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Dear Ministers

**COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on referral application – Holly Lea Village Buildings D and E Project**

Holly Lea Village Limited has applied to refer the Holly Lea Village Buildings D and E 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 assessment(s) 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 flourish at the end.

Hon David Parker  
**Minister for the Environment**

Appendix:

A. Description of proposed project

Attachment:

1. Application to refer Holly Lea Village Buildings D and E Project to an expert consenting panel, including supporting information (Databox link in covering email)

## Appendix A - Proposed project

Project	Applicant	Details
Holly Lea Village Buildings D and E Project	Holly Lea Village Limited	<p>The project is to construct two three-storey apartment buildings, comprising a total of 30 units, to form part of the existing retirement village known as Holly Lea Village on a 1.95 hectare site in Fendalton, Christchurch. The project will include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Building E, a three-storey building (approximately 14.2 metres high), containing 22 independent living units</li><li>Building D, a three-storey building (approximately 13.5 metres high), containing 10 independent living units; staff and administrative spaces</li><li>access, parking and circulation spaces, and connections to existing three waters infrastructure</li><li>landscaping and planting.</li></ol> <p>The project involves activities such as demolishing existing buildings and structures, carrying out earthworks (including within a natural watercourse), installing structures within a natural watercourse, discharging stormwater and contaminants to land and water, constructing buildings, installing parking and vehicle access, taking, diverting and discharging groundwater.</p>

