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Dear Ministers

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

617 New North Limited has applied to refer The North 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, cursive script.

Hon David Parker
Minister for the Environment

Appendix:

A. Description of proposed project

Attachment:

1. Application to refer The North Project to an expert consenting panel, including supporting information (Databox link in covering email)

Appendix A - Proposed project

Project	Applicant	Details
The North	617 New North Limited	The project is to construct a nine storey (29.3 metres high) mixed-use building at 617-619 New North Road, Kingsland, Auckland including approximately 44 residential units, 34 visitor accommodation units, commercial space and 2 basement levels. The project will include 27 carparks, bicycle and scooter parking, a rooftop communal space, and new vehicle and pedestrian access. The project will include activities such as relocating a 19th century building, trimming and removing vegetation (including street trees), demolishing existing buildings and structures, carrying out earthworks (including disturbing potentially contaminated soils), taking, diverting and discharging groundwater, constructing residential and commercial units, constructing and installing infrastructure, lighting and signage and subdividing land.

