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Ministers of/for:

Infrastructure; Māori Crown Relations—Te Arawhiti; Housing; Education; Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations; Conservation; Land Information; Defence; Transport; Climate Change; Associate Arts, Culture and Heritage; Associate Local Government; and Associate Environment (urban policy)

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Dear Ministers

**COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on referral application – Great South Homes Park Project**

Unispot Great South Limited has applied to refer the Great South Homes Park Project (project) to an expert consenting panel (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 Appendix A, and the application documents are in Attachment 1.

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 assessments as part of their RMA applications. You will have an opportunity at that stage to provide comments to the panel.

Please provide your written 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', is positioned above the typed name.

Hon David Parker  
**Minister for the Environment**

Appendix:

- A. Description of proposed project

Attachment:

1. Application to refer Great South Homes Park Project to an expert consenting panel, including supporting information (Databox link in covering email)

**Attachment A - Proposed project**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Details</b>
Great South Homes Park	Unispot Great South Limited	The project is to subdivide a 6.1-hectare site located at 470 and 476 Great South Road, and 2 and 8 Gatland Road, Papakura, Auckland and construct approximately 338 residential units, commercial buildings and supporting infrastructure including public open space, roads, vehicle and pedestrian and cycle accessways, car-parking areas and three-waters services.