

The applicant lodges a private plan change request with the Council. (schedule 1, clauses 21 and 22)







The Council then considers the request (clause 25).

A guide to private plan changes

Anyone can request a private plan change to operative parts of the District Plan, which is submitted to Council along with a Section 32 analysis, an assessment of the environmental effects, and details of any consultation undertaken.

Costs associated with a private plan change are usually covered by the applicant (as outlined in Section 36(1)(a) of the RMA). In some cases, an applicant might request that a Council contribute to costs of the plan change request on the grounds that it has some degree of public benefit. We've created a brief guide for the process they follow.



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The Council then has several options available, including:



Reject the request (subject to clause 25(4)).



Convert the request to a resource consent (subject to clause 25(3)).



Accept the request in whole or in part (subject to clause 25(2)(b)).

Adopt the request in whole or in part as if it were a proposed policy statement or plan made by Council itself (subject to clause 25(2)(a)). 

The Council notifies the request, or part of the request under clause 26.

Environment Court (clause 27).

These decisions can be appealed to the

The private plan change application requested by The Hills Resort Zone is currently here.



The process then proceeds under the same framework as a public plan change, and will include notification of the plan change, formal and further submissions, and a hearing before Council's decision is notified.