

# Invitation for Comment on Ohinewai Foam Factory

## Ohinewai Foam Factory is a Referred Project under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020

<b>Application name</b>	Ohinewai Foam Factory
<b>EPA reference</b>	FTC000023
<b>Applicant/s</b>	Ambury Properties Limited
<b>Comments due by</b>	<b>23 June 2021</b>
<b>Accessing the application</b>	<a href="https://www.epa.govt.nz/fast-track-consenting/referred-projects/ohinewai-foam-factory/the-application/">https://www.epa.govt.nz/fast-track-consenting/referred-projects/ohinewai-foam-factory/the-application/</a>

An application has been made by Ambury Properties Limited (the applicant) under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the act) for resource consent for the Ohinewai foam factory development (the project).

To comment on the project application, please fill in the details on the attached form and:

- **Email** the form to [foamfactory.fasttrack@epa.govt.nz](mailto:foamfactory.fasttrack@epa.govt.nz) . Please mark in the subject line: “Comments on Ohinewai Foam Factory Fast Track Application (Your name/organisation) by **23 June 2021**, or
- **Post** the form to Ohinewai Foam Factory Fast Track Application, Environmental Protection Authority, Private Bag 63002, Waterloo Quay, Wellington 6140 in time for the form to be received by the **23 June 2021**; or
- **Deliver in person** to Environmental Protection Authority, Grant Thornton House, Level 10, 215 Lambton Quay, Wellington by **23 June 2021**. Please note that due to potential changes in COVID-19 Alert Levels our reception may not be open to the public. We suggest phoning ahead to check.

Comments must be received by the EPA, on behalf of the Ohinewai Foam Factory Expert Consenting Panel, no later than **23 June 2021**.

If your comment is not received by the EPA by **23 June 2021** the Panel is not required to consider your comment (although it may decide to). Under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 there is no right to seek a waiver of the time limit.

If you are an iwi authority you may share the consent application with hapū whose rohe is in the project area in the application, and choose to include comments from the hapū with any comments you may wish to provide.

## Important information

Your personal information will be held by the EPA and used in relation to the project consent application process. You have the right to access and correct personal information held by the EPA.

A copy of your comments, including all personal information, will be provided to the Expert Consenting Panel and the applicant.

All comments received on the application will be available on the EPA website.

If you are a corporate entity making comments on this application, your full contact details will be publicly available. For individuals, your name will be publicly available but your contact details (phone number, address, and email) will not be publicly available.

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More information on the fast-track consenting process can be found at <https://www.epa.govt.nz/fast-track-consenting/about/>.

# Your Comment on the Ohinewai Foam Factory

All sections of this form with an asterisk (\*) are mandatory.

## 1. Contact Details

Please ensure that you have authority to comment on the application on behalf of those named on this form.

<b>Organisation name (if relevant)</b>	Hon Dr Woods, Minister of Housing Supported by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development		
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## 2. \*We will email you draft conditions of consent for your comment about this application

	I can receive emails and my email address is correct	<input type="checkbox"/>	I cannot receive emails and my postal address is correct
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## 3. Please provide your comments on this application

Support the application be granted subject to the appropriate management of potential adverse environmental effects.

The Hamilton to Auckland Corridor Spatial Plan (the Spatial Plan) has been developed through a local government, central government and iwi partnership. The Spatial Plan recognises the opportunity for better linkages to be made between the towns along the Waikato River.

The only reason the Spatial Plan did not place greater prominence on the development of Ohinewai was due to the timing of the private plan change rezoning requests. Page 23 of the Spatial Plan acknowledged the potential development through the following statement: "Ohinewai is another area identified by Waikato District Council for growth but is not identified on the maps in this document as it is pending the outcome of the district plan hearing."

The FutureProof partnership, that is implementing the Spatial Plan, has identified Ohinewai as a priority development area as part of the implementation of the Spatial Plan. The objective is a series of

smaller towns that support each other, including the development occurring at Te Kauwhata and the rejuvenation of Huntly.

Ohinewai is located just to the north of Huntly at a significant interchange of the Waikato Expressway and adjacent to the North Island Main Trunk railway line; it already has good road and rail transport linkages and its development will support and the required increased public transport and cycling connections to link towns along the Waikato River – and with Hamilton and Auckland.

The foam factory is the first stage of the development proposed for Ohinewai. The proposed future housing and business development in the area could provide a significant economy of scale that would support the wider infrastructure upgrades and the proposed public transport upgrades. As an example, the upgrading of wastewater infrastructure is required for the development of Huntly and Te Kauwhata. It would be economic to develop a single wastewater treatment plant that would service Huntly, Te Kauwhata and Ohinewai.

The relocation of the factories from Auckland to Ohinewai will provide important employment opportunities for the Waikato area.

The Plan change decisions recently released approved the rezoning of the Ohinewai area and provides for the ongoing development of the area. However, the appeal period had not expired when these comments were prepared.

**Thank you for your comments**