

5 April 2023

Whangārei District Council

Attn: Alister Hartstone

Via email: alister@setconsulting.co.nz; Consents.Admin@wdc.govt.nz;

Tēnā koe Alister,

Onoke Height Limited - SL2100055 Request for Further Information

Council in various emails (December 2021) requested further information with respect to the above referenced resource consent application, to which a response was supplied within my letter dated 11 February 2022. The last outstanding information request is:

Council has sought legal advice regarding the current status of the Consent Order issued by the Environment Court involving the Ngararatunua Marae Committee issued in April 2004. In short, the requirements of that Consent Order remain relevant at this time, and there are matters of control in the current Plan that relate to cultural and historic heritage matters.

You will be aware that the Council has received advice from Richard Shepherd, and more recently from Mira Norris, both of whom raise concerns regarding cultural and historic heritage effects. As per the Consent Order, the application needs to be supported by an archaeological, cultural, and historical assessment report. Can you please provide a suitable report that addresses this matter.

There has been a delay in responding to this request as the applicant has taken the time to make a considerable effort to undertake engagement with Ngāti Kahu O Torongare and Te Parawhau. Enclosed is a comprehensive response to this information request.

Further to this information request, a hui was held between the applicant, Council (Roger Quinton, Kaylee Kolkman and Yvonne Masefield), Te Parawhau representative (Pari Walker and Mira Norris).

Representatives from Ngāti Kahu O Torongare were invited and did not attend, notes from this hui are included. During this hui, Te Parawhau representatives stated that the entire area is a Site of Significance and is of cultural importance to Te Parawhau. Based upon this verbal statement, Council expressed their position with respect to the proposal, further confirmed via email from Kaylee Kolkman dated 27 April 2022:

As recorded in the minutes of the online Hui of 15 March 2022 Council's position was summarised with the information known at that time and as outlined at the hui, that 'the proposal would be a discretionary activity under SUB-R2 because the entire area is a Site of Significance, based upon the definition of historic heritage which includes Sites of Significance to Maori an area does not have to be mapped in the WDP.

Based upon this interpretation, the applicant has prepared an amended assessment of environmental effects included in **Attachment 1**, furthermore the assessment of environmental effects has been updated to reflect the Operative in Part District Plan 2022.

We trust this now addresses all outstanding matters. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further concerns.

Yours sincerely | Nāku noa, nā

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Attachments:

Attachment 1: Assessment of Environmental Effects 5 April 2023