- 1 The Wāhi Tūpuna mapping is in the context that the whole district is ancestral land and should not be mistaken to mean that the interests of Mana Whenua are confined to the Wāhi Tūpuna as mapped.
- 2 The Wāhi Tūpuna are set in the context of an overarching cultural dimension of mauri mana, tapu and whakapapa which overlays the whole district.
- 3 The level of values and association;
 - Spiritual/creation
 - Shaping & digging puna
 - Connecting traditions to Hawaiiki
 - Iwi/whakapapa
 - Physical connection/use/resources/places
- 4 Wāhi Tūpuna are alert layers interpretation of effects on values is the preserve of Mana Whenua and should not be read down.