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Issued via email:

Dear Joy

Re: Response to request for further information in accordance with section 92 of the Resource Management Act 1991 for the Takaanini Level Crossings Project.

We refer to your letter of 30 October 2023 requesting further information under section 92 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) in relation to the Notices of Requirement by Auckland Transport for two designations (NoR 1 & NoR 2).

This letter contains the response to each request. For ease of reference, the following table includes the request and the relevant response. Where appropriate, reference has been made to the relevant lodgement documentation and/or attachments that should be read in conjunction with a response.

As per Section 1.4 of the AEE, the Requiring Authorities have previously requested public notification of the Notices of Requirement for the Takaanini Level Crossings Project. As agreed, the Requiring Authority requests that public notification proceeds on Thursday 16 November.

If you have any queries regarding the information contained in this response, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Liam Winter Planning Lead

 Attachment A – Updated Assessment of Landscape and Visual Effects Report

 Attachment B – Updated Assessment of Effects on the Environment (AEE)

 Attachment C – Updated Social Impact Assessment – Appendix D: Indicators of Social Impacts and baseline data

 Attachment D – Updated Social Impact Assessment – Appendix E: Impact Assessment





Response to s92 request for further information

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Plann	Planning and General Matters						
P1	Please provide a word version of all of the lodged NoR documents (not in protected formatting). <u>Rationale:</u> A Word version will assist in the subsequent phases of the assessment of the NoR, including preparation of assessment reports.	Noted – This will be packaged and provided to Council.					
P2	Please confirm that all the Certificates of Title for the sites subject to the NoRs have been checked. Please advise whether the contents of any of the Certificates of Title for the sites subject to the NoRs would impede the imposition of the NoRs. <u>Rationale:</u> To confirm that the sites subject to the NoRs are not subject to legal constraints which would impede the imposition of the NoRs on them.	Not all Certificates of Title for sites subject to the NoRs have been checked as this is not a requirement of s168(1) or Form 18. However, site constraints have been considered to the extent necessary as part of the consideration of alternatives (as documented in the Assessment of Alternatives report) and to inform the designation boundaries. Effects on underlying property title interests are not matters that need to be assessed in terms of s171 and can be managed as necessary and appropriate via the Public Works Act regime which provides the relevant statutory scheme with respect to directly affected party title interests.					
P3	Please confirm the total areas of land being designated for each NoR location.	The approximate total areas of land being designated by the NoR	s are outlined as follows:				
<u>Rationale:</u> Appendix B c Properties, but the total been provided.	<u>Rationale:</u> Appendix B of each Form 18 contains a Schedule of Directly Affected Properties, but the total areas of land being designated for each NoR location have not	NoR	Total Designation Extent (m ²)	Extent on private property (m ²)	Extent in road corridor (m ²)	Extent in rail corridor (m ²)	
	been provided.	NoR 1 (Spartan Road, Manuia Road, Manuroa Road, and Taka Street project areas)	99,197	53,039	34,692	11,466	
		NoR 2 (Walters Road project area)	48,140	28,417	17,559	2,164	
P4	Please provide further information regarding the reasons why certain management plans and schedules to management plans are proposed to be exempt from forming a part of the Outline Plan. <u>Rationale:</u> Proposed Condition 8 'Management Plans' exempts submission of the Stakeholder Communication and Engagement Management Plan and Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan Schedules from being submitted as a part of an Outline Plan pursuant to s.176A. It is not apparent from the AEE why these management plans should be exempt from forming a part of the Outline Plan. Please provide further information regarding the intended purpose of proposed Condition	AT does not propose to submit the Stakeholder Communication a for information purposes after the Outline Plan for the stage of we during construction and relevant stakeholders based on informatio development of the outline plan leading into commencement of co construction. Further as an engagement tool, as opposed to effect appropriate requirement. Similarly, a Schedule to a CNVMP is to be provided for the constr and a Schedule to the CNVMP is generally only required where the the Schedule to the CNVMP is to be provided (if required) outside certified by Council.	nd Engagement Plan (SC ork but prior to construction on gathered through the construction, it is proposed ts management outcome uction to which it relates. Here is a requirement to u of the Outline Plan proce	CEMP) via the Outline F on. The SCEMP will inc detailed design and Out to be provided to Cour b, AT considers that sub The CNVMP is propose undertake works beyond ess, it is proposed that	Plan process as it is to clude details of engage tline Plan process. As noil for information prio prission for information ed to be provided as p d those already outline these Schedules will b	be provided to Council ment to be undertaken this will occur during in to the start of in purposes is an wart of the Outline Plan d in the CNVMP. Given be required to be	
Ρ5	 1 in relation to the requirement that works be undertaken in general accordance with the 'Concept Plans" in Schedule 1, when those concept plans only identify the 'Designation boundary and provide no details of the concept design (which are shown on the General Arrangement drawings). <u>Rationale:</u> Proposed Condition 1 reads (in part): (a) Except as provided for in the conditions below, and subject to final design and Outline Plan(s), works within the designation shall be undertaken in general accordance with the following in Schedule 1: (i) the Project Description; and (ii) Concept Plans. 	The works are intended to be undertaken in general accordance v plans included in the proposed condition set include the indicative the General Arrangement (GA) Plans (supplied as Volume 3 of the Project. The GA plans were only intended to illustrate an indicative advanced via Outline Plan subject to the scope of the designation	vith Schedule 1 which inc design (monochromatic) e lodgement package). T e design. As typical of lar , its boundary and outcor	cludes both the 'Project) within the designation 'he Project Description rge infrastructure project mes prescribed via con	Description' and 'Cond boundaries. These ha also covers the key co cts, detailed design of t ditions including mana	cept Plan'. The concept ve been derived from mponents of the the project works will be gement plans.	



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	Schedule 1 of Form 18 for each of NoR 1 and NoR 2, says that the proposed works are shown in the Concept Plans and lists the works that are purportedly shown in the Concept Plans. However, the only information contained in the 'Concept plans' in Schedule 1 of each of the two Form 18s are plans that outline the designation boundary. The Concept Plans do not show the proposed works listed (e.g. embankments, retaining walls, culverts, stormwater management systems etc). Those works are shown on the Design Drawings in Volume 3 for each NoR, as General Arrangement drawings.	
P6	Please confirm that the "project description" that Condition 1 refers to is contained in Schedule 1 and identify which part of Schedule 1 is "the project description". <u>Rationale:</u> Proposed Condition 1 for each of NoR 1 and NoR 2 refers to "the Project Description". However, Schedule 1 for each of NoR 1 and NoR 2 does not contain any heading or subheading using that term, and it is not readily apparent which part of the content is intended to be 'the project description'.	The 'Project Description' refers to all of the descriptive text included in Schedule 1 before the Concept Pla with "The proposed work is for the construction, operation, maintenance, and upgrade of transport infrast For clarity, a 'Project Description' subheading will be added to the proposed condition set.
P7	 Please provide further information as to why proposed Condition 3 for land use integration is limited to 'Developer' and 'Development Agency' as defined in the Proposed Conditions. <u>Rationale:</u> Condition 3 for each of NoR 1 and NoR 2 is for a Land use Integration Process that provides that at any time prior to the Start of Construction, a nominated contact will be available to engage with a Developer or Development Agency. The term 'Developer' is defined in the 'Abbreviations and definitions' section of the proposed Conditions as: "Any legal entity that intends to master plan or develop land adjacent to the designation". Development Agency is defined in the Condition as: "Public entities involved in development projects". 	The purpose of the Land Use Integration Process is to encourage and facilitate the integration of master process with the Requiring Authority due to the potential master-planning opportunities available, scale are development entities involved (i.e., "Developers" or "Development Agencies" that may have many different For other landowners or interested parties that may wish to development land directly affected or adjacent established through the 'Project Information' condition which can provide relevant information/contact details any landowner or interested party wishes to advance development within the boundary. The 'Project Information' such as: (<i>ii</i>) contact details for enquiries; (<i>iv</i>) the implications of the designation for landowners, occupiers and business owners and operareceive additional advice; (<i>vi</i>) when and how to apply for consent for works in the designation under s176(1)(b) of the RMA
P8	 Please provide further information as to the effects of the proposed Advice Note in proposed Condition 12. Please provide further information that identifies how the 'corridor widening' purpose of the NoR is not 'road widening' as that term is used in the Definition of front yard in the AUP:OP. <u>Rationale:</u> The Advice Note located at the end of proposed Condition 12 for each of NoR 1 and NoR 2 reads: This designation is for the purpose of construction, operation and maintenance of an arterial transport corridor and it is not for the specific purpose of "road widening". Therefore, it is not intended that the front yard definition in the Auckland Unitary Plan which applies a set back from a designation for road widening purposes applies to this designation. A set back is not required to manage effects between the designation boundary and any proposed adjacent sites or lots. 	As noted, the intent of the advice note is to clarify that front yard setback rules for relevant adjoining zone boundary to ensure that front yard setbacks are not larger than necessary and result in an unintended lan note states that the designation is not for the purpose of 'road widening' to clarify that the AUP:OP definitit the designation boundary in this context. Notwithstanding this, it is acknowledged that 'road widening' and 'corridor widening' are otherwise similar note is to clarify the interpretation of plan rules as they relate to the designation boundary rather than deb we consider the advice note is an important clarification for land use integration outcomes, it could be delivas only added to assist integration concerns raised by Council urban design experts and other public entities.



an(s) for each respective NoR. The description begins tructure...".

planning and land use development activity on land may require more extensive coordination and/or a set and/or complexity of the future development and/or the ent people involved).

nt to the designation, an information source will be tails for further advice including on the s176 process if rmation' condition requires information on matters

rators within the designation and where they can

es do not apply from the edge of the designation nd use integration outcome. To this end, the advice tion of front yard is not intended to be measured from

r in meaning on the ground. The purpose of the advice bate the scope of physical works. Accordingly, while leted if required to avoid confusion. This advice note ntities in the past.

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	The purpose of NoRis consistent with the activities outlined above. In general terms, the activities to be enabled by the designation include corridor widening " (emphasis added).												
	widening" (emphasis added). Further information explaining how 'corridor widening' is not 'road widening' is needed, so as to understand the effect of the proposed Advice Note. Road is defined in the RMA as having the same meaning as s.315 of the Local Government Act 1974. There is no definition of 'road corridor' in the Local Government Act 1974. The following definition of road, which says that 'road' is 'road corridor' or 'road reserve' was accessed on Auckland Transport's website on 20 October 2023 https://at.govt.nz/about-us/working-on-the-road Road definition The road (road corridor or road reserve) is defined as the area from the private property boundary on one side to the property boundary on the other. This includes the berm (grass verge), footpath and carriageway. It is also not clear what this advice note will mean for the eventual proximity of new development or redevelopment of sites in relation to the edge of the widened road corridor, if the extent to which the designations provided for by the Takaanini NoRs affects frontages is disregarded when front yard setbacks are being determined for that new development and redevelopment of those sites. Further explanation of the intent and												
Arbor	iculture	ded.											
ARB1	Please consider separating the groups Group 8 and Group 16 into separate trees. Identify these on the Tree Location Maps. If these are updated, ensure that the Schedules at the back of the Form 18 documents identifying trees to be included in the Tree Management Plans are also updated. <u>Rationale:</u> The trees in group 8, whilst located in near proximity to each other do not form a logical 'group' as they are different species of various sizes. Similarly, Tree group 16, whilst being the same species, they are more of a line of trees, of varying sizes, which should be considered separately.	The way that these trees are grouped do not impact the overall effects assessment or outcomes sought for these trees. They have been discussed in the respective Arboriculture Assessment and are included in <i>Schedule 3: Trees to be included in the Tree Management Plan</i> of the proposed conditions. As they are identified in the respective schedule, they can be adequately considered at the preparation of the Tree Management Plan.											
ARB2	Manuia Road – A large Oak tree located at 2R Chalen Close isn't identified in the report. Please include details of this tree as it is potentially affected. <u>Rationale:</u> To ensure that the tree is identified for future reference and considered at the detailed design stage.	Noted – A mature English Oak Tree (now Tree 17) within the Open Space – Informal Recreation Zone (Challen Close Reserve) overhangs the Manuia Road project area but is outside of the designation boundaries (see Figure below). As it is located within an Open Space Zone, it is subject to controls under the AUP:OP District Plan provisions. While the trunk of the tree is outside the designation boundaries, some limited works such as footpath replacement within the Manuia Road project area are anticipated in the vicinity of the tree and its root protection zone. Potential adverse effects on the health and/or stability of the Oak tree during construction can be mitigated by undertaking the works in accordance with arboricultural best practice. The Tree will be added accordingly into 'Schedule 3: Trees to be included in the Tree Management Plan' under the Manuia Road project area.											
		Status	Tree No.	Vegetation type	Consideration under the AUP:OP	Location	Species	Age	Height (m)	Girth (mm)	Crown Spread radius (m)	Condition	Comments
		Outside of designation – works may be within Root	T17	Single Tree	Open space	Great South Road (just outside of the Manuia	Quercus robur (English Oak)	Mature	22	3800	16	Good - Good branch structure, full healthy canopy but	Outside the designation boundaries for the Manuia Road project



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		Protection Zone				Road project area)					possibly including some suppressed or damaged branches.	area – some works may be undertaken within the root protection zone.
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ARB3	At section 4.3.3 of the report, it is recommended that if the two notable oak trees do have to be removed, that the canopy of the trees be calculated, with the new plantings to either replicate or improve on the area of canopy lost (in square metres). In what timeframe is it proposed to replicate the square meterage of canopy lost? How would the mitigation planting be separated from the overall mitigation planting?	The proposed This is approp The proposed Design Manag	Tree Mai riate as it replacen gement Pl	nagement Plan cond will reflect the status nent planting is also r lan (ULDMP) conditio	tion provides a r and condition o equired to be ad n.	nechanism f the tree a dressed thi	to determine t t the time of P rough the plan	the specific m roject implem ting plan for t	nitigation requinentation. the Project ur	uirements clo	oser to the time of im	plementation. ndscape
ARB4	It is stated that 'Mitigation measures commensurate with the anticipated effects on the environment from impacts on protected trees have been considered, with the aim of avoiding, remedying and mitigating effects on trees.	The proposed implementatio The proposed Design Manag	Tree Ma n. This is replacem gement Pl	nagement Plan cond appropriate as it will nent planting is also r lan (ULDMP) conditio	tion provides a r ensure mitigatio equired to be ad m.	nechanism n is develo dressed the	to determine to be that reflect rough the plan	the specific n ets the status ting plan for t	neasures and of the trees a the Project ur	I mitigation re at the time of nder the prop	equirements closer to Project implementat	o the time of ion. ndscape



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	What specific measures have been put in place to ensure that sufficient replacement planting is undertaken commensurate to the tree removal undertaken?	
	<u>Rationale:</u> To understand how mitigation planting sufficiently mitigates tree loss.	
ARB5	It is stated that "Opportunities for replanting within berms of the proposed cross section and land that may no longer be required post-construction provides significant mitigation of effects arising from tree removal associated with the project."	Yes – The sentence is intended to mean "significant potential for planting".
	Is this sentence supposed to mean, significant 'potential' for mitigation?	
	Rationale: To clarify the intent of the paragraph.	
Flood	ing	
F1	Can you please list the properties and habitable floors which are already subject to flooding and therefore will be subject to the proposed performance related condition of no increase in flood levels. Are there any further properties (all types) which would be subject to triggering the floor flooding related performance conditions.	All properties in the vicinity of each NoR (upstream and downstream) will either have existing flooding issu changes due to their proximity to flooded areas. The floor levels for each of these buildings is not known a should be surveyed in future when resource consent is being sought and detailed flood modelling is requi proposed flood hazard condition outcomes, which will ensure that any flood hazard effects from the Project
	<u>Rationale:</u> Understanding floor flooding	
F2	Can you please describe in what form the flood offset storage may be constructed in (e.g. surface depression, tank etc) and the quantum of volume offset to confirm construction feasibility. Mailability is and the quantum of volume offset to confirm construction feasibility. Mailability is limited so would be helpful to understand to inform assessment and reporting.	The flood offset storage is anticipated to be an excavated area at the culvert invert level with a planted, exconductivity). This would be designed to soak away flood waters or connect to nearby stormwater pipes a This area would allow the headwater level increases caused by the culverts to be counter balanced and a level. However, the detailed design for this storage will be developed further and confirmed at Outline Pla
F3	The approach to assessing flood risk associated the various NoR alignments has been to utilise council flood hazard models (with future MPD and climate change scenarios) without the various NoR terrain/alignments in place. Can you please explain the suitability of this approach in assessing flood risk versus consequence relative to a pre and post development approach where changes in flood depth and /or extent can be identified in a flood hazard assessment and assessed accordingly as part of the NoR processing. <i>Rationale:</i> Suitability of assessment method.	The approach adopted provides a focus on the sensitivity of the flooding risk adjacent to each NoR, and the appropriately for retention devices coupled with outcome-based conditions regarding flood hazard effects final design to generally neutral or at most, less than minor. If the project is approved the design will progra Plan phase, at which point, the conditions will dictate the level of acceptable flood effect. Modelling the port the peak flood effects of a single design and flood mitigation iteration. When the design is progressed in further developed and refined within the boundaries to meet effects at each NoR have culvert and volumetric offset areas calculated and sized to achieve the propose serve to further confirm the assessment of flood risk and mitigation requirements undertaken to date. This committed to the proposed flood hazard effects outcomes via conditions.
Geote	chnical	
G1	 Please provide a copy of the following documents, which are referred to in the Assessment of Alternatives Report and relate to NOR 2: Reports from Riley Consultants Limited dated 16 May 2023 outlining an alternative underpass design ('the first TG underpass') developed for the Walters Road location; Two reports by Coffey Geotechnics NZ Limited from 2011 and 2012, documenting ground investigations undertaken for the 30 Walters Road site. 	These documents were prepared by third parties and were provided to Auckland Transport (AT) through a inform the optioneering process. Given that these documents were not prepared by Te Tupu Ngātahi nor documents directly from the parties that commissioned the documents if it considers them relevant to the In any event, the parts of the reports that are pertinent to the consideration of alternatives are summarised investigation information provided by Coffey Geotechnics NZ Ltd, which was considered by AT as part of alternative Riley underpass design are also outlined in the Assessment of Alternatives Report.



ues or a level of freeboard sensitivity to flood level and cannot be provided at this stage. These levels ired. All property and building types are subject to the ct are generally less than minor if not neutral.

xcavated sand and loam filled bed (high hydraulic and provide a live storage area during a flood event. achieve an improved or neutral upstream headwater an stage.

the proposed designation has been sized on adjacent properties to manage the effects of the ress to a more detailed phase as part of the Outline ost-development design now will serve only to show uture, the Outline Plan process anticipates that the t the project requirements and conditions. The flood ed conditions. Undertaking modelling now will only s is not considered necessary where AT has

earlier project engagement with those parties to AT, we recommend that Auckland Council seek the assessment of effects of the project.

ed in the Assessment of Alternatives, including ground f its recent re-evaluation of options. The details of the

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	<u>Rationale:</u> Given that the sites are known to be underlain by highly compressible organic soils and soft sediments, there is a risk that construction of any proposed crossing structures will result in adverse effects on the environment.	
G2	structures will result in adverse effects on the environment. Please provide copies of the source data that was used to assess the ground conditions at the NOR 1 sites (Spartan Road, Manaia Road, Manuroa Road and Taka Street), including a copy of any reports or maps. <u>Rationale:</u> Given that the sites are known to be underlain by highly compressible organic soils and soft sediments, there is a risk that construction of any proposed crossing structures will result in adverse effects on the environment.	The approach to geotechnical design is summarised in section 9.5 of the AEE. The concept design on will Detailed Business Case (DBC), which in turn is supported by a Design Report. The Design Report covers on ground conditions across the project area used to inform high-level design assumptions which have be The relevant geotogical map from the Design Report is shown below. The report can be provided on requres preports prepared for a Detailed Business Case). To further contextualise the above approach, it is noted that only designations are being sought – i.e. aut Geotechnical and groundwater effects arising from the construction of the project will be detailed thin as Any Regional Plan requirements and necessary effects mitigation will be subject to additional future const level of geotechnical assessment and design is commensurate with the authorisations currently being so the effect of geotechnical assessment and design is commensurate with the authorisations currently being so the effect of the
		Q1al Alluvial Deposits (unconsolidated material) Ptpa Takaanini Formation (mixed sediments)



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hich the AEE is based was initially developed for a rs the approach to geotechnical design, and the data been summarised to the extent relevant in the AEE. uest (noting that it is part of a series of technical

thorisation for land use/District Plan matters only. quired as part of future regional consenting processes. senting processes and assessment. On this basis, the bught.



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G3	Please provide typical sections across the conceptual bridge/embankment/retaining structures, to demonstrate the relationship between the physical geometry and the proposed designation boundaries on each side of the structures. <u>Rationale:</u> To demonstrate the relationship between the physical geometry and the proposed designation boundaries on each side of the structures.	 The following information can be used to gain a general understanding of the relationship between the indicembankments, bridges) and the designation boundaries: The General Arrangement Plans (refer to Volume 3 of the lodgement package); The indicative project details and work descriptions in Section 3.3 of the AEE i.e., vertical and how lodgement package); The indicative geotechnical assumptions in Section 9.5 of the AEE (refer to Volume 2 of the lodgement package). The visualisations in Section 10.4 of the AEE (refer to Volume 2 of the lodgement package).
Lands	scape	
LA1	Clarification on the reasoning behind the two landscape assessments. Ideally a single landscape assessment report should be prepared for clarity and to avoid confusion for the public and potential submitters. The assessment should include the base content, outlining the key aspects of the proposal, and providing a number of assessment conclusions and mitigation measures in. accordance with Te Tangi A Te Manu Aotearoa New Zealand Landscape Assessment Guidelines, Tuia Pito Ora New Zealand Institute of Landscape Architects, July 2022. <u>Rationale:</u> Two landscape, Natural Character, and Visual Effects Report (Original LVA) prepared by WSP and the Supplementary Assessment of Landscape Effects Report (Supplementary Assessment) prepared by the Isthmus Group. The AEE states that these assessments holistically consider the actual and potential effects associated on natural character, landscape character and visual effects associated with the construction and operation of the Project and recommend measures to mitigate these effects. The AEE states that both assessments should be read alongside one another, with the Supplementary Assessment building on the assessment undertaken in the Original LVA, The Supplementary Assessment was prepared following the Original LVA, and uses it as base content. This is very confusing and makes it difficult for the public to follow – especially as the Supplementary Assessment states in Section 1 - Introduction: 'Specifically, it forms a supplementary assessment to the original landscape assessment (Original LVA) report prepared for the TLC Project, written by WSP. This report uses the original LVA report as the basis for providing base content, outlining the key aspects of the proposal, and providing a number of assessment conclusions. This Report should be read alongside that original LVA report and is supplementary to it. The Supplementary Assessment prepared by different authors utilising slightly differing methodologies make it extremely difficult for th	Noted. The two separate assessments have been packaged into one overall Landscape and Visual Asset supplied as Attachment A of the s92 response package. Corresponding amendments to cross-references B). This repackaging approach should assist to clarify that the primary assessment supporting the application referred to as the 'Supplementary Assessment'). The WSP assessment (previously referred to as the 'Orig Isthmus Group assessment (now the Landscape and Visual Assessment for the Project). Appendix B is in the Isthmus Group Assessment to assist with efficiency and reduce repetition. Where there are any conflicts or inconsistencies between the assessment undertaken by Isthmus Group a referred to in s92 Request LA2 below), the Isthmus Group assessment should be referred to as the primar the repackaging of the assessments). It is noted that aside from the repackaging of the assessment should be referred to as the primar no other fundamental changes in technical assessment have been made.



dicative proposed works (i.e., retaining walls,

prizontal clearances (refer to Volume 2 of the

ement package); and

an and management plan process. Concept level

essment as they were intended to be read. This is as in the AEE have also been made (see **Attachment**

n is the Isthmus Group assessment (previously ginal LVA') is now an Appendix (Appendix B) to the included as reference material that has helped inform

and the WSP assessment (i.e., effects ratings as any or predominant assessment (which is reflected by

to this one overall Landscape and Visual Assessment,

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	These effects are considered 'before mitigation' and 'after mitigation'.	
	The Supplementary Assessment assesses:	
	 Landscape Character Effects Visual Amenity Effects 	
	While it is acknowledged that with expert assessments there can be some differences in the assessment undertaken and conclusions provided, it would be useful if this was outlined fully for the public to understand.	
LA2	Clarification as to which landscape character and visual amenity effects ratings should be favoured and the reasoning behind the differences.	
	Rationale: The Supplementary Assessment states in Section 1 – Introduction:	
	As can be expected with expert assessments, there are some differences in the assessment undertaken and conclusions provided and these are outlined in the assessment below. Where matters are agreed, these are also outlined in this Report.'	
	 The visual amenity effects ratings for the construction stage of the Project differ between the two assessments for: Manuia Road Walters Road 	
	The visual amenity effects of the Original LVA for the construction stage of the Project are assessed as very low to moderate-high adverse. The visual amenity effects in the Supplementary Assessment are rated as low to moderate-high adverse.	
	The landscape character and natural landscape effects of the Original LVA for the construction stage of the entire Project are assessed as low and very low . The landscape character effects in the Supplementary Assessment for each specific Project area are rated as low to moderate adverse .	
	 The visual amenity effects ratings for the operational stage of the Project differ between the two assessments for: Spartan Road Manuia Road Walters Road 	
	The visual amenity effects of the Original LVA for the operational stage of the Project are assessed as very low to low-moderate adverse. The visual amenity effects in the Supplementary Assessment are rated as very low to moderate adverse .	
	The landscape character and natural landscape effects of the Original LVA for the operational stage of the entire Project are assessed as low. The landscape character effects in the Supplementary Assessment are rated as very low to moderate.	
	These inconsistencies make it difficult for the public to understand the potential effects of the Project. I note the AEE adopts the effects ratings within the Supplementary Assessment.	
	As outlined in the Supplementary Assessment there are differences in the assessment undertaken and conclusions provided.	
	In terms of Construction Effects and Operational Effects of the Project the Original LVA assesses:	





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	 Landscape Effects Natural Landscape Effects Visual Amenity Effects These effects are considered 'before mitigation' and 'after mitigation'. The Landscape Effects and Natural Landscape Effects are assessed in terms of the overall NoR's and not each specific Project area. The Supplementary Assessment assesses: Landscape Character Effects Visual Amenity Effects In terms of each specific Project area. The key difference between the Original LVA and the Supplementary Assessment is in reference to natural character. The Original LVA provided a description of the existing environment and an assessment of the natural and biophysical elements and attributes under 'natural character'. The Supplementary Assessment considers that this is an incorrect way to reference and provide natural character evaluation and assessment. While the Supplementary Assessment of landscape assessment under the RMA, natural character is to be evaluated in relation to Section 6(a). In this context, the respective Project areas sit within a highly modified urban environment (which is subject to planning provisions which enable future intensification) and these sites and the wider context do not possess attributes or characterisics which warrant an assessment of natural character. The Supplementary Assessment therefore concludes that effects on natural character are assessed to be nil. 	
LA3	Commentary should be provided on the visual amenity effects of the Project on the residential audience in cognisance that the likely future environment could take some time to be fully intensified. While a change to the character of the area is anticipated over time, what are the likely effects on the viewing audience prior to intensification particularly for the adjacent residential properties in in Manuia Road, Oakleigh Avenue, Manuroa Road, Portrush Lane, Taka Street, Walters Road and Braeburn Place. <u>Rationale:</u> The Supplementary Assessment makes reference to the likely future land uses and the urban setting as anticipated by the AUP-OP, MDRS and PC78 and assesses the potential landscape character and visual amenity effects against this environment. The assessment notes in 3.6: 'The visual assessment of each Project area is therefore an exercise intended to provide an indication of the level of effect based on the likely future environment. Photographs captured during the site visit provide visual representation of the existing environment (at the time of capture) with the likely future environment illustrated within the supporting maps and described within this report.' While the likely future environment is an important consideration in a landscape assessment, I consider the Supplementary Assessment is putting too much weight on the potential uptake of intensification enabled by the AUP-OP, MDRS and PC78 as a mitigating effects for large-scale infrastructure associated with the Project. While up zoning of areas in proximity to the Project will enable intensification, there are still likely to be areas that will remain at lower density levels. Recent builds are unlikely to be demolished in favour of intensification.	It is anticipated that the Project will not be implemented for approximately 10 - 15 years, so considering ta assessment) is not necessarily a true reflection of the environment in which the Project will be constructed As per s171(1) of the RMA, consideration of effects on the environment of allowing the requirement invo relevant provisions of (i) a national policy statement(iii) a regional policy statement or proposed reg The relevant policy provisions (including what is 'Plan-enabled' and are Permitted activities under the res assessment as the future receiving environment. In the case of the Project, the relevant national policy fi development capacity in the environment within and surrounding the Project. This has recently been ma Housing) Amendment Act which requires a minimum of six stories to be provided around rapid transit sto Project area. On this basis, the future zoning will provide for this level of intensification via PC 78 and is The Landscape Assessment has considered existing development (at the time of assessment) as relevan provide a consistent approach to assessment and recognition of the potential future in which the Project the current planning and statutory context. The uptake and/or timing of this development capacity is not Notwithstanding this, the proposed conditions such as the Urban and Landscape Design Management P design to consider how the works will integrate with the receiving environment closer to the time of imple response including mitigation will be refined and considered as part of the detailed design process. The supports future development integrating with the future works.



the environment as it exists today (the time of ted and will operate.

olves including having particular regard to (a) any gional policy statement (iv) a plan or proposed plan. espective Plans), inform what is relevant to consider for framework provides for higher densities and increased andated via the Resource Management (Enabling tops and centres and must be implemented in the relevant under s171.

ant, but considers the Plan-enabled environment to t will be located within, which is appropriate in light of a relevant statutory consideration under the RMA.

Plan (ULDMP), provides a mechanism for the final ementation (refer to Clause (e)(i)). The final design Land Use Integration Process (LIP) condition also

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	<i>'It is an environment that is highly modified from its natural state and possesses little to no high-value landscape, natural character, or visual amenity values.'</i> <i>I am unsure how conducive this environment would be to greater intensification.</i>	
LA4	Incorporation of more site specific and prescriptive mitigation measures into proposed Designation Condition 12 – Urban and Landscape Design Management Plan particularly in regard to the design and detaining of bridges and structures, bridge undercrofts and integration of the structures into the surrounding urban landscape context. <u>Rationale:</u> The Supplementary Assessment recommends that the preparation of an Urban and Landscape Design Management Plan (ULDMP) is a condition on the respective designations and should include a number of measures to mitigate potential landscape character and visual amenity effects. These measures are outlined under Section 5.4. Proposed Designation Condition 12 – Urban and Landscape Design Management Plan contains fairly generic conditions. I consider the mitigation measures outlined in Section 5.4 are more prescriptive and site specific and should be incorporated into the ULDMP conditions, particularly in regard to bridges and structure, bridge undercrofts and integration of the structures into the surrounding urban landscape context.	 The proposed conditions including the Urban and Landscape Design Management Plan (ULDMP) are interecognising the longer implementation timeframes. The objective of the ULDMP is twofold: a) To enable the integration of the Projects permanent works into the surrounding landscape and u b) To ensure that the Project manages potential adverse landscape and visual effects as far as praenvironment The methods for achieving the objectives of the ULDMP also recognise the longer implementation timefrate achieved. For example, the ULDMP is required to include details of how the Project: "Is designed to integrate with the adjacent urban (or proposed urban) and landscape context topography, urban environment (i.e., centres and density of built form), natural environment "Provides appropriate walking and cycling connectivity to, and interfaces with, existing or proinfrastructure and walking and cycling connections." "promotes a sense of personal safety by aligning with best practice guidelines such as (a) (CPTED) principles; (b) Safety in Design (SID) requirements; and (c) Maintenance in Design measures"
LA5	 Inclusion of Figures 10.4 – 10.7 in the Supplementary Assessment and additional visualisations/massing of the Project, particularly in relation to adjacent residential properties. <u>Rationale:</u> Indicative visualisations of the Project are included in Figures 10.4 – 10.7 of the AEE in Volume 2 of the lodgement package. Appendix A of the Original LVA – Supplementary Maps and Viewpoint Photographs includes viewpoint photographs illustrated with the horizontal and vertical extent of the designation. While these are of assistance, for a Project of this nature and scale, it would be useful if additional visualisations were prepared for the public to fully gain an understanding of the potential effects of the Project and in particular in relation to the adjacent residential properties in in Manuia Road, Oakleigh Avenue, Manuroa Road, Portrush Lane, Taka Street, Walters Road and Braeburn Place. 	 The focus of the NoR stage is to establish an envelope of the potential effects, with the final massing and management plan processes. The following documents / details provide sufficient information at this NoR and potential scale and nature of the indicative works relative adjacent properties: The General Arrangement Plans (Volume 3); Project description - Section 3.3 of the AEE (Volume 2); Indicative visualisations in Figures 10.3 - 10.7 - Section 10.4 of the AEE (Volume 2); Urban Design Evaluation (Volume 4); Updated Landscape Assessment (Attachment A of the s92 response package). The technical assessments (UDE and Landscape and Visual Assessment) also provide an indication of p by the proposed conditions could be achieved (e.g., planting, interface treatment). To assist with navigatili indicative visualisations in Section 10.4 of the AEE has now been added to Section 3.2 of the updated Laprepared by the Project Team for engagement purposes (rather than by the Landscape Architect), they s section.
Parks		
P1	Provide comment on the impacts of flooding on parks <u>Rationale:</u> We would be appreciative if the flooding report can provide comment on the impacts on parks.	The parks in immediate vicinity of the Project are shown in the maps included in the existing Flood Asses. The existing Flood Hazard condition requires the Project to be designed so that it does not result in new figenerally neutral or at worst less than minor effects. As such, increased flooding effects are not anticipate
P2	Add a statement to condition 13 (a) to say that the level of risk to public parks from 1% AEP flood and OLFP must not be increased and a report must be produced proving it when the OPW is lodged. <u>Rationale:</u> An update to the outline plan conditions relating to the impact on parks is recommended.	The existing Flood Hazard condition is sufficient to manage potential effects on parks - The condition requires (a)(v) - no increase of more than 50mm in flood level in a 1% AEP event on land zoned for urban, and Clause (a)(vi) no new flood prone areas so that it does not result in new flood prone areas. Clause (b) of the Flood Hazard condition requires "compliance with the condition to be demonstrated in the pre-Project and post-Project 100 year ARI flood levels".





tentionally phrased to be outcomes focused, urban context; and acticable and contributes to a quality urban ames for the Project and are focussed on outcomes to xt, including the surrounding existing or proposed , landscape character and open space zones." roposed adjacent land uses, public transport Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design gn (MID) requirements and anti-vandalism/anti-graffiti I design subject to future detailed design and stage to understand the overall design parameters potential future mitigation and/or how outcomes sought ing the lodged documents, cross-reference to the andscape Assessment. As these visuals were sit more appropriately as part of the AEE engagement ssment (refer to Volume 4) flood prone areas with a series of outcomes to ensure ed on existing parks. uires the Project to achieve the following outcomes -... development where there is no existing dwelling...

he Outline Plan which shall include flood modelling of

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Social	Impact	·
SIA1	Please explain why the SA2 ('suburbs') of Conifer Grove East and Conifer Grove West have not been acknowledged in the text as being in the social areas of influence, despite them being included in Figure 4.3. Demographic details are also missing for those two areas in Appendix D. <u>Rationale:</u> Needs to be provided and acknowledged for completeness.	Noted - this has been addressed and included in the updated documents provided in Attachment C of the theorem ${f C}$ of the transformation of transformation of the transformation of the transformation of transformation of the transformation of transformatio
SIA2	 Please provide evidence of the 'Planning Management Strategies' being encompassed in the Conditions (NoR 1 Form 18 and NoR 2 Form 18), or explain what certainty there is that these mitigation measures will be adopted if they are not included in the conditions. <u>Rationale:</u> The SIA specifies that a range of Planning Management Strategies can be used to help mitigate social impacts, including: Development Response Plan Community Health and Wellbeing Strategy Property and Management Strategy Good Neighbour Policy However, these strategies do not appear to be incorporated into the proposed conditions. Having the suggested strategies incorporated into conditions will provide more certainty to the community (households and businesses) about whether they will be able to express their opinions about the project and have appropriate responses. It would be helpful to understand how these strategies differ from the Stakeholder and Community Engagement Plan conditions if they are to be incorporated as described in the SIA. 	 As discussed in the AEE, the Social Impact Assessment takes a holistic assessment approach covering if framework and beyond. The potential impacts and the outcomes sought by the SIA recommendations that framework are responded to across the proposed conditions. The proposed conditions are intended to be For example: Matters raised in the Community Health and Wellbeing recommendation have been included in the performance of the Respite and relocation are matters covered through the Construction Environmental Management PI Construction Noise and Vibration Management PIan (CNVMP) condition. Matters relating to managing impact on people and businesses from construction activity are covered Engagement Management PIan (SCEMP), and the Construction Traffic Management PIan (CTMP). Other opportunities outside the RMA have also been identified (as outlined in Table 7-1 of the SIA) which beyond the RMA. This includes the Public Works Act process and AT internal policies. These were not er conditioned. The PWA is a separate process and opportunity beyond the scope of the RMA regulatory framework. Ho process and proposed conditions (which address the RMA-specific effects). To clarify, the PWA provides statutory process to seek early acquisition under the RMA, AT also has an early acquisition policy in the landowners can continue to use their properties or seek s176 approvals for other work. Information regarised is a separate.
SIA3	 Please clarify colour coding of some impacts (all coded as negative, but likely to be positive or text states positive): "Certainty about future development of the transport network" (p42) "Increased personal safety as a result of less anti-social behaviour" (p50) "Potential positive impacts and aspirations associated with perceived investment (p52) "Potential positive impacts associated with excitement and anticipation of improved safety" (p52) "Construction employment opportunities for skilled workforce" (p52) "Increased business activity as a result of construction workforce" (p52) "Increased demand for goods and services (p52). <u>Rationale:</u> The colour coding applied appears counter intuitive, making interpretation of the effects assessed not clear.	Noted - this has been addressed and included in the updated documents provided in Attachment D of the second secon





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proposed Project Information condition. Ian (CEMP) condition and provided for in the

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h can also respond to some of the identified impacts iffects or measures that were intended to be

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SIA4	On page 48, the point that starts with "potential changes to community character and people's sense of place and belonging" mentions Puhinui Train Station. Please clarify whether this should refer to Takaanini Train Station.	This was intended to note 'Takaanini Train Station' - this has been updated accordingly in the updated do package).
	I here is a similar issue on p65.	
	Rationale: Clarification for certainty.	
SIA5	 Please describe how the PWA works to help compensate property owners and others for loss of properties and disruption. <u>Rationale:</u> The PWA is described as a mitigation measure, but to assess the merits of the proposal and the effectiveness of the PWA as a mitigation measure it will be important to understand: How easy is it for people to sell their properties earlier than the lapse period? What is the process for seeking compensation – is it relatively easy for people unaware of the processes? Is specialist assistance (e.g. legal) required? Are there costs that landowners would need to cover that are not covered through the PWA process which may make it difficult for some landowners to engage in the process? 	 As noted in response to Request SIA2, the Public Works Act (PWA) is a separate process and opportunit However, it can be undertaken in parallel with the RMA process and proposed conditions (which address provides a remedy for property-related effects. There is a statutory process to seek early acquisition under the event of financial hardship. During the lapse period, landowners can continue to use their properties or regarding this process is also provided through the project website. Land required for the permanent works of the Project will be purchased under the PWA and compensation other matters associated with the Project. The process and impacts of the PWA process will be discussed provisions under the PWA. In general: The PWA requires that an affected landowner receive fair compensation so that they are left no better acquired. The land must be valued by an independent registered valuer who will assess the market value of the will have on the property. Auckland Transport will make an offer to the landowner for the amount the If the public work is going to have a permanent negative impact on the value of the property, this is reactive into account and add it to the assessed market value.
Does compensation occur relative to a ba compensated values necessarily relative	Does compensation occur relative to a baseline prior to the NoRs being proposed, or are compensated values necessarily relative to values after the NoRs are public knowledge?	AT has a specialist property team and advisors. The project information condition provides a virtual inform information and advice as (<i>iv</i>) the implications of the designation for landowners, occupiers and business where they can receive additional advice.
SIA6	Please provide some assessment of the likely social effects of having a 15 year designation on your property which is not required? (relates to Condition 4 Designation Review) <u>Rationale:</u> Understanding these effects is an important part of assessing the overall social effects of the proposal.	All areas within the proposed designation are reasonably necessary and required to implement the Project operational phase/permanent parts of the Project). The purpose of the proposed Designation Review condition is for the Requiring Authority to review the de that may no longer be required for the on-going operation, maintenance and mitigation of effects can be represented by the transmission of the proposed by the proposed by the proposed provide the proposed operation.
SIA7	Please provide information about the level of engagement that has already occurred in relation to the loss of on-site carparking with existing businesses and social facilities in the project area. <u>Rationale:</u> The Transport Assessment assumes that the loss of 273 onsite parking spaces in total will not have significant impacts on existing businesses and is aligned with the NPS-UD removal of parking minimum requirements. Yet, the SIA indicates that parking (both on-site and on-street for overflow) is important for some key businesses, including Best Start Manuroa Road, Takaanini Care Centre (Taka Street), and Amber Learning Centre (Taka Street). It is also likely that parking is important for other businesses, commercial centres and social infrastructure within the Project area, and a loss of parking may affect the ease of access to commercial premises and social infrastructure such as parks and churches. What are the likely social effects of removing carparking both on-site and on-street close to these activities? Has any engagement already occurred to understand the likely effects? What other social effects may arise from loss of on-site and on-street parking?	Section 6.9 of the Transport Assessment provides a more detailed breakdown of the 273 onsite parking s listed as being affected by a loss of onsite parking. Of the sites included in the RFI, 12 spaces are affecte area), and 8 spaces at the Takanini Care Centre. In the latter case, opportunities for replacement parking Learning Centre is fully within the proposed designation. Engagement with each of the parties noted above has occurred and in some cases has continued post lo





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	When is an appropriate time in the project to understand these effects, i.e. is after construction acceptable, as indicated in the Transport Effects Assessment?					
Traffic	and Transport					
T1	Provide an explanation as to how Manuia Road will be able to accommodate the forecast traffic volumes outlined in Table 28 where these volumes exceed the capacity outlined in Table 30. <u>Rationale:</u> TAR Section 6.4.1 presents tables for the forecast east-west capacities with and without the Project (Table 30). Whilst not stated in the table, it is assumed that the capacities are for a single direction only. Table 28 summarises forecast daily traffic on the three corridors that will be open to traffic. For Manuia Road, the forecast 2048+ daily traffic volumes in Table 28 for Manuia Road considerably exceed the daily link capacities in Table 30 allowing for a doubling of the capacity quoted in the table for two way operation. This suggests that there would be insufficient capacity to accommodate the future forecast east-west flows on Manuia Road. Furthermore the capacity of the link may be limited by the operation of the intersections at either end.	The purpose of Table 30 in the Transport Assessment Report (TAR) is to illustrate that the Project will result wasn't intended to reflect the total daily capacity. The peak periods will be more critical in terms of capacity peak hour flow by direction for Manuia Road:				
			AM	IP	PM	
		EB	753	748	704	
		WB	1,005	850	612	
		As shown above, these are below the peak hour capacity shown in the TAR. In addition, the TDM indicate in an hour (dependent on corridor features i.e. signals). Assuming an average occupancy of 1.2, this will b of Manuia Road to be closer to the upper bound though noting that it has the potential to be busy during the				
T2	Provide clarification as to whether the figures in Table 28 or Table 31 are correct or an explanation as to why these figures differ.	Table 31 is the cor	rect east-west dema	inds.		
	<u>Rationale:</u> TAR Table 31 presents a summary of east-west demands with the project. The daily traffic in this table differs for Taka Street and Walters Road compared to the figure in Table 28.					
ТЗ	Provide further details and assessment to support the statement that traffic reduces on key routes (such as Porchester Road, Alfriston Road and Great South Road) that would result in improvements for the FTN, with particular regard to the potential for motorists to use alternative routes to reach SH1 via the Hill Street interchange due to congestion at the SH1 / Great South Road interchange.	Figure 37 in the TAR doesn't clearly show the changes in the wider area due to the scale used and a as significant as the roads immediately surrounding the Project, there are still changes. This is reflect parts of Porchester Road etc. which influences the route chosen by drivers (refer to Figure 41 and 51 an			to the scale used and also no changes. This is reflected in efer to Figure 41 and Figure	
	<u>Rationale:</u> TAR Section 6.4.2 provides details of forecast reduced journey times and states that the project will divert traffic from alternative routes such as Porchester Road, Alfriston Road and Great South Road and that this will benefit the FTN. However, the link plot in Figure 37 shows that the primary changes are in the roads immediately surrounding the Project with little or no change on the roads listed above. Furthermore, TAR Section 6.4.3 highlights that increased accessibility to the SH1 motorway will result in increased queues and delays for motorists travelling to SH1 and that motorists "will have a choice to use alternative routes to access SH1 such as the Hill Road / SH1 on-ramp." This could result in traffic using routes used by the FTN (including Porchester Road, Alfriston Road and Great South Road) and thus limit the claimed benefit for the FTN.					
Τ4	Provide an assessment of the overall change in delays / journey times due to the project for the AM, inter and PM peaks, including traffic travelling through the SH1 / Great South Road motorway interchange. <u>Rationale:</u> TAR Section 6.4.3 shows that there are delays to traffic accessing the motorway in the northbound direction. The forecast delay in the AM peak of up to 2.8 minutes by far exceeds the reported journey time savings in Table 32. Based on this	The 2.8 minute increase at the State Highway 1 (SH1) on-ramp is a function of the improved local accessis the community to the east of the crossings and Takaanini interchange will be severed due to the increase parts of the network, i.e travel north to up Porchester Road and use the Hill Road interchange instead of interchange. This is in Figure 41 of the TAR where there is a reduction delay at the Hill Road on-ramp and It is noted that the Project has a focus on improving local accessibility and some drivers may benefit more Figure 37 in the TAR shows there are changes on the network as a whole. As noted, the greatest change				
	data, it is not possible to understand the overall effect the Project will have on the wider					





oting that this is a daily plot. While the changes aren't in the delay plots where a reduction can be seen along 42). The TAR has indicated this as a benefit to buses

ibility resulting from the Project. Without the Project, in barrier time. These vehicles will instead use other of crossing over to the rail line to access the Takaanini d other parts of the network such as Porchester Road. e so than others. The delay plots Figure 41, 42 and the is in the area immediately surrounding the Project. It

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	network journey times and delays; delay benefits to journeys using the east-west connections quoted in the TAR for the project may be outweighed by the increased journey times due to the effects on the adjacent road network, in particular the northbound SH1 on-ramp and the intersections to the north.	is also noted that the travel time benefits is \$210M with the Project as presented within the Detailed Busir outcome.
Τ5	Taking into account the underestimation of the congestion in the model in relation to the SH1 interchange and on-ramps, provide an assessment of the effects of the increased accessibility to SH1 on the local road network (including Great South Road), and provide details of possible mitigation measures. <u>Rationale:</u> TAR Section 6.4.3 states that there would be increased accessibility to SH1 and that there would be increased queues and delays that would need to be managed via the ramp signals and signals on Great South Road. It also states that "the model does not fully depict the congestion in the left lane [for turning onto the motorway] Hence, there is a greater negative effect on the left lane in the peak periods." Therefore the effects of the proposals appear to be underestimated and rely on the ability of the ramp signals to manage traffic flows. The ramp signals are used to restrict traffic entering the motorway to manage the mainline motorway traffic flow and would not be able to mitigate the effects on the local road network approaching the SH1 / Great South Road interchange as they would simply restrict additional traffic flow onto the motorway.	The TAR highlights that the ramp signals will control the amount of traffic allowed onto the mainline and the on Great South Road due to the increased local accessibility (see above). The TAR indicates that the delate the model as the model only shows an average delay for all the lanes and is not suggesting that ramp sig queue.
Т6	Provide an assessment of the overall congestion and emission benefits taking into account the operation of the wider network with the Project, including the delays highlighted at the SH1 / Takanini interchange. <u>Rationale:</u> TAR Section 6.4.5 on VKT states that the small reduction in VKT will have benefits in terms of reduced congestion and emissions. As per issues T3, T4 and T5, the increased delays forecast on the motorway in the AM peak may offset the claimed congestion and emission benefits.	The VKT reduction calculated considers the road network as a whole and accounts for the wider impacts
T7	Please provide details of the change in travel time for pedestrians and cyclists with the Project compared to without the Project for Spartan Road and Manuroa Road taking into account increased walking / cycling distances with the long ramps with the Project and the effects of wait times for barriers without the Project. <u>Rationale:</u> TAR Section 6.7 outlines the benefits for pedestrians and cyclists. It highlights the increased walking distance required for these users with the active mode bridges at Manuroa Road and Spartan Road compared to using the at grade crossings. The additional travel time for pedestrians and cyclists has not been reported with the Project noting that with the Project all pedestrians and cyclists would be subject to increased travel distance to negotiating bridges etc. compared to the at grade crossings. Without the Project, not all pedestrians / cyclist would be subjected to delays when the barriers are down.	 It is acknowledged that whilst not all pedestrians and cyclists will be delayed by the increased barrier dow safety risk associated with the existing level crossings. The trade off in potential additional travel time / dis increase in safety for and decrease in annoyance by those who would previously had to wait for the barrier. It is noted that a concept level of design has been used to inform the designation boundaries. The final defurther refinement as part of the detailed design process and subject to the proposed conditions. This incl Plan (ULDMP) condition which requires details on how the following to achieve the objective of the ULDM. Clause (f)(ii) - Provides appropriate walking and cycling connectivity to, and interfaces with, exist infrastructure and walking and cycling connections; Clause (f)(iii) - Promotes inclusive access (where appropriate). Clause (f)(iv) - Promotes a sense of personal safety by aligning with best practice guidelines, su Design (CPTED) principles; (b) Safety in Design (SID) requirements; and (c) Maintenance in Design
Т8	Confirm that delays associated with intersections have been included in the assessment of the additional journey times for vehicles using the proposed diversion route via Manuia Road, including additional movements through the SH1 Takanini Interchange. A breakdown of the calculation of the delays would be useful. <u>Rationale:</u> TAR Section 7.1.3.1 summarises travel times for the diversion of trucks via Manuia Road rather than the U-turn when exiting Spartan Road to travel north on Great	The travel time shown is an approximation and will vary throughout the day i.e. likely to be greater during





ness Case (DBC) indicating a positive travel time

therefore there is the potential for increased queuing lay at the on-ramp may not be represented correctly in gnalling is used as a mitigation measure to manage the

such as the delays noted.

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	South Road. It is not clear if the additional delays associated with an additional movement through the SH1 / Takanini Interchange has been taken into account.	
Т9	Provide a breakdown of how the forecast additional journey time for vehicles travelling between the eastern and western sides of Spartan Road (and vice versa) with the Project has been calculated.	The travel time shown is an approximation and will vary throughout the day i.e. likely to be greater during
	<u>Rationale:</u> TAR Section 7.1.3.2 summarises additional journey times for local access. Additional journey times seem low considering the additional number of traffic signal intersections that vehicles would need to negotiate. E.g. to access the western end of Spartan Road from east of the NIMT, a vehicle would need to negotiate effectively three traffic signal intersections (Great South Road / Manuia Road, SH1 / Takanini Interchange southern signals and the Great South Road / Spartan Road signals). Considering the possible delays associated with these intersections and the journey time associated with the increased travel distance, the 2 minute journey time appears low.	
T10	Review the traffic turning volumes used in the SIDRA modelling analysis for the Manuia Road / Great South Road intersection for all time periods, and in particular the right turn volume from Great South Road to Manuia Road. Traffic modelling should be updated if the traffic volumes are changed and comment provided on the resulting performance of the intersection.	For vehicles travelling from the south, they have the ability to access the industrial area via Taka Street w signals to travel through. We have also undertaken a sensitivity test with the RT volume increased to 50v for both peaks.
	<u>Rationale:</u> The SIDRA modelling output in Appendix B for the Great South Road / Manuia Road shows only 2 vehicles in both the inter and PM peaks making the right turn movement from Great South Road southern leg to Manuia Road. Taking into account the observed existing high right turn demand at Manuroa Road and that vehicles will be making this turn to access the industrial areas of Takanini (including Spartan Road) it is considered that this number is significantly underestimated. An increase in this traffic volume will impact on the operation of other conflicting movements at the intersection.	
T11	Provide an explanation why the LCSS risk score and rating improve in the future if there are no changes to the level crossings at Manuroa Road and Taka Street. <u>Rationale:</u> TAR Sections 7.3.2 and 7.4.2 state that the LCSS risk rating for the level crossings at Manuroa Road and Taka Street improve in the future. Given that there are no changes planned for the crossing without the Project and the frequency of trains will increase and demand for pedestrians to cross may also increase with development in the area, the improvement in the LCSS risk rating appears counter intuitive.	We acknowledge this as an error in the report. The LCSS risk scores has been extracted from the "Auckla .2018. The 'existing score' reported in the TAR does not account for the proposed upgrades that has sinclights etc. The 'Future score' reported is reflective of these improvements which is representative of the example as noted would increase the risk rating given the expected increase in pedestrian and no other improvements.
T12	Provide details of alternatives considered for the design of the cul-de-sac arrangement on the eastern side of the NIMT for Manuroa Road to demonstrate that encroachment onto the property on the northern side of Manuroa Road cannot be avoided. <u>Rationale:</u> The design of the turning head for the Manuroa Road cul-de-sac east of NIMT is such that the turning head is centred about the existing centre line of the road. This results in significant land take from the property on the northern side of Manuroa Road. An asymmetrical arrangement for the cul-de-sac turning head, as provided west of the NIMT, may avoid or reduce the land take required.	The Assessment of Alternatives supplied as Appendix A of the AEE at lodgement (Volume 2) discusses the TLC network including the alignment of turning heads. In particular, the text at 10.3.4.1 of the Assessment head arrangements – " for the culs-de-sac, the preference was to follow the existing road alignment as impact or identified constraints could be minimised by shifting slightly offline (e.g. the western cul-de-sac) design of this crossing have been discussed and agreed with AT SMEs". It is noted that there is some flexibility provided by the designation boundary which may be able to accompute.
T13	Provide justification as to why the assessment in Section 5.3.1 concludes that there are no significant adverse effects on freight when there are high additional travel times on Manuia Road bridge in Construction Scenario 2a.	This should read as there is potential for significant travel time effects for freight similar to that of general permanent and are only temporary during construction.



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land Metro South Pedestrian Crossing LCSIA", Stantec ce been implemented i.e. automatic gates, flashing existing environment. The future receiving environment ments are anticipated.

the process and rationale for determining the proposed int of Alternatives sets out the rationale for the turning is much as practicable except where the property b). The location and flexibility requirements in the

nmodate a slightly offset asymmetrical arrangement in

traffic. However, it is noted that these effects are not

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	<u>Rationale:</u> TAR Section 5.3.1 outlines for construction Scenario 2a that the effect of traffic being diverted on to the Manuia Road bridge has the potential for travel times to be quite significant (additional delays of 180 seconds (3 minutes)), and that freight would be mixed with general traffic which is not desirable. Nevertheless it is concluded that there is no significant adverse on freight. The additional delays would be significant for freight.	
T14	Provide clarification as to the connections that are required to mitigate the traffic effects during construction of Taka Street. <u>Rationale:</u> TAR Section 5.3.3.1 provides recommendations as to the roads that would need to be open to mitigate the effects of the construction of the Taka Street bridge. It is not clear what is being recommended in the second bullet of the conclusion, i.e. where it states that at least three connections are provided, is this recommending that both Spartan Road and Manuroa Road are kept open and that Manuia Road has also been constructed.	The TAR recommends that at least three connections are provided in the network at the time of construct demonstrates the range of effects that could result. The TAR overall illustrates how there could be multiple whilst achieving the recommended outcome and managing potential effects. A scenario where Spartan R is constructed and operational, and Walters Road is also open (four connections in the overall network), provides a set out in the AEE, a set construction sequencing is not proposed at this stage with this decision bases network performance and likely capacity at the time of construction. The TAR provides a baseline underst construction scenarios. The proposed Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) condition provides recommendations and ensure that effects can be effectively mitigated and managed. It is further noted that the Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) condition requires detail staging approach" (refer to clause (a)(iii).
T15	Provide an assessment of the forward visibility across the proposed bridge to the rear of traffic queues from the Walters Road / Arion Road intersection to demonstrate the proposed layout would operate safely. <u>Rationale:</u> The Walters Road / Arion Road intersection is located just east of the proposed bridge over the NIMT. Queues will occur with the operation of the traffic signals from the intersection which could be hidden from eastbound motorists travelling across the bridge due to the vertical alignment of the bridge. The hidden queues could result in safety issues for eastbound traffic.	A concept level of design has been undertaken to inform the designation boundaries. The bridges will me maximum grades and vertical crest and sag curves) required by Auckland Transport.
T16	Demonstrate how pedestrian / cycle access could be provided to Takanini Town Centre from the proposed bridge. <u>Rationale:</u> The proposed bridge will restrict access to Takanini Town Centre for pedestrians and cycles from Walters Road. It is understood from the project team that the designation does not preclude the provision of a connection. However, it is not clear how this would be achieved.	There will be a change in movement and accessibility for this immediate local context for active mode use indicative design includes access lanes to properties directly adjacent to the Walters Road bridge to facilit the main Walters Road corridor. Additional opportunities to provide direct pedestrian access from the brid increase local accessibility are not precluded by the designation footprint and could be further explored in engagement progresses. Clauses in the Urban and Landscape Design Management Plan (ULDMP) condition relating to active mode the project "provides appropriate walking and cycling connectivity to and interfaces with existing or proposi- consideration of such a connection.
T17	Provide details as to how the NoR conditions address the recommendations to mitigate the traffic and transport effects of the Project including those items included in Section 5.6 and Tables 27, 42 and 49 of the TAR, including how the NoR conditions address the need to coordinate the timing of closures of the level crossings and construction of traffic and active mode bridges. <u>Rationale:</u> The TAR assesses the timing of the closure of the level crossings and the construction of the road and active mode bridges relative to each other and concludes that these need to be carefully coordinated to ensure that there is sufficient east-west capacity and access to the industrial area is maintained without creating adverse effects on residential areas. The TAR also provides recommendations for measures to mitigate traffic and transport effects in Section 5.6 and Tables 27, 42 and 49. The NoR conditions	 Section 11.2.4 of the AEE covers how the technical specialist recommendations made in the TAR are resproposed conditions including the Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) condition are intentional longer implementation timeframes for the Project. The recommendations made in the TAR have been promethodology and are provided for and addressed in the proposed conditions as a whole. It is likely to be now when the likely construction sequencing and receiving environment has yet to be confirmed, i.e. that works when details of network capacity and other construction projects in the area are known. The specific recommendations on timing and network capacity can be considered through the following clithat include the following to achieve the objective of the CTMP: Clause (a)(i) - methods to manage the effects of temporary traffic management activities on the Clause (a)(ii) - measures to ensure the safety of all transport users; Clause (a)(iii) - the estimate numbers, frequencies, routes and timing of traffic movements, incluhours to manage vehicular and pedestrian traffic near schools or to manage traffic congestion;



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ers compared with the existing situation. However, the itate movement and provide alternative access onto dge to adjacent properties (e.g., the Town Centre) and n future as detailed design and stakeholder

ode connectivity (for example (e)(ii) which refers to how osed adjacent land uses") could occasion further

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UD1 UD2 UD3	 Please provide indicative Section drawing at a scale of no less than 1:100 for the lines indicated A-A and B-B on Manuia Road project area plan attached. <u>Rationale:</u> To provide indicative detail of proposed massing relationships and adequacy of suggested setbacks and areas of landscape mitigation. Please provide indicative Section drawing at a scale of no less than 1:100 for the lines indicated A-A and B-B on Taka Street project area plan attached. <u>Rationale:</u> To provide indicative detail of proposed massing relationships and adequacy of suggested setbacks and areas of landscape mitigation. Please provide indicative detail of proposed massing relationships and adequacy of suggested setbacks and areas of landscape mitigation. Please provide indicative Section drawing at a scale of no less than 1:100 for the lines indicated setbacks and areas of landscape mitigation. Please provide indicative Section drawing at a scale of no less than 1:100 for the lines indicated A-A and B-B on Walters Road project area plan attached. 	 The concept level of design has been undertaken to inform the designation boundaries. The following info of the massing of the proposed structures: The General Arrangement Plans (refer to Volume 3 of the lodgement package); The indicative project details and work descriptions in Section 3.3 of the AEE i.e., vertical ar lodgement package); The visualisations in Section 10.4 of the AEE (refer to Volume 2 of the lodgement package).
	<u>Rationale:</u> To provide indicative detail of proposed massing relationships and adequacy of suggested setbacks and areas of landscape mitigation.	
UD4	Please provide explanation of proposed access arrangements for 21-25 Walters Road. It is noted that in other similar circumstances an access lane arrangement is shown for future access of residual residential parcels. <u>Rationale:</u> To determine in broad terms effectiveness of post construction integration and urban design outcomes.	The sites located at 21-25 Walters Road are fully within the proposed designation boundaries and will nee Completion of Construction, the Designation Review condition provides a mechanism for the Requiring Au for the on-going operation, maintenance or mitigation of effects of the Project. In the case that this land is could be provided off Braeburn Place. Access lanes are provided elsewhere in the Project where there is properties (i.e., those not within the designation boundaries).
UD4	Please confirm where access lanes to existing and future land parcels are illustrated that these are appropriately scaled and dimensioned to accommodate potential growth in line with PC 78/NPSUD objectives. <u>Rationale:</u> To determine in broad terms effectiveness of post construction integration and urban design outcomes.	The General Arrangement Plans show the indicative design (to inform the designation boundaries) but are indicative dimensions of these access lanes. They have been designed considering the future receiving e anticipated by PC78/NPS:UD mandatory direction), and with due consideration to relevant Auckland Trans
UD6	Please provide explanation of the vehicle turning provisions for 7-13 Taka St. Why is a turning head not required? <u>Rationale:</u> To determine in broad terms effectiveness of post construction integration and urban design outcomes.	A turning head is not proposed or required as this effectively functions as a driveway access for accessing lane. Vehicles can undertake the necessary manoeuvres within the respective adjoining properties.



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Attachment A – Updated Assessment of Landscape and Visual Effects Report





Attachment B – Updated Assessment of Effects on the Environment (AEE)





Attachment C – Updated Social Impact Assessment – Appendix D: Indicators of Social Impacts and baseline data





Attachment D – Updated Social Impact Assessment – Appendix E: Impact Assessment



