

Hon. Chris Bishop MP  
Hon. Simeon Brown MP  
Hon. Shane Jones MP

By email

27 May 2024

Dear Ministers /Referral Panel

**RE: Guildford Timber Company Ltd - Fast Track Approval Application for Silverstream Forest Development.**

Upper Hutt City Council supports **in principle** Guildford Timber Company Ltd's (GTC) application for Fast Track application for the Silverstream Forest Development to develop the Southern Growth Area and provide 1500-2040 new homes in Upper Hutt.

The Council has worked with GTC to plan for the use of this land for housing for over 17 years. The Fast Track process would provide an efficient means of consenting the proposed development without further Council expenditure on planning and hearings. This would provide certainty for GTC, the community and Council over the future of this land.

The Council is the owner of the Silverstream Spur and intends to **in principle** provide the necessary approval for access to the Silverstream Forest via Kiln Street via a roading and infrastructure corridor through the Spur.

Yours faithfully



**Geoff Swainson**  
Te Tumu Whakarae | Chief Executive