

Monday 4 April 2022

Direct Dial: 09 353 9587

To the Submitters

Tēnā koe

NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT APPLICATION – NOTICE OF HEARING

Applicant	Counties Energy
Proposed activity	to construct a power substation
Address	8 Whangapouri Road, Karaka

The safety and wellbeing of our customers, team members and communities in Auckland is always our utmost priority. We want to assure you that we're taking the necessary precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Please ensure you read the COVID-19 requirements for hearings at the bottom of this letter.

The above application will be heard by Hearing Commissioners **Peter Reaburn (Chairperson), Gavin Lister and Basil Morrison** at a hearing to be held as follows:

- Date:** Monday 2 May 2022
- Time:** 9.30am
- Venue:** Online using Microsoft Teams

The chair has directed that evidence is to be pre-circulated for this hearing. See the attached Direction. In accordance with the Direction, evidence is due to be received by the Hearings Advisor as follows:

Key Dates for this hearing (for more information, see below)	
Council S42a report available	Wednesday 6 April 2022, 5pm
Applicant's evidence due	Wednesday 13 April 2022, 12 noon
Submitters expert evidence due	Friday 22 April 2022, 12 noon
Applicant's supplementary evidence and legal submissions requested	Thursday 28 April 2022, 5pm
Submitter's non-expert evidence requested	Thursday 28 April 2022, 5pm
Appearance forms returned	Friday 22 April 2022, 12 noon

You are invited to attend the hearing where the Hearing Commissioners will consider submissions in support of/or opposing the application.

Please note the commissioners may carry out a site visit, individually or together, either before, during or after the hearing which may involve them going on to the application site and, if

necessary, submitters' sites. During the site visit, the commissioners will not speak to any of the parties directly about the application's merits.

The officer's report and accompanying information will be made available within 24 hours of receipt or as soon as is practicable and this can be found:

<https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/have-your-say/hearings/find-hearing/Pages/find-auckland-unitary-plan-hearing.aspx>

The following apply:

- (a) **The council** report will be available on the council website no later than 5pm on **Wednesday 6 April 2022**.
- (b) **The applicant** is required to provide all its briefs of evidence by **Wednesday 13 April 2022**. You will be advised once the evidence is available.
- (c) **Any submitter** proposing to call expert witnesses is required to provide briefs of evidence from those experts at least five working days before the hearing. An expert is a professional such as a planner, traffic engineer or similar.

To ensure this evidence is available on council's website at least 5 working days prior to the hearing, it is required **by midday, Friday 22 April 2022**.

The expert witness is required to provide:

- 1 soft copy - briefs of evidence to be provided via email each file should be less than 10Mb.
- (d) A short-written summary for briefs of evidence in excess of 10 pages is helpful. It is likely the commissioners will request that this at least is read at the hearing.
 - (e) Email will be the address for service for the applicant and submitters, unless advised otherwise.

Electronic copies of evidence can be sent to the Hearings Advisor at DS-Hearings@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz, Attn: Sam Otter

Please fill in the attached appearance form and return it to me by Friday 22 April 2022 if you would like to appear at the hearing, so that we can schedule your appearance and inform you of your approximate speaking time.

We're dedicated to protecting against COVID-19. For the most up to date information on COVID-19 please visit www.covid19.govt.nz. For the most up to date information about council's services please visit www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.

The chair has issued a direction stating that the hearing will proceed online using Microsoft Teams. Please see the direction dated 4 April 2022.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 09 353 9587 if you have any questions in relation to this hearing.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Otter', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sam Otter
Kaitohutohu Mataamua Whakawā
Senior Hearings Advisor