

Kāpiti Coast District Council

General Election Signs 2026

Election signs

For the purposes of a general election, an election advertisement is one that encourages or persuades voters to vote, or not vote, for a:

- candidate or party
- type of candidate or party the advertisement describes by referencing views they do or don't hold

If you want to put up election signs for the general election you need to be aware of the General Election Sign [rules](#)

The Council's [District Plan](#) has restrictions on the placement of election signs, including the size of the signs and the timing of when they can be displayed (refer to Part 2 General District-wide Matters Signs, specifically compliance with rules R1 General Permitted Activity Standards; and R2 Election signs).
<https://eplan.kapiticoast.govt.nz/eplan/rules/0/198/0/0/0/188> Any signs that exceed the permitted rules may require a resource consent.

Campaigning

The [Electoral Act 1993](#) allows election signs of up to 3 square metres (total area) in size to be erected 9 weeks prior to polling day and must be removed prior to polling day.

The Electoral Act overrides any more restrictive local authority rules about sizing of signs.

The positioning of signs

Where a sign is being erected in an area adjacent to a road that has a speed limit of over 65kph, vehicles must be parked more than 1 metre from the road edge line and the sign must be erected more than 3 metres from the road edge line.

Use non-metallic stakes only to erect signs, please ensure you are aware of any services that may be underground. Contact [beforeUdig](#) for details of specific sites.

Council owned property

The maps in APPENDIX A show the approved locations where signs are permitted on Council managed property.

Private property

Signs may be erected on private property where candidates have obtained permission from the landowner. The sign must be erected in a stable fashion, not be a hazard to the public or to traffic safety and must comply with the Electoral Act 1993 and the Council's [District Plan](#) rules.

State highways

NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi must approve general election signs that will be placed on or next to state highways and signs must comply with the agency's general election sign guidance. Further information is available [here](#)

Trailer hoardings on Council roads

The display of electoral signage (hoardings) on trailers within the legal road is permitted subject to the conditions set out below.

General compliance with all:

- the provisions of section 9 – Hoardings, Posters, Notices and Sandwich Boards of the Kāpiti Coast District Council [Public Places Bylaw](#)
- Part 2 Signs of the [Kāpiti Coast District Plan](#)
- the [Electoral Act 1993](#) and the [Electoral \(Advertisements of a Specified Kind\) Regulations 2005](#)
- the provisions of the Kāpiti Coast District Council [Transport Bylaw 2022](#).

Compliance with the following specific restrictions which, where appropriate, take precedence over more general restrictions: Trailer hoardings may only be displayed for a maximum of 9 weeks prior to election day. Trailers must be legally parked, readily moveable and must be road legal.

More than one sign is permitted (for example, double sided or V-shape) per trailer, but the total area of all signage must not exceed 3 square metres.

- Trailer hoardings must not be parked directly in front of, or obstruct in any way, other trailer hoardings or approved sites for free standing electoral signs.

Trailer hoardings must not be parked within, any arterial corridor, or road with high peak traffic volumes.

- Trailer hoardings must not be parked on footpaths, road medians, roundabouts, traffic islands, or any other traffic separation structure or kerbed projection, on or within 6 metres of any intersection, or in contravention of any other parking restrictions.
- Trailer hoardings must not restrict traffic visibility, obstruct traffic flow, or cause a traffic hazard in any way. This includes vehicle accesses and pedestrian areas.
- Trailer hoardings must not be displayed (must be removed) during the legal hours of darkness, which are 30 minutes after sunset until 30 minutes before sunrise the following day.

Any trailer hoarding must be removed immediately upon direction from an authorised officer.

Prohibited areas

The parking and display of electoral hoardings on trailers is prohibited within any part of the following arterial corridors or roads which have high peak traffic volumes:

Paraparaumu	Kāpiti Road
	Arawhata Road
	Mazengarb Road
	Te Kupe Road
	Ngapotiki Street
	Manly Street

Raumati	Wharemauku Road
	Matatua Road
	Raumati Road
	Rosetta Road
	Poplar Avenue

Waikanae	Te Moana Road
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Ōtaki	Mill Road
	Tasman Road
	Marine Parade
	Rangiuru Road
	Riverbank Road
	Waerenga Road

These roads have been identified due to traffic volumes, safety considerations and visibility constraints.

General

- Signs are not permitted on power poles, streetlights, traffic control signs, or other traffic fixtures that exist for road, traffic, or other infrastructural purposes; nor on bridges or any other road structures.

Council may require relocation or removal where, in the reasonable opinion of Council, the sign creates a traffic safety risk. The total area of election signage per person or party (whichever is the lesser) on an approved site or on private property must not exceed 3 square metres.

Election signs must not exceed 1.8 metres in height (above original ground level).

All signs must identify the person under whose authority the sign has been erected and show a contact such as an email address or phone number etc for that person between 9am and 5pm on any working day.

- No permit or licence is required for temporary election signs that meet the above criteria.

If in any doubt as to the placement of signs, please contact Council by phone on 04 296 4700 or 0800 486 486 or email informationrequest@kapiticoast.govt.nz

Compliance action

Hazardous signs may be removed immediately without notice and non-compliant signs may be removed following notification where practicable. Care will be taken in removing signs, but the Council will not be liable for any damage caused during removal or storage of seized signs.

- Any signs that are removed will be held by Kāpiti Coast District Council until after the election.

To obtain the return of signs, contact Council by phone: 04 296 4700 or 0800 486 486 or by email:

informationrequest@kapiticoast.govt.nz

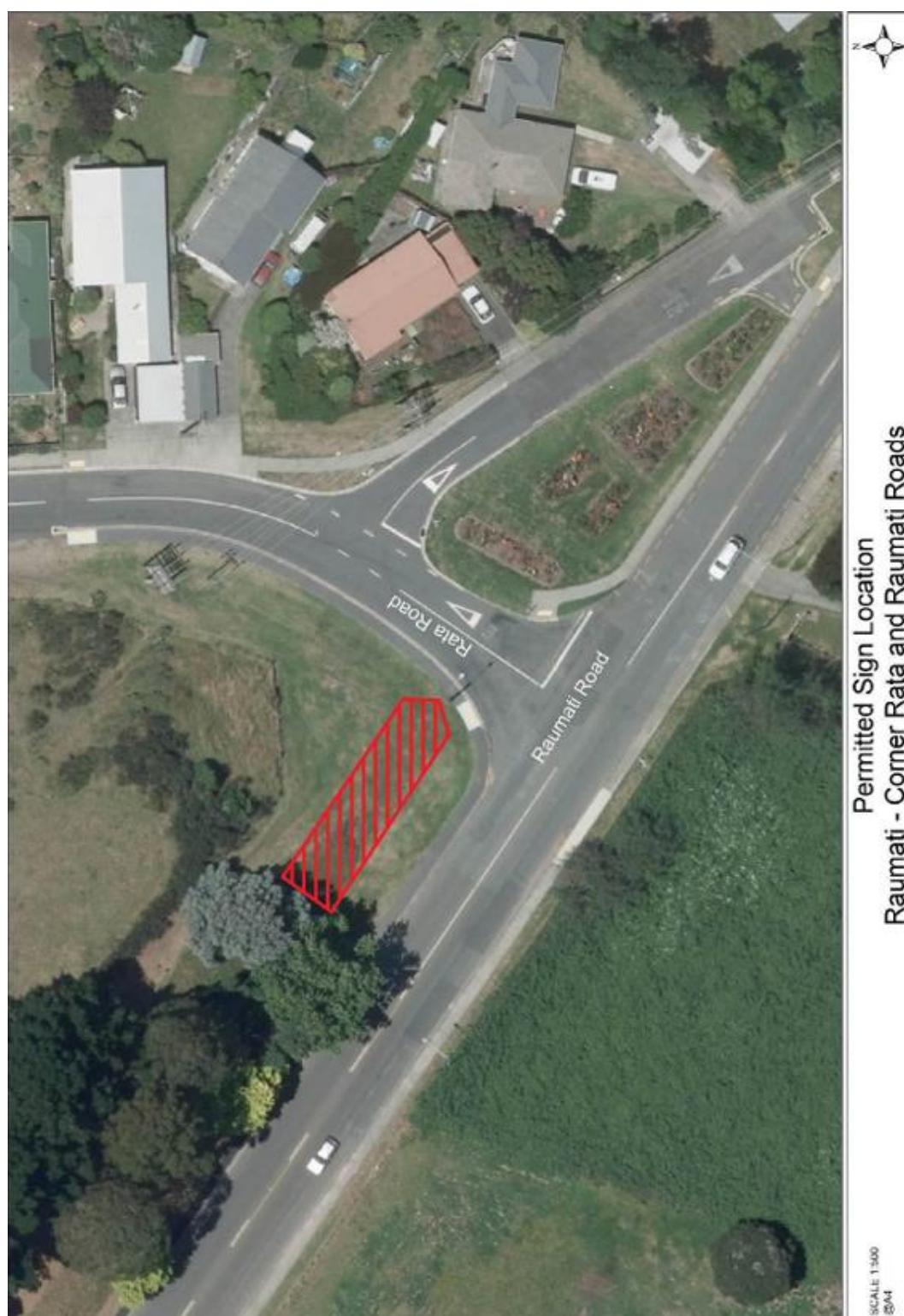
Please note there is a **\$63.00** charge for returned signs. See [fees](#)

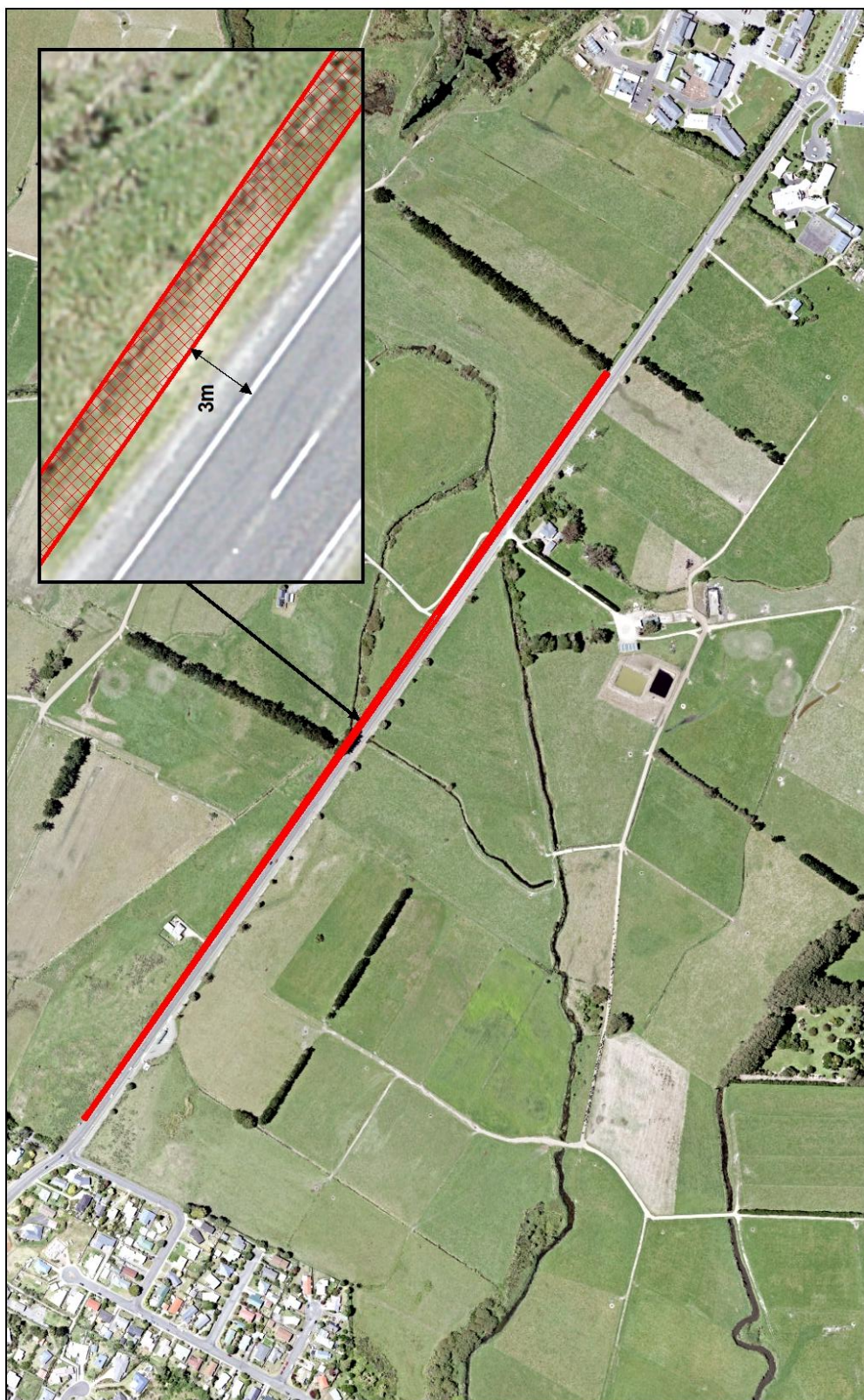
- Following the election, the Council reserves the right to dispose of any signs in its possession not uplifted within 14 days.

The approved sites for signs on public property are shown in APPENDIX A

APPENDIX A - Permitted election sign locations on Council land

Please note that this location is on privately owned land and is not Council-owned or managed.

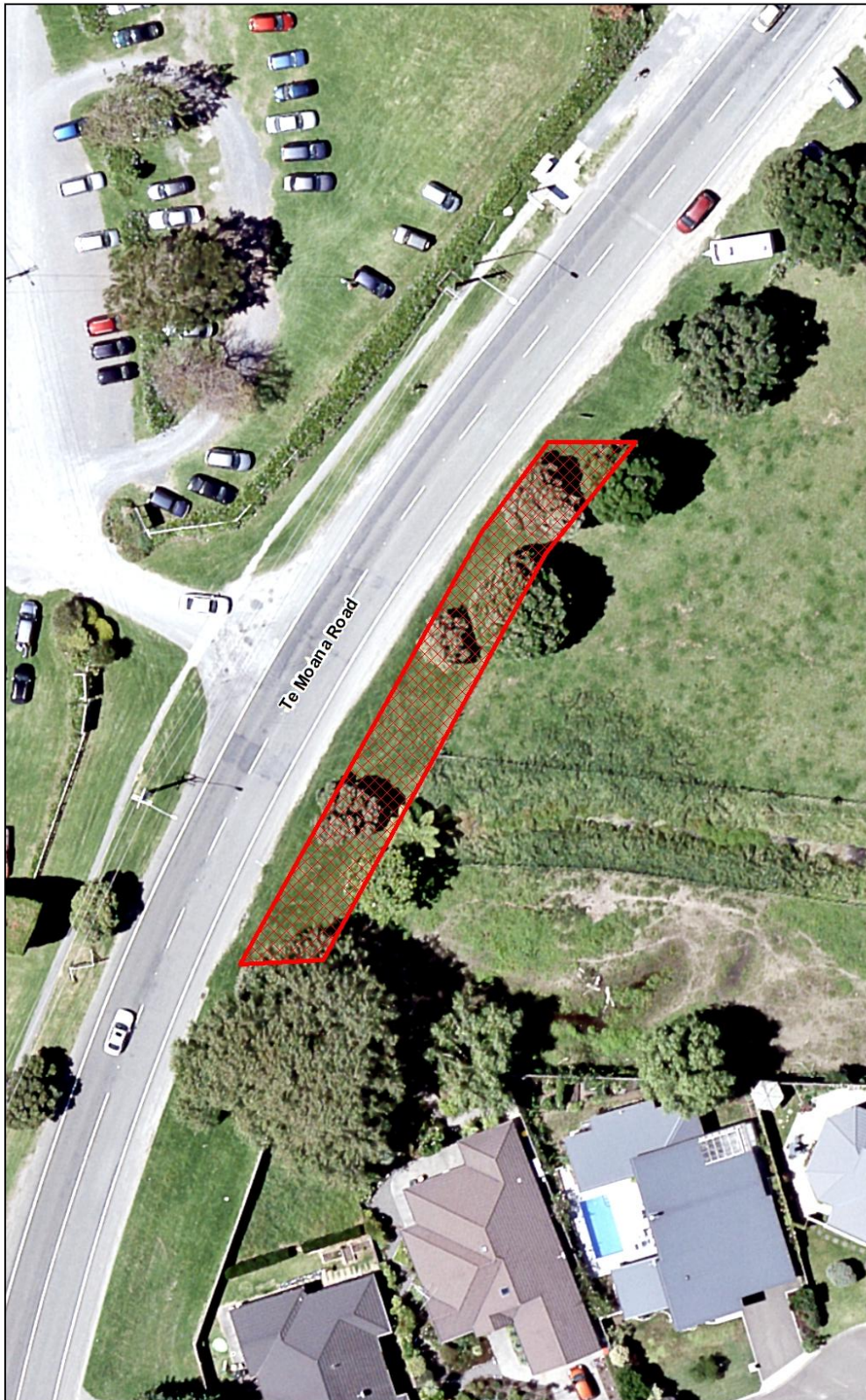




**Permitted Sign Location
Ōtaki - Tasman Road**



Permitted Sign Location
Ōtaki - Riverbank Road (between storage and substation)



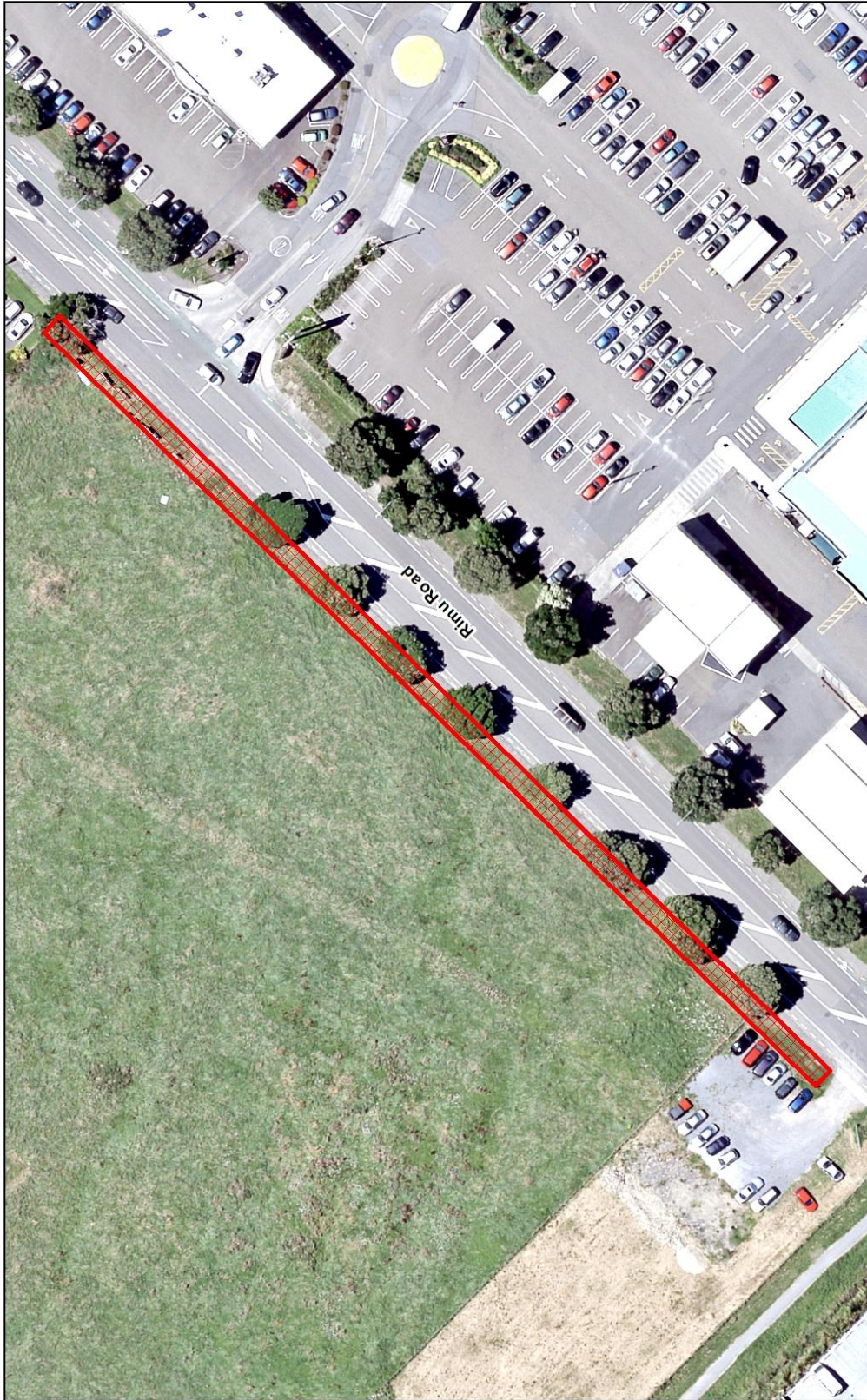
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Waikanae - Te Moana Rd.**



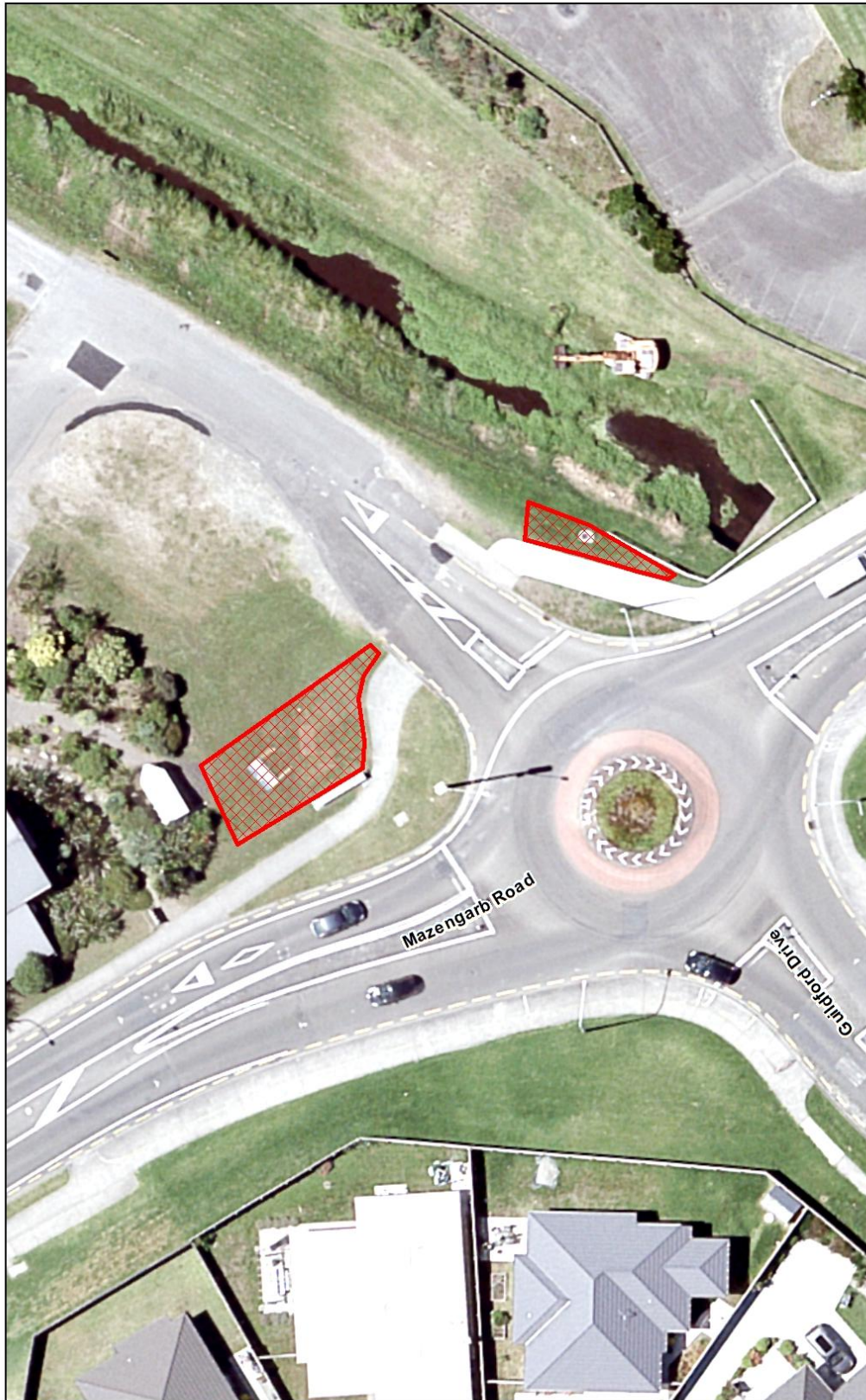
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Permitted Sign Location
Waikanae - Ngaio Road (adjacent to Motuiti Reserve)

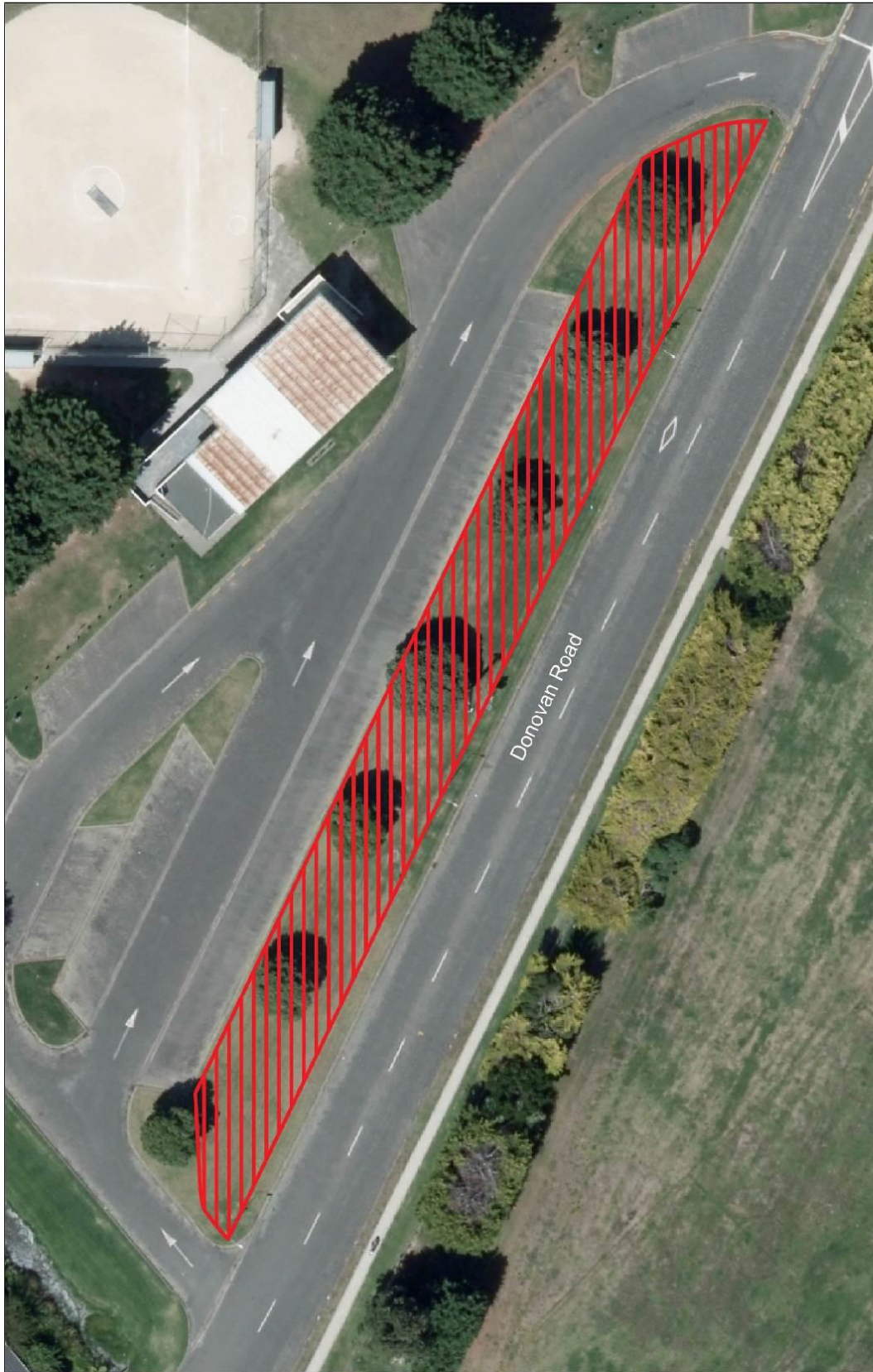




**Permitted Sign Location
Paraparaumu - Rimu Rd.**



Permitted Sign Location
Paraparaumu - Mazengarb Road (next to College)



Permitted Sign Location
Paraparaumu - Te Atiawa Park

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Permitted Sign Location

Paekākāriki - Corner Beach and Wellington Roads





Permitted Sign Location
Paekākāriki - Wellington Road (opposite school)

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