PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE G: AOKAUTERE URBAN GROWTH MINUTE 10 OF INDEPENDENT HEARING PANEL

- 1. This is the tenth procedural Minute (Minute 10) issued in relation to submissions on proposed Plan Change G Aokautere (PC G) notified by the Council. This Minute follows up Minute 9 and is in response to a further request from Palmerston North City Council (PNCC), seeking additional time to respond to evidence and supporting information relating supplied by submitter 45 PN Industrial & Residential Developments Ltd (PNIRD).
- 2. In Minute 9 (dated 14 February 2024) we granted a request from PNCC's Counsel to extend the due date for the Council's response to 4 March 2024, given an accident that the Council's urban design witness, Mr Andrew Burns, needed time to recover from.
- 3. PNCC's Counsel has now further advised that Mr Burns is recovering but is limited as to his working hours on the basis of medical advice. On that basis the Council requests a further week (to 11 March 2024) to provide additional time for Mr Burns and other Council witnesses dependent on his input to respond to all matters raised by the Panel and the PNIRD information. PNCC's Counsel has offered to update the Panel again by the close of this week (1 March 2024).
- 4. As before, and in the interests of ensuring that we have all the relevant evidence and information before it for the purposes of deliberations, we accept the Council's request. Notwithstanding that, and to the extent that it may be practical, the Panel would encourage Counsel to provide a draft response to any of the Tabled matters form the verbal reply given at the hearing that are not dependent on Mr Burns input in order that it might make some progress on preliminary deliberations.
- The Council is directed to prepare and submit its response on the above matters by close of business, Monday, 11 March 2024.
- 6. Any enquiries regarding this direction or any related matters should be directed to the Hearing Administrator, Susana Figlioli, by email at susana.figlioli@pncc.govt.nz

DATED this 26th day of February 2024

DJ McMahon, Chair

On behalf of the members of the Hearing Panel