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Dear Ministers

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on applications for referral – Bellgrove Development – Rangiora and Flints Park, Ladies Mile – Te Pūtahi

I have received two applications to refer projects 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 aim 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, and meet Treaty of Waitangi obligations.

The projects are described in the enclosed schedule, and copies of the applications are electronically attached.

I invite you under section 21(2) of the FTCA to provide written comments on the referral applications. I note that if these projects are referred to a panel, the applicants will be able to lodge the applications with the Environmental Protection Authority for the approvals needed under the Resource Management Act 1991. A more detailed environmental assessment and cultural impact assessment will be required as part of these 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 making a decision on whether or not to accept the applications and refer the projects to a panel.

Yours sincerely

Hon David Parker

Minister for the Environment

Enclosures:

- A. Schedule of proposed projects
- B. Application to refer 2021-052 Bellgrove Development Rangiora, to an expert consenting panel, including supporting information
- C. Application to refer 2021-053 Flints Park, Ladies Mile Te Pūtahi to an expert consenting panel, including supporting information

Appendix A - Schedule of proposed project

Project	Applicant	Details
Bellgrove	Bellgrove	The Project is to:
Development - Rangiora	Rangiora Limited	 subdivide a 20.8 hectare site construct approximately 209 residential units construct a neighbourhood commercial centre construct supporting infrastructure including a road network and shared paths within esplanade and stormwater reserves.
		The project will consist of the following activities:
		 subdivision of land vegetation clearance in riparian areas earthworks (including earthworks in riparian areas and over an aquifer) disturbance of potentially contaminated soils and a riverbed diversion of a surface waterbody taking of groundwater for dewatering discharges of stormwater, dewatering water and stream diversion water discharge of contaminants reclamation of a riverbed for realignment construction of three waters services and roading infrastructure including culverts construction of residential units
		development of open spaces.
Flints Park, Ladies Mile - Te Pūtahi	Glenpanel Development Limited	The Project is to: subdivide a 15.6 hectare site construct up to 300 residential units of various typologies (or up to 179 residential units if a primary school and early childhood centre are developed) construct a neighbourhood commercial centre construct supporting infrastructure including road networks develop public open space.
		The Project will retain the historic Glenpanel Homestead and includes an expansion of this building for commercial use.
		The Project will consist of the following activities:
		 subdivision of land vegetation clearance earthworks (including on contaminated land), discharges of stormwater and contaminants to land construction of residential and commercial buildings additions to a heritage building, construction of roading and transport infrastructure construction of three waters services development of open space including landscaping and planting.