

Section Seven

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A consultation process has been undertaken during the development of this Plan Change request. This has involved specific meetings and discussions with key stakeholders including:

- Ministry of Education
- Central Power
- Horizons Regional Council
- Transit New Zealand

In addition a brief presentation announcing the concept of development of this area was made to the Planning and Policy Committee of Palmerston North City Council in April 2008.

A press release was also issued at this time and the concept received widespread publicity.

Feedback from this period of general public consultation was generally positive.

The Plan Change request has been sent to the statutory consultees identified in Clause 3 of the First Schedule of the Act, including;

- a. Mfe
- b. Horizons Regional Council
- c. Manawatu District Council
- d. Ministry of Education
- e. Te Rangimarie Marae Trustees
- f. Taneniarangi Manawatu Incorporated
- g. Ngati Hineaute Hapu Authority
- h. NZTA

PCWL have sought information and comment from the following entities;

- i. Mid Central Health Services
- j. Manawatu Racing Club
- k. Powerco Limited
- l. Ontrack NZ

It is important to note that consultation beyond those identified in Clause 3 is not a requirement of a private plan change. However in developing appropriate plan provisions it is helpful to have had some initial public feedback on the issues which the initial consultation achieved.

To date PCWL has received no direct response from Mfe, Manawatu District Council, Te Rangimarie Marae Trustees, Tanenuiarangi Manawatu Incorporated, Ngati Heneaute Hapu Authority or the Manawatu Racing Club.

Updated Appendix C includes further comment from River Edge Consulting Limited (letter dated 20 August 2009) relating to the Peer Review of the original Flood Report dated 8 June 2009, and a response to Preliminary Investigative Soil Testing along the Mangaone stopbank for councils consideration.

Initial responses from Horizons and Mid Central Health Services are incorporated into the updated Servicing Proposal in Appendix F by Pirie Consultants dated 20 August 2009. Updated Appendix F also incorporates further consultation with PNCC officers

The Powerco Limited response (letter dated 13 October 2009) is added at new Appendix J along with relevant earlier supplied data from Powerco from pre-lodgment discussions (9 January 2009) being copies of; Figures 1:Minimum Safe Distances for Excavation and

Construction Near Poles and Stay Wires, Figure 2: Minimum Safe Distances for Excavation and Construction Near Towers (from NZECP 34:2001 New Zealand Electrical Code of Practice for Electrical Safe distances referenced in Powerco letter of 13 October 2009), and two printouts from the Powerco database showing lines relevant to the PCWL land.

Acoustic reverse sensitivity has been investigated and amendments resulting from consultation with NZTA and Ontrack NZ are now incorporated into Appendix L: Acoustic Assessment - Reverse Sensitivity.

The Ministry of Education comments that they currently have plenty of available capacity in the network of schools that service this area of Palmerston North.

The Clause 3 consultation requires the local authority to consult with tangata whenua. In this case Rangitane are tangata whenua have been provided with copies of the application but no response has been received at this time.