

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

AND

IN THE MATTER of **Private Plan Change 51** – Karaka and Drury Limited - land generally bounded by Drury Creek to the east, Future Urban Zoned land to the west and Karaka Road/State Highway 22 to the south and south east (Drury West) to the Auckland Unitary Plan – Operative in Part.

DIRECTIONS FROM THE HEARING PANEL

RESCHEDULED HEARING DATES

1. Pursuant to section 34 and 34A of the RMA, Auckland Council (the Council) has appointed a Hearing Panel consisting of independent hearing commissioners - Greg Hill (Chairperson), Mark Farnsworth and Karyn Kurzeja. The Hearing Panel's function is to hear the application and submissions and make a decision on the Plan Change proposal. It is also to address any procedural issues.
2. The hearing of this Plan Change was scheduled for the 6 - 10 September 2021. However, due to Auckland being in 'Covid alert level 4 lock down' the hearing was postponed. In our Direction dated 2 September 2021 we set out that we would be seeking to re-convene the hearing as soon as possible with a further direction to follow confirming the date.
3. The hearing of Plan Change 51 has been rescheduled for **Thursday 4, Friday 5, Monday 8 and Tuesday 9 November 2021**¹.
4. The venue is the- **Conference Centre - 12-16 Nicholas Lane, Parnell.**
5. At the time the hearing was postponed, the evidence exchange had been completed² (as set out in our Direction dated 31 March 2021). In this respect, we set out in our 2 September 2021 Direction:

The Applicant has now filed its reply evidence. On this basis the evidence exchange process for PC51 is completed. The only further material we are expecting/accepting from parties prior to the re-convened hearing is the Applicant's and any Submitters' legal submissions.
6. Accordingly, we are not seeking further evidence from any party. If any party seeks to file additional evidence, a waiver will need to be sought from the Hearing Panel addressing the matters set out in section 37 and 37A of the RMA.

¹ Subject to being able to hold a face-to-face meeting at the relevant Covid alert level.

² The evidence for Plan Change 51 is on the Council's Website.

7. The Hearing Panel encourages parties to pre-circulate any opening legal submissions in advance of the hearing, preferably no later than Friday **29 October 2021**. The Hearing Panel and other parties will be assisted if the legal submissions can be pre-read.
8. Any enquiries regarding this Direction or related matters should be directed to the Council's Senior Hearings Advisor, Mr Sam Otter by email at sam.otter@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.



Greg Hill Chairperson
9 September 2021