

# 3. The Rural Area Objectives<sup>1</sup>

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The following objectives provide the framework for the development of the Rural Community Plan for South Karori. It should be noted that the objectives have not been prioritised – each carries equal weighting and collectively the objectives create a holistic vision for the rural area.

- 1. To encourage and facilitate community involvement in decision-making for the future of Wellington’s rural areas through the Makara/Ohariu Community Board, Resident Groups, and through the development of Rural Community Plans**
- 2. To maintain and enhance rural character, amenity and identity for people living, working and visiting the rural area**
- 3. To provide opportunities for rural living where the environment and the local infrastructure is able to support and accommodate growth**
- 4. To allow for efficient, convenient and safe access for people and goods to and within the rural area**
- 5. To monitor and, where necessary, improve the safety of rural roads to mitigate any traffic effects arising from rural living and land use activities**
- 6. To protect important ridgelines, landscapes and views**
- 7. To support the sustainable management of land by private landowners**
- 8. To promote environmentally sustainable water, wastewater and rubbish disposal schemes**
- 9. To improve indigenous biodiversity by protecting and enhancing natural features, indigenous vegetation and regenerating bush**
- 10. To preserve and enhance the natural character of coastal and riparian environments**
- 11. To support a variety of high-quality rural recreational opportunities that do not adversely affect the environment**
- 12. To meet, support and enhance the social and economic needs of the rural community through co-operation between the Council and those living and working in the rural area**
- 13. To meet, support and enhance the rural area’s contribution to the Wellington economy**

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<sup>1</sup> Adopted by the Council’s City Development & Business and Environment & Recreation Committees in January 2001.

14. To foster a safe environment for those living, working and visiting the rural area
15. To promote opportunities for the Council and mana whenua to work in partnership on rural issues



**View Looking down into South Karori Road**