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Ministers of/for:

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

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Dear Ministers

**COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on referral application – Verran Mews Project**

Sweet New Zealand Co., Limited has applied to refer the Verran Mews 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.

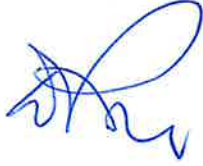
The purpose of the FTCA is to urgently promote employment to support New Zealand's recovery from the economic and social impacts of COVID-19 and to support certainty of investment while continuing to promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources.

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 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

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Hon David Parker  
**Minister for the Environment**

Appendix:

A. Description of proposed project

Attachment:

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

## Appendix A - Proposed project

Project	Applicant	Details
Verran Mews	Sweet New Zealand Co., Limited	The project is to subdivide an approximately 2.6-hectare site located at 19A–25 Verran Road and 19 West Glade Crescent, Birkenhead, Auckland and construct approximately 110 residential units, associated communal facilities (community building, multi-use games area and recreational area with nature-based play activities), and supporting infrastructure including roads, vehicle, pedestrian and cycle accessways, car-parking areas and three-waters services.

