

30 June 2023

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To the Submitters

Tēnā koe

NOTICES OF REQUIREMENT – NOTICE OF HEARING

Notices of Requirement	Nineteen Notices of Requirement (NoR) for the North West Network
Project Descriptions	See attached appendix A
Requiring Authorities	Auckland Transport and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency

The above applications will be heard by Hearing Commissioners **Richard Blakey (Chairperson), Mark Farnsworth and Vaughan Smith** at a hearing to be held as follows:

Date(s): **Monday, 18 September to Thursday, 21 September 2023**
Monday, 25 September to Thursday, 28 September 2023
Monday, 2 October to Thursday, 5 October 2023
Monday, 9 October to Thursday, 12 October 2023

(Note: not all days may be required)

Time: **9:30am each day**

Venue: **Council Chambers, L2**
Henderson Civic
3 Smythe Road, Henderson, Auckland 0612

Please note: **During the week of 25-28 September 2023: some sessions may take place at the Waimauku War Memorial Hall (to be confirmed)**

NOTE: some venues have restricted access at the main entrance such as stairs. If you require assistance with alternate access, please inform the Hearings Advisor prior to the hearing day.

The chair has directed that evidence is to be pre-circulated for this hearing. See the attached Direction #1, to which is attached a Memorandum of Counsel from the Requiring Authorities. In accordance with Direction #1, 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, 12 July 2023 by 5pm
Requiring Authorities' evidence due	Wednesday, 2 August 2023 by 12 noon
Topics subject to expert conferencing	Friday, 4 August 2023 by 5pm
Submitters' expert evidence due	Wednesday, 23 August 2023 by 12 noon
Expert Conferencing, if required	Friday, 25 August to Wednesday, 30 August 2023
Requiring Authorities' rebuttal evidence	Friday, 8 September 2023 by 12 noon
Submitters' non-expert evidence	Friday, 8 September 2023 by 12 noon
Requiring Authorities' legal submissions requested	Thursday, 14 September 2023 by 12 noon
Appearance forms returned	Wednesday, 23 August 2023 by 12 noon

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

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, 12 July 2023**.
- (b) **The Requiring Authorities** are required to provide all their briefs of evidence by **Wednesday, 2 August 2023 at 12 noon**. 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 evidence is required by **midday, Wednesday, 23 August 2023**.

The expert witness is required to provide:

- 1 hard copy of the evidence at the hearing
- 1 soft copy - briefs of evidence to be provided via email or on a data stick.

Any submitter who is providing a personal statement to read at the hearing is requested to provide these electronically to the Hearings Advisor by **midday, Friday, 8 September 2023**.

- (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) If expert conferencing takes place, you will be asked to inform the Hearings Advisor if you have any experts that you wish to be part of the conferencing. More information around expert conferencing will be available closer to the time.
- (f) The Requiring Authority is required to provide their opening legal submissions on Thursday, 14 September 2023. You will be advised when this information is available.
- (g) The council will make available all reports and evidence on its website within 24 hours of receipt or as soon as is practicable. The link to the website is:

<https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/have-your-say/hearings/find-hearing/Pages/find-auckland-unitary-plan-hearing.aspx>
- (h) Email will be the address for service for the applicant and submitters, unless advised otherwise.
- (i) If the hearing is held virtually, or 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.

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

Please fill in the attached appearance form and return it to me by midday **Wednesday, 23 August 2023** if you would like to appear at the hearing, so that we can schedule your appearance and inform you of your approximate speaking time. Please indicate on the appearance form if there are any dates you are not available to appear. Please also indicate in the comments section on the appearance form if you wish to present to the hearing panel in Henderson or Waimauku. The hearing panel will only sit in Waimauku if there are sufficient numbers.

A free 'Friend of Submitter' service is available to assist with explaining the hearing process ahead - including pre-hearing / caucusing / liaison with Auckland Council's Hearings team if intending to speak to submissions at hearings, hearing processes and Commissioner directions.

- You can contact the Friend of Submitter at FOTS@planningplus.co.nz or 09 427 9966.
- Note: The Friend of Submitter service is not available to individuals who are/or have professional representation. It is also not available to any corporate organisations.
- It is also not the role of the Friend of the Submitter to prepare evidence on behalf of members of the public, nor to research matters of interest to members of the public, nor to provide an opinion on the Notice of Requirement/application or the effects of the NoR/application.

The safety and wellbeing of our customers, team members and communities in Auckland is important to us. If you are sick or have COVID-19 symptoms, please do not attend the hearing in-person.

For those participants who cannot attend in person or who wish to attend virtually, please let the Hearings Advisor know by midday Wednesday, 13 September 2023 (or as soon as possible before the hearing) and they will send you a MSTeams link prior to the hearing.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 09 890 4692 if you have any questions in relation to this hearing.

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

Patrice Baillargeon
Kaitohutohu Mataamua Whakawā
Senior Hearings Advisor

APPENDIX A

North West Strategic	<p>The North West Strategic are six individual transport projects in Auckland located in Whenuapai, Kumeū, Huapai and Red Hills. Supporting Growth has lodged six destinations to Auckland Council for route protection. These projects include an Alternative State Highway, an upgrade to the current State Highway 16, and a new Rapid Transit Corridor with two new Rapid transit Stations. Access Road is also being upgraded.</p> <p>For further detail on their location, please refer to the map and use the notice's key to identify the location.</p>			
Notice	Project	Description	Requiring Authority	
S1	Alternative State Highway	A new dual carriageway highway and the upgrade of Brigham Creek Interchange	Waka Kotahi	
S2	SH16 Main Road	Alteration of the existing SH16 designation 6766 to provide for the upgrade of the corridor, including provision of active mode facilities and realignment of Station Road intersection with SH16	Waka Kotahi	
S3	Rapid Transit Corridor	New Rapid Transit Corridor and active mode corridor	Waka Kotahi	
KS	Kumeū Rapid Transit Station	New rapid transit station, including transport interchange facilities and accessway	Waka Kotahi	
HS	Huapai Rapid Transit Station	New rapid transit station, including transport interchange facilities, park and ride and accessway	Waka Kotahi	
S4	Access Road	Upgrade of Access Road with separated active mode facilities	Auckland Transport	
North West Local	<p>The North West Local are 8 upgrades to existing roads in Whenuapai and Red Hills. Supporting Growth has lodged six designation to Auckland Council for route protection and to be constructed in a future date.</p> <p>For further detail on their location, please refer to the map and use the notice's key to identify the location.</p>			
Notice	Project	Description	Requiring Authority	
W1	Trig Road	Upgrade of Trig Road corridor to an urban arterial with separated active mode facilities	Auckland Transport	
W2	Māmari Road	Extension and upgrade of Māmari Road corridor to an urban arterial corridor, including the provision of bus priority lanes and separated active mode facilities	Auckland Transport	
W3	Brigham Creek Road	Upgrade of Brigham Creek Road corridor with separated active mode facilities	Auckland Transport	
W4	Spedding Road	Upgrade of the existing Spedding Road corridor and new east and west extensions with separated active mode facilities	Auckland Transport	
W5	Hobsonville Road	Alteration of the existing Hobsonville Road designation 1437 to provide for the widening of the Hobsonville Road corridor between Oriel Avenue and Memorial Park Lane, including provision of separated active mode facilities	Auckland Transport	
RE1	Don Buck Road	Upgrade of Don Buck Road corridor including provision for bus priority lanes and separated active mode facilities	Auckland Transport	
RE2	Fred Taylor Drive	Alteration of the existing Fred Taylor Drive designation 1433 to provide for the upgrade of the Fred Taylor Drive corridor, including provision for bus priority lanes and separated active mode facilities	Auckland Transport	
R1	Coatesville – Riverhead Highway	Upgrading the southern section of the Coatesville – Riverhead Highway corridor to a rural arterial with active mode facilities, and upgrading the northern section of the corridor to an urban arterial with active mode facilities.	Auckland Transport	

North West HIF - Redhills	The North West Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) are roading upgrades in the Red Hill area that has funding from Central Government. These projects will create new arterial roads, upgrade to arterial roads and upgrades to intersections in the Red Hills area.		
	For further detail on their location, please refer to the map and use the notice's key to identify the location.		
Notice	Project	Description	Requiring Authority
NoR1	Redhills North-South Arterial Transport Corridor	New urban arterial transport corridor and upgrade of Don Buck and Royal Road intersections.	Auckland Transport
NoR2a	Redhills East-West Arterial Transport Corridor – Dunlop Road	New urban arterial transport corridor that intersects with Fred Taylor Drive and connects to the remaining East-West connection (NoR2c) at the intersection with the Redhills North-South arterial corridor.	Auckland Transport
NoR2b	Redhills East-West Arterial Transport Corridor – Baker Lane	New urban arterial transport corridor that intersects with Fred Taylor Drive and connects to the intersection of the remaining East-West connection and Dunlop Road (NoR2a).	Auckland Transport
NoR2c	Redhills East-West Arterial Transport Corridor – Nixon Road Connection	New urban arterial transport corridor that intersects with the Redhills East West Arterial Corridor – Dunlop Road. This includes the upgrade of the existing Red Hills Road / Nelson Road / Nixon Road intersection, and the existing Nixon Road / Henwood Road intersection.	Auckland Transport
North West HIF – Trig Road	The North West Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) is to upgrade the section of Trig Road in Whenuapai between State Highway 18 and Hobsonville Road. This will turn Trig Road into a Arterial Road and upgrade parts of Hobsonville Road, Luckens Road and Trig Road intersections.		
Notice	Project	Description	Requiring Authority
TRHIF	Trig Road Corridor Upgrade	An upgrade of Trig Road, Whenuapai, to an urban arterial corridor. This includes the upgrade of the existing Hobsonville Road / Trig Road and Luckens Road / Trig Road intersections.	Auckland Transport