

BRF- 2893

Jim Stabback  
Chief Executive Officer  
Auckland Council  
Email: s 9(2)(a)

Dear Jim Stabback

**COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on referral application – Foundation Village – Building 3 Project**

The Minister for the Environment (Minister) has received an application from The Foundation Village Partnership to refer the Foundation Village – Building 3 Project (project) to an expert consenting panel (panel) for consideration under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (FTCA).

The project is described in Appendix A and the application documents are in Attachment 1.

Under delegated authority from the Minister and pursuant to section 21(2) of the FTCA, I invite Auckland Council to provide written comments on the referral application. A template is provided for this purpose in Attachment 2. Comment is sought on the specific matters outlined in the table below, and on any other matter you consider relevant to the Minister's decision on whether or not to accept the application.

Specific questions on the application
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Are there any reasons that you consider it more appropriate for the project, or part of the project, to proceed through existing Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) consenting processes rather than the processes in the FTCA?</li><li>2. What reports and assessments would normally be required by the Council for a project of this nature in this area?</li><li>3. Does the applicant, or a company owned by the applicant, have any environmental regulatory compliance history in your region?</li></ol>



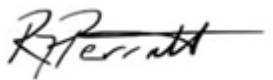
The above information is provided to you in confidence and as part of the statutory process set out in the FTCA. Please do not forward the application or request for comments to anyone outside your organisation.

If the Minister accepts the application and the project is referred to a panel, Auckland Council will have the opportunity to nominate a local authority representative (who could be a councillor or independent hearings commissioner) to sit on the panel and determine the RMA approvals for the project. The applicant will provide a detailed assessment of environmental effects and cultural impact assessments at this stage and the council will have the opportunity to provide further comments to the panel.

Please provide comments via return email within 10 working days to ensure that the Minister takes them into consideration when making his decision. Note that the Minister is not required to consider any comments provided after this time.

If it is more efficient for you to discuss the application, please contact the Ministry for the Environment's Fast-track Consenting Team at [fasttrackconsenting@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:fasttrackconsenting@mfe.govt.nz) to arrange an appointment.

Yours sincerely



Rebecca Perrett  
**Acting Manager, Fast-track Consenting Team**

Appendix:

- A. Details of proposed project

Attachments:

1. Application to refer the Foundation Village – Building 3 Project to an expert consenting panel, including supporting information (Databox link)
2. Response template for written comments

cc: Ian Smallburn, General Manager Resource Consents, Auckland Council  
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## Appendix A – Details of proposed project

Project	Applicant	Details
Foundation Village – Building 3	The Foundation Village Partnership	<p>The project is to construct and operate Building 3, being Stage 3 of a comprehensive retirement village, together with associated facilities and infrastructure, on an approximately 1.4 hectare site located at 10 and 16 Titoki Street, and 4 Maunsell Road, Parnell, Auckland and to use an approximately 0.12 hectare site at 8 Domain Drive, Parnell, Auckland for temporary construction-related vehicle parking.</p> <p>The project sits within the block bounded by Titoki Street, Maunsell Road, Parnell Road and George Street (the “Foundation site”), the majority of which is owned by Blind Low Vision NZ.</p> <p>The applicant already holds resource consents to develop parts of the retirement village. This includes two 4–5 storey buildings (Building 1 and Building 2) currently under construction on the north-eastern corner of the Foundation site, together with the refurbishment of a heritage building fronting Titoki Street (Pearson House).</p> <p>The project is the third and final stage of retirement village development. It comprises:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. one building up to 13 storeys high (or up to 49 metres including lift overrun and plant) providing – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. approximately 65 independent-living retirement units</li> <li>ii. administrative facilities (including a lobby and reception/administration area, areas for staff use, and kitchen)</li> <li>iii. communal facilities for residents’ use (including reception, lounges, bar, café, therapy, salon, swimming pool, health/wellness centre and a library)</li> <li>iv. two levels of basement parking</li> </ol> </li> <li>b. a basement-level vehicle connection to Building 2</li> <li>c. vehicle accessways and parking areas</li> <li>d. a pedestrian connection to Pearson House and a suspended pedestrian link at level one to Building 2</li> <li>e. outdoor amenity areas and landscaping.</li> </ol>