

PROPOSED VARIATION 2 (ADDITIONAL HOUSING CAPACITY) TO THE 2GP

MINUTE 3

Further Update on the Hearing Process

From: The Chairperson, Variation 2 (Additional Housing Capacity) Hearing Panel

To: Submitters

Date: 19 July 2021

Introduction:

1. Following on from Minute 2 issued on 31 May 2021, this Minute is to provide parties with a further update on the hearing process for Variation 2.

Hearing Process

- 2. Council publicly notified a 'Summary of Submissions' on Wednesday 2 June 2021 and called for further submissions to be made by 17 June 2021.
- 3. Council staff have advised that this resulted in just over 1000 further submission points being received, with a small number being received after the close of further submissions period date. As with the original submissions, the Panel will be considering recommendations from staff as to whether any of the late further submissions should be accepted. The report on the consideration of late further submissions on Variation 2 is likely to be available for consideration by the Panel next week.
- 4. We are informed that some submitters have lodged objections with respect to the Panel's direction regarding out of scope submissions, and that those submitters have been contacted by Council staff regarding a separate hearing process.
- 5. As many of you will be aware, there are still a number of unresolved appeals on the 2GP decisions, and staff have advised that Council is trying to resolve these at the same time as progressing Variation 2. This and some additional work and procedural steps that needed to be added to address out of scope submissions has meant that the hearing schedule that was signalled in Minute 2 will now need to be modified. We understand that staff are still considering holding pre-hearing meetings, and in that event the parties will be advised of those in due course.
- 6. The intended hearing schedule and hearing topics are now as follows:

- Hearing 1 (commencing on 13 September 2021 with additional days as may be required) – All changes to provisions except those on 3 waters infrastructure;
- Hearing 2 (commencing on 2 November 2021 with additional days as may be required) – All changes to 3 waters infrastructure provisions and General Residential 2 rezoning areas; and
- Hearing 3 (dates to be advised) All greenfield rezoning areas.

N.B. For all hearings the following timelines are intended:

- circulation of S42A report 15 working days prior to a hearing;
- formal notification of the hearing 10 working days prior to a hearing; and
- submitters' expert evidence 5 working days prior to a hearing.
- 7. Council staff will prepare an approximate timetable for the hearings including how long the reporting officer's evidence may take at the start of a hearing.

 Submitters who have indicated they wish to talk to their submission at the hearing will be contacted by Council staff to arrange a date and time slot.
- 8. We would encourage submitters who wish to present their submissions at the hearing to explore opportunities to do this through a joint statement or spokesperson where similar views are held on a particular rezoning request or plan provision. If you would like to obtain more information regarding other submitters who may hold similar views the Summary of Submissions on the Council web site may assist or else you may contact Council staff as set out below.
- 9. For reasons of efficiency, the Panel will also consider making decisions on a hearing-by-hearing basis rather than awaiting the conclusion of the final hearing.

Conclusion

10. If you have any questions regarding this Minute please contact Jenny Lapham or Wendy Collard on 477-4000 or by email districtplansubmissions@dcc.govt.nz.

Gary Rae, Chairperson

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on behalf of the Variation 2 Hearing Panel

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