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Oderings Nurseries CHCH Limited  
c/- James Gardner-Hopkins  
Project Manager  
JGH Advisory  
s 9(2)(a)

Dear James Gardner-Hopkins

**COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-Track Consenting) Act 2020 – Notice of Decisions (Section 25) – Oderings Brookvale Road MDR Project**

Thank you for Oderings Nurseries CHCH Limited's application under section 20 of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (FTCA) seeking referral of the Oderings Brookvale Road MDR Project (project) to an expert consenting panel (panel) for consideration under the FTCA.

The project is to subdivide an approximately 2-hectare site and construct a housing development at 55 and 57 Brookvale Road, Havelock North, Hawke's Bay. The project will create 35 residential lots and lots for access (including new public access to Guthrie Park), and include the construction of 35 residential units, private roads, a parking area for the existing Oderings Garden Centre operation, and infrastructure for three waters services. The Oderings Garden Centre is intended to continue operating and has recently gained resource consent to establish and operate a café.

The purpose 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 the certainty of ongoing investment across New Zealand, while continuing to promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources.

I can only refer the project to a panel for consideration under the FTCA if it meets the referral criteria in section 18 of the FTCA, which includes me being satisfied the project will help achieve the FTCA's purpose. I then have discretion as to whether to refer the application to a panel. Neither referred nor non-referred is a statement on the merit or otherwise of the underlying application.

I have considered whether the project meets the referral criteria in section 18 of the FTCA, but irrespective of this I have decided to decline your application for referral under section 23(2) of the FTCA as I consider it is more appropriate for the project to go through standard consenting processes under the Resource Management Act 1991 (section 23(5)(b) of the FTCA).

The FTCA requires that:

1. I provide a copy of this decision to the persons, entities and groups specified in section 25(1) of the FTCA
2. My decision, the reasons for my decision and the Section 17 Report will be published on the Ministry for the Environment's website in accordance with section 25(3) of the FTCA.

Please contact the Fast-track Consenting Team at the Ministry for the Environment ([fasttrackconsenting@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:fasttrackconsenting@mfe.govt.nz)) if you have any questions or wish to discuss this decision.

Yours sincerely



Hon David Parker  
**Minister for the Environment**

cc Relevant Ministers of/for portfolios specified in section 21(6)(a)–(m) of the FTCA:

Arts, Culture, and Heritage; Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti; Housing; Infrastructure; Education; Transport; Land Information; Defence; Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations; Local Government; Conservation; and Climate Change;

Local authorities:

Hastings District Council  
Hawkes Bay Regional Council