

Friday 18 June 2021

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To the Submitters

Tēnā koe

NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT APPLICATION – NOTICE OF HEARING

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| Applicant | KiwiRail |
| Proposed activity | An alteration to Designation 6302 seeking to alter the existing North Island Main Trunk line designation. This alteration is associated with and supports the delivery of works as part of the Wiri to Quay Park project by KiwiRail. The NoR addresses works on land adjacent to but outside the existing rail corridor. Land is required for construction activities and permanent occupation by rail infrastructure. The alteration to the designation includes land along the rail corridor at Middlemore Station, Mangere East, Bridge Street/ Puhinui Station, Manukau and Wiri. |
| Address | Designation 6302 North Island Main Trunk Railway Line |

The safety and wellbeing of our customers, team members and communities in Auckland is always our utmost priority. We want to assure you that we're taking the necessary precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19. We're dedicated to protecting against COVID-19. For the most up to date information on COVID-19 please visit www.covid19.govt.nz. For the most up to date information about council's services please visit www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.

Auckland is at COVID-19 alert level 1 at the time of this hearing notification. While most participants will be attending the hearing in person, there are alternative options to attend virtually if required. Please contact the Hearings Advisor to discuss these options no later than 12 noon, Monday 5 July 2021.

Attendees at a hearing under COVID-19 Alert level 1 are still encouraged to:

- maintain good hygiene practices
- keep track of where you have been using the QR code on arrival
- keep your distance from people you don't know
- use a face-covering if desired
- no participants are to attend who have COVID-19 symptoms or who need to be in isolation/quarantine for any reason.

Should the COVID-19 Alert Level retract to level 2 or above at the time this hearing is scheduled to be held, the Hearings Advisor will contact you about how we will proceed with the hearing.

The above application will be heard by Hearing Commissioners **Peter Reaburn, David Wren** and **Nigel Mark-Brown** at a hearing to be held as follows:

Date: Tuesday 13 July and Wednesday 14 July 2021

Time: 9.30am

Venue: Reception Lounge
Level 2, Auckland Town Hall
301-303 Queen Street, Auckland Central

The chair has directed that evidence is to be pre-circulated for this hearing. See the attached Minute. In accordance with the Minute, evidence is due to be received by the Hearings Advisor as follows:

| Key Dates for this hearing (for more information, see below) | |
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| Council S42a report available | Monday 21 June 2021 by 5pm |
| Applicant's evidence due | Monday 28 June 2021 by 12 noon |
| Submitters expert evidence due | Monday 5 July 2021 by 12 noon |
| Applicant's supplementary evidence and legal submissions requested | Thursday 8 July 2021 by 12 noon |
| Submitter's non-expert evidence requested | Thursday 8 July 2021 by 12 noon |
| Appearance forms returned | Monday 5 July 2021 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 Skype is available on request, by contacting the hearings advisor by 12 noon, Monday 5 July 2021.

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 Monday 21 June 2021**.
- (b) **The applicant** is required to provide all its briefs of evidence by **12 noon, Monday 28 June 2021**. 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 ensure this evidence is available on council's website at least 5 working days prior to the hearing, it is required by **midday, Monday 5 July 2021**.

The expert witness is required to provide:

- **10** hard copies of the evidence at the hearing
 - 1 soft copy - briefs of evidence to be provided via email or on a data stick, each file should be less than 10Mb.
- (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) Email will be the address for service for the applicant and submitters, unless advised otherwise.

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

Please fill in the attached appearance form and return it to me by Monday 5 July 2021 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 do not hesitate to contact me on 09 890 8056 if you have any questions in relation to this hearing.

Ngā mihi



Bevan Donovan
Hearings Advisor