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Ministers of/for:

Infrastructure; Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti; Housing; Education; Arts, Culture, and Heritage; Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations; Local Government; Land Information; Defence; Transport; Conservation; Climate Change; and Associate Minister for the Environment (Urban Policy)

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Dear Ministers

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on referral application – Faringdon Oval project

An Applicant has applied to refer the Faringdon Oval project to an expert consenting panel (a panel) for consideration under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (FTCA). This letter is sent to you pursuant to section 21(2) of the FTCA.

The purpose of the FTCA is to urgently 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 Attachment A, and a copy of the application is electronically attached.

I invite you to provide written comments on the referral application. If I accept the application and the project is referred, the applicant will be able to lodge applications with the Environmental Protection Authority for the approvals needed under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) for the project, and a panel will be appointed to consider and decide them. The applicant must provide a more detailed environmental assessment and cultural impact assessment as part of their RMA applications. You will have an opportunity at that stage to provide comments to the panel.

Please provide your comments via return email within 10 working days if you wish me to take them into consideration when deciding whether or not to accept the referral application.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Parker', with a stylized, cursive script.

Hon David Parker
Minister for the Environment

Attachments:

- A. Description of proposed project
- B. Application to refer Faringdon Oval project to an expert consenting panel, including supporting information

Attachment A - Proposed project

Project	Applicant	Details
Faringdon Oval	Hughes Developments Limited	<p>The Project is to subdivide a 69.3-hectare site bounded by Dunns Crossing Road, Goulds Road and Selwyn Road, Rolleston to create approximately 1050 residential lots which will enable residential development by third parties, and to construct residential units on approximately 300 of those lots, create lots for commercial use, and construct supporting infrastructure including roads and three-waters services, and open space.</p> <p>The Project involves activities such as: subdividing land, carrying out earthworks (including disturbing potentially contaminated soils), clearing vegetation, discharging stormwater and contaminants to land, taking, diverting and discharging groundwater to land, constructing buildings, constructing infrastructure including for vehicle access, roads, parking, public transport and three waters services, developing land for open spaces including landscaping and planting.</p>