

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**)

AND

IN THE MATTER of **Plan Change 5** to the Hamilton City Council District Plan

JOINT WITNESS STATEMENT (JWS) IN RELATION TO:

Planning & Transport (1)

19 August 2022

Expert Conferencing Held on: 19 August 2022

Venue: Online

Independent Facilitator: Marlene Oliver

Admin Support: Tania Bryant

1 Attendance:

- 1.1** The list of participants is included in the schedule at the end of this Statement.
- 1.2** Note from the facilitator: Ben Inger attended this session as an observer in place of Andrew Collins (Planner for The Adare Company) who was unavailable.

2 Basis of Attendance and Environment Court Practice Note 2014

- 2.1** All participants agree to the following:
- (a) The Environment Court Practice Note 2014 provides relevant guidance and protocols for the expert conferencing session;
 - (b) They will comply with the relevant provisions of the Environment Court Practice Note 2014;
 - (c) They will make themselves available to appear before the Hearing Panel;
 - (d) This statement is to be filed with the Hearing Panel and posted on the Council's website.

3 Matters considered at Conferencing – Agenda and Outcomes

3.1 Transport Network

Hall Road/Ohaupo Road (SH3) intersection. Closure/reconfiguration.

Alastair Black, Don McKenzie and Nathan Harper are agreed that Hall Road should be closed for safety reasons.

Alastair Black confirmed that a replacement connection to Ohaupo Road is shown on Figure 2-2 and is specified in the staging table and Figure 2-3A. Some amended text indicating this connection is indicative has been discussed with Waka Kotahi.

Nathan advised that Waka Kotahi were uncertain about agreeing to a replacement intersection to Ohaupo Road.

Don was concerned that the absence of a replacement intersection to Ohaupo Road would reduce the overall network connectivity within the plan change area.

These experts have agreed to further discussions offline as agreement has not been reached on the appropriate provisions to include in PC5.

Alignment of collector and local roads.

It was agreed by the experts that Figure 2.1 will be amended to better clarify that local and collector roads are “indicative” and therefore have flexibility in relation to a number of transport related matters, for example alignment, end point connectivity, network function etc. There may also need to be amendments made to the text of the planning provisions to ensure that the flexibility around the term “indicative” is better reflected.

It was agreed by the experts that the amended wording relating to this will be circulated to attendees for further comment.

Renee Fraser-Smith and Don McKenzie raised that submission 13.5 identified an alternative route for a collector road. It was confirmed by Alastair Black that from a transport perspective the alternative route and that shown in submission 13.5 is acceptable and would meet the flexibility in the structure plan provisions.

Access off arterial roads

James Hook considers that further re-wording is required in the planning provisions to clarify the level of access available from arterial roads including frequency and spacing of collector/local roads connections and whether private property access is available directly from an arterial road.

This overlaps with a later agenda item.

Alignment of roads relative to SNAs

James Hook sought clarification as to whether or not the SNA areas identified in PC5 had been considered in preparation of the arterial roading network alignments proposed in the plan change (ie s32 analysis).

Hamilton City Council was not able to confirm that roading alignments have been reviewed in consideration of SNA areas under plan change 5 (also proposed under plan change 9).

Sam Foster will review the work undertaken and advise what consideration of SNAs has gone into determining the transport network alignment within the PC5 area.

Indicative local road south of Peacockes Lane

The experts for the Council, Adare Company and Cordyline agree that additional access from Peacocke Road and potentially Whatukooruru Drive will be required to this area and should be shown on Figures 2-1 and 2-2. Further work is required to identify a preferred method for showing this on the structure plan. The experts for these parties have agreed to hold further discussion with a view to presenting a preferred approach as part of the PC5 hearing process.

3.2 Location of Public Transport Hub and Stops

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The experts agree that assessment criteria are the appropriate approach to address the provision of public transport infrastructure and that the rule included in the notified version of PC5 be deleted. Alastair Black to circulate some draft text for the other experts to review.

Location of Public Transport Stops and Transport Hub

Alastair Black advised that there would be amendments made to Figure 2-2 showing amended locations for public transport facilities and some changes to the terminology used in the legend. Alastair to circulate draft amendments to be discussed further.

3.3 Balance of the Agenda – Further Expert Conferencing on 23rd August 2022

The experts agreed to continue expert conferencing on 23rd August 2022, 9am-1pm.

4 PARTICIPANTS TO JOINT WITNESS STATEMENT

4.1 The participants to this Joint Witness Statement, as listed below, confirm that:

- (a) They agree that the outcome(s) of the expert conferencing are as recorded in this statement; and
- (b) They have read Appendix 3 of the Environment Court's Practice Note 2014 and agree to comply with it; and
- (c) The matters addressed in this statement are within their area of expertise; and
- (d) As this session was held online, in the interests of efficiency, it was agreed that each expert would verbally confirm their position to the Facilitator and this is recorded in the schedule below.

Confirmed online 19 August 2022

EXPERT'S NAME	PARTY	EXPERT'S CONFIRMATION REFER PARA 4.1
Susannah Tait (P)	Kaainga Ora	Yes
Rachel Dimery (P)	Cordyline Holdings Ltd	Yes
James Hook (P)	M&M Shaw	Yes
Renee Fraser-Smith (P)	Northview Capital Ltd Jones Lands Ltd Peacocke South	Yes
Craig Sharman (P)	Hamilton City Council, s42A joint author	Yes
Sam Foster (P)	Hamilton City Council	Yes
Ben Inger (P) (observing) for Andrew Collins (P)	The Adare Company	Yes, subject to Para 1.2 above.
Tony Penny (T)	The Adare Company	Yes
Nathan Harper (T)	Waka Kotahi	Yes
Don McKenzie (T)	Northview Capital Ltd Jones Lands Ltd Peacocke South Woolworths	Yes
Alastair Black (T)	Hamilton City Council	Yes
Andrew Carnell (T)	Waikato Regional Council	Yes