

## Democracy Action Guide for Volunteer Photographers

Auckland Council has confirmed that the 3,600 sites of value to Mana Whenua were not investigated prior to them being included in the Auckland Unitary Plan.

Despite having almost 6,000 staff, the Council does not think it is practical to investigate each of the sites – even if only to ascertain that the site still exists.

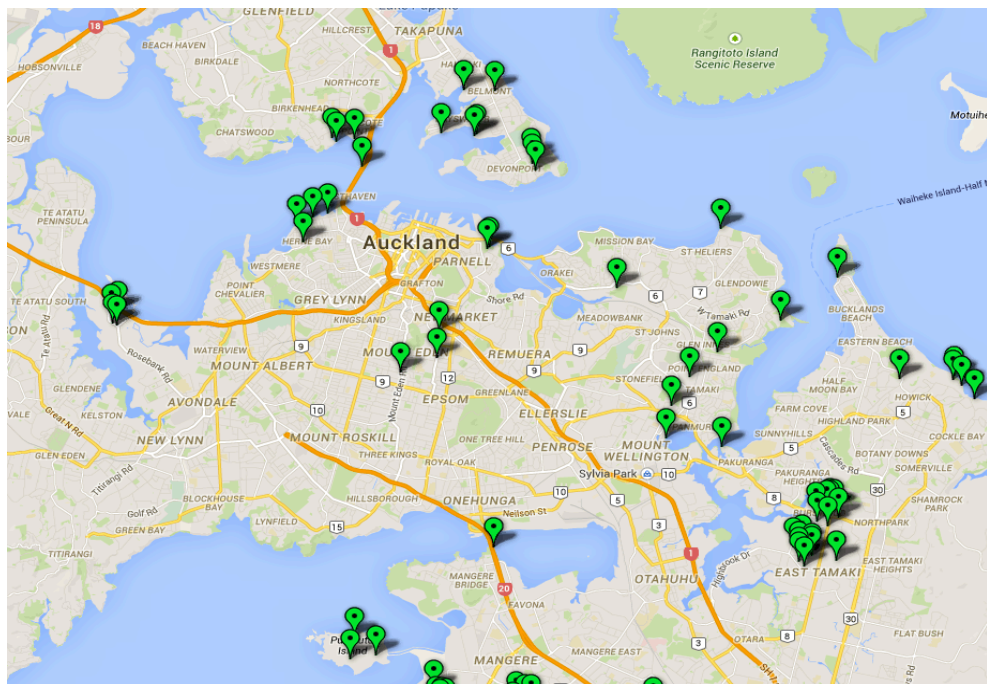
Democracy Action wants to do what the Council refuses to.

This guide is to assist you in cataloguing the sites.

### 1. Visit

Visit this website to see a list of the unallocated sites for volunteers to investigate.  
[CLICK HERE](#) for the map.

- The green markers show unallocated sites.
- Sites already claimed by volunteers are displayed with orange markers.
- Use your mouse to move the map and click the “+” and “-” buttons on the screen to zoom in and out.
- Locate a green coloured site on the map that you would like to investigate.



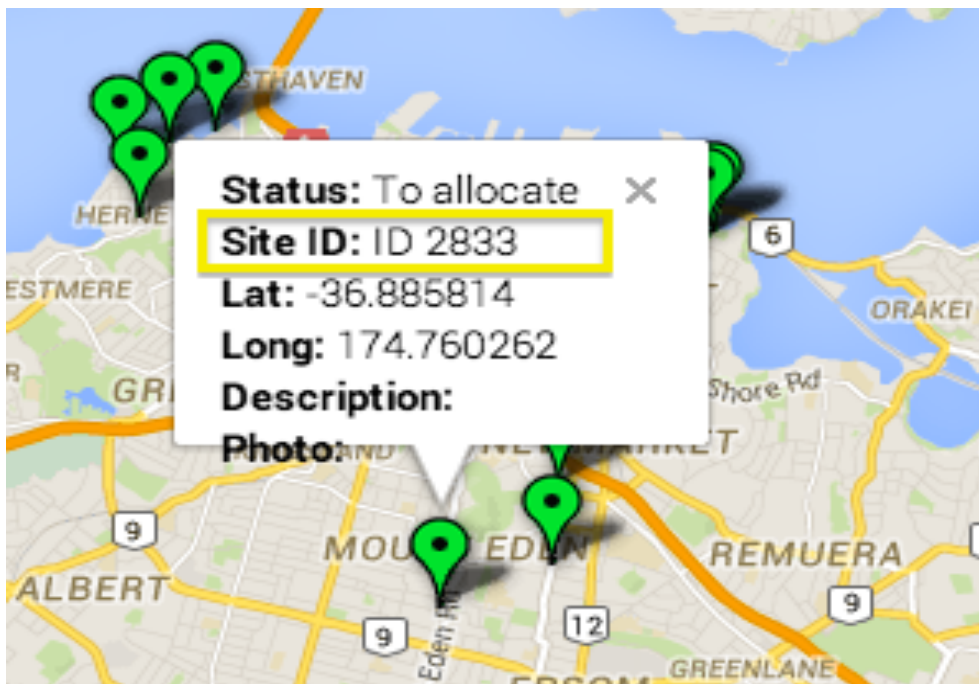
## 2. Reserve

Reserve the markers on the map that you're able to investigate.

To do this, click on the green map marker and note down the ID number. Send these ID numbers to [sites@democracyaction.org.nz](mailto:sites@democracyaction.org.nz)

Once we have received your email we will change your green marker or markers to orange to show others that it has now been claimed.

- Try to ensure you only claim as many as you will be able to complete.
- We will email you with confirmation of your allocation of sites.



### 3. Snap

Snap a few photos of the sites you have investigated, as well as the surrounding area.

- Please be mindful that the area may contain historic or cultural artefacts. If this appears to be the case, please proceed with caution.
- If the site is on private property, please ask for permission before visiting the site, or take the photo from the closest public space.



### 4. Describe

Describe in brief the site and area you have investigated.

- What is on and around the site?
- What do the photos show?
- Were there any plaques or other commemorations?
- How accessible was the site?
- Is it on private property?

#### **Example**

The GPS coordinates lead me to site near a stream, approximately four metres from the foreshore. There were a number of flax bushes in the area near the stream. There were no plaques, monuments or cultural artefacts nearby.

## 5. Spread the word

If the site is on or near private property, we encourage you to leave the affected property owners information about Democracy Action and the Mana Whenua provisions.

- [CLICK HERE](#) to download a template letter suitable for putting in letterboxes up to 300m from the site.



## **6. Send**

Send your photos and description of the site to [sites@democracyaction.org.nz](mailto:sites@democracyaction.org.nz)  
Please remind us of the site ID for each of the photos.



## **7. Update**

That's it!

Once you send through the photos and description, we will update the map so that viewers will see your photos when they click on your marker.

Now volunteers and the public will be able to see just what the Council have classified as being of value – and whether such sites even exist.