

MEMORANDUM

FILE: Palmerston North City Council LU 6962 and Manawatū -Whanganui Regional Council APP-2022203991.00

DATE: 19 May 2023

TO: All parties for the hearing of consents LU 6962 and APP-2022203991.00

FROM: Natasha Adsett – Consultant Planner for Palmerston North City Council and Manawatū -Whanganui Regional Council and Emma Hilderink-Johnson – Consultant Planner for the Applicant, Hirock Limited.

SUBJECT: **Update on discussions regarding the application for the expansion of the Linton Quarry since Minute 1 was issued on 21 April 2023.**

In response to Minute 1, Paragraph 28, issued by David McMahon, Independent Hearing Commissioner, the following details progress made by both experts with regards to joint witness statements, the applicant with regards to discussions with submitters and additional monitoring undertaken for dust effects and the pre-hearing meeting held on the 5th of May 2023.

Joint witness statements

Joint witness statements (JWS) have been finalised and produced on the following topics. These are attached to this memo.

- Traffic
- Geotechnical
- Landscape
- Erosion and Sediment Control Measures
- Ecology

The JWS for Geotechnical, Landscape and Erosion and Sediment Control measures are without contention and do not contain any points of disagreement.

With regards to the Traffic JWS there was an additional matter raised at the prehearing meeting in regard to the turning of trucks into Kendall's Line from the left. Discussions regarding this are ongoing and an update will be provided prior to the hearing as discussed below under the heading 'prehearing meeting'. There are no other outstanding matters.

With regards to the Ecological JWS, the experts have asked for assistance from the planners in regards to the wording of proposed conditions regarding the ecological monitoring plan and pipit nesting. An update on this matter will be provided within the 42A report produced by Councils' planner.

The JWS is still being finalised by the experts for Water Quality and will be made available once signed. We understand that the experts are largely in agreement with each other and have recommended a series of conditions.

Recommendation

Given the JWS for Geotechnical, Landscape, Ecology and Erosion and Sediment Control measures are without contention and do not contain any points of disagreement we consider that no further evidence is needed. Once the JWS Water Quality has been provided we will provide an update on whether further evidence is needed.

We expect evidence to be provided prior to the hearing on Air Quality (Dust), Traffic and Noise as these are the outstanding areas of contention. However, we see it beneficial to seek a JWS from Air Quality and Noise experts to clarify specific areas of agreement and disagreement.

Applicant's update

- Dust monitoring. The Applicant is continuing insitu dust monitoring. A draft Dust Monitoring Plan is due to be circulated to PNCC on 23rd May for review and will be circulated to all parties the week of 29th May.
- Traffic. The Applicant is having on-going discussions with Waka Kotahi and Council on improvements to the SH57/Kendall's Line intersection as a result of concerns raised by submitters at the pre-hearing meeting. A concept plan is being prepared by the Applicant, with a site meeting planned next week, it will be made available at the earliest possible convenience.

Council note that they have engaged an air scientist and are available to review any data produced as a result of the monitoring.

Prehearing meeting

A pre-hearing meeting took place on the 5th of May 2023. A copy of the minutes was circulated on 17th May 2023 by the hearing administrator.

The Applicant has sought further advice from BECA, Council and Waka Kotahi traffic experts who met on 18th May 2023 regarding concerns raised by submitters at the pre-hearing meeting about truck and trailer units crossing the centre line when turning into Kendall's Line from SH57. The Traffic JWS contains some discussion on how this could be mitigated. One option was for line marking along SH57, following discussions with Waka Kotahi, this was not considered the preferred option. Preference is now for widening of the seal on the southern side of Kendall's Line, from the driveway of No. 4 to the intersection with SH57 to allow room for vehicles to pass more easily. As discussed above a concept plan is being prepared by the Applicant, with a site meeting planned next week, it will be made available at the earliest possible convenience.


Submitters raised concerns about vibration from heavy vehicles travelling along Kendalls Line. The Applicant has engaged Marshall Day Acoustics and K2 Environmental to provide evidence on vibration effects.

Yours Sincerely,



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