

Friday 5 July 2024

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To the Submitters

Tēnā koe

PLAN CHANGE – NOTICE OF HEARING

Plan Change	96 - Auckland Wide
Application description	Plan Change 96 Open Space and other Rezoning Matters (2024) – Auckland Wide

The above proposed plan change will be heard by Hearing Commissioners **Janine Bell (Chairperson) and Trevor Mackie** at a hearing to be held as follows:

Date: Tuesday 27 August and Wednesday 28 August 2024

Time: 9.30am

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

NOTE: some venues have restricted access at the main entrance such as stairs. If you require assistance with alternate access, please inform the Hearings Advisor prior to the hearing day.

You are invited to attend the hearing where the Hearing Commissioners will consider submissions in support of/opposing the application. Attendance via MS Teams is available on request, by contacting the hearings advisor.

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.

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

Key Dates for this hearing	
Council S42a report available	Tuesday 30 July 2024
Submitters expert evidence	Tuesday 13 August 2024 by 12 noon
Addendum to Council s42A Report	Tuesday 20 August 2024 by 12 noon
Appearance forms returned	Tuesday 13 August 2024 at 12 noon

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 will be available on the council website no later than 5pm on Tuesday 30 July 2024
- (b) **Any submitter** proposing to call expert witnesses is required to provide their briefs of evidence by midday, Tuesday 13 August 2024 by 12 noon. An expert is a professional such as a planner, traffic engineer or similar.
The submitter is required to provide:
- 1 hard copy 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.

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

Any submitter who is providing a personal statement to read at the hearing, are encouraged to provide these electronically to the Hearings Advisor by midday, two working days prior to the hearing as well as bringing 1 copy to the hearing. This will allow for contactless exchange of evidence and enable parties, whether in attendance or participating virtually to view the material prior to the hearing. If you have not provided the statement in advance of the hearing, please bring 5 hard copies with you.

- (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.
- (f) If the hearing is held virtually, or you plan to attend virtually, please ensure your evidence is provided to the Hearings Advisor electronically before the hearing commences. The panel members will have already read your original submission and they will have that in front of them at the hearing.

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If you wish to attend the hearing, please fill in the attached appearance form and return it to me by Tuesday 13 August 2024 at 12 noon. Please note that email will be the address for service for the submitters unless advised otherwise.

The safety and wellbeing of our customers, team members and communities in Auckland is important to us. If you are sick or have COVID-19 symptoms, please do not attend the hearing in-person.

For those participants who cannot attend in person or who wish to attend virtually, please let the Hearings Advisor know by Tuesday 13 August 2024 at 12 noon (or as soon as possible before the hearing) and they will send you a MSTeams link prior to the hearing.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 09 890 8801 if you have any questions in relation to this hearing.

Ngā mihi

Chayla Walker
Kaitohutohu Whakawātanga
Hearings Advisor