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By Email: s 9(2)(a)

Dear Simon,

Sunfield Masterplanned Community Engagement with First Gas Limited

The purpose of this letter is to outline the engagement that Sunfield Developments Limited has had with First Gas Limited ('First Gas') in relation to your proposed masterplanned community 'Sunfield'. We are sending you this without prejudice to any of our rights. All our rights are reserved in toto. This letter should not be construed as any form of approval from First Gas whatsoever.

As you are aware, First Gas is the owner/operator of a high-pressure transmission pipeline which runs through approximately 1.8km of the property on which your proposed Sunfield development is located. Across a number of land parcels, the pipeline is secured via easement, and is also the subject of a 25m wide designation identified within the Auckland Unitary Plan, (Designation Ref. 9104). The pipeline in this location is part of our northern pipeline network which conveys natural gas for distribution to domestic, commercial and industrial users as far north as Whangarei. Consequently, it is considered critical infrastructure.

We appreciate the efforts to date to engage with First Gas giving us the opportunity to provide feedback on the development of the Sunfield Masterplan. First Gas have instigated the initial stages of an internal SMS, (Safety Management Study), which enables us to better understand any impacts the change in landuse may have for the pipeline, and what if any controls might be necessary to ensure the pipeline continues to operate safely. As we have discussed, potential controls include, but are not limited to, recoating of the pipeline, pipeline replacement, and in some cases, realignment of the pipeline. The SMS assessment will be refined further by ourselves as the development progresses and when, more information becomes available from you.

As we have discussed, the key requirement from a First Gas perspective is that any development in the vicinity of the pipeline is undertaken in such a way that ensures public safety, that the pipeline is adequately protected, access is maintained, and future development reflects the presence of a high-pressure transmission pipeline. In our discussions to date, you've provided verbal assurances of your willingness to ensure that the design of the development will take this into account.

I have appreciated the transparent and solution focused manner in which you have engaged with us to date and look forward to continued engagement as Sunfield moves forward.

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Yours sincerely



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