

BRF-1757

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Shane Ellison
Chief Executive
Auckland Transport
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Dear Shane Ellison

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-Track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on referral application – Kepa Road Apartments Project

The Minister for the Environment (Minister) has received an application from Sanctum Projects Limited to refer the Kepa Road Apartments Project (project) to an expert consenting panel (a panel) for consideration under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (FTCA).

The purpose of the FTCA is to promote employment to support New Zealand's recovery from the economic and social impacts of COVID-19 and to support certainty of investment while continuing to promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources.

The project is described in Appendix A and a link to the application documents (provided as Attachment 1 is/are in the covering email.

Auckland Transport may have an interest in the project because it may result in effects on the local road network. Under delegated authority from the Minister and pursuant to section 21(3) of the FTCA, I invite Auckland Transport's written comments on the referral application. A template is provided for this purpose (Attachment 2).

The above information is provided to you in confidence and as part of the statutory process set out in the FTCA. Please do not forward the application or request for comments to anyone outside your organisation.

If the Minister accepts the application and the project are referred to a panel, the applicant will be able to lodge applications with the Environmental Protection Authority for the approvals needed under the Resource Management Act 1991. The applicant must provide a detailed assessment of environmental effects and cultural impact assessment(s) as part of this process.

Please provide comments via return email within 10 working days to ensure that the Minister takes them into consideration when deciding whether or not to accept the referral

application. Note that the Minister is not required to consider any comments provided after this time.

If you would like more information about the fast-track consenting process, or to discuss the application, please contact the Ministry for the Environment's Fast-track Consenting Team at fasttrackconsenting@mfe.govt.nz to arrange an appointment.

Yours sincerely

Stephanie Frame
Manager, Fast-track Consenting Team

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Frame', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Appendix:

A. Details of proposed project

Attachments:

1. Application to refer the Kepa Road Apartments Project to an expert consenting panel, including supporting information (Databox link in covering email)
2. Response template for written comments

cc: Matthew Richards, Manager Development Planning
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Appendix A - Proposed project

Project	Applicant	Details
Kepa Road Apartments	Sanctum Projects Limited	<p>The project is to redevelop three suburban sections at the corner of Kepa Road and Kurahaupo Street in Ōrākei, Auckland, by removing existing vegetation and buildings, and constructing a residential development consisting of two apartment buildings that will provide 45 residential units, associated driveways, infrastructure and landscaped areas. The new buildings will be 6 storeys (approximately 17 metres high) and 7 storeys (approximately 21 metres high) with two basement levels that will span between the buildings and provide approximately 60 car parks.</p> <p>The project will involve activities such as demolishing existing buildings and infrastructure, trimming and removing vegetation (including trees on roads), carrying out earthworks (including disturbing potentially contaminated soil), constructing residential buildings, taking, diverting and discharging groundwater to land, discharging stormwater containing contaminants to land, constructing vehicle access and basement parking areas, constructing infrastructure for three waters services, carrying out a subdivision, and landscaping including planting.</p>