

Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Comment

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Subject: FW: Mangawhai Wharfe Trust - proposal to rebuild heritage wharf Good

morning Colin

Heritage New Zealand has reviewed your proposed rebuilding of the historic wharf at Mangawhai. In principle this project is supported by Heritage New Zealand.

Examination of a previous archaeology report (Moir Jackson 2016) adjacent to your development area have identified a number of previously unrecorded archaeological sites. In addition the historic research associated with the reports identified a range of historic archaeological values – many of which were associated directly or indirectly with the wharf when it was the focal point of Mangawhai town. These include roads, the hotel, accommodation blocks and other historic infrastructure and the groin under the old wharf. Considering the low level of development in this part of the town these archaeological values are likely to still be intact but few have been located on the ground.

This part of Mangawhai then has been shown to have a range of archaeological values relating to previous Maori occupation of the area and to historic values many of which had a direct focus on the original wharf. As you mention in your Landscape and Visual Assessment report this is because in the 19th century the wharf was the only significant travel and communications hub for the Mangawhai community. Since both recorded and unrecorded archaeological sites that predate 1900 are protected under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014, we recommend that you contact a professional archaeologist who will be able to identify and assess any archaeological sites which may be in the vicinity, and advise on avoidance of the sites, as well as the preparation of an application for an Authority if avoidance is not possible. A list of archaeological consultants can be found on the New Zealand Archaeological Association website: <http://www.nzarchaeology.org/> or in the attached pdf document.

Considering the that your project is focusing on the restoration and reconstruction of a historic wharf, the historic research component of the archaeological assessment should identify the location and function of heritage sites on or around the wharf that will be directly useful to the Trust, both in the planning of this project and in subsequent onsite and/or online interpretation that I imagine will be an important component of the project.

I look forward to hearing more about the project. Yours

sincerely

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