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21 June 2024

Dear Kitt Littlejohn,

Fire and Emergency New Zealand – Written statement – The hearing of RM 230016 – 11 Lot subdivision, 42 Okura Road

Fire and Emergency New Zealand (Fire and Emergency) made a submission on the SR & BJ Williams Charitable Trust Board's publicly notified resource consent application (RM 230016) for an 11-lot subdivision at Okura Road, Mangakuri. Fire and Emergency has opted not to attend the hearing scheduled to commence on 25 June 2024 and requests that, in lieu of attendance, this letter be tabled for the Hearing Commissioners consideration.

Fire and Emergency's submission

Fire and Emergency supported the resource consent application, subject to the matters raised in its submission being addressed. The relief that was sought by Fire and Emergency related to the provision of firefighting water supply and access for fire appliances. The following conditions we :

- All dwellings shall be provided with a firefighting water supply and access to that supply that complies with the New Zealand Fire Service Firefighting Water Supplies Code of Practice SNZ PAS 4509:2008.

Advice note:

Consultation and agreement on an alternative firefighting water supply such as water sprinklers or communal supplies and associated access (to the water supply and dwelling) will need to be sought from Fire and Emergency New Zealand and evidence of this agreement provided to Central Hawke's Bay District Council for its consideration and agreement when determining whether the consent notice relating to the New Zealand Fire Service Firefighting Water Supplies Code of Practice SNZ PAS 4509:2008 has been satisfied.

Officer's Section 42A Report

The s42A report and supporting documents have been received. The reporting officer has recommended that the resource consent application be declined, however has accepted the relief sought by Fire and Emergency and has proposed a set of conditions that address the matters raised in Fire and Emergency's submission, should the Hearing Commissioner be minded the grant the application.

The proposed conditions are generally in line with the proposed conditions sought by Fire and Emergency, as follows:

Engineering Drawing and Report Requirements:

40. No less than Twenty (20) working days prior to commencing any earthworks or construction activities on site, the Consent Holder shall have all technical engineering and infrastructure design/construction drawings prepared by a suitably qualified and registered chartered engineer and submit these details to the RCM for written, technical certification.

The technical engineering and infrastructure design/construction drawings must be based on the Engineering Report and Plans submitted with Appendix G1 and G2 of the application and shall be design in accordance with the New Zealand Standard NZS4404:2010, Land Development and Subdivision Infrastructure, or altered by the conditions within this decision.

The technical engineering and infrastructure design/construction drawings must outline all works: within legal road (including vehicle crossings and other off-site work); shared accessway(s); earthworks; and, stormwater infrastructure (including culverts, ponds, pipe conveyance and discharge). The information design/construction drawings shall include, but is not necessary limited to, the following:

[...]

- (d) Details of any consultation with Fire and Emergency New Zealand and, outline the extent to which any emergency vehicle access will meet SNZ PAS 4509:2008, including:
 - (i) demonstrating that all access remains sufficient to accommodate the vehicle tracking of an 8-metre-long fire appliance in the event that the access width is less than 4m and has a gradient greater than 16%.
 - (ii) Outline how firefighters may continue to efficiently work around the fire appliance and safely access and operate the hoses and pumps.
 - (iii) Ensure a clear vehicle crossing of no less than 3.5m wide should be provided as site entrances, internal entrances and between buildings.
 - (iv) Ensure a height clearance at vehicle crossings and along carriageways should not be less than 4m.
 - (v) Ensure that each lot is capable of operate pumping appliances from a hard standing capable of withstanding the fully laden weight of a fire appliance from which fire operations for a structure are conducted.

Water Supply for Firefighting Purposes:

52. Pursuant to Section 221 of the Resource Management Act 1991, a consent notice shall be registered on the Records of Title for Lots 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 advising the registered proprietors thereof of the following requirement:

- (a) All dwellings must demonstrate compliance with SNZ PAS 4509:2008 Firefighting Water Supplies Code of Practice. This must be achieved through either:
 - (i) the provision of individual water supply tanks for each residential dwelling; or,
 - (ii) shared provision for water supply for fire-fighting purposes in a manner compliant with SNZ PAS 4509:2008. In the event that this option is elected for, the registered proprietors shall include with their building consent details of any consultant which has occurred with Fire and Emergency New Zealand with respect to achieving compliance with SNZ PAS 4509:2008.
- (b) The registered proprietors must ensure that water supply for firefighting purposes will be physically available in accordance with (a)(i) or (ii) above prior to the occupation of any building on the respective lot.

- (c) *All on-site water tank systems will be fitted with a 100 mm diameter firefighting coupling for firefighting purposes.*
- (d) *All dwellings shall be provided with access for firefighting appliances that complies with the New Zealand Fire Service Firefighting Water Supplies Code of Practice SNZ PAS 4509:2008.*

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- (e) *The provision for water supply and access for fire-fighting purposes must remain available for the registered proprietors on an ongoing basis.*

Fire and Emergency's response

Fire and Emergency supports the proposed conditions set out above and should the Hearing Commissioner be minded to grant the resource consent, that the above proposed conditions be adopted as part of the decision.

Given the recommendations of the reporting officer, Fire and Emergency do not consider it necessary to be heard in support of their submission.

Should you have any queries or seek clarification on the above, please contact me on the details below.

Yours sincerely



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