

PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL
PRIVATE PLAN CHANGE REQUEST FOR WHISKEY CREEK RESIDENTIAL AREA AT
611 RANGATIKEI LINE, PALMESTON NORTH
MINUTE 2 OF INDEPENDENT HEARING PANEL

Introduction

1. This Minute is being sent to you because you are either the Requestor, a submitter or a Council reporting officer to the above Private Plan Change proposal.
2. The purpose of this Minute is to advise all parties to these proceedings of the responses received to Minute 1 and to outline the next steps in respect to pre-hearing engagement.

Minute 1 and Responses

3. In Minute 1 (dated 13 April) we stated that we would not formally direct the undertaking of, or participation in, formal prehearing meetings, discussions or expert conferencing at this stage. That is still our position. We did, however, encourage pre-hearing liaison prior to the commencement of the hearing and extended that encouragement to all parties (Requestor, Council and Submitters) In order to facilitate this, we suggested that, prior to the hearing, the Requestor and Council together endeavour to meet with submitters to discuss issues raised in submissions and resolve any issues where practicable and to keep the Panel informed of such.
4. To provide time for any subsequent expert conference to at least commence prior to the hearing, and to assist the production of the s42A report by the Council (due on 11 May) we suggested that discussions and/or pre-hearing meetings are facilitated and concluded by the beginning of May 2022 wherever possible. We particularly acknowledged that with School Holidays, Easter and Anzac Day there may be limited opportunity to facilitate such pre-hearing engagements until the last week of April and to that end we asked all parties to advise the Hearing Administrator by no later than 21 April whether or not they wish to attend any pre-hearing meeting on a date to be determined between 26 and 29 April; and if so their availability to attend a meeting during that time.
5. Responses to Minute 1 have now been received. We thank the seven submitters and the Council for their responses our questions. The willingness of most submitters who responded to embrace that process is acknowledged. It seems that whilst the majority of respondents were able to meet on one of the days outlined for next week , there was some availability issues that this posed for the Council staff and their expert advisors as well as for one

submitter in particular which in hindsight was probably inevitable. Given this and based on our desire to enable the fullest participation in such a meeting, we sense that it would be more productive to shift the meeting out by a week to enable the involvement of all parties, including the Requestor. On this basis, the hearing Administrator will be able to advise next week of the appropriate date and time. At this stage, it is likely to be 4 or 5 May but this is yet to be confirmed. Should any submitter who did not respond to Minute 1 now wish to reconsider the opportunity to be involved in the pre-hearing engagement, they should advise the Hearing Administrator as soon as possible.

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7. Finally, and as mentioned in Minute 1, and a point we wish to emphasise here, is that this formal pre-hearing engagement should not prevent any 'one on one' liaison between any submitter and the Requestor should that be the preference of those parties and that can occur at any time; all we ask is that any agreements between the parties which might narrow the issues are conveyed in writing to the Hearings Administrator. The same applies to any expert liaison that may be occurring between the Council and the Requestor.

Next Steps

8. The hearing administrator will be in touch early next week to advise the new date for a pre-hearing meeting.
9. We reiterate that that we will need to undertake detailed site and locality visits before (if possible) and after the hearing. As such we just remind submitters that if they have a desire for us to visit particular sites/localities they should advise the PNCC hearing administrator. by 2 May 2022.
10. The PNCC hearing administrator is Rosa de Souza and can be reached at rosa.desouza@pncc.govt.nz

DATED this 22nd day of April 2022



DJ McMahon

Chair - Independent Hearings Panel

For and on behalf of:

Commissioner: DJ McMahon

Commissioner: A Rutherford (Deputy Mayor Palmerston North City Council)

Commissioner: B Barrett (Palmerston North City Council Environmental Sustainability Committee Chairperson)