required to be provided for different activities, and are simply the current accessible parking rules expressed in a different way. Previously, these provisions have been expressed as a ratio of the number of non-accessible parks required on sites in conjunction with development.

The changes ensure the continued provision of on-site accessible car parks in conjunction with development.

Given the NPS-UD, how will non-accessible parking be managed?

When developers provide on-site car parking, there will still be the ability to manage the physical effects of car parking such as visual impacts, safety effects, screening, stormwater runoff, and impacts on adjacent uses.

Current standards that set minimum dimensions for vehicle manoeuvring and car parking spaces when on-site, loading bays, drop-off areas, bus, bike and accessible parking will remain.

QLDC's Land Development and Subdivision Code of Practice still requires appropriate levels and design standards for vehicle parking on any roads and streets to be vested as Council assets. Council also retains the ability to consider the effects of car parking supply and demand in resource consent applications. Likewise, rules and other standards held under other statutes and regulations, such as the Building Code, relating to access for car parks and emergency vehicle access, will continue to have effect.

Want more detail?

On the Plan Change to the Operative District Plan and Variation to the Proposed District Plan:

Amendments to Accessible Parking Provisions Required as a Consequence of Implementing the NPS-UD:

www.qldc.govt.nz/your-council/district-plan/amendments-to-accessible-parking-provisions

These are the changes going through the Schedule 1 (public plan change) process and can be submitted on.

On the NPS-UD changes to parking: Ministry for Environment factsheet >> environment.govt.nz/assets/Publications/Files/car-parking-factsheet.pdf

The changes to non-accessible parking required by the NPS-UD are not part of this proposal, and cannot be submitted on.

Making a submission

You can make a submission in any of the following ways:

Online: www.qldc.govt.nz/your-council/district-plan/amendments-to-accessible-parking-provisions

Post: Queenstown Lakes District Council, Private Bag 50072, Queenstown 9348, Attention: Proposed and Operative District Plan Submission

Email: pdpsubmissions@qldc.govt.nz
(Subject line: Proposed and Operative District Plan Submission)

The closing date for submissions is Thursday 25 November 2021.

