

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

AND

IN THE MATTER of **Proposed Plan Change 57 (Private)** – Royal Auckland and Grange Golf Club.

HEARING DIRECTIONS FROM THE HEARING PANEL

1. Pursuant to section 34A of the RMA, Auckland Council (the Council) has appointed a Hearing Panel consisting of three independent hearing commissioners -Janine Bell (Chairperson) and Trevor Mackie. The Hearing Panel's function is to hear the application and submissions and make a decision on the Plan Change proposal.
2. Proposed Plan Change 57 (Private) seeks to rezone:
 - 57 Grange Road from Residential – Single House zone to Open Space – Sport and Active Recreation zone.
 - Grange Road from Residential – Terrace Housing and Apartment Building zone and Residential Mixed House Urban zone to Open Space – Sport and Active Recreation zone.
 - 2 Grange Road from Residential - Mixed House Urban zone to Open Space – Sport and Active Recreation zone.
 - 69A Omana Road from Residential - Mixed House Urban zone to Open Space – Sport and Active Recreation zone.
3. The proposed plan change was publicly notified for submissions on 19 November 2020. The submission period closed on 17 December 2020. On 12 March 2021, the Council notified the availability of the Summary of Decisions Requested in the Submissions and called for further submissions. The further submission period closed on 26 March 2021.
4. The hearing has been set down for **Wednesday 14 July 2021**. This is to enable the Applicant to present its case and for the submitters to present their submissions to the Hearing Panel.
5. In terms of procedural matters, section 41B of the RMA provides that the Council may direct that evidence from any expert be provided to the parties before the hearing. Section 42A of the RMA provides that the Council may prepare a report on the matters to be considered and be provided prior to the hearing. The Hearing Panel is aware that a section 42A report is being prepared by the Council.
6. Accordingly, the Hearing Panel directs as follows:
 - (a) Pursuant to section 42A of the RMA, the section 42A hearing report shall be provided to the Council's Hearing Advisor no later than 9.00 am, **Friday 18 June 2021**.

- (b) The section 42A hearing report will be on the Council's website no later than 5.00 pm **Tuesday 22 June 2021.**
 - (c) Pursuant to sections 41B(1) and (2) of the RMA, the Applicant's expert evidence (evidence given by a professional with specialist qualifications and experience) is to be provided to the Council's Hearing Advisor no later than 12.00 midday, **Tuesday 29 June 2021.**
 - (d) Pursuant to sections 41B(3) and (4) of the RMA, any submitter who intends to call expert evidence at the hearing (evidence given by a professional with specialist qualifications and experience) is to provide that evidence to the Council's Hearing Advisor no later than no later than 12.00 midday, **Tuesday 6 July 2021.**
7. While these Directions do not apply to lay or non-expert statements/evidence, the Hearing Panel would appreciate any written statements to be presented at the hearing by submitters to be provided to the Council's Hearing Advisor no later than 5.00 pm, **Friday 9 July 2021.**
 8. The Hearing Panel also encourages parties to pre-circulate any opening legal submissions in advance of the hearing, preferably no later than the 5.00 pm, **Friday 9 July 2021.** The Hearing Panel and other parties will be assisted if the legal submissions can be pre-read.
 9. The purpose of these Directions is to provide the opportunity for the Hearing Panel and the other parties to have read and considered any legal submissions, evidence or statements in advance of the hearing to assist in understanding the case being presented. As the Hearing Panel will have read all the pre-circulated material before the hearing, there will be no need for it to be read out. An executive summary maybe read out or the key points highlighted.

Any enquiries regarding these Directions or related matters should be directed to the Council's Hearing Advisor, by email at laura.ager@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.



Janine Bell
Chairperson
27 May 2021