

28 October 2021

Direct Dial: 09 890 2021

To the Submitters

Tēnā koe

## PLAN CHANGE – NOTICE OF HEARING WITH NEW HEARING DATES

Plan Change	60 – Open Space
Application description	to rezone land to open space or rezone open space that has been deemed surplus to requirements

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](http://www.covid19.govt.nz). For the most up to date information about council's services please visit [www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz).

Auckland will likely be operating within the traffic lights system by this time. Hearings can be held face-to-face at this stage with the following measures in place:

- ensure the requirement for physical distancing between parties is met
- all attendees **MUST** use the QR code on arrival or complete a written sign-in document to ensure contact tracing may be conducted if necessary
- use of a face-covering is mandatory
- no participants are to attend who have COVID-19 symptoms or who need to be in isolation/quarantine for any reason.

There will be alternative options for people at high risk to participate in the hearing if they cannot attend in person. Please contact the Hearings Advisor to discuss your options no later than Monday 31 January 2022.

Please note that should we be in lockdown at the time of this hearing, it will continue online and the Hearings Advisor will be in touch with further information on this.

The above proposed plan change will be heard by Hearing Commissioners **Janine Bell and Nicki Williams** at a hearing to be held as follows:

**Date: Tuesday 8 February and Wednesday 9 February 2022**

**Time: 9.30am**

**Venue: Council Chambers  
Ground Floor, Auckland Town Hall  
301 Queen Street, Auckland**

You are invited to attend the hearing where the Hearing Commissioners will consider submissions in support of/opposing the application. Attendance via Skype is available on request, by contacting the hearings advisor by 12 noon Monday 31 January 2022.

Please note the commissioners will 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.

Key Dates for this hearing	
Council S42a report available	Thursday 9 September 2021
Submitters expert evidence requested	Thursday 23 September 2021 by 12 noon
Hearing dates	Tuesday 8 February & Wednesday 9 February 2022, 9:30am start

The officer's report and evidence will be made available on council's website at: <https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/have-your-say/hearings/find-hearing/Pages/find-auckland-unitary-plan-hearing.aspx>

The following apply:

- (a) **The council** is required to provide its officer's reports and any evidence at least 10 working days prior to the date of the hearing. This report is currently available on the council website.
- (b) **Any submitter** proposing to call expert witnesses is required to provide briefs of evidence. An expert is a professional such as a planner, traffic engineer or similar. To ensure this evidence is available on council's website you are required to provide it by midday, Tuesday 1 February 2022. Any submitter providing non-expert evidence can provide this on the day of the hearing.

The submitter is required to provide:

- 10 hard copies of the evidence to 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.

Electronic copies of evidence can be sent to the Hearings Advisor at [DS-Hearings@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:DS-Hearings@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz), Attn: Laura Ager

- (c) 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.
- (d) Email will be the address for service for the submitters unless advised otherwise.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me on 09 890 2021 if you have any questions in relation to this hearing.

Ngā mihi



Laura Ager  
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Senior Hearings Advisor

