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Information Sheet #10

NPS-UD and MDRS GIS map viewer user guide

During April and May 2022, Auckland Council is asking Aucklanders for their feedback on potential changes to the Auckland Unitary Plan (AUP) – our city’s planning rulebook – to allow for more housing at greater heights and density.

This information sheet is a user’s guide on how to use the preliminary response map viewer for the NPS-UD and MDRS.

The government’s approach to more housing

The government’s National Policy Statement on Urban Development (NPS-UD) came into force in August 2020. The NPS-UD directs Auckland Council to enable more building height and housing density within and around Auckland’s city centre, metropolitan centres and rapid transit stops such as train and busway stations.

In December 2021, the government also made amendments to the Resource Management Act. The legislation now requires the councils of New Zealand’s largest and rapidly growing cities – Auckland, Hamilton, Tauranga, Wellington and Christchurch – to apply new Medium Density Residential Standards (MDRS).

Through the use of MDRS the government requires the council to enable medium-density housing across most of Auckland’s suburbs. Three dwellings of up to three-storeys, including terrace housing and low-rise apartments, must be permitted on most residential properties. Four dwellings or more dwellings must be enabled through a non-notified resource consent.

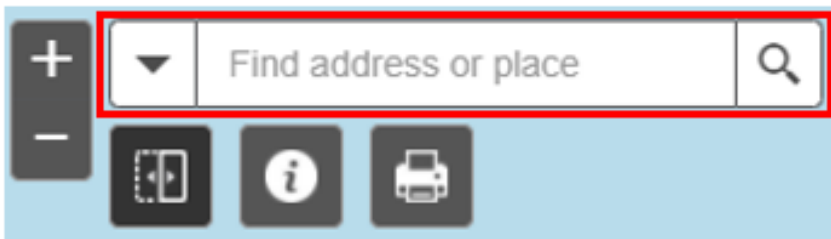
To deliver the NPS-UD and the MDRS, the council is required to publicly notify changes to the AUP by 20 August 2022.

Finding an address

You can begin by viewing the draft changes at a regional scale (skip to **'Using the Viewer'** if you would like to do that) or if you would like to begin by viewing how the draft changes affect a specific property then follow the instructions below on how to find an address.

To find an address:

1. Type in the address of interest in the search bar (outlined in red below)
2. Click on the appropriate address from the drop-down results
3. This will take you to the address location

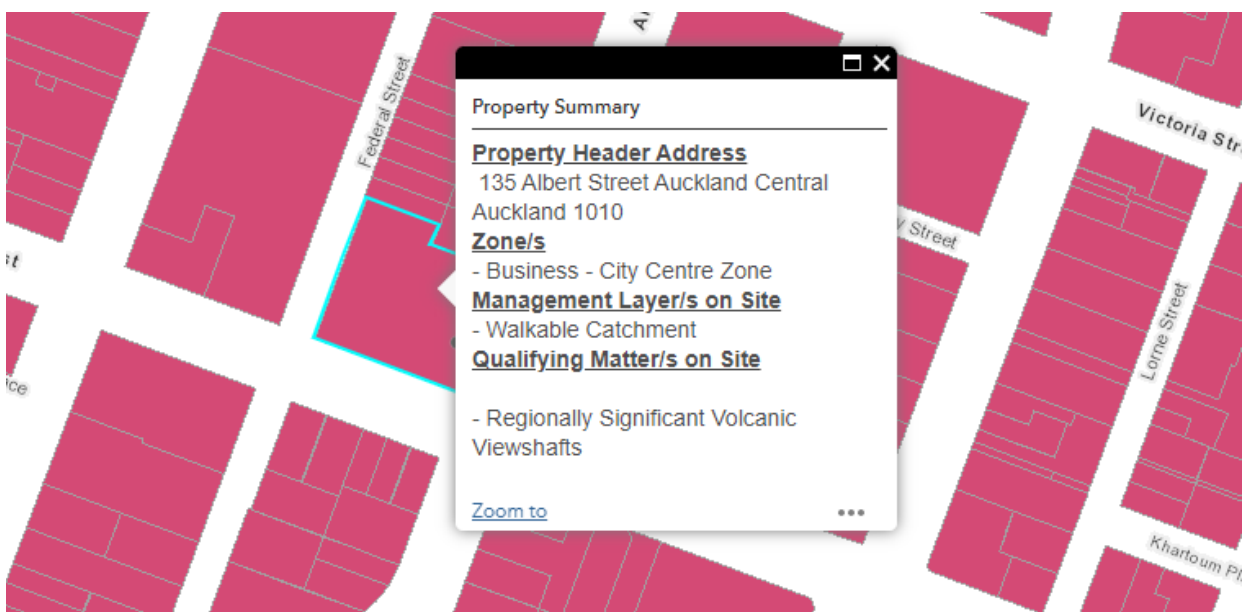


Property Summary

This tool provides a summary of each property and shows the zone, management layers and the qualifying matters (if any) that apply to the property.

To see the property summary:

1. Zoom the map to a scale of 1:8000 (the map scale is shown in the bottom left-hand corner of the screen).
2. Click once on the property and a box will appear. This is the Property Summary box.



Using the viewer

On the top left hand corner, we have the following tabs –



- ① **Information** –a brief summary of the viewer which includes links to submit feedback, view and print the full legend and a link to this page (user’s guide to the viewer)
- ② **Layers list** – lists all the relevant layers to the NPS-UD. These layers are grouped under three main categories.
 - *Draft layers seeking feedback* – includes layers that you can provide feedback on such as the Walkable Catchments and Policy 3d – up-zoning around centre zones
 - *Draft Mandatory Qualifying Matter layers* – includes all layers that have been identified as Qualifying Matters under the NPS-UD
 - *Draft NPSUD Zoning/Info Layers* – includes NPS-UD draft zoning layer, the areas under investigation layer and information layers such as the local board boundaries, the rapid transit network stops and the current Unitary Plan Zoning
- ③ **Legend** - shows the list of symbols that are currently visible on the map

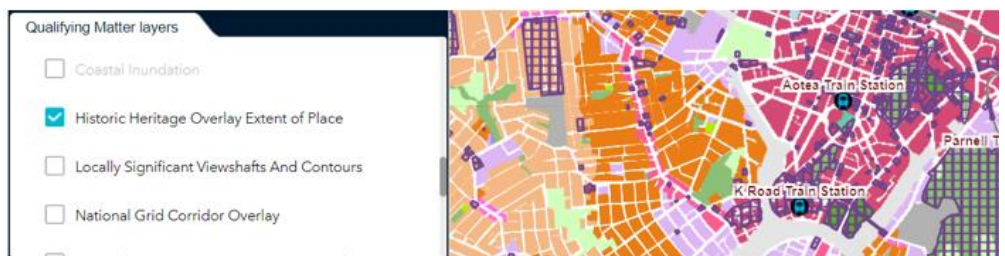
In the **Layer list**, if the layer does not show when ticked on and it is greyed out, then zoom in closer in the map until the layer is visible. The visibility of a layer may depend on the scale of the map. This means that the layer becomes visible on the map only when zoomed in closer.

For example, see image to the right –*Historic Heritage Extent of Place Overlay* layer under the Qualifying Matter layers group.

Zoomed out map (where the layer does not appear, despite its ticked on)

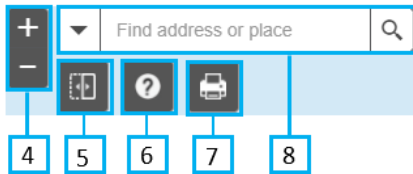


Zoomed in map (the layer appears when zoomed it and ticked on)



Using the Tools

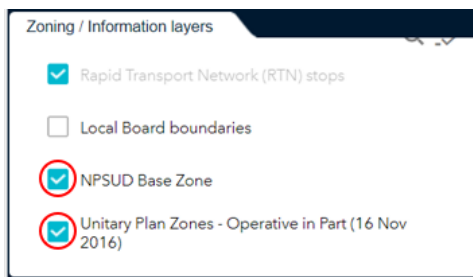
The viewer provides for the following tools -



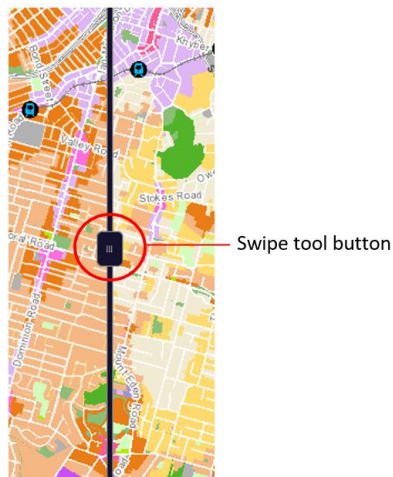
4 Zoom tool - click the + to zoom in and - to zoom out in the map.

5 Swipe tool - This tool enables the user to interactively compare between the **Draft NPS-UD Zoning Layer** and the **Unitary Plan Zoning** layer.

Step 1 – Make sure that both the layers are ticked on in the layer list



Step 2 – Click on the swipe tool button (highlighted below in red) and drag the swipe bar left and right to see the underlying Unitary Plan zone



6 Help – this is the help page on how to use this viewer

7 Print – use this tool to print out the map. Rename the map title and then select the preferred map layout and format. You can also change the default settings by clicking on the **Advance** tab under the print tool and making the following changes (example image below):

The screenshot shows the 'Print' dialog box in ArcGIS Web AppBuilder. The main section has three fields: 'Map title' (ArcGIS Web AppBuilder), 'Layout' (A4 Portrait), and 'Format' (PDF). Below these are 'Advanced' and 'Print' buttons. An expanded 'Advanced' section shows options for 'Map scale/extent' (Preserve: map scale, Force scale: current), 'Output spatial reference WKID' (2193), 'Labels' (Show labels: checked), 'Layout metadata' (Author, Copyright), 'Include legend' (checked), 'Scale bar unit' (Miles), 'MAP_ONLY size' (Width: 670, Height: 500), 'Print quality' (DPI: 96), and 'Feature attributes' (Include attributes: unchecked). Blue arrows point from text annotations to specific fields: 'Rename the map title' to Map title, 'Choose map layout from drop down option' to Layout, 'Select output format from dropdown option' to Format, 'Untick this option (since it does not draw the complete legend. You can print the full legend separately from the info page)' to Include legend, 'Change to Metres' to Scale bar unit, and 'Increase the values for better map resolution' to DPI.

Print

Map title: ArcGIS Web AppBuilder

Layout: A4 Portrait

Format: PDF

Advanced Print

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Force scale: current

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Show labels: ☒

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Author:

Copyright:

Include legend: ☒

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MAP_ONLY size:

Width (px): 670

Height (px): 500

Print quality:

DPI: 96

Feature attributes:

Include attributes: ☐

- Rename the map title
- Choose map layout from drop down option
- Select output format from dropdown option
- Untick this option (since it does not draw the complete legend. You can print the full legend separately from the info page)
- Change to Metres
- Increase the values for better map resolution

- 8 Finding an address** – Type in the address of interest and click on the appropriate address from the drop-down results to take you to the address location.

Further information

- To read more about the consultation on the council's preliminary response to NPS-UD and the changes to the Resource Management Act, and to give feedback, visit akhaveyoursay.nz/housing
- To learn more about how Auckland Council is planning for growth and development, visit ourauckland.nz/growingtogether
- For detailed information about the National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020 (NPS-UD) visit the Ministry for the Environment website.
- For more information on the Resource Management (Enabling Housing Supply and Other Matters) Amendment Act 2021 and the Medium Density Residential Standards visit the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development website.

- Visit the council's NPS-UD and MDRS preliminary response map viewer at akhaveyoursay.nz/housing to view the proposed planning maps.

Please note:

This information sheet is a summary document to assist with consultation during April and May 2022 on the council's preliminary response to the National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020 and the Resource Management Act as amended.

The proposed plan change to the Auckland Unitary Plan to be publicly notified by Auckland Council on or before 20 August 2022 may contain information that is different to or inconsistent with council's preliminary response. This may be for a number of reasons, including to address feedback received through consultation.

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