

# **SMOKEFREE AND VAPEFREE POLICY 2021**

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# Waipā District Council Smokefree and Vapefree Policy

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## 1. Purpose

- 1.1. The aim of the Waipā District Council's Smokefree and Vapefree Policy is to declare Waipā District Council-owned public places to be smokefree and vapefree.
- 1.2. The purpose of this policy is to support the Government's goal of New Zealand becoming smokefree by 2025 through the promotion of healthy Waipā communities. The policy supports: the Smokefree 2025 goal for New Zealand, adopted by the Government in March 2011; the Smokefree Environments Act 1990, including Part 1 Smokefree workplaces and public areas; the Smokefree Environment and Regulated Products (Vaping) Amendment Act 2020.
- 1.3. Council's role is to reduce the incidence of smoking and de-normalising smoking behaviour in our public places; by so doing promote the Waipā District Council vision of 'Waipā Home of Champions - building connected communities'.

## 2. Definitions

- 2.1. For the purposes of this Policy the following definitions shall apply:

Term	Definition
<b>Council</b>	Means the Waipā District Council as constituted by the Local Government Act 2002
<b>Smoking</b>	The act of inhaling and exhaling the smoke of burning cigarettes, e-cigarettes, pipes, cigars or other paraphernalia. This activity includes smoking, holding, or otherwise having control over an ignited product or thing whose customary use is, or includes, the inhalation from it of the smoke produced from its combustion or the combustion of any part of it. For clarity, tobacco or herbal tobacco product and/or psychoactive substances, including synthetic cannabis, are deemed smoking products.
<b>Vaping</b>	The use of an electronic cigarette ("e-cigarette") that heats a solution (the e-liquid) producing a vapour that the user inhales or 'vapes'. The ingredients of the e-liquid may vary, but most e-liquids contain propylene glycol (also used in asthma inhalers and nebulisers) and flavouring agents. Some, but not all, e-liquids contain nicotine.

### **3. Guiding principles**

- 3.1. The policy takes a non-regulatory approach. Compliance with the policy is not enforced by Council. Compliance with the policy is instead encouraged by empowering the public to model and promote smokefree and vapefree behaviour in a positive manner, which in turn encourages others to be smokefree and vapefree.

### **4. Policies**

#### **4.1. Smokefree and vapefree areas**

The following public places will be smokefree and vapefree across the entire district:

- All Council-owned and/or managed parks and reserves (including Council-owned playgrounds, skate parks, pump tracks, sports fields, camping grounds) and leased areas\*
- All bus stops and shelters
- All Council-owned public toilets
- Council-owned or managed cycle trails
- Outside the entrances/exits of all Council owned and operated buildings
- Outdoor public areas within the central business districts (as defined in Schedule 1) of Cambridge, Te Awamutu, Kihikihi, Ohaupo and Pirongia
- All outdoor/footpath dining areas within the central business districts of Cambridge, Te Awamutu, Kihikihi, Ohaupo and Pirongia
- All public car parks
- Road corridors immediately adjacent to education providers.

\*To be implemented when new leases and licences are granted

#### **4.2. Smokefree and vapefree outdoor dining**

Restaurants, cafes and bars with a permit to use the street footpath for their outdoor dining should make sure those spaces are smokefree and vapefree.

Business are encouraged to sign up to the “The Fresh Air Project” to promote their smokefree and vapefree status. Businesses are encouraged to display smokefree and vapefree signage around their business to promote the smokefree and vapefree message to the community.

## Smokefree and vapefree events

Council recognises that public events can support the promotion of positive smokefree and vapefree messages. All Council-owned events and those receiving Council funding or support must be smokefree and vapefree. Event organisers are encouraged to share the smokefree and vapefree message leading up to, and at, their events.

## 5. Procedures

### 5.1. Implementation

Successful communication and education of this policy requires a collaboration between Council, communities, and the Waikato District Health Board.

To implement this policy Council will:

- make smokefree and vapefree signage/stickers available.
- display signage with smokefree and vapefree messaging at Council buildings, facilities and parks and reserve areas as signage needs to be renewed or replaced
- on review, Council documents (e.g. reserve management plans), will make reference to smokefree and vapefree public places.
- on review, community leases and licences will require the leased premises to be smokefree and vapefree
- include a 'no smoking/vaping on premises' clause in the Council's terms and conditions for hiring any Council venue.
- include a smokefree and vapefree compliance requirement in Council contracts.
- include a smokefree and vapefree requirement in all funding agreements/contracts as they are renegotiated/renewed.

## 6. Application and review

6.1. The policy will be reviewed by Council every three years, following its adoption; or as determined by Council; or in response to legislative or policy changes as appropriate.

6.2. The following measures of success will be used as the basis of any review of the Policy:

- The number of actively promoted smokefree and vapefree areas in Waipā increases

- Awareness of, and public support for, smokefree and vapefree public areas increases

These will be measured using surveys of businesses, organisations, and facilities; and community surveys.

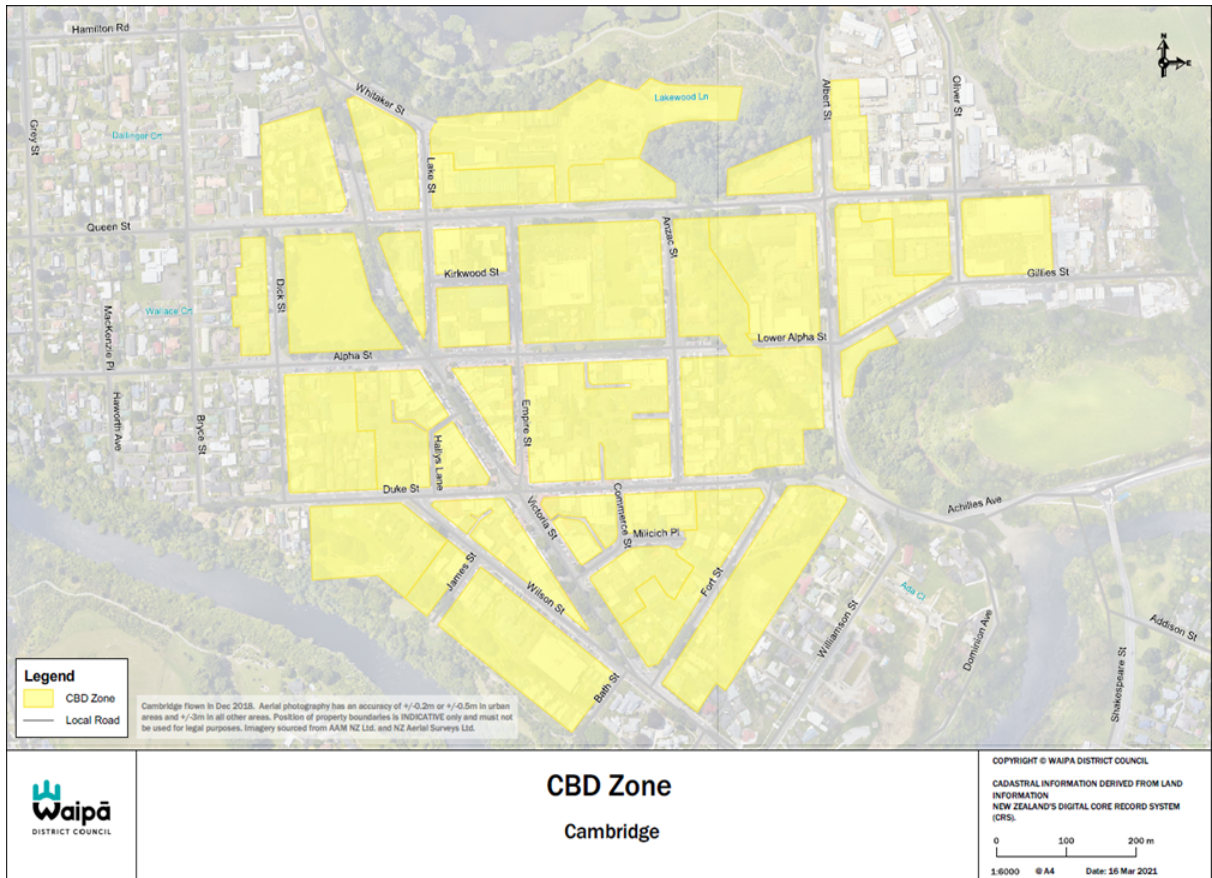
6.3. The policy will take effect from the date it is signed by the Chief Executive.

Garry Dyet  
**Chief Executive**

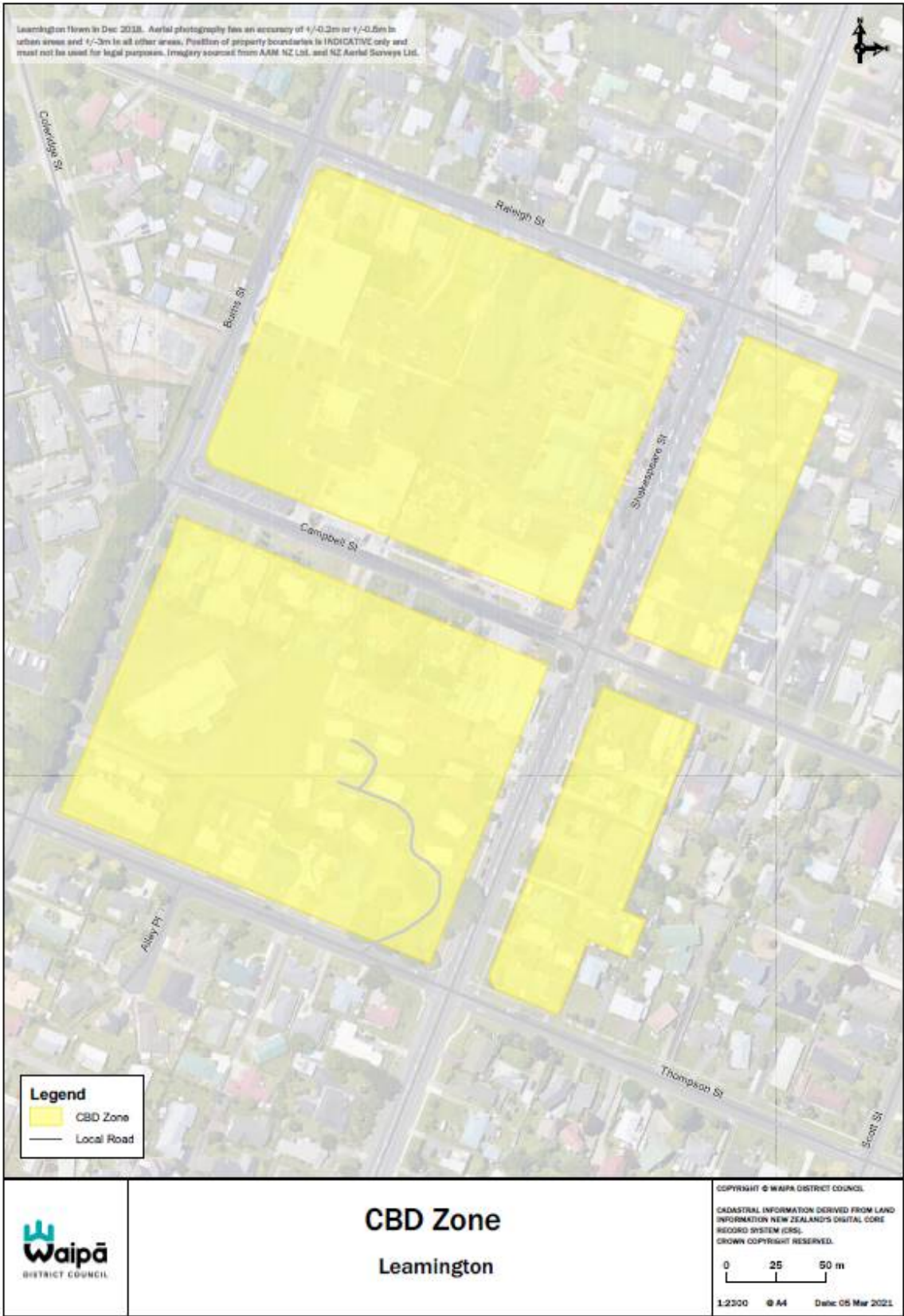
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## 7. Schedule 1

All outdoor public areas including roads, parks and reserves within the central business districts of Cambridge, Leamington, Te Awamutu, Kihikihi, Ohaupo and Pirongia, are smokefree and vapefree areas. The central business districts are shown by the maps below (shaded yellow) and include the roads within the shaded areas.







**CBD Zone**  
**Leamington**



