

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Reference: 2021-2049

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Upper Hutt City Council
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Via email: hayley.boyd@uhcc.govt.nz

Hearing for Private Proposed Plan Change 55 - Gabites Block, 1135 Maymorn Road, Upper Hutt

Dear Hayley

Introduction

1. I refer to the above mentioned matter set down for hearing commencing 17th October 2022. Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency (Waka Kotahi) will not be presenting evidence in person, as it is largely in agreement with recommendations set out in the Officers Report.
2. This statement is prepared with the appropriate authority within Waka Kotahi. Waka Kotahi is identified as submitter 42 in the Officer's Report.
3. It would be appreciated if you could table this statement before the Independent Hearing Panel.

Waka Kotahi Position

4. A summary of the Waka Kotahi mandate, objectives and interest in Upper Hutt and the Proposed Plan Change itself has been covered off in the Waka Kotahi submission.
5. Waka Kotahi has reviewed the changes made to the Proposed Plan Change by the applicant, the Officers Report, and makes the following comments:
 - Waka Kotahi commends the applicants, Maymorn Developments Limited, for their inclusion of a shared user path, and the pedestrian access and crossing providing a safe connection to the Maymorn Train Station (Maymorn Train Connection).
 - Waka Kotahi understands that the intent is for the shared user path and Maymorn Train Connection to be installed as part of the first subdivision works, so the facilities are immediately available for residents to use. However, the current wording of the proposed plan change only ties the construction of these to the subdivision of the Valley Flats Area via SUB-DEV-P5 and SUB-DEV3-S7.
 - Waka Kotahi is of the opinion that this is insufficient as other sections of the subject site could be developed without the requirement for the installation of the aforementioned infrastructure, which means that early residents will not have access to the walking and cycling facilities.
 - Accordingly, Waka Kotahi seeks that the construction of shared user path and Maymorn Train Connection either;

- a) be tied to subdivision of all development areas, or
- b) that the Plan Change include a provision that subdivision is a prohibited activity until such time that that shared user path and Maymorn Train Connection are installed.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this statement.

Yours faithfully,



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