

BRF-1757

27 June 2022

Jon Lamonte
Chief Executive Officer
Watercare Services Limited
Email: s 9(2)(a)

Dear Jon Lamonte

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

The Minister for the Environment (Minister) has received an application from Sanctum Projects Limited to refer the Kēpa 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 in the covering email.

Watercare Services Limited may have an interest in the project because it may affect the local infrastructure for three waters services. Under delegated authority from the Minister and pursuant to section 21(3) of the FTCA, I invite Watercare Services Limited'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

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Stephanie Frame
Manager, Fast-track Consenting Team

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: Katja Huls, Development Programme Lead
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Shane Lawton, Head of Development Services
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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>