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

Dear Jon Lamonte

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-Track Consenting) Act 2020 – Scott Road Development Project – Comments sought

In the week commencing 5 April 2021, Aedifice Development Limited applied to the Minister for the Environment (the Minister) to refer the Scott Road Development project to an expert consenting panel (a panel) for consideration under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (FTCA).

The project is described below, and links to the application documents are included in the covering email. This 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 the request for comments to anyone outside your organisation.

The Scott Road Development Project is for the subdivision of 7.5ha land and the development of approximately 425 residential units including landscaping and upgrading of three waters services and the formation of a coastal esplanade reserve at 4 Scott Road, Hobsonville, Auckland.

It will involve activities such as:

- earthworks (including bulk earthworks and on contaminated land) and associated discharges;
- earthworks within 10m of a natural wetland;
- water takes and diversions;
- discharge of groundwater, stormwater, and contaminants;
- construction of three waters services;
- discharge of untreated wastewater overflows;
- construction of 44 buildings between 203 storeys with a maximum height of 11m;
- construction of vehicle access and parking areas;
- landscaping including plantings;
- creation of a coastal esplanade reserve to be vested in Auckland Council

The applicant is seeking subdivision and land use consents and discharge permits under the Auckland Unitary Plan and Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soils to Protect Human Health) 2011, to be determined for the project through the fast-track process.

You have been identified as an agency that may have an interest in the project because the project will involve the upgrade to a Watercare pump station and the creation of a new overflow. On behalf of the Minister and pursuant to section 21(3) of the FTCA, I invite you to provide written comments on the referral application. A template is attached for this purpose.

Please provide your comments via return email within 10 working days to ensure that the Minister will take your comments into consideration when deciding on the referral application. Note that the Minister is not required to consider any comments provided after this time.

If the Minister decides to refer the project to a panel, the applicant will provide a detailed assessment of environmental effects with any resource consent applications that they lodge with the panel.

If you would like more information about the fast-track consenting process, or to discuss this 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

Enclosures:

A. Response template for written comments

cc. Amir Karimi, Development Engineer, Watercare

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