

BRF-2898

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

Dear Jim Stabback

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on referral application – Stevensons Crescent Project

The Minister for the Environment (Minister) has received an application from Mansion Rear Limited to refer the Stevensons Crescent 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
Stevensons Crescent Project: 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? 2. Does the applicant, or a company owned by the applicant, have any environmental regulatory compliance history in your region?

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.

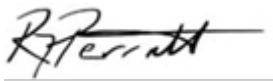
If the Minister accepts the application and the project is referred to a panel, Auckland Council will have the opportunity to nominate a local authority representative (who could be a councillor

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 to arrange an appointment.

Yours sincerely



Rebecca Perrett
Manager, Fast-track Consenting Team

Appendix:

- A. Details of proposed project

Attachments:

1. Application to refer the Stevensons Crescent Project to an expert consenting panel, including supporting information (Databox link)
2. Response template for written comments

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Appendix A – Details of proposed project

Project	Applicant	Details
Stevensons Crescent	Mansion Rear Limited	The Stevensons Crescent Project is to subdivide land and construct a mixed-use development on an approximately 2.5-hectare site at 8 Stevensons Crescent, Albany, Auckland. The project includes construction of: approximately 138 residential units, of which approximately 112 will be configured in three-storey terraced houses with the remainder accommodated in three-storey apartment buildings, a commercial component which may take the form of retail or office spaces on the ground or lower floors of the apartment buildings, supporting infrastructure including roads, vehicle and pedestrian and cycle accessways, car-parking areas and three-waters services.