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1 December 2021

Matvin Group Limited
C/- Burnette O'Connor
The Planning Collective 2021 Limited
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Dear Burnette O'Connor

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-Track Consenting) Act 2020 – The Botanic, Riverhead – Request for further information

Thank you for the further information you provided on 1 and 21 October 2021 in relation to your application to refer The Botanic, Riverhead project (the Project) to an expert consenting panel (panel) for consideration under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the FTCA).

The Minister for the Environment (the Minister) has now received comments on your application under Section 21 of the FTCA. Your application details that the Project will be integrated with planned extensions and upgrades to infrastructure, however it is noted that there is no structure plan in place and it is unclear what the planned extensions and upgrades to infrastructure involve. Following a review of comments received, further information is required to address potential concerns relating to infrastructure required to support the Project and timing and funding of such infrastructure. Under delegated authority from the Minister, I am writing to request the following further information under section 22 of the FTCA:

Stormwater

1. The application details that a Stormwater Management Plan for the Project will be designed to fit as a sub-set of the wider stormwater management plan for the structure plan area and will be submitted with the resource consent application to a panel.

Comments received indicate that necessary stormwater catchment modelling and the wider stormwater management plan for the structure plan area are not complete. Please provide the following:

- a) timing for completion (and approval if required) of the stormwater catchment modelling and wider stormwater management plan for the structure plan area

- b) timing for confirmation of the required stormwater infrastructure upgrades to support the Project
- c) comment on proposed funding for all required stormwater infrastructure upgrades to support the Project, eg. will funding be met in full by the applicant, provided by Auckland Council (and its CCOs) or other third parties
- d) whether alternative funding arrangements, if required, are likely to impact on the proposed construction timeline

Water Supply

2. The application details that there is sufficient capacity within the water supply network to provide reticulated potable supply as well as supply for fire-fighting, and that both services will require relatively minor upgrades to the existing network.

Comments received indicate that the Project will trigger the requirement of a significant local network extension for water supply and upgrades linking to the fire-fighting requirements may also be required. Please provide the following:

- a) confirmation of the required water supply infrastructure upgrades, including for fire-fighting water supply, to support the Project
- b) comment on proposed funding for all required water supply infrastructure upgrades to support the Project, eg. will funding be met in full by the applicant, provided by Auckland Council (and its CCOs) or other third parties
- c) whether alternative funding arrangements, if required, are likely to impact on the proposed construction timeline

Transport/Roading

3. The application details that the Project includes works to extend and upgrade Cambridge and Riverhead Roads, and potentially to upgrade the Coatesville-Riverhead Highway - Riverhead Road intersection with an improved roundabout.

Comments received indicate that upgrades to the roading network required to support urbanisation of land in this area include corridor upgrades with active modes and stormwater provision (to urban standard), upgrades to the existing roundabout at Coatesville-Riverhead Highway - Riverhead Road intersection and a new roundabout on Riverhead Road. We understand that the Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) sets the 10-year plan for the transport network in Auckland (out to 2031) and that no funding is currently set aside in the RLTP (meaning any bulk or strategic network upgrades are more than 10-years away). Please provide the following:

- a) confirmation of the required transport/roading infrastructure upgrades to support the Project
- b) comment on proposed funding for all required transport/roading infrastructure upgrades to support the Project, eg. will funding be met in full by the applicant, provided by Auckland Council (and its CCOs) or other third parties
- c) whether alternative funding arrangements, if required, are likely to impact on the proposed construction timeline

Please provide the required information via return email to fasttrackconsenting@mfe.govt.nz within 10 working days so that the Minister can take it into account in deciding whether or not to accept the referral application.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S Frame', is positioned above the printed name.

Stephanie Frame
Manager, COVID-19 Fast-track Consenting

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