

Appendix J: Draft Accidental Discovery Protocol

Archaeological Accidental Discovery Protocol – Peka Peka to North Otaki Expressway

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BACKGROUND:

These archaeological protocols have been developed specifically for the Peka Peka to North Otaki Expressway Project. They have been written to be read in conjunction with the significant find policy for the project developed by Nga Hapu o Otaki. While this protocol deals specifically with archaeological sites as defined in the Historic Places Act 1993⁴, any work associated with Maori sites within the Project will also be carried out in accordance with the significant find policy and in consultation with Nga Hapu o Otaki.

For the purposes of the Project an authority to modify archaeological sites located within the Project footprint will be obtained from the New Zealand Historic Places Trust. No work that will impact on archaeological resources within the Project footprint will be carried out except in accordance with the legal conditions of any authority granted by the Historic Places Trust.

Within the Project footprint the following areas have been identified to be the subject of detailed archaeological investigation:

- Otaki Railway Station
- Clifden Cottage (Bridge Lodge)
- Archaeological Risk Area – Te Hapua Road – Mary Crest (Te Horo Pa)
- Archaeological Risk Area – Rahui Road to Taylors Road.

Work in these areas will be guided by site / area specific archaeological management plans. The protocols outlined in this document are to cover all other areas of works, for which an archaeologist will not be on site.

⁴ An archaeological site is defined in the Historic Places Act 1993 as any place that was associated with human activity that occurred before 1900, and which may be able, through investigation by archaeological methods, provide evidence relation to the history of New Zealand.

GUIDELINES:

In the event of an “accidental discovery” of archaeological deposits or features or suspected archaeological deposits or features, including human remains the following steps shall be taken:

1. All work within the vicinity of the site (20 metres of the suspected site) will cease immediately.
2. The plant operator will shut down all construction equipment and activity, leave the site area and unearthed archaeological material *in situ* and advise the relevant person (e.g. site construction supervisor, consultant, owner).
3. The construction / earthworks manager will take immediate steps to secure the area of the site to ensure the archaeological matter remains undisturbed and advise the NZTA Project Manager. Work may continue outside of the site area. It may be necessary to physically mark off the area of the suspected archaeological site to ensure it is not accidentally modified further.
4. The Project Manager will immediately notify Nga Hapu o Otaki representatives, as outlined below and in the significant finds policy, and the Project Archaeologist. If as a result of discussion it is determined to that the material is archaeological the matter will be reported to the Regional Archaeologist at the New Zealand Historic Places Trust, and to any required statutory agencies if this has not already occurred.
5. Any and all visits to the project site must be cleared by the relevant person.
6. The relevant person will ensure that the necessary people shall be available to meet and guide representatives of the New Zealand Historic Places Trust, tangata whenua, and any other party with statutory responsibilities, to the site.
7. In the case of the find being koiwi tangata (human remains) the NZ Police will be notified. All work associated with koiwi tangata will be carried out following appropriate tikanga and guided by kaumatua.
8. Works in the site area shall not recommence until authorised by the relevant person, who will consult with the New Zealand Historic Places Trust staff, tangata whenua, the NZ Police (and any other authority with statutory responsibility).

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