

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

AND

IN THE MATTER of **Private Plan Change 66** – 57 and 57A Schnapper Rock Road, Schnapper Rock, to the Auckland Unitary Plan

HEARING DIRECTION #3 FROM THE HEARING PANEL – ONLINE HEARING

1. The Auckland Council (the Council) has appointed Independent Hearing Commissioners Cherie Lane (Chairperson), Trevor Mackie and Nigel Mark-Brown (the Panel) pursuant to section 34A of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), to hear and determine submissions to Proposed Private Plan Change 66. It is also to deal with any procedural matters.
2. Plan Change 66 requests the rezoning of 57 Schnapper Rock Road from Residential – Large Lot Zone to Residential – Single House Zone (2.11 ha) and Residential – Mixed Housing Suburban Zone (1.88 ha), and to remove the Greenhithe Precinct from 57 and 57A Schnapper Rock Road.
3. The hearing has been scheduled to occur in-person on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th February 2022 in the Kaipatiki Local Board boardroom. However, in light of the Government’s recent announcement that Auckland (and the rest of New Zealand) will move to the Protection Framework – Traffic Light Red at 11.59pm Sunday 23 January 2022, the hearing will continue on the scheduled dates but **will occur using “remote access facilities” (Microsoft Teams)** pursuant to section 39AA(2) of the RMA. We note that it was signaled that this may be a possibility in the Council’s hearing notification letter, dated 17 December 2021.
4. The Hearing Panel has taken section 39AA(4) of the RMA into account in making this Direction. Any party who does not have access to the internet will be able to participate via a telephone connection.
5. The Council’s Senior Hearings Advisor, Mr Sam Otter, will be providing the necessary details for on-line access to the hearing as soon as possible.

6. Any enquiries regarding these Directions or related matters should also be directed to Council's Senior Hearings Advisor, Mr Sam Otter, by email, at sam.otter@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz



Cherie Lane
Panel Chair for the Hearing Panel

2nd February 2022