

8 July 2024

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To the Submitters

Tēnā koe

NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT APPLICATION – NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice of Requirement	Whenuapai Wastewater Servicing Scheme Package 1 Project
Requiring Authority	Watercare Services Limited
Proposed activity	The construction, operation and maintenance of the proposed Whenuapai Wastewater Servicing Scheme – Package 1 Project (the Project), which includes a gravity main, pump station, rising main, and associated infrastructure.

The above application will be heard by Hearing Commissioners **David Hill (Chairperson), Matthew Byrne and, Juliane Chetham** at a hearing to be held as follows:

Date: Tuesday, 30 July 2024

Time: 9.30am

**Venue: Council Chambers
Level 2, Henderson Civic Building
1 Smythe Road, Henderson, 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.

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 (for more information, see below)	
Council S42a report available	Monday, 8 July 2024, by 5pm
Requiring Authority's evidence due	Monday, 15 July 2024, by midday
Submitters expert evidence due	Monday, 22 July 2024, by midday
Requiring Authority's supplementary evidence	Thursday, 25 July 2024 by midday
Submitter's non-expert evidence requested	Thursday, 25 July 2024 by midday
Legal submissions requested	Friday, 26 July 2024 by midday
Appearance forms returned	Monday, 22 July 2024 by midday

You are invited to attend the hearing where the Hearing Commissioners will consider submissions in support of/or opposing the application. Attendance via MS-Teams is available on request, by contacting the hearings advisor by 12 noon Monday, 22 July 2024

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 **Monday, 8 July 2024**.
- (b) **The Requiring Authority** is required to provide all its briefs of evidence by **Monday, 15 July 2024**. You will be advised once the evidence is available.
- (c) **Any submitter** proposing to call expert witnesses is required to provide briefs of evidence from those experts at least five working days before the hearing. An expert is a professional such as a planner, traffic engineer or similar.

To ensure this evidence is available on council's website at least 5 working days prior to the hearing, it is required by midday, **Monday, 22 July 2024**.

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.

Any submitter who is providing a personal statement to read at the hearing, are encouraged to be 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 8 hard copies with you.

- (d) 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.
- (e) The council will make available all reports and evidence on its website within 24 hours of receipt or as soon as is practicable. The link to the website is:

<https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/have-your-say/hearings/find-hearing/Pages/find-auckland-unitary-plan-hearing.aspx>

- (f) Email will be the address for service for the applicant and submitters, unless advised otherwise.
- (g) 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 Monday, 22 July 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 Monday, 22 July 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