

**IN THE MATTER**

of the Resource Management Act  
1991

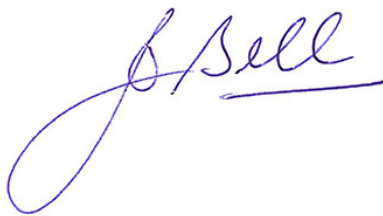
**AND**

**PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 36** to the Auckland Unitary Plan  
Operative in Part

**DIRECTIONS OF THE HEARING PANEL OF COMMISSIONERS: PROPOSED PLAN  
CHANGE 36 – OPEN SPACE**

1. The Auckland Council (the Council) has appointed Independent Hearing Commissioners Janine Bell, John Kirikiri and Ian Munro (the Panel) pursuant to section 34A of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), to hear and determine submissions to Proposed Plan Change 36.
2. The proposed plan change seeks to:
  - (a) Rezone land recently vested or acquired for open space purposes so that the zoning of the land reflects its purpose and intended use;
  - (b) Correct some open space zoning errors (typically private land that has been incorrectly zoned as open space); and
  - (c) Rezone 9 land parcels that are currently zoned as open space or shown as road in the Auckland Unitary Plan (Operative in Part) to either a residential or business zone, depending on the zoning of adjacent land (as part of Panuku Auckland's land disposal and rationalisation process).
3. The proposed plan change was publicly notified for submissions on 28 November 2019. Submissions closed on 30 January 2020, and further submissions closed on 12 March 2020.
4. The hearing is scheduled to commence on Wednesday 7 October 2020.
5. The Panel have considered whether any directions are appropriate under section 41B and section 42A of the RMA. Section 41B provides that the Council may direct that evidence from any expert be provided to the parties before the hearing. Section 42A RMA provides that the Council may require a report on the matters to be considered be provided prior to the hearing.
6. The Panel is aware that a section 42A report is currently under preparation by the Council.
7. The Panel directs as follows:

- (a) Pursuant to section 42A RMA, the section 42A report shall be made available on Council's web site by **5pm Monday 21 September 2020**. The report is to be in .pdf and Word document format.
  - (b) Pursuant to section 41B(3) and (4) RMA, all expert evidence to be given at the hearing on behalf of any submitter (generally being evidence given by a professional with specialist qualifications and experience) shall be provided to Council by **12 noon Monday 28 September 2020**. The evidence is to be in .pdf and Word document format.
  - (c) As soon as possible after any evidence received pursuant to the above Directions, the Council shall place the evidence on Council's website.
8. The purpose of these Directions from the Panel is to provide the opportunity for them, and for the parties, to consider any technical evidence in advance of the hearing to assist all parties in understanding that evidence.
9. The Directions do not apply to evidence to be presented by the applicant or by submitters who are "non-experts", or persons who do not provide expert evidence at these types of proceedings. They will have the opportunity to present written or oral evidence at the hearing in the normal manner. They do not need to pre-circulate their own statements or representations before the hearing commences.
10. Any enquiries regarding these Directions or related matters should also be directed to Sidra Khan, Hearings Advisor, [sidra.khan@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:sidra.khan@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)



**J A BELL**  
**Panel Chair**  
**for the Hearing Panel**  
**Dated: 31 August 2020**