



**Te Tāhuhu o
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Ministry of Education

To: Commissioners for the Wellington City Council Proposed District Plan Hearing Stream 6 – Special Purpose Zones and Development Areas

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Subject: Letter to be Tabled at Wellington City Council Proposed District Plan Hearing Stream 6

Dear Commissioners,

The Ministry of Education – Te Tāhuhu o Te Mātauranga (the Ministry) lodged a submission on the Wellington City Council (the Council) Proposed District Plan (PDP) on 12 September 2023, and provided a further submission on 02 December 2023 (submitter reference 400). The Ministry has chosen not to attend Hearing Stream 6 – (Hearing Stream 6) which will be held on 20 February 2024 to 22 February 2024, but instead requests that this letter be tabled at the hearing.

The Ministry has reviewed the Council's Section 42A Reports (s42A Report) for the Development Areas and Future Urban Zone dated 19 January 2024 and supporting material for Hearing Stream 6 and accepts the s42A Reporting Officer's recommendations in respect to the submission points raised.

The Ministry's response in relation to its submission points and the recommendations in the s42A Report is set out below. The Ministry considers that, subject to the adoption of the s42A Reporting Officer's recommendations discussed in this letter, the relevant submission points can be considered adequately resolved.

Development Areas - Lincolnshire Farm

The Ministry sought to retain policies DEV2-P1 (coordinated development) and DEV2-P4 (sensitive activities in the industrial area) as notified (submission points 400.153 and 400.154). Amendments were recommended by the s42A Reporting Officer to DEV2-P1 which included a new clause relating to well-connected transportation networks and a link road which will be provided across the Lincolnshire Farm Development Area. This road will connect Jamaica Drive to Mark Avenue and Grenada Drive to Woodridge Drive. No changes were recommended to DEV2-P4 by the s42A Reporting Officer. Both outcomes are supported by the Ministry.

The Ministry also sought to retain rules DEV2-R4 (sensitive activities not ancillary to permitted activities) and DEV2-R21 (educational activities) as notified (submission points 400.155 and 400.156). The s42A Reporting Officer recommended the deletion of DEV-R4 as the rule was duplicated from the 'sister' Industrial Zone rules and standards and suggested that there would be no value in having the same requirement in the

Development Area chapters. The Ministry is supportive of the deletion of DEV2-R4. Further, rule DEV2-R21 has been recommended to be retained as notified, which the Ministry supports.

The Ministry provided a response to Rod Halliday (submitter reference 25) by way of a further submission on 02 December 2023. Mr. Halliday requested an amendment to DEV2-APP-R2 to include a potential school site within Lincolnshire Farm and suggested that the land would need to be purchased by the Ministry (submission reference 25.49 and 25.50). The Ministry opposed the relief sought by Mr. Halliday (submission reference FS52.1) and were of the view that the purchase of land is not a District Plan matter as it requires an open and unfettered negotiation between the vendor and the purchaser in accordance with the requirements of the Public Works Act and Ministry guidelines. The s42A Reporting Officer agreed with the Ministry's rationale and recommended the rejection of Rod Halliday's submission. The Ministry is supportive of this outcome.

Development Area - Upper Stebbings and Glenside West

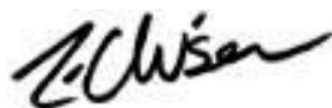
The Ministry sought to amend objective DEV3-O1 (purpose) to explicitly recognise and provide for educational facilities (submission point 400.157 and 400.158). The s42A Reporting Officer rejected this amendment, stating that the Ministry was consulted at the time of the masterplanning process and indicated that Amesbury School and other existing schools would accommodate school age children from the Development Area and, therefore, no new schools were required in the development area. The s42A Reporting Officer also stated that an amendment to DEV3-O1 would suggest that new educational facilities are expected in the development area. Based on feedback the Ministry provided during the masterplanning process, no land was set aside for such a purpose. The Ministry agrees with the points made by the s42A Reporting Officer and the outcome of the sought relief.

Despite the above, the Ministry requested the retention of rule DEV3-R6 (Educational Facilities) as notified. The s42A Reporting Officer recommended the rule to be retained as notified. This outcome is supported by the Ministry.

Future Urban Zone

The Ministry sought to retain proposed rule FUZ-R7 as notified which enabled educational facilities to be established as a Discretionary activity. However, the s42A Reporting Officer recommended to delete the Future Urban Zone in its entirety and make amendments to upzone/rezone the Development Areas as they considered this is the most appropriate way to achieve the PDP's strategic directions, and higher order documents. The Ministry supports the recommendation of the s42A Reporting Officer and considers this to be a favourable outcome as it reduces unnecessary duplication of the same provisions and outcomes reached in other zones.

If you have any questions on this feedback, please contact the undersigned on behalf of the Ministry.



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