



Private Plan Change Update

Kaikōura District Council

Wednesday 15th November 2023

Introducing

Kaikōura Dark Sky Trust

Nicky McArthur - Chair

Colette Doughty - Project coordinator



Kāhu Environmental

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Since our workshop in May:

- Continued to work well alongside Kahu Environmental (planners)
- Consulted regularly with the KDC Planning team
- Received ongoing feedback from Dark Sky International
- Carried out community engagement (EXPO)
- Continued stakeholder engagement through Kahu & KDC CEO
- Hui with Te Runanga o Kaikōura

The Dark Sky Private Plan Change

In September Kahu Environmental completed the:

- Proposed changes to the Kaikōura Operative District Plan operative plan provisions
- Draft section 32 evaluation report (55 pages).

These were sent to iwi, key stakeholders and the Dark Sky International for comment.

Stakeholder feedback – September to present

Iwi – A hui was held on the 8th November with the environmental pou leader to talk through the report. A follow up email answering all the questions raised has been sent to key Runanga members. To be followed up.

Key stakeholders - To date support for the plan has been shown by Dark Sky International, Department of Conservation, Waka Kotahi, Mainpower and Spark. Conversations still occurring with Fonterra and Federation Farmers.

Dark Sky International Change – September

The Dark Sky committee were sent the draft proposed lighting changes and S.32 report for review.

Their response after careful consideration was to propose that we alter our plan and submit 2 applications at the same time for the district to be an internationally recognised dark sky place:

1. International Dark Sky Sanctuary (approx. 98% of the district)
2. International Dark Sky Community (township and small area around).

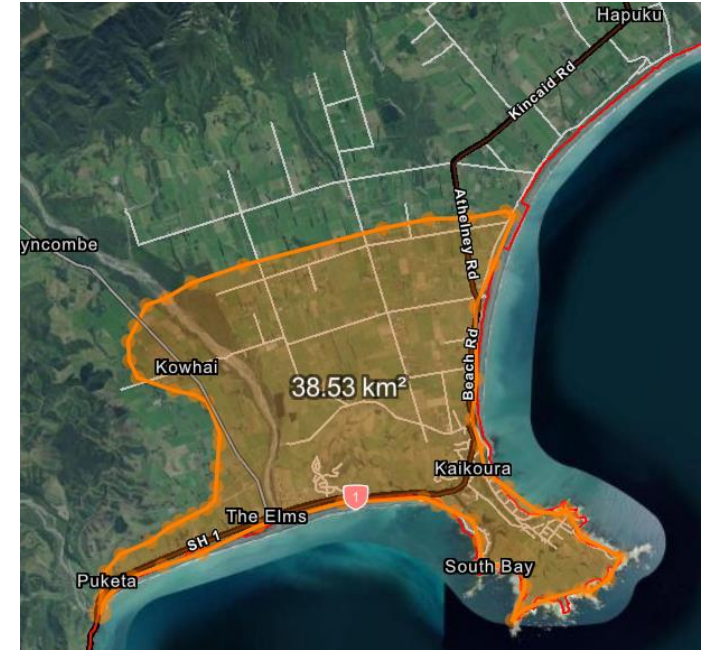
The majority of the district will be a sanctuary, with the urban environment (where there are more lights, sports lighting and illuminated signs) being a community.

What has this change meant?

A slight time delay to our plan change process while we:

- Work through 2 different criteria checklists
- Make a few tweaks to the draft provisions
 - Including a new permitted activity standard for sports lighting in the commercial and residential zones
- Discuss and outline our recommended boundary between the community and the sanctuary.

Potential Area of the Community



These 3 options are currently being discussed. They are all the same except around the Hapuku/Koura Bay area.

Kaikōura Dark Sky Trust Plan Change Process

FEB-APRIL 2023

Community and stakeholder engagement about the project

MARCH-JUNE 2023

Private Plan change development by Kāhu Environmental. Includes District Plan changes and s32 Report. Stakeholder Engagement feedback will be included

JUNE-JULY 2023

Kaikōura Dark Sky Trust will submit the private plan change to council for processing

Date TBC

Council will publicly notify the Private Plan Change

APPEALS

Period for appeals to be made to the Environment Court following public notification of the decision

COUNCIL WILL NOTIFY
DECISION

A decision on the plan change will be issued by the Hearing Panel. Council can then approve and notify decision

DATE TBC

A date for council hearing will be set once submissions have been received

DATE TBC

Opportunity for public submissions to Council on the proposed plan change following notification

QUESTIONS?

