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Patricia Reade
Chief Executive
Auckland Council

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Dear Patricia

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-Track Consenting) Act 2020 – Nola Estate – Comments sought

In the week commencing 28 September 2020, the Minister for the Environment received an application to refer the above project to an expert consenting panel for consideration under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act). The proposed project is located within Auckland.

The project is described as follows, and a copy of the application is attached:

Nola Estate

Construction and subdivision of a residential development, including a small commercial centre with two alternative designs proposed:

- a) a 249 unit residential development, including a 500m² local commercial centre and 100m² café, along with 1,705m² of reserve area; or
- b) a 248 unit residential development, including a 300m² local commercial centre and 100m² café, along with a 100m² community centre and 2,886m² of communal open space area (across eight areas).

The project is located at 460 - 465 West Coast Road, 467 - 478 West Coast Road, and 317 - 345 Glengarry Road, Glen Eden, Auckland.


Under delegated authority from the Minister for the Environment, I invite you to provide written comments on the proposed project pursuant to section 21(2) of the Act (a template is attached for this purpose). Comment is sought on the specific matters outlined in the table below and any further information you consider relevant to the Minister for the Environment's decision on whether to refer the project to an expert consenting panel. If it is more efficient to discuss this application, please contact me or my team at fasttrackconsenting@mfe.govt.nz and we will make ourselves available for a discussion with you.

Specific questions on the application
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Are there any reasons that you consider it more appropriate for the project, or part of the project, to continue to proceed through existing Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) consenting processes rather than the processes in the Act?2. Does the Council consider there is potential for significant adverse effects?3. Does the applicant, or a company owned by the applicant, have any environmental regulatory compliance history in your City?

Also note that if the Minister for the Environment decides to refer the project to a panel, you 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 application. Applicants will provide a detailed assessment of environmental effects at this next stage and you will have the opportunity to provide further comments to the panel. The Ministry for the Environment has prepared guidance on local authority involvement with fast-track consenting projects which you can access on the Ministry for the Environment website.

Please provide your comments via return email within 10 working days so that the Minister for the Environment can take your comments into consideration when deciding on the application.

Yours sincerely



Sara Clarke
Manager, Fast-Track Consenting Team

Enclosures:

- A. Application to refer the Nola Estate project to an expert consenting panel including supporting information
- B. Response template for written comments

cc: Ian Smallburn, General Manager Resource Consents, Auckland Council,
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