

5 December 2023

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To the Submitters

Tēnā koe

NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT APPLICATION – NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice of Requirement	Joint hearing for 8 NoR's for Auckland Council and 1 NoR for Waikato District Council for the Pukekohe project
Requiring Authority	Te Tupu Ngātahi – Supporting Growth Alliance
Proposed activity	See attached appendix A

The above applications will be heard by Hearing Commissioners **Dave Serjeant (Chairperson)**, **Nigel Mark-Brown** and **Basil Morrison** at a joint hearing between Auckland Council and Waikato District Council to be held as follows:

Date: **Monday 11 to Thursday 14 March 2024**
Monday 18 to Thursday 21 March 2024
 (Note: not all days may be required)

Time: **9.30am**

Venue: **Stevenson room**
Franklin: The Centre, 12 Massey Avenue
Pukekohe, Auckland

The chair has directed that evidence is to be pre-circulated for this hearing. See the attached Direction #1. In accordance with the Direction, evidence is due to be received by the Hearings Advisor as follows:

Key Dates for this hearing (for more information, see below)	
Council S42a report available	Tuesday, 19 December 2023, 5pm
Requiring Authority's evidence due	Wednesday, 24 January 2024, by midday
Topics subject to expert conferencing	Wednesday, 31 January 2024
Submitters expert evidence due	Friday, 9 February 2024, by midday
Requiring Authority's rebuttal evidence	Friday, 23 February 2024 by midday
Submitter's non-expert evidence requested	Friday, 23 February 2024 by midday

Expert Conferencing, if required	Wednesday, 28 February to Friday 1 March 2024
Requiring Authority's legal submissions requested	Wednesday, 6 March 2024 by midday
Appearance forms returned	Friday, 23 February 2024 by midday

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 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 **Tuesday, 19 December 2023**.
- (b) **The Requiring Authority** is required to provide all its briefs of evidence by **Wednesday, 24 January 2024**. You will be advised once the evidence is available.
- (c) If you have expert witnesses, and you want them to participate in any expert conferencing, you are asked to inform the Hearings Advisor who your experts are and their contact details no later than **Wednesday, 31 January 2024**. You may also suggest topics for the conferencing if you wish.
- (d) **Any submitter** proposing to call expert witnesses is required to provide briefs of evidence from those experts by midday, **Friday, 9 February 2024**. An expert is a professional such as a planner, traffic engineer or similar.

The expert witness 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.
- (e) Following the receipt of submitters expert evidence, **the Requiring Authority** is required to provide any rebuttal statements of evidence electronically to the Hearings Advisor by **midday, Friday, 23 February 2024**. You will be advised once the evidence is available.
 - (f) **Submitters** are requested to provide their non-expert evidence/statements by **Friday, 23 February 2024**.
 - (g) **The Requiring Authority** is required to provide their opening legal submissions by **midday, Wednesday 6 March 2024**.
 - (h) 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.

- (i) Email will be the address for service for the applicant and submitters, unless advised otherwise.

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.

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 Friday, 23 February 2024 if you would like to appear at the hearing, so that we can schedule your appearance and inform you of your approximate speaking time.

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 Friday, 23 February 2024 (or as soon as possible before the hearing) and they will send you a MS-Teams link prior to the hearing.

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
Kaitohutohu Whakawātanga
Hearings Advisor

APPENDIX A

The Pukekohe Transport Network encompasses eight transport projects (with nine Notices of Requirement) for the Pukekohe, Paerata and Drury West areas.

Auckland Transport has lodged six and Waka Kotahi has lodged two Notices of Requirement with Auckland Council and Waka Kotahi has lodged one Notice of Requirement with Waikato District Council for route protection.

The Pukekohe Transport Network includes provision for improved walking and cycling, public transport, and general traffic connections.

NOR1 - DRURY WEST ARTERIAL

Notice of requirement lodged by Auckland Transport for a designation for a new transport corridor with active mode facilities in Drury West, extending south from the intersection of State Highway 22 and Jesmond Road to the edge of the Future Urban Zone near Runciman Road, Drury.

NOR2 – PUKEKOHE LINK

Notice of requirement lodged by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency for a new state highway including a shared path from Great South Road, Drury in the northeast, connecting State Highway 22 in the west, and the area in the vicinity of Sim Road/Cape Hill Road, Pukekohe in the south.

NOR3 – PAERATA CONNECTIONS

Notice of requirement lodged by Auckland Transport for two new transport corridors including active mode facilities. One between the two extents of Sim Road, Paerata across the North Island Main Trunk Rail Line. The second between Paerata Rail Station and Sim Road, Paerata.

NOR4 – PUKEKOHE NORTH-EAST ARTERIAL

Notice of requirement lodged by Auckland Transport for a new transport corridor including active mode facilities between State Highway 22, Paerata on the north west and Pukekohe East Road, Pukekohe in the south east.

NOR5 – PUKEKOHE SOUTH-EAST ARTERIAL

Notice of requirement lodged by Auckland Transport to upgrade part of Pukekohe East Road and Golding Road, and a new connection from Golding Road to Svendsen Road, Pukekohe across Station Road and the North Island Main Trunk Rail Line - including active mode facilities.

NOR6 – PUKEKOHE SOUTH-WEST UPGRADE

Notice of requirement lodged by Auckland Transport to upgrade of specific intersections and the regrade of specific driveways on Nelson Street, Ward Street, West Street and Helvetia Road for active mode facilities.

NOR7 – PUKEKOHE NORTH-WEST UPGRADE

Notice of requirement lodged by Auckland Transport to upgrade Helvetia Road, Pukekohe in the south-west and a new corridor from Helvetia Road to SH22 Paerata in the north-east including active mode facilities.

NOR8 (AUCKLAND COUNCIL) – MILL ROAD AND PUKEKOHE EAST ROAD UPGRADE

Notice of requirement lodged by Waka Kotahi for an upgrade of Mill Road (Bombay) in the east for additional vehicle lanes and a shared path and an upgrade of Pukekohe East Road, Pukekohe in the west for a shared path.

NOR8 (WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL) – MILL ROAD AND PUKEKOHE EAST ROAD UPGRADE

Notice of requirement lodged by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency to designate land, under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), for an upgrade of Mill Road (Bombay) in the east for additional vehicle lanes, a shared path and an upgrade of Pukekohe East Road, Pukekohe.