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Honours dissertation: Auckland's school-speed limit reversals

How Auckland applied the 2024 national rule that required some lower speed limits to be reversed, from national direction down to individual road records.

Course	Year
URBPLAN 757 Research Project	2026
Role	**Grade**
Individual	A

What I did

- Traced decisions through legislation, OIA records, Auckland Transport assessments and the National Speed Limit Register
- Kept an Excel source register to reconcile definitions that did not match between records
- Used Manurewa as the local case, with Christchurch and Dunedin for comparison

Policy and research · Transport planning · Consents and statutory planning



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Consent report: four dwellings and subdivision, Hauraki

A Council-style report and decision on a combined land use and subdivision application for four three-storey dwellings on a 759 m² Mixed Housing Suburban site.

Course	Year
URBPLAN 735 Resource Consents	2026
Role	**Grade**
Individual	A

What I did

- Checked the applicant's AEE against the engineering plans and corrected an error in it
- Worked through the public and limited notification tests in sections 95A to 95G
- Drafted consent conditions and consent notices, using a development engineer's memo

Consents and statutory planning

Housing and growth



Source: Auckland Council GIS

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Assessment of Environmental Effects: 20 Sovereign Place, Glenfield

An AEE for demolition, three dwellings and subdivision on a 675 m² site, written from the applicant's side.

Course	Year
URBPLAN 735 Resource Consents	2026
Role	**Grade**
Individual	A

What I did

- Set out activity status and the permitted baseline under the Auckland Unitary Plan
- Assessed setbacks, height in relation to boundary and effects on neighbours
- Recommended a non-notified consent pathway

Consents and statutory planning

Housing and growth



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Grey Lynn Spatial Framework and Development Plan

A plan for Grey Lynn and Arch Hill: a plan-wide framework, five sub-areas with measurable zoning and development rules, and a section on delivery and monitoring.

Course	Year
URBPLAN 714 Plan Making Studio	2026
Role	**Grade**
Group of five	A

What I did

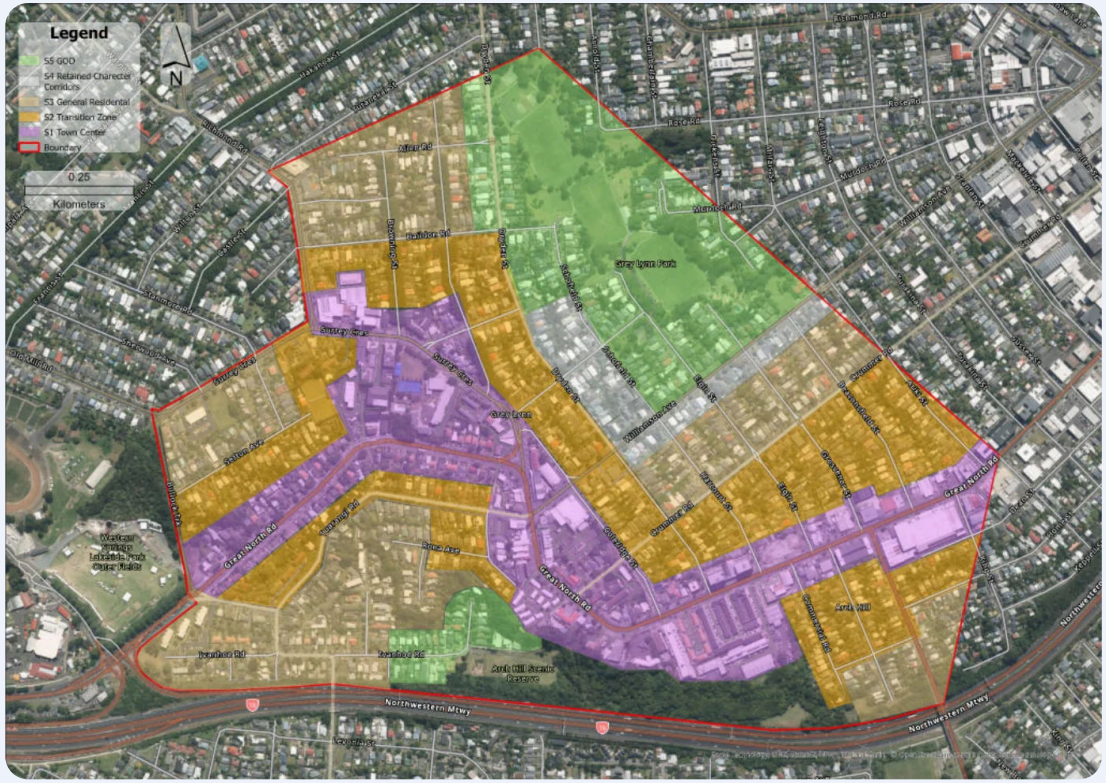
- Produced as a five-person team; the plan is shown as group work
- I followed up individually with an essay on RMA reform and plan-making that draws on the plan

Consents and statutory planning

Spatial analysis and GIS

Housing and growth

Implementation and delivery



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Rewiring Highland Park: a staged transport strategy

A 19-page low-carbon transport strategy for Highland Park, based on a field audit and staged over 0–5, 5–15 and 15–30 years.

Course	Year
URBPLAN 712 Sustainable Urbanism	2026
Role	**Grade**
Individual	A-

What I did

- Audited missing crossings, driveway conflicts and gaps in walking and cycling routes
- Compared a walking-and-cycling pathway with a technology-led one, using sourced emissions estimates
- Set out quick wins that build toward protected cycling and a rapid-transit corridor

Transport planning · Climate and environment · Implementation and delivery · Spatial analysis and GIS



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Hono Wai: a masterplan for AF Thomas Park

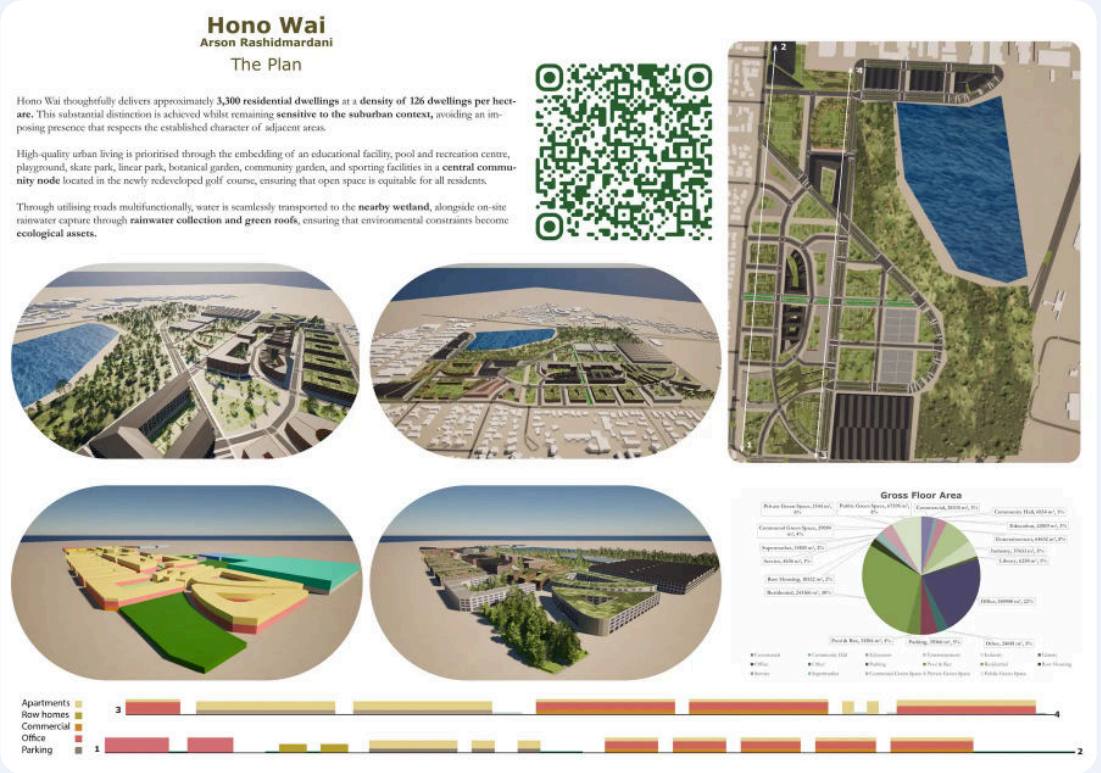
A masterplan for about 3,300 proposed homes (126 dwellings per hectare) near Smales Farm station, organised around water-sensitive streets and a community hub.

Course	Year
URBPLAN 326 Urban Planning Studio 5	2025
Role	**Grade**
Individual	Not shown

What I did

- Tested the layout through plans, sections, massing and street-level views
- Used green space and streets to manage flood risk
- Made a 60-second 3D walkthrough of the proposal

Urban design · Housing and growth · Climate and environment · Transport planning



Full project: arsonrashidmardani.com/work/hono-wai