

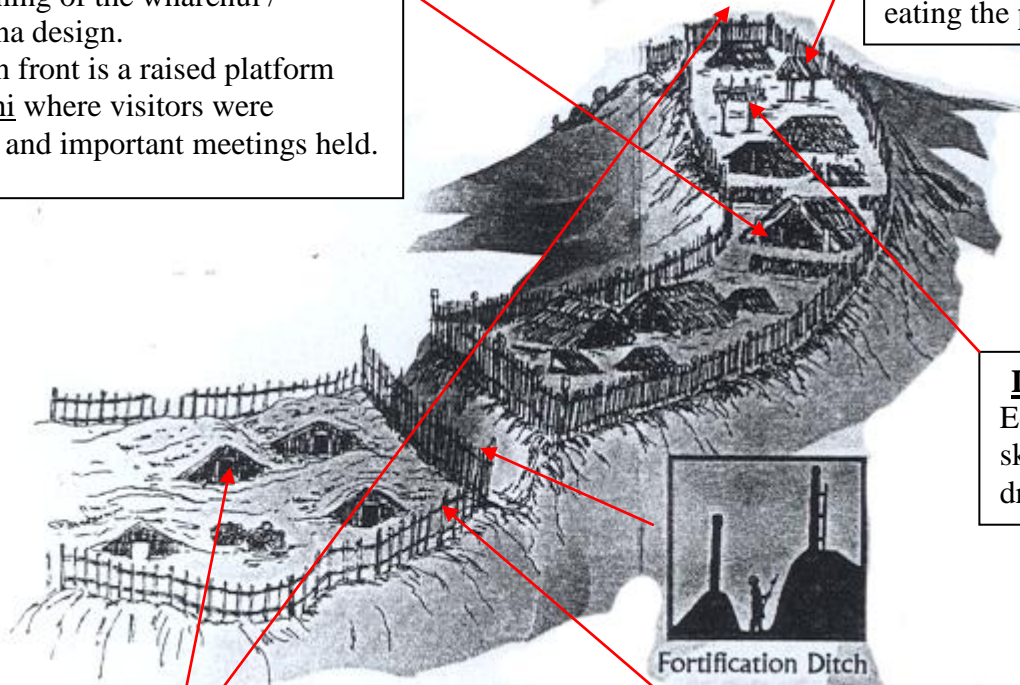


# Opapaka Pa Site

## **Chief/ Rangatira's whare:**

The beginning of the wharenuī / wharetipuna design.  
The area in front is a raised platform called a tihi where visitors were welcomed and important meetings held.

**Pataka:** food storage house which was set on stilts to stop rats from eating the produce.



**Drying Rack:**  
Eels and kuri skins were dried in the sun.

## **Rua/ Kumera Pits**

The kumera crop was brought up to these underground shelters and stored in two areas; the lower rua were used to hold the crop that was to be eaten and the upper rua held the bulbs to be planted the following spring.

## **Palisades**

The palisades were a fence of sharpened stakes that were usually made from young saplings to ensure they were strong enough to resist an assault.