Minute #3 of Hearing Panel DIRECTION FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

1. Introduction

The Hutt City Council has appointed a Hearing Panel to hear, consider and recommend a decision to the Council on a request by M & J Walsh Partnership Ltd (the Requestor) to change the City of Lower Hutt District Plan (Plan Change 58).

The Hearing for Plan Change 58 was held on Monday 23rd September 2024 at the Lower Hutt Events Centre, at 30c Laings Road, Lower Hutt, and was adjourned at 3pm to enable the Requestor to prepare a written reply.

The purpose of this minute is to record the directions provided at the conclusion of Day 1 of the hearing.

2. Written Reply

In preparing the Reply, it was agreed that the requestor would:

- Consider whether a new policy could provide some direction of future decision-making on the outcomes being sought for 12 Shaftesbury Grove, and the scope for introducing such a policy at this stage of the plan change process;
- Reconsider whether some of the Plan Change provisions could be amended further, taking into account questions and matters arising at the hearing; in particular –
 - The management of SNA values and indigenous biodiversity, and
 - The management of the subdivision and development inside and outside the Development Area.
- For any significant amendments, a s32AA evaluation should be provided.

The Requestor is directed to collaborate with the Council's reporting planner, and any matters of outstanding disagreement should be advised.

The Requestor of course is at liberty to respond to any other matters arising during the Hearing.

It was agreed that the Reply would be circulated by close of business on Friday 27th September 2024.

3. Correspondence and hearing scheduling

Any correspondence should be directed through the Hearing Administrator, Saritha Shetty, via email: Saritha.Shetty@huttcity.govt.nz.

Robert Schofield

Hearing Panel Chair

Dated this 24th September 2024

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