

RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATION

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Marlborough District Council

Taylor Dam Reserve, Taylor Pass Road, Blenheim

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Council - Taylor Dam- Application AEE.pdf

Good evening,

Please find attached a land use application for Land Use Activity - Taylor Dam Reserve, including:

- Application form
- Assessment of Environmental Effects
- Title search and spatial map (there is no CT for this land)

The application is for MDC - Property and Community Facilities Department. RC fees will be dealt with internally

Please let me know if you have any questions

Kind regards

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Partridge RM

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Application for Resource Consent or Fast Track Resource Consent

This application is made under Section 88 or 87AAC of the Resource Management Act 1991

Please read and complete this form thoroughly and provide all details relevant to your proposal. Feel free to discuss any aspect of your proposal, the words used in this form or the application process with Council staff, who are here to help.

This application will be checked before formal acceptance. If further information is required, you will be notified accordingly. When this information is supplied, the application will be formally received and processed further.

You may apply for more than one consent that is needed to cover several aspects of the activity on this form.

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Type of Resource Consent Applied For

Land Use - Activity

Description of the Activity

The activity to which the application relates is as follows:

0	To operate a responsible camping a freedom site on a portion of Section 44 Block III Taylor Pass
	SD.

No

	Council has supplementary forms permits, to assist applicants with p	some activities, such as moorings, water permits, domestic wastewater, discharge iding the required information.			
6.	Site Details The site to which the proposed activity is to occur is as follows:				
	Location (address):	Taylor Pass Road, Blenheim			
	Legal description (i.e. Lot 1 DP 1234): Section 44 Block III Taylor Pass SD.				
	(Attach a sketch of the locality and activity points. Describe the location in a manner which will allow it to be readily identified, e.g. house number and street address, Grid Reference, the name of any relevant stream, river, or other water body to which application may relate, proximity to any well known landmark, DP number, Valuation Number, Property Number.)				
	Please attach a copy of the Certificate of Title that is less than 3 months old (except for coastal or water permits).				
	Owners/Occupiers of the Site The names and addresses of the owner and occupier of the land (other than the applicant):				

Affected Persons

Please attach the written approval of affected persons/adjoining property owners and occupiers.

Note: As a matter of good practice and courtesy you should consult your neighbours about your proposal. If you have not consulted your neighbours, please give brief reasons on a separate sheet why you have not.

7. Assessment of Effects on the Environment (AEE) (Attach separate sheet detailing AEE.)

I attach, in accordance with Schedule Four of the Resource Management Act 1991, an assessment of environmental effects in a level of detail that corresponds with the scale and significance of the effects that the proposed activity may have on the environment. Applications also have to include consideration of the provisions of the Resource Management Act 1991 and other relevant planning documents. **Note: Failure to submit an AEE will result in return of this application.**

8. Part 2 of the Resource Management Act 1991

Supplementary Information Provided?

I attach an assessment of the proposed activity against the matters set out in Part 2 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

9. Section 104 of the Resource Management Act 1991

I attach an assessment of the proposed activity against any relevant provisions of a document referred to in Section 104(1)(b) of the Resource Management Act 1991, including the information required by Clause 2(2) of Schedule 4 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Are	10. Other Information Are there other activities which are part of the proposal to which the activity relates, for example permitted activities, or building consents, etc?				
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12. De	eclaration				
I Rebec	cca Partridge, confirm that the informa	tion in this application and the attachments to it are accurate.			

Signature of authorised agent:

Date: 9 August 2021

Notes to Applicant

You may apply for two or more resource consents that are needed for the same activity on the same form. You must pay the charge payable to the consent authority for the resource consent application under the Resource Management Act 1991 (if any).

Privacy Information

The information you have provided on this form is required so that your application can be processed and so that statistics can be collected by Council. The information will be stored on a public register and held by Council. Details may be made available to the public about consents that have been applied for and issued by Council. If you would like access to or make corrections to your details, please contact Council.

Environmental Protection Authority

If you lodge the application with the Environmental Protection Authority, you must also lodge a notice in form 16A at the same time.

If your application is to the Environmental Protection Authority, you may be required to pay actual and reasonable costs incurred in dealing with this matter (see section 149ZD of the Resource Management Act 1991).

Fast Track Applications (relates to a land use consent for a controlled activity)

An electronic address for service must be provided if you are applying for a Fast Track consent.

Under the Fast Track resource consent process, notice of the decision must be given within 10 working days after the date the application was first lodged with the council, unless the applicant opts out of that process at the time of lodgement.

A Fast Track application may cease to be a Fast Track application under Section 87AAC(2) of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Reset Form





Partridge RM

Marlborough District Council – Property and Community

Facilities Department

Application for Resource Consent

Land Use – Activity

Taylor Dam Reserve – Upper Level

August 2021

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1 Introduction

The Applicant is Marlborough District Council – Property and Community Facilities Department.

The Applicant operates a responsible camping site from the property located at the entrance to the Taylor Dam Reserve.

The property details are:

Section 44 Block III Taylor Pass SD

Gazette notice 115360 (Gaz 1983 p2500) – classified and appointed Marlborough Catchment and Regional Water Board to control and manage reserve.

The site comprises a graveled area with 10 marked and defined parks which is located in the upper portion of the reserve, separate from the main area used for recreation. Responsible camping will be restricted to the area identified in Appendix 1.

No person will be allowed to responsible camp in any other part of the reserve.

All vehicles must be certified as self-contained and a maximum of 10 vehicles may camp at the site at any one time.

The maximum period anyone can responsible camp in this area is two consecutive nights in any four week period.

The upper reserve (where the responsible camping site is located) does not contain any facilities, however toilet facilities are located on the lower reserve.

This report provides an assessment of effects on the environment in accordance with the Fourth Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) for the following activities:

Land Use – Activity;

2 The Proposal

The applicant, Marlborough District Council, is seeking resource consent for the following specific activity:

- Land Use Activity
 - To operate a responsible camping site on a portion of Section 44 Block
 III Taylor Pass SD known as Taylor Dam Reserve Upper Level

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 regulates freedom camping and defines this as:

To camp (other than at a camping ground) within 200 metres of a motor vehicle accessible area or the mean low-water springs line of any sea or harbour, or on or within 200 metres of a formed road or a Great Walks Track, in either a tent or other temporary structure, a caravan or a car, campervan, house truck, or other motor vehicle.

It should be noted that under the Freedom Camping Act 2011, freedom camping does not include short-term parking of a motor vehicle, daytrips excursions or resting or sleeping at the roadside in a caravan or motor vehicle to avoid driver fatigue.

Under this legislation, the Freedom Camping Act enables freedom camping to occur anywhere in a local authority area unless it is restricted or prohibited though a bylaw. The Marlborough District Council has recently adopted the Responsible Camping Control Bylaw 2020.

The following restrictions are applicable to the Taylor Dam responsible camping area:

- Vehicles must only park within the restricted camping area as identified in Appendix A of this application.
- A maximum of two-night stay in any four-week period;
- Certified self-contained vehicles only.
- Limited to 10 vehicles.

There are currently four other sites identified in the bylaw, where responsible camping is provided for with restrictions.

3 The Existing Environment



MDC - Smart Maps

The site is located at the Taylor Dam Reserve, with access gained via Taylor Pass Road.

The lower level of Taylor Dam Reserve comprises a number of recreational reserve areas, located around the dam. Toilet facilities and children's play equipment are located within the western portion of the reserve, while large, grassed areas with extensive plantings surround much of the remainder of the dam.

Walking tracks traverse much of the eastern and southern portion of the reserve and link to the main 'Taylor River Walkway' which heads north from the freedom camping site to Blenheim.

The responsible camping site itself is located on the left hand side of the access road near the entrance to the Taylor Dam Reserve and comprises a graveled area with 10 marked and defined parks (see photo below). The numbering of each park is marked along the low timber fence, although the freedom camping is run on a first come basis.

A further small and sheltered grassed area is available for day use by campers and others to the east of the marked parks itself.



Small blue signs with the Marlborough District Council logo are also attached to the fence identifying the rules of using the site for freedom camping purposes. Two other small signs are present along this fence, one providing a map and details of the nearest waste stations while the other is advertising an 'App' which provides the location and details of other sites in New Zealand.

4 Statutory Framework

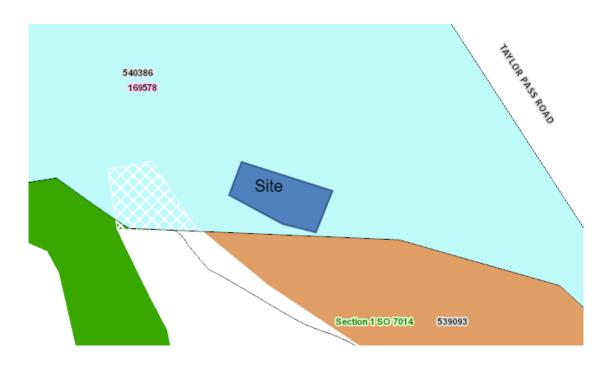
4.1 The Resource Management Act 1991

Section 9 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) requires that no person may use land in a manner that contravenes a district rule unless the activity is expressly allowed by a resource consent.

4.2 Plan Status

The relevant rules of the Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan relating to this development have not been appealed. Given this, they now have legal effect over that of the Wairau Awatere Resource Management Plan.

4.3 The Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan



MDC - Smartmaps

The site is zoned Floodway within the Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan (MEP) and is within a Level 3 Flood Hazard Area.

Rule 21.1 of the MEP states that unless expressly limited elsewhere by a rule in the Marlborough Environment Plan (the Plan), the following activities, including the discharge of sediment, shall be permitted without resource consent where they comply with the applicable standards in 21.2 and 21.3.

21.1.16 – Passive recreation undertaken by any person.

Passive recreation is defined by the MEP as:

The voluntary and unstructured use of a range of recreational activities. Does not include any form of motorised sport.

Recreation activity is defined as:

Any activity whose primary aim is the passive or active enjoyment of leisure on a non-profit basis, whether competitive or non-competitive, casual or organised, including changing rooms, shelters, public toilets and other accessory to recreation activities.

The use of the site for responsible camping may fit within the definition of 'Passive Recreation' and therefore would be a permitted activity under the MEP. However in the definitions of the MEP, freedom camping has been specifically provided for as an activity. On his basis and taking a precautionary approach application has been made under Rule 21.4.

Rule 21.4 - Discretionary Activities

Application must be made for a Discretionary Activity for the following:

21.4.2 – Any use of land not provided for as a Permitted Activity.

Overall, the application is applied for under the MEP as a **Discretionary Activity**.

4.4 National Environmental Standards for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil to Protect Human Health Regulations 2011 (NES)

The site has been investigated on the Marlborough's Listed Land Use Register (LLUR). The investigation demonstrated that there is no evidence of a HAIL activity having been carried out on the site. Furthermore, the owner of the application site has confirmed that to the best of their knowledge, a HAIL activity has not been carried out on the site.

5 Consultation and Notification

The Applicant requests that the application be publicly notified.

6 Statutory Acknowledgements

The Applicant acknowledges the wider Marlborough Region is identified within the Te Tau Ihu Statutory Acknowledgement Documents.

No specific iwi consultation has been undertaken, however the applicant acknowledges that through an agreed Council process, the application will be circulated to the relevant iwi and if any concerns are raised the applicant will address them.

7 Assessment of Effects

7.1 Positive Effects

The operation of the Taylor Dam responsible camping site has provided for a resting place for tourists (both domestic and international) while site seeing the Marlborough Region.

While there has been an effect on international tourist numbers due to Covid-19, there is continued use of Marlborough's Responsible Camping sites.

7.2 Amenity Effects

While the responsible camping site is not an integral activity to other recreational activities being undertaken on the site, it assists in providing a small area to facilitate the overnight stay of people to the Marlborough Region without detracting from the other recreational activities already being undertaken within the reserve.

The area designated for responsible camping is removed from the more prominent recreational areas of the Taylor Dam Reserve, is already constructed as a car park and it is considered that the use of the site does not detract from the amenity values of the receiving environment.

Given the remoteness of the site, in terms of the residential activity, lighting from vehicles entering and leaving the site or adjoining road will not give rise to any amenity effects.

The responsible camping site is within the Taylor Dam area itself, and therefore the dam walls provide a natural visual barrier to the properties surrounding the Taylor Dam Reserve.

7.3 Signage



Taylor Dam Reserve Signage

As discussed above, small blue signs with the Marlborough District Council logo are attached to the fence identifying the rules of using the site for responsible camping purposes. Two other small signs are present along this fence, one providing a map and details of the nearest waste stations while the other is advertising an 'App' which provides the location and details of other sites in New Zealand.

The existing signage is discrete, yet informative and does not give rise to adverse amenity effects within the receiving environment.

Furthermore, when the site is being occupied with vehicles, these signs are not visible to other users of the reserve.

As part of a region wide review, the Applicant is reviewing its signage and it is likely that these signs will be modernised in the future and consolidated.

7.4 Traffic and Access Effects



Taylor Dam Reserve and Responsible Camping Site Access

The area set aside for responsible camping will continue to use the existing vehicle access for the Taylor Dam Reserve off Taylor Pass Road.

As identified in the photo above, the main vehicle access into the reserve area is sealed, while the responsible camping area is accessed off the side of the formed internal roadway.

The continued use of the identified site for up to 10 vehicles for freedom camping purposes will not be such that it gives rise to adverse traffic safety effects.

There is sufficient manovering space within the site to ensure that all vehicles exist the reserve in a forward facing direction.



Access to Freedom Camping Area

There are pedestrian walkways within the vicinity of the responsible camping site that would not be affected by its continued use.

The Applicant has considered cumulative effects of traffic generation from the activity in conjunction with traffic generation from other activities in the vicinity and it is considered that given the small scale of the activity occurring, the traffic generated from this activity will not be discernible over and above that of the traffic using Taylor Pass Road for other activities, including recreational activities at the Taylor Dam Reserve.

7.5 Noise Effects

The applicant acknowledges that there will be some noise associated with the activity, including:

- Vehicle noise (engines and vehicle doors)
- Music
- People

Standard 21.2.2.1 states that any activity must not cause noise that exceeds the following limits at any point within the zone.

7.00am to 10.00pm - 65 dB LAeq

10.00pm to 7.00am - 65 dB Laeq - 75 dBLAFmax

Standard 21.2.2.2 states that an activity undertaken within the Floodway Zone must be conducted to ensure that noise arising at any point within the boundary of any land zoned Urban Residential 1, Urban Residential 2 (including Greenfields), Urban Residential 3 or within the notional boundary of any dwelling on land zoned Rural Living or Coastal Living does not exceed the following noise limited:

7.00 am to 10.00 pm - 50 dBA LAeq

10.00 pm to 7.00 am - 40 dBA Laeq 70 dB LAFmax

The is no residential zoned land in close proximity to the site which could be affected by the proposal. The nearest dwelling house is located approximately 1.1 kilometres south-east.

7.6 Floodway Effects

No permanent structures (other than updating the existing signage) are proposed to be constructed as part of this activity. This will ensure that the primary use of the site (floodway) is not degraded.

The applicant acknowledges that people will be staying in an area with a flooding risk, however, the responsible camping site is elevated from the lower dam area and if a

flooding event is likely the facility will be closed to ensure risk to property and life is mitigated.

The Applicant has met with Geoff Dick, Marlborough District Councils Rivers Engineer who was comfortable with the use of the upper reserve (that proposed under this application) given that there are specific management plans in place to clear and close the reserve to the public should there be a risk of flooding.

7.7 Water Quality

The effects on water quality of the Dam will be mitigated by the requirements of vehicles to be self-contained as provided for in the Responsible Camping Control Bylaw 2020. The requirement for self containment will be checked for compliance by those undertaking monitoring patrols of the responsible camping sites.

Further, signage is provided on-site identifying where the closest dump stations are located.

7.8 Cultural Effects

The site is not subject to any cultural heritage overlays in the MEP, however it is identified as a statutory acknowledgement area. No adverse cultural effects are anticipated.

7.9 Any Alternative Locations

As part of Marlborough District Councils review of the 'Responsible Camping Control By-law' many locations across the Marlborough Region have been considered.

The ongoing use of this site for responsible camping purposes was confirmed as appropriate for freedom camping subject to the restrictions as notified in the proposed bylaw and as adopted in the final bylaw.

It should also be noted that no specific comments were made through the submissions on the 'Responsible Camping Control By-law' that related to the use of this site.

7.10 Any Other Potential Effect

The proposal is not anticipated to have any adverse effects on those in the neighbourhood or wider community (including any socio-economic or cultural effects).

There are no known / recorded archaeological or recognised customary activities associated with the subject site. Consequently, it is considered that the proposed activities will not lead to the occurrence of adverse cultural effects.

There are no other potential effects anticipated.

8 Various Planning Documents

8.1 Resource Management Act 1991

Part 2 of the RMA sets out its purpose and principles on which the RMA is founded and from which all other associated statutory framework is derived. The purpose of the RMA is to promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources. The RPS and the WARMP and MEP have been developed under the RMA and are generally considered to be the local implementation of the purpose and principles.

8.1.1 Section 6 Matters of National Importance

Matters of national importance are considered with relevance to this application:

a) The preservation of the natural character of the coastal environment (including the coastal marine area), wetlands, and lakes and rivers and their margins, and the protection of them from inappropriate subdivision, use, and development.

The proposal is consistent with the overall use of the wider Taylor Dam Reserve and will not threaten the natural character of the reserve.

It should be noted that the Taylor Dam and its Reserve is not an area with specific national significance.

b) The protection of outstanding natural features and landscapes from inappropriate subdivision, use, and development.

No outstanding natural features or landscapes will be affected by the proposal.

c) The protection of areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna.

There are no such areas at risk from this proposal.

d) The maintenance and enhancement of public access to and along the coastal marine area, lakes, and rivers.

There is no effect on the current nature or location of public access as a result of the activities proposed.

e) The relationship of Maori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral lands, water, sites, waahi tapu, and other taonga.

The proposal will not compromise the relationship of Maori with any ancestral lands, water, sites, waahi tapu and other taonga.

f) The protection of historic heritage from inappropriate subdivision, use, and development.

There are no known historic sites relevant to this proposal.

g) The protection of recognised customary activities.

There are no recognised customary activities relevant to this proposal.

8.1.2 Section 7 Other Matters

Section 7 of the RMA sets out other matters that Council is to have particular regard to in achieving the purpose of the RMA. The matters of relevance to this application are outlined below:

Section 7(b) the efficient use and development of natural and physical resources

Section 7(c) the maintenance and enhancement of amenity values

This application is an efficient use of natural and physical resources and given its discrete location, amenity values of the receiving environment will be maintained.

8.1.3 Section 8 Treaty of Waitangi

The application is consistent with the RMA planning framework and is therefore considered consistent with Section 8 in terms of Treaty of Waitangi considerations.

Based on the above assessment, it is considered that the proposal will meet the purpose and principles of the RMA.

8.2 Marlborough Regional Policy Statement

The Wairau Awatere Resource Management Plan and Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan have been written in accordance with the provisions of the Marlborough Regional Policy Statement (RPS). As such any matters raised through the policies and objectives of the Plan are the same matters raised in the RPS

8.3 Wairau Awatere Resource Management Plan

The most relevant objectives and policies are found in:

Chapter 2 - Tangata whenua

Objective 1 - seeks to recognition and provision for the relationship of Maori to their culture and traditions with their ancestral lands, waters, sites, waahi tapu and other taonga.

The wider Marlborough region is acknowledged within the Te Tau Ihu Statutory Acknowledgement provisions. The proposed development is adjacent to a site or area

with values listed within the Statutory Acknowledgement document (being the Taylor River and its tributaries).

The applicant acknowledges that the application will be circulated to iwi for their comment.

Chapter 13 - Open Space / Recreation

Objective 13.3.1 – That the establishment or development of open space and recreational facilities is undertaken in a manner which enables adverse effects on the environment to be avoided, remedied, or mitigated.

Policy 1.1 – To ensure that activities associated with open space and recreational facilities do not give rise to adverse environmental effects (e.g. excessive noise, glare, visual distraction) without separation or mitigation measures being employed.

Policy 1.3 – To ensure that the development and use of open space and recreational facilities does not detract from the operational efficiency and safety of the roading network, or amenity values of adjoining streets.

The proposed ongoing use of the Upper Taylor Dam Reserve car park for responsible camping will not give rise to adverse environmental effects. Furthermore as highlighted above, the activity will not detract from the operational efficiency and safety of the roading network, or amenity values of adjoining streets.

Chapter 17 – Natural Hazards

Objective 17.3.2.2 – Management of areas outside the main Wairau floodplain that are susceptible to flood hazards so as to mitigate damage to property and infrastructures and to avoid loss of life.

Policy 2.1 – Locate houses and structures to avoid damage from the effect of the flood hazard.

No permanent structures (other than updating the existing signage) are proposed to be constructed as part of this activity.

The applicant acknowledges that people will be staying in an area with a flooding risk, however, the responsible camping site is elevated from the lower dam area and if a flooding event is likely the facility will be closed to ensure risk to property and life is mitigated.

Chapter 19 – Land Transport

Issue 19.4 – The development of sustainable road transportation network which allows the community to function with minimal conflict between land use, traffic and people.

Objective 1 – Continue to maintain and build a hierarchical network of roads.

Policy 1.4 – To manage the establishment of activities in a manner which takes account of the classification and function of the road network in the vicinity and from which access to the site is to be obtained.

The site already attracts a numbers of vehicles given that it is part of the wider Taylor Dam Reserve. The proposed ongoing use of the upper level car park as set out in the 'Responsible Camping Control By-law' will not give rise to traffic effects over and above that which already occur in the wider reserve.

Overall, the use of the 'Taylor Dam Reserve – Upper Level' as a responsible camping site is consistent with the relevant objectives and policies of the Wairau Awatere Resource Management Plan.

8.4 Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan

The proposed Marlborough Environment Plan (MEP) includes the following relevant provisions:

Chapter 3 - Tangata Whenua

Objective 1 - The principles of the Treaty of Waitangi/Te Tiriti o Waitangi are taken into account in the exercise of the functions and powers under the Resource Management Act 1991.

The wider Marlborough region is acknowledged within the Te Tau Ihu Statutory Acknowledgement provisions. The proposed development is adjacent to a site or area with values listed within the Statutory Acknowledgement document (being the Taylor River and its tributaries).

The Applicant acknowledges that the application will be circulated to iwi for their comment.

Chapter 11 – Natural Hazards

Objective 11.1 – Reduce the risks to life, property and regionally significant infrastructure from natural hazards.

Flooding – management of activities in flood prone areas.

Policy 11.1.12 – Where an activity within an area subject to a flood hazard overlay is dependent upon the provision of flood defences to reduce the risk of flooding, there must be an ongoing commitment to the maintenance of the flood defence over time.

No permanent structures (other than updating the existing signage) are proposed to be constructed as part of this activity.

The Applicant acknowledges that people will be staying in an area with a flooding risk, however, the freedom camping site is elevated from the lower dam area and if a flooding event is likely the facility will be closed to ensure risk to property and life is mitigated.

The applicant has met with Geoff Dick, Marlborough District Councils Rivers Engineer who was comfortable with the use of the upper reserve (that proposed under this application) given that there are specific management plans in place to clear and close the reserve to the public should there be a risk of flooding.

Chapter 17 – Transportation

Objective 17.4 – Conflict between new and altered land use and subdivision activities and use of the land transport network is avoided, remedied or mitigated.

Policy 17.4.1 – Manage the density, scale and location of subdivision and/or activities to maintain the planned function of the land transport network.

Policy 17.4.7 – Space should be provided onsite to accommodate manoeuvring, loading and parking of vehicles without creating congestion or conflicts with moving vehicles or pedestrians on adjacent roads.

Policy 17.5.4 – Avoid the display of outdoor advertising signs that could adversely affect traffic safety by confusing, detracting or obstructing the view of motorists or pedestrians

Policy 17.5.6 – Subdivision and land use activities shall avoid, remedy or mitigate adverse effects on the safety of and accessibility to the road network by ensuring among other matters:

- a) Buildings, vegetation and activities do not reduce clear sight lines for trains and road vehicles at level rail crossings or for vehicles at road intersections.
- b) Vegetation planted on land alongside rural roads is set back so that roads are not shaded and subjected to icing in winter.
- c) Adequate formal crossing facilities are provided high levels of pedestrian activity are generated from an activity located adjacent to an arterial road or in a Business or Industrial zone.
- d) Activities do not create distractions for any road or rail users, including from glare, inappropriate lighting, smoke, discharges or other distractions.

- e) Vehicle crossing places and entrances from roads are constructed and maintained to standards appropriate to the circumstances of traffic volume, pedestrian and cycle movement and local traffic speed; and
- f) New urban subdivisions and developments incorporate facilities for nonmotorised transport users, including:
 - Footpaths or access ways intended to be used by both cyclists and pedestrians and their separation for safety reasons where practicable.
 - ii. Provision for cycle traffic within road carriageways in such a way that lane width, design and surface finish are adequate to safely accommodate both motorised vehicles and cycles; and
 - iii. Pedestrian access routes connecting residential areas, schools, shopping centres, recreation reserves and public transport collection points and terminals where appropriate.

The existing access off Taylor Pass Road is sealed and provides for a safe access point to the reserve at large.

The area designated for freedom camping is set back off the formed accessway and will not give rise to traffic safety effects for other people using the wider reserve area. Furthermore, the number of vehicles utilising the responsible camping site is limited to 10 per night. This ensures that large volumes of traffic will not be entering and exiting Taylor Pass Road at any one time.

A cycling and walking path from the Taylor Dam, along the Taylor River Reserve provides access to Blenheim and remain unaffected by the responsible camping area.

The existing and any replacement signage will be sympathetic to the receiving environment and will be placed in a location to ensure that it does not give rise to traffic safety issues both on Taylor Pass Road and within the Reserve itself.

Overall, the continued use of a portion of the Taylor Dam Reserve for Responsible Camping is considered to be consistent with the relevant objectives and policies found within Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan.

9 Conclusion

The Applicant, Marlborough District Council – Property and Community Facilities Department, is seeking resource consent for the following specific activity:

- Land Use Activity
 - To operate a responsible camping a freedom site on a portion of Section
 44 Block III Taylor Pass SD.

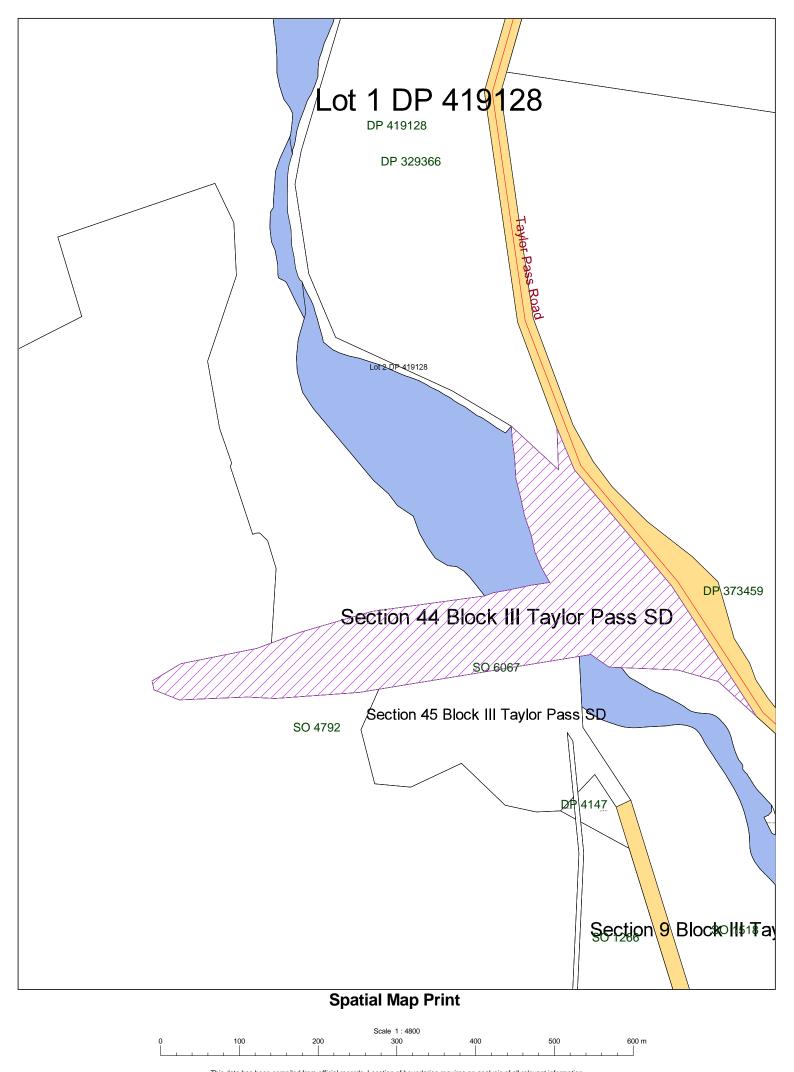
Any associated potential effects on the environment can be appropriately avoided, remedied or mitigated through the imposition of conditions of consent.

The proposal is consistent with the relevant provisions of Part 2 of the Act, the Marlborough Regional Policy Statement, the Wairau Awatere Resource Management Plan, and the Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan.

Accordingly, resource consent should be granted to this proposal.

Appendix 1 – Location Plan









View Statutory Action

ParcelSection 44 Block III Taylor Pass Survey DistrictParcel ID3732399Current Purpose Soil Conservation and River ControlParcel Status Current

Statutory ActionTypeRecordedActionStatusNew Zealand Gazette 1983 p 2500Gazette Notice08/06/2001CreateCurrent

Statute

Purpose Soil Conservation and River Control

Name Comments

*** End of Report ***

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SUBMISSION ON APPLICATION FOR A RESOURCE CONSENT

1.	Submitter Details				
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Postal Address for Service (or alternative method of service under section 352 of the Act)					
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I am a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308B of the Resource Management Act 1991 I am directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that: a) adversely affects the environment; and b) does not to relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition I am NOT directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that: a) adversely affects the environment; and b) does not to relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition I am NOT a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308B of the Resource Management Act 1991 The specific parts of the application that my/our submission relates to are (give details, using additional pages if required)			
The reasons for my/our submission are (use additional pages if required)			
The decision I/we would like the Council to make is (give details including, if relevant, the parts of the application you wish to have amended and the general nature of any conditions sought. Use additional pages if required)			
4. Heard in Support of Submission at the Hearing			
I/we wish to speak in support of my/our submission			
I/we do not wish to speak in support of my/our submission			
OPTIONAL: Pursuant to section 100A of the Resource Management Act 1991 I/we request that the Council delegate its functions, powers, and duties required to hear and decide the application to one or more hearings commissioners who are not members of the Council. (<i>Please note that if you make such a request you may be liable to meet or contribute to the costs of commissioner(s).</i> Requests can also be made separately in writing no later than 5 working days after the close of submissions.)			

5.	Signature		
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6. Important Information

- Council must receive this completed submission before the closing date and time for receiving submissions for this application. The completed submission may be emailed to mdc@marlborough.govt.nz.
- The closing date for serving submissions on the consent authority is the 20th working day after the date on which public or limited notification is given. If the application is subject to limited notification, the consent authority may adopt an earlier closing date for submissions once the consent authority receives responses from all affected persons.
- You must serve a copy of your submission on the applicant as soon as is reasonably practicable after you have served your submission on the consent authority.
- Only those submitters who indicate that they wish to speak at the hearing will be sent a copy of the section 42A hearing report.
- If you are making a submission to the Environmental Protection Authority, you should use form 16B.
- If you are a trade competitor, your right to make a submission may be limited by the trade competition provisions in Part 11A
 of the Resource Management Act 1991.
- If you make a request under section 100A of the Resource Management Act 1991, you must do so in writing no later than 5 working days after the close of submissions and you may be liable to meet or contribute to the costs of the hearings commissioner or commissioners. You may not make a request under section 100A of the Resource Management Act 1991 in relation to an application for a coastal permit to carry out on activity that a regional coastal plan describes as a restricted coastal activity.
- Please note that your submission (or part of your submission) may be struck out if the authority is satisfied that at least 1 of the following applies to the submission (or part of the submission):
 - it is frivolous or vexatious;
 - it discloses no reasonable or relevant case;
 - it would be an abuse of the hearing process to allow the submission (or the part) to be taken further;
 - it contains offensive language;
 - it is supported only by material that purports to be independent expert evidence, but has been prepared by a person who
 is not independent or who does not have sufficient specialised knowledge or skill to give expert advice on the matter.

7. Privacy Information

The information you have provided on this form is required so that your submission can be processed under the Resource Management Act 1991. The information will be stored on a public file held by Council. The details may also be available to the public on Council's website. If you wish to request access to, or correction of, your details, please contact Council.