

Council Policy

Policy Title:	Local Approved Products Policy
Responsibility:	Group Manager Community Services
First Adopted:	26 April 2016
Review Frequency:	Five yearly, or as required
Last Reviewed:	February 2022
Next Review Due:	February 2027



1 Policy Objectives

- 1.1 To document Council's policy regarding the sale, purchase and production of approved products within the Ruapehu District working within the purpose and intent of the Psychoactive Substances Act 2013.

2 Definitions

2.1 Psychoactive Substance

The term 'Psychoactive Substance' refers to a substance, mixture, preparation, article, device, or thing that is capable of inducing a psychoactive effect (by any means) in an individual who uses the substance as described in Section 9 of the Psychoactive Substances Act 2013.

2.2 Approved Products

The term 'Approved Product' refers to a psychoactive substance approved by the Psychoactive Substances Regulatory Authority (PSRA) under section 37 of the Psychoactive Substances Act 2013. It is therefore only legal to retail or wholesale approved products, not psychoactive substances, in accordance with this policy.

2.3 The Act

The term 'The Act' refers to the Psychoactive Substance Act 2013.

2.4 Council

The term 'Council' refers to the Ruapehu District Council.

2.5 Main Street:

The term 'main street' refers to the following main streets within towns of the Ruapehu District:

- Hakiaha Street, Taumarunui; from the River Road Bridge to the Manunui Overpass.
- Seddon Street, Raetihi: from the Ameku Road / Hukaroa Road intersection to the State Highway 4 intersection.
- Clyde Street, Ohakune: from the Old Coad Road Intersection to the Heartwood Lane intersection.
- Goldfinch Street, Ohakune: from the Clyde Street Intersection to the Conway Street intersection.
- State Highway 1, Waiouru: from Andrews Drive intersection to the Hassett Drive intersection

- 2.6 **Sensitive Site:**
The term 'Sensitive Site' refers to the following type of premises:
- (a) Educational Institution.
 - (b) Government Department.
 - (c) Community Facility.
 - (d) Train and Bus Station.
- 2.7 **Sites prohibited by the Act:**
- (a) Dairies, convenience stores and supermarkets.
 - (b) Service stations.
 - (c) Bars and bottle stores.
 - (d) Premises that are not fixed structures (ie tents or marquees).
 - (e) Vehicles or conveyances (ie mobile street carts).
 - (f) Any other place or premises specified in regulations.
- 2.8 **Educational Institution**
The term 'Educational Institution' refers to any location where one of the following is in operation; a government training establishment, registered establishment, relevant school, industry training organisation, or other higher educational institution such as a college of education; polytechnic; specialist college; university or wananga.
- 2.8.1 Educational institutions referred to in this policy include:
- (a) Taumarunui Primary School.
- 2.9.1 Government Departments referred to in this policy include:
- (a) Work and Income New Zealand, Meredith House, Taumarunui.
 - (b) Taumarunui i-SITE, Hakiha Street, Taumarunui.
 - (c) Ohakune i-SITE, Clyde Street, Ohakune.
 - (d) Whakapapa i-SITE, State Highway 48, Whakapapa
 - (e) Work and Income New Zealand, Goldfinch Street, Ohakune.
 - (f) Ruapehu District Council Office, Ayr Street, Ohakune.
 - (g) Police Station, Clyde Street, Ohakune.
 - (h) Ruapehu District Council Office, Seddon Street, Raetihi.
- 2.10 **Community Facility**
The term "Community Facility" refers to a facility which is operated by the community or the Ruapehu District Council which is frequented by community members.
- 2.10.1 Community Facilities referred to in this policy include:
- (a) Kokiri Trust, Hakiha Street, Taumarunui.
 - (b) Memorial Hall, Hakiha Street, Taumarunui.
 - (c) Public Toilets, Hakiha Street, Taumarunui.
 - (d) The Centre/Waimarino Baptist Church, Seddon Street, Raetihi.
 - (e) St Patrick's Catholic Church, Seddon Street, Raetihi.
 - (f) Public Toilets, Seddon Street, Raetihi.
 - (g) i-SITE, Seddon Street, Raetihi.
 - (h) Public Toilets, Ohakune.
 - (i) Carrot Park, Ohakune.
 - (j) Public Toilets Waiouru.
- 2.11 **Train and Bus Stations**
Any site on the main streets listed above where a train or bus service stops to pick up passengers.

- 2.11.1 Train and Bus stations referred to in this policy include:
- (a) Taumarunui iSite/Train Station, Hakiaha Street, Taumarunui.
 - (b) Bus Stop, Waiouru.

3 Principles

- 3.1 To provide the communities within the Ruapehu District a set of guidelines to protect their health and safety and to minimise harm to both those who use psychoactive substances and those who are adversely affected by them.
- 3.2 This policy targets the following council focus and community wellbeing outcomes: improve the wellbeing and quality of life for our communities by:
- (a) Social, Safe, Healthy Communities
 - Excellent standards of safety and welfare are promoted and respected.

4 Background

- 4.1 In July 2013, Parliament enacted the Psychoactive Substances Act which established a framework for regulating psychoactive substances (“legal highs”). Before this Act, the consumption and sale of psychoactive substances was completely unregulated.
- 4.2 The Act enables local authorities to produce Local Approved Product Policies (LAPP). The Act permits Local Authorities to limit the nature of retail outlets from which substances might be sold.
- 4.3 Once the Act was enacted, parliament initially required all those who wish to retail psychoactive substances to apply for and hold an interim license. No one in the Ruapehu District applied for an interim license.
- 4.4 The Act was amended in 2014 to remove this temporary element and ban the sale until regulations for licensing retail outlets could be finalised.

5 Policy Statement

- 5.1 Wholesalers and retailers of approved products are only permitted to sell on the main streets of towns within the Ruapehu District as described within the definition section of this policy and illustrated in the maps attached.
- 5.2 Wholesalers and retailers of approved products are not permitted to sell within 100 metres of another premises selling approved products. This is to be measured from the closest legal boundary of each site.
- 5.3 Premises wishing to sell approved products may not do so within 100 metres of a sensitive site as described within the definition section of this policy. This is to be measured from the closest legal boundary of each site.

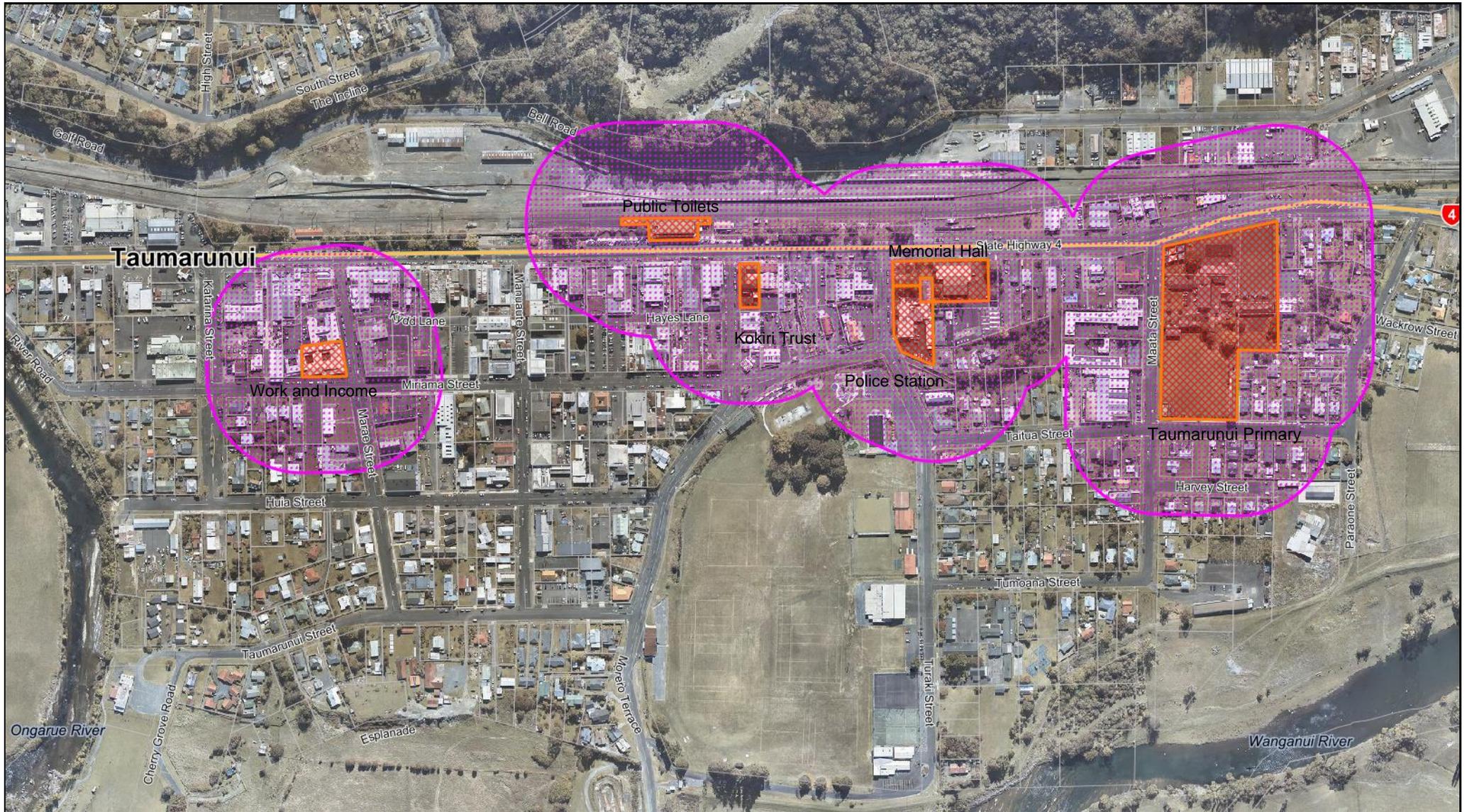
6 Annotations

Date	Description
26 April 2016	Policy adopted by Council
23 February 2022	There been four minor changes to the policy <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Whakapapa i-SITE has been included• Konnexionz, Manuaute Street, Taumarunui has been removed as it no longer operates• Map 3 and 4 'Ohakune sensitive sites': there are now only five sensitive sites• Map 5 and 6 'Raetihi sensitive sites': there are now only two sites

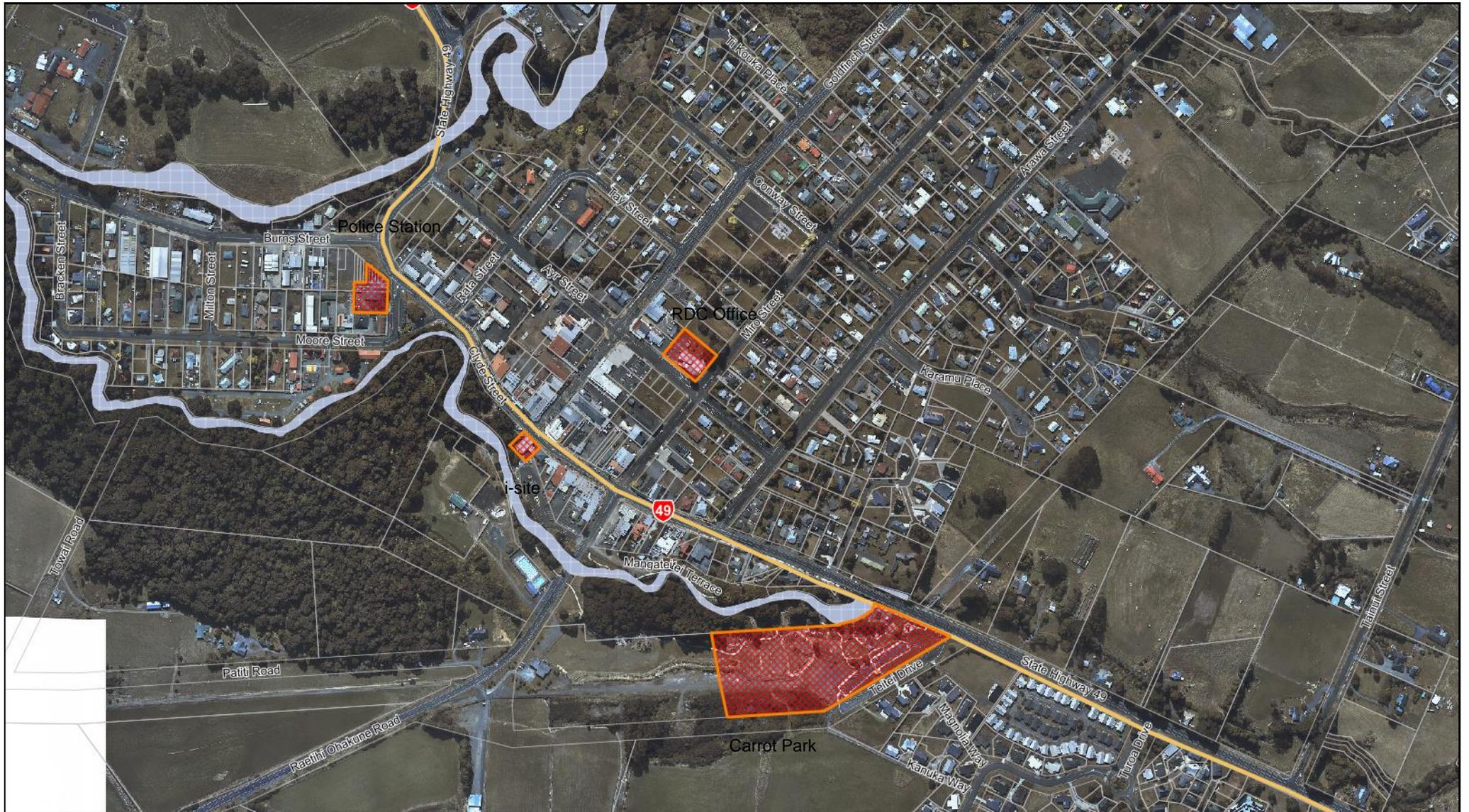
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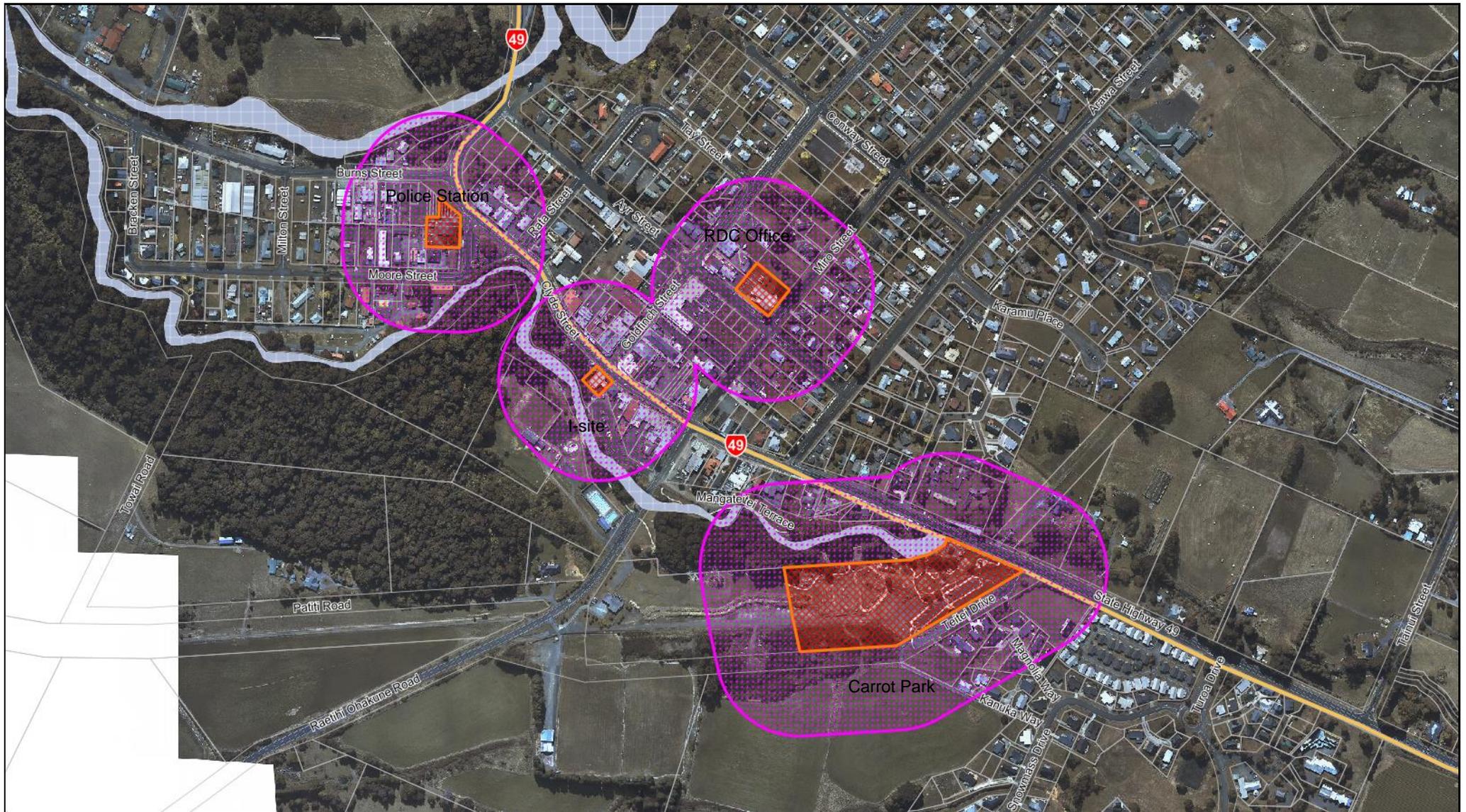
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Ohakune sensitive sites without buffer zones



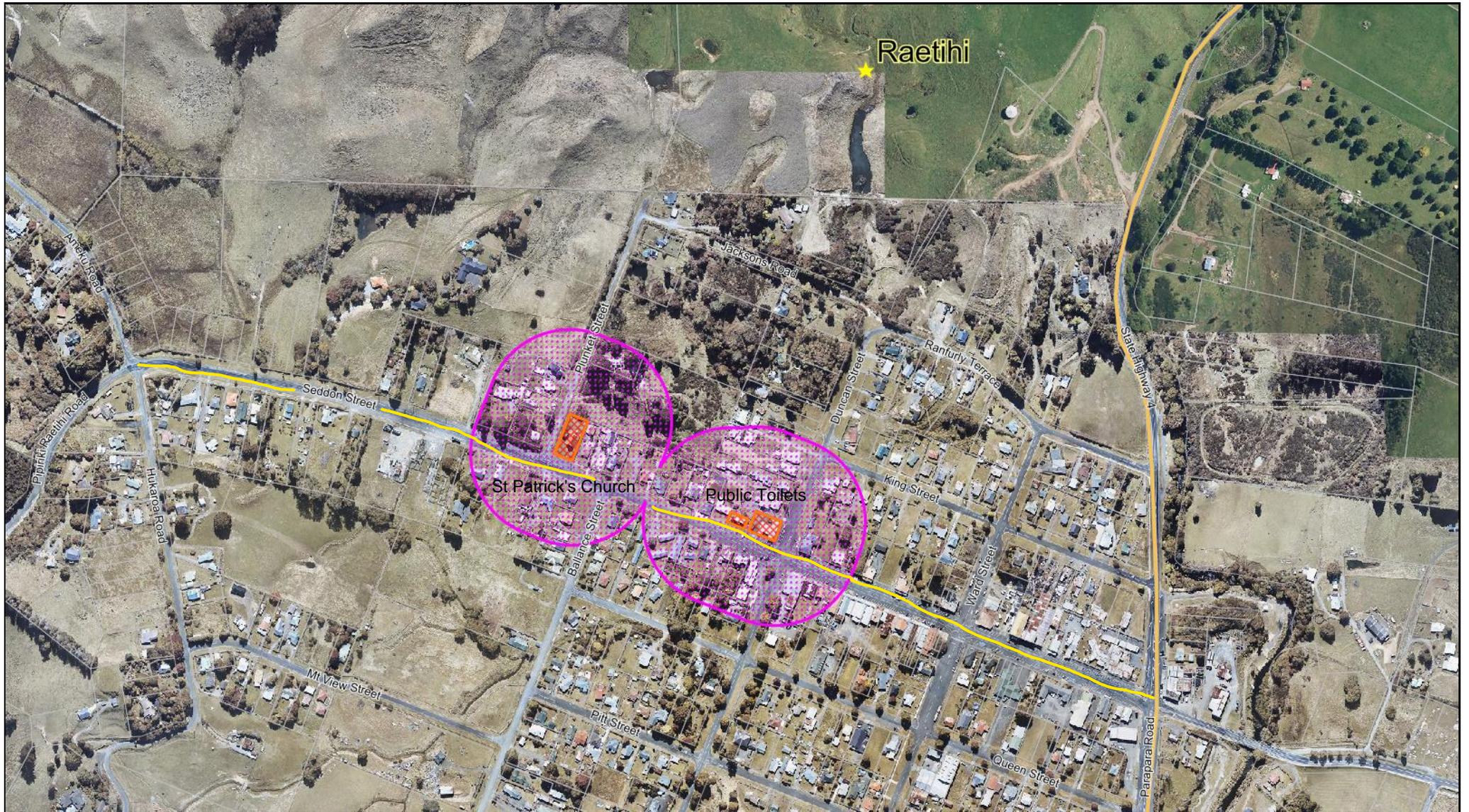
Ohakune sensitive sites with buffer zones



Raetihi sensitive sites with buffer zones



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Waiouru sensitive sites with buffer zones



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