

## 20. Open Space Zone – Landscape Protection

### 20.1 Issues, Objectives and Policies

#### 20.1.1 Purpose of Zone

The purpose of the Open Space Zone is to protect landscape values, natural character and informal open space of the area. It is intended to keep such areas in a natural state and free of buildings and structures. Such areas may however, be utilised for types of passive recreation that do not require intrusive buildings or structures, such as walking, running and biking.

#### 20.1.2 Objectives and Policies

##### Objective 1:

*To protect and maintain natural ecological values and the open appearance of the Open Space Zone.*

##### Policies:

- 1.1 *By restricting the development of buildings and structures and ensuring that those that are built do not detract from the open character of the zone.*
- 1.2 *By protecting, and where appropriate enhancing, ecological values and indigenous vegetation.*
- 1.3 *By protecting the open appearance of the zone.*
- 1.4 *By limiting the types of activities that can take place within the Open Space Zone.*

- 1.5 *By ensuring effective maintenance, including pest control, is undertaken within the Open Space Zone.*

##### Objective 2:

*To enable public use of the Open Space Zone for passive or informal recreational activities.*

##### Policies:

- 2.1 *By ensuring public access is available to land within the zone.*
- 2.2 *By providing for the creation of a limited number of passive recreation facilities, e.g. walking and cycling trails, picnic and barbeque areas.*
- 2.3 *By limiting recreation activities to informal or passive type activities.*

##### Implementation Methods

##### (i) District Plan

- (a) Rules

##### (ii) Other methods

- (a) Public access easements
- (b) Covenants
- (c) Deeds of agreement