

#### 4. SPECIAL AMENITY AREA DESIGN GUIDES

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board that the Urban Design Team has produced a series of brochures for the Special Amenity Areas (SAMs).

SAMs are areas within the living zones of the City that are in some way distinctive from the surrounding neighbourhoods and are considered to have a character worth retaining. They have modified, or additional, rules to the standard living zone rules in the Proposed City Plan, that recognise their special character.

There was concern raised that not enough design guidance was available to the public to ensure that the SAMs characteristics were recognised and upheld when new development, or alterations to existing development, was proposed. The brochures are one means of addressing these concerns. They include an outline of the existing characteristics of each SAM, ways of designing in accordance with the character, and the applicable City Plan rules.

On behalf of the Design Planning Unit Janet Reeve will be in attendance.

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.

**Chairman's Recommendation:** That the information be received.