

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

AND

IN THE MATTER of **Private Plan Changes 48** (Kiwi Property No. 2), **49** (Fulton Hogan Land Development Limited) and **50** (Oyster Capital Limited) to the Auckland Unitary Plan – Operative in Part.

FOURTH DIRECTION OF THE HEARING PANEL

EXPERT CONFERENCING

1. Pursuant to section 34 and 34A of the RMA, Auckland Council (the Council) has appointed a Hearing Panel consisting of independent hearing commissioners - Greg Hill (Chairperson), Mark Farnsworth and Karyn Kurzeja. The Hearing Panel has been delegated the authority to hear the application and submissions and make a decision on the Plan Change proposal.
2. The Hearing Panel has previously issued Directions for Expert Conferencing in relation to these private plan changes¹ - for stormwater, traffic and transport and planning. Some expert conferencing sessions have occurred and joint witness statements (JWS) issued (and provided to the Hearing Panel).
3. The Transport and Planning JWS² has requested that additional expert transport and planning conferencing be able to occur. This is due to the progress being made, but that more time is required to fully address these matters.
4. We had set out in paragraph 9 the first Direction (dated 19 April 2021) that *“Therefore the conferencing sessions ought to be completed by the end of May 2021. It may also be that conferencing, or other alternative dispute resolution processes, may occur at later stage”*.
5. Given that progress is being made, and the Hearing Panel is likely to benefit from further conferencing, we authorise that additional expert conferencing sessions be held. We also authorise that the content, dates and time for any additional expert conferencing sessions be delegated to Ms Marlene Oliver, the appointed independent facilitator, to arrange in conjunction with the parties and the Hearing Panel.

Any enquiries regarding these Directions or related matters should be directed to the Council’s Hearing Manager, Ms Julie McKee by email at Julie.McKee@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.



Greg Hill - Chairperson
25 May 2021

¹ Dated 19, 22 and 27 April 2021

² Dated 24 May 2021