

19 April 2022

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To the Submitters

Tēnā koe

PLAN CHANGE – NOTICE OF RECONVENED HEARING

Plan Change	PC60 – OPEN SPACE
Application description	To rezone land to open space or rezone open space that has been deemed surplus to requirements

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 proposed plan change will be heard by Hearing Commissioners **Janine Bell (Chairperson)** and **Nicki Williams** at a hearing to be held as follows:

Date: Thursday 26 May 2022

Overflow day of Tuesday 31 May 2022 only if required.

Time: 9.30am

**Venue: Council Chambers
Ground Floor
Auckland Town Hall, 301 Queen Street, Auckland**

You are invited to attend the hearing where the Hearing Commissioners will consider submissions in support of/opposing the application. Attendance via MS Teams is available on request, by contacting the hearings advisor by Thursday 19 May 2022.

Please note the commissioners will carry out a site visit, individually or together, either before, during or after the hearing which may involve them going on to the application sites 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 evidence is available on council's website at:

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

Any submitter providing briefs of evidence at the hearing must bring 6 hard copies of the evidence to the hearing. It would also be appreciated if you can email the statement to the Hearings Advisor at DS-Hearings@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz, Attn: Laura Ager

If you plan to attend virtually, please ensure your evidence is provided to the Hearings Advisor electronically before the hearing commences. The panel members will have already read your original submission and they will have that in front of them at the hearing.

If you wish to attend the hearing, please fill in the attached appearance form and return it to me by Thursday 19 May 2022. Please note that email will be the address for service for the submitters unless advised otherwise.

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.

At the date of this letter Auckland is in the orange setting of the COVID-19 Protection Framework. There are restrictions with face-to-face hearings at this level that include:

- 1m social distancing required in public spaces such as the hearing room and foyer area. This is an Auckland Council requirement. This may mean there is a possible restriction on the number of people who can attend the hearing in person to ensure social distancing is adhered to. The Hearings Advisor will discuss this with the parties before the hearing to ensure these requirements are adhered to
- use of a face-covering is mandatory at some indoor venues including premises operated by local government agencies. This includes the hearing venue
- no participants are to attend who have COVID-19 symptoms or who need to be in isolation/quarantine for any reason.

Should it be determined at any time that it is not safe to hold the hearing face-to-face, the Hearings Advisor will contact you about how we will proceed with the hearing, which could be virtually via MSTeams.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 09 890 4021 if you have any questions in relation to this hearing.

Ngā mihi



Laura Ager
Kaitohutohu Mataamua Whakawā
Senior Hearings Advisor

