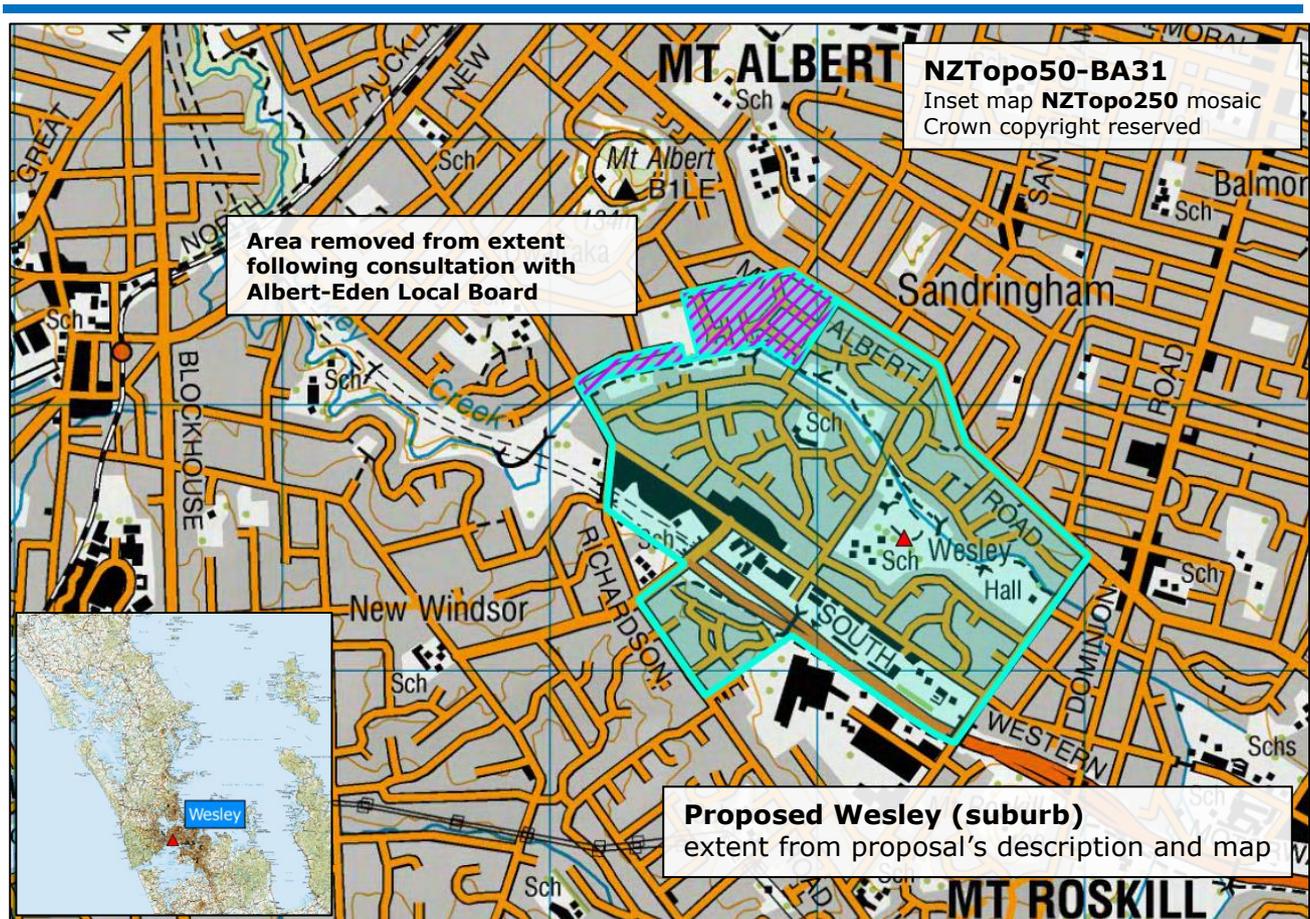


Deferred proposal: Wesley (suburb)



Summary

At its 16 October 2017 meeting the NZGB deferred a proposal from MP Michael Wood and Puketāpapa Local Board to assign Wesley as an official suburb name and define its extent.

The NZGB requested that the proposers:

- consult further with mana whenua, due to the short time frame provided in the initial proposal and limited responses,
- consult with the adjacent Auckland Local Boards, due to gaps and overlaps in Local Board jurisdiction for the proposed extent, and
- advise whether an area bisected by State Highway 20 should be included.

On 11 June 2018 MP Michael Wood advised:

- a further consultation letter was sent to mana whenua in late 2017, but there have been no responses,
- Puketāpapa Local Board consulted with Albert-Eden Local Board, who did not agree to the area within their jurisdiction being included in the proposed extent for Wesley. The proposal has been updated with a new map subtracting this area, and
- the area on the south side of State Highway 20 is historically a part of Wesley. Access via a footbridge retains a physical connection, and the

community continues to use the same schools, shops, churches, and other services as the rest of Wesley.

To date, the proposers have advised a positive (but informal) response from Ngāti Whatua-o-Orakei for the name, but without comment on the extent. If the NZGB accepts this proposal there may be further feedback from mana whenua during the notification period.

Secretariat recommendation

Recommendation

Accept the proposal to **assign Wesley** (suburb), based on:

- long term use of this name for the suburb (approximately 70 years),
- the local community's strong association with the name, evidenced by the responses to a previous proposal to name a new town near Pukekohe Wesley, which was withdrawn, and in the proposal material,
- the many schools, businesses, and community events that are named 'Wesley' within the suburb,
- the heritage values associated with the Wesley name,
- support from Puketāpapa Local Board, and confirmation of the extent from the adjacent Albert-Eden Local Board,

and

Notify as a proposal to **assign** for three months.

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Resolution

*That the NZGB agreed to **Defer** its decision and advise the proposer to consult with mana whenua, ie Ngāti Whatua, confirm that the proposed suburb extent is acceptable to the adjacent Auckland Council Local Boards, and gather local views on the proposed extent.*

Supporting information

1. Proposal for Wesley (suburb) – 2017-10-16
2. Email from MP Michael Wood – 2018-06-11
3. New map for proposed extent of Wesley
4. Secretariat diagram of proposed extent and Local Board boundaries