

17 October 2024

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To the Submitters

Tēnā koe:

PLAN CHANGE – NOTICE OF HEARING

Plan Change	PLAN CHANGE 102 & PLAN MODIFICATION 15 - REGIONWIDE
Application description	To introduce nine Sites and Places of Significance to Mana Whenua to Schedule 2 of the Auckland Unitary Plan (Operative in Part) and introduce five Māori Heritage Sites to Appendix 2f of the Auckland Council District Plan - Hauraki Gulf Islands Section

The above proposed plan change will be heard by Hearing Commissioners **Mark Farnsworth (Chairperson)**, **Nicholas Manukau** and **David Mead** at a hearing to be held as follows:

AOTEA/ GREAT BARRIER:

Date: **Wednesday 12 February 2025**
 Time: **1:00pm**
 Venue: **Boardroom**
Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board Office
81 Hector Sanderson Road, Great Barrier Island

The intent is that only local submitters will be heard during the Aotea / Great Barrier session. Submissions and expert evidence at large will be heard during the Auckland Central session (see below).

AUCKLAND CENTRAL:

Date: **Wednesday 19 February 2025**
 Time: **9:00am**
 Venue: **Council Chambers**
Auckland Town Hall
301 Queen Street, Auckland Central

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/or opposing the application.

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's s42A report available:	Wednesday 11 December 2024 by 5pm
Submitters' expert evidence due:	Friday 24 January 2025 by 12pm (noon)
Appearance forms returned:	Friday 24 January 2025 by 12pm (noon)
Addendum to Council's s42A report (if required):	Monday 3 February 2025 by 12pm (noon)
Submitter's non-expert evidence requested:	Friday 7 February 2025 by 12pm (noon)
All legal submissions requested:	Friday 7 February 2025 by 12pm (noon)

The officer's report and evidence will be made available on the 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 **Wednesday 11 December 2024**.
- (b) **Any submitter** proposing to call expert witnesses is required to provide their briefs of evidence no later than 12pm (noon) on **Friday 24 January 2025**. 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 patrice.baillargeon@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Any submitter who is providing a personal statement to read at the hearing, is encouraged to provide these electronically to the Hearings Advisor by midday, two working days prior to the hearing as well as bringing 9 copies 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 9 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.

If you wish to attend the hearing, please fill in the attached appearance form and return it to me no later than 12pm (noon) on **Friday 24 January 2025**. 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 Friday 24 January 2025 (or as soon as possible before the hearing) and they will send you a MTeams link prior to the hearing.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 09 890 4692 if you have any questions in relation to this hearing.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrice Baillargeon', with a long, sweeping underline.

Patrice Baillargeon

Kaitohutohu Mataamua Whakawā / Senior Hearings Advisor