

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**)

AND

IN THE MATTER of **Private Plan Changes 48** (Kiwi Property No. 2), **49** (Fulton Hogan Land Development Limited) and **50** (Oyster Capital Limited) to the Auckland Unitary Plan – Operative in Part.

DIRECTION OF THE HEARING PANEL

FURTHER EXPERT CONFERENCING – TRANSPORT AND PLANNING (in relation to transport matters).

1. Pursuant to section 34 and 34A of the RMA, Auckland Council has appointed a Hearing Panel consisting of independent hearing commissioners - Greg Hill (Chairperson), Mark Farnsworth and Karyn Kurzeja¹. The Hearing Panel has been delegated the authority to hear the plan change requests and submissions, and make decisions on those plan changes. It is also authorised to deal with any procedural matters.
2. The Hearing Panel has previously issued Directions for Expert Conferencing in relation to these private plan changes² - for stormwater, traffic and transport and planning. Some expert conferencing sessions have occurred and joint witness statements (JWS) issued (and provided to the Hearing Panel).
3. Following on from the Procedural Meeting³, we issued a Direction⁴ setting out a preliminary process and timeline for the reconvened hearings based on the parties receiving the updated traffic modelling/initial assessments by the 3 September 2021. The Hearing Panel has received confirmation from the Applicants that this date will be met.
4. Accordingly, we are directing the 'initial' stage of expert conferencing as set out in the table in the Direction referred to in the preceding paragraph - titled –

Expert Conferencing – Traffic and Planning experts

Information/clarification session so everyone has the same understanding of traffic modelling/assessments.
5. It was indicated that this conferencing would occur on either the 13, 14 or 15 September 2021. The Council will be in touch with the parties³ to confirm the conferencing session and date.
6. As we have set out in previous Directions for Plan Changes 48, 49 and 50, Ms Marlene Oliver has been appointed as the independent facilitator for the expert conferencing sessions. Ms Oliver is authorised to carry out the functions for these plan changes set out in those previous Directions.

¹ Ms Kurzeja in relation to Plan changes 48 and 50

² Dated 19, 22 and 27 April 2021

³ 28 July 2021

⁴ 9 August 2021

7. A further Direction will be issued shortly addressing all of the other matters related to the re-convening of the hearings. This will, in all likelihood, be in line with the indicative timetable set out in the 9 August 2021 Direction.
8. Any enquiries regarding this Direction or related matters should be directed to Mr Sam Otter, the Council's Senior Hearing Advisor, by email at sam.otter@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz



Greg Hill - Chairperson
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