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Subject: [ID:3408] Submission received on notified resource consent

We have received a submission on the notified resource consent for 85-89 Quay Street, Queens Wharf and water space of the Waitemata Harbour adjacent to the western side of Queens Wharf.

Details of submission

Notified resource consent application details

Property address: 85-89 Quay Street, Queens Wharf and water space of the Waitemata Harbour adjacent to the western side of Queens Wharf

Application number: BUN60327622

Applicant name: Auckland Transport

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Application description: Auckland Transport has applied for resource consent to construct, operate and maintain six new ferry berths on the western side of Queens Wharf within the Downtown Ferry Basin (Piers A-F), undertake modifications to the existing ferry terminal buildings (located at existing Pier 1 and Pier 2) and historic shelter, and remove existing Piers 3 and 4. The construction, establishment, operation and maintenance of Piers A-F will require the installation of a concrete piled breakwater located immediately adjacent to the west of Queens Wharf, the installation of reverse saw-tooth shaped pontoons, three gangways, three fixed shelter structures, piles, pile guard markers and fenders. Street furniture will be installed along Queens Wharf to demarcate pedestrian-only and vehicle zones between the western edge of Queens Wharf and the Cloud. Modifications to the existing ferry terminal building at Pier 1 include the removal of the East Annexe Building, construction of new façades, removal of the ticket gates, replacement of the upper louvres, and the construction of new retail/food and beverage facilities within the existing terminal building. Modifications to the historic shelter include modification of the northern face and the insertion of skylights in the roof. Modifications to the open spaces to the east and south of the building are also proposed. Modifications to the terminal building at Pier 2 include relocating ancillary office space and repositioning passenger waiting space. Demolition of existing Piers 3 and 4 will involve the removal of gangways, pontoons and piles. The timing of the demolition is dependent on the new berths being fully operational and whether additional layover/decant space may be required for future Stage 2 works. Overall the proposal is a discretionary activity.

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Submission details

This submission: opposes the application in whole or in part

Specify the aspects of the application you are submitting on:

Pier 1 - The Annex building Pier 3 & 4

What are the reasons for your submission?

Item 1. The proposed changes to the Pier 1 ferry terminal indicate removal of the Annex building which has Harbour Information Office as tenant. There does not appear to be a replacement location for Information and booking services on Pier 1 or Pier 2. Our business provides Waiheke Island information products, including printed maps and guides that are displayed at this location. Our customers book a marketing package that includes our presence here which is considered important in reaching travellers before they depart Auckland CBD. Many clients are reliant on bookings from this office, as the infrastructure and service available at Matiatia is constrained. Whilst we provide our services on-line as well, we estimate of domestic and international visitors at least 45% still prefer a printed guide or map - and of those a number prefer to make their booking face to face. Therefore it is our view that this is an important service for a ferry terminal in Auckland. Item 2. - There does not appear to be an increase in Ferry berths in this proposal - removing Piers 3 & 4 which handle up to 6 vessels now, and then building 6 new berths on Pier 1, doesn't seem to allow for Ferry travel expansion and the berth sizes indicate small to medium vessels. Item 3. - There is no apparent berth for Charter boat pick-up and drop off for Water Taxis or similar transfers from and too accommodation in the CBD to Gulf islands and yachts. Westhaven is too far away from CBD and the Viaduct Harbour marina is a private marina, not permitting other than regular berth holders. This service is becoming more important with the high loading on Fullers ferries and the Americas Cup.

What decisions and amendments would you like the council to make?

1. Allocate a suitable location on Pier 1 or Pier 2, for information and booking services to support the Hauraki Gulf Islands. This needs to be at the front, prior to ticketing. 2. Increase Ferry berths to allow for increased ferry companies and ferry travellers. 3. Provide for a near-by smaller charter boat pick-up-drop-off pier.

Are you a trade competitor of the applicant? I am not a trade competitor of the applicant.

Do you want to attend a hearing and speak in support of your submission? No

If other people make a similar submission I will consider making a joint case with them at the hearing: Yes

Supporting information: