

14 August 2023

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To the Submitters

Tēnā koe

NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT APPLICATION – NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice of Requirement	Eight Notice of Requirements (NoR) for the Warkworth projects
Project descriptions	See attached appendix A
Requiring Authority	Auckland Transport

The above applications will be heard by Hearing Commissioners **Richard Blakey (Chairperson)**, **Mark Farnsworth** and **Vaughan Smith** at a hearing to be held as follows:

Date: **Monday 13 to Thursday 16 November 2023**
Monday 20 to Thursday 23 November 2023
(Note: not all days may be required)

Time: **9.30am (except Tuesday 21 Nov at 1.00pm)**

Venue: **Warkworth Town Hall**
2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth

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	Wednesday, 13 September 2023, 5pm
Requiring Authorities' evidence due	Wednesday, 27 September 2023, midday
Topics subject to expert conferencing	Wednesday, 11 October 2023 by 12 noon
Submitters' expert evidence due	Wednesday, 11 October 2023 by 12 noon
Expert Conferencing, if required	Monday, 30 October to Thursday, 2 November 2023
Requiring Authorities' rebuttal evidence	Thursday, 26 October 2023 by 12 noon
Submitters' non-expert evidence	Thursday, 26 October 2023 by 12 noon
Requiring Authorities' legal submissions requested	Wednesday, 8 November 2023 by 12 noon
Appearance forms returned	Wednesday, 11 October 2023 by 12 noon

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.

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 **Wednesday, 13 September 2023**.
- (b) **The Requiring Authority** is required to provide all its briefs of evidence by **Wednesday, 27 September 2023**. 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.

This evidence is required by **midday, Wednesday, 11 October 2023**.

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.

Any submitter who is providing a personal statement to read at the hearing is requested to provide these electronically to the Hearings Advisor by **midday, Thursday, 26 October 2023**.

- (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) If expert conferencing takes place, you will be asked to inform the Hearings Advisor if you have any experts that you wish to be part of the conferencing. More information around expert conferencing will be available closer to the time.
- (f) The Requiring Authority is required to provide their opening legal submissions on Wednesday, 8 November 2023. You will be advised when this information is available.
- (g) 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>

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

Please fill in the attached appearance form and return it to me by **Wednesday, 11 October 2023** 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 Wednesday, 11 October 2023 (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 4692 if you have any questions in relation to this hearing.

Ngā mihi



Patrice Baillargeon
Kaitohutohu Mataamua Whakawā
Senior Hearings Advisor

APPENDIX A

The Warkworth Projects encompass eight individual transport projects for the Warkworth area in Auckland. Auckland Transport has lodged eight notices of requirements with Auckland Council for route protection. These projects include three new urban arterial corridors, four upgrades to existing corridors and a new Public Transport Hub and Park + Ride facility.

NoR1 - NORTHERN PUBLIC TRANSPORT HUB AND WESTERN LINK NORTH

Notice of requirement lodged by Auckland Transport for a designation for a new public transport hub and park and ride at the corner of SH1 and a new Western Link North arterial corridor with active mode facilities between the intersection of SH1 and Te Honohono ki Tai to a proposed bridge crossing on Western Link North.

NoR2 - WOODCOCKS ROAD – WEST UPGRADE

Notice of requirement lodged by Auckland Transport for a new designation to upgrade the existing Woodcocks Road – West corridor between Mansel Drive and Ara Tūhono (Puhoi to Warkworth) to an urban arterial corridor with active mode facilities.

NoR3 - STATE HIGHWAY 1 – SOUTH UPGRADE

Notice of requirement lodged by Auckland Transport for a new designation to upgrade of the existing SH1 - South corridor between Fairwater Road and the southern Rural Urban Boundary to an urban arterial corridor with active mode facilities.

NoR4 – MATAKANA ROAD UPGRADE

Notice of requirement lodged by Auckland Transport for a designation to upgrade the existing Matakana Road corridor between the Hill Street intersection and the northern Rural Urban Boundary to an urban arterial corridor with active mode facilities.

NoR5 – SANDSPIT ROAD UPGRADE

Notice of requirement lodged by Auckland Transport for a designation to upgrade the existing Sandspit Road corridor between the Hill Street intersection and the eastern Rural Urban Boundary to an urban arterial corridor with active mode facilities.

NoR6 – WESTERN LINK - SOUTH

Notice of requirement lodged by Auckland Transport for a designation for a new urban arterial corridor with active mode facilities between Evelyn Street and the intersection of SH1 and McKinney Road.

NoR7 – SANDSPIT LINK

Notice of requirement lodged by Auckland Transport for a designation for a new urban arterial corridor with active mode facilities between the intersection of Matakana Road and Te Honohono ki Tai (Matakana Link Road) and Sandspit Road.

NoR8 – WIDER WESTERN LINK - NORTH

Notice of requirement lodged by Auckland Transport for a designation for a new urban arterial corridor with active mode facilities between Woodcocks Road and the Mahurangi River.