# Hastings District Seasonal Worker Accommodation - Plan Change 1 (Variation 7)

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Hastings District Council prepared a variation to the Proposed District Plan (Variation 7) to allow for seasonal worker accommodation within the Light Industrial zone and the General Industrial zones at Omahu and Irongate, and changes to the scale of seasonal workers accommodation within the Plains Production zone.

#### These changes are now operative.

## Timeline

Submissions on the variation closed on 27 September 2019, hearings were held in February 2020 and decisions notified 2 May 2020. Three appeals were lodged with the Environment Court. The relevant parties came together in discussions with the Council, and the appeals were settled out of Court.

The Hastings District Plan now reflects these provisions.

## What is the effect of the plan change?

The plan change sought to provide for seasonal worker accommodation in more zones across the Hastings District, and has achieved that.

The plan change has allowed seasonal worker accommodation to now be established in the following zones, under the following activity classifications (unless permitted, resource consent is required before you can establish it):

Plains Production Zone	<ul> <li>Seasonal worker accommodation over 125m2 in area with up to 80 workers:</li> <li>on sites less than 12ha is now provided for as a discretionary activity (requires resource consent)</li> <li>on sites greater than 12ha is a restricted discretionary activity (requires resource consent).</li> <li>Seasonal worker accommodation up to 125m2 in area is provided for as a permitted activity.</li> </ul>
Light Industrial and General Zines at Omahu and Irongate	Seasonal worker accommodation for a maximum of 300 workers is provided for as a restricted discretionary activity (requires resource consent).
General Industrial Zones at Omahu and Irongate	Seasonal worker accommodation for more than 300 workers is provided for as a discretionary activity (requires resource consent).

For detailed information about the performance standards relevant in each zone, please refer to Part B of the District Plan available here: <u>https://eplan.hdc.govt.nz/eplan/</u>