

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Reference: 2021-1893

23rd June 2022

Francelle Lupis
Chairperson
Rotokauri North Stage 1 Expert Consenting Panel

Sent via: rotokauri.fasttrack@epa.govt.nz

Dear Francelle,

ROKOKAURI NORTH STAGE ONE- FAST TRACK APPLICATION- WAKA KOTAHI NZ TRANSPORT AGENCY COMMENTS

Thank you for inviting comments from Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency (Waka Kotahi) regarding the fast-track application for Rotokauri North Stage 1. As the Road Controlling Authority of State Highway 39 (directly adjacent), Waka Kotahi has an interest in the proposal and its potential effects on the road network.

Comments

At a high-level, Waka Kotahi is supportive of the proposal as it reflects the outcomes reached as part of Plan Change 7 to the Hamilton City Plan which Waka Kotahi participated in.

State Highway 39 Roundabout

Waka Kotahi agree that the formation of a roundabout on State Highway 39 is the appropriate treatment for access to the development. The Rotokauri North Holdings Limited (applicant) have been liaising with Waka Kotahi regarding the design of the roundabout.

Stormwater

There are existing drainage issues along this section of State Highway 39 that Waka Kotahi are currently addressing, specifically at properties 336 Te Kowhai Road and 360 Te Kowhai Road. Waka Kotahi would like to ensure that the development of the roundabout does not exacerbate the existing drainage issues at the identified properties. Waka Kotahi supports the proposed stormwater plan for the proposal as it is designed to appropriately manage stormwater through on-site retention measures within the subject site, meaning that it should not exacerbate the existing drainage issues at the identified properties.

Noise

Noise sensitive activities such as a new residential building near to an existing state highway can potentially be affected by road-traffic noise. The Acoustic Report (Agile Engineering Consultants: Rev 2 April 2022) concludes that any dwelling located within 80m of State Highway 39 can meet the relevant noise standards under the Hamilton City Plan subject to the mitigation measures presented in Table 6 of the report. Waka Kotahi consider that the mitigation measures are appropriate in ensuring the relevant noise standards under the Hamilton City Plan can be met.

Conditions

It is considered that the draft conditions be amended to reflect the legal name of Waka Kotahi which is the “NZ Transport Agency”. Currently, Waka Kotahi is being referred to as “Waikai Kotahi” within the draft conditions.

To ensure consistency with Plan Change 7, Waka Kotahi seek that the draft conditions be amended to reflect the requirement under Rule 3.6A.4.2 that the first new dwelling/lot shall provide a collector transport corridor to State Highway 39 and a new roundabout at that intersection with State Highway 39. The conditions as currently drafted do not make specific reference to the construction of the State Highway 39 roundabout prior to section 224 certification under the Resource Management Act 1991.

We understand that the applicant has the option of providing a response to these comments within five working days. We welcome the opportunity to engage with them further via the EPA consenting lead should they wish to do so.

If you have any queries regarding these comments or wish to discuss matters further, please feel free to contact Claudia Jones at Claudia.jones@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



Jenni Fitzgerald
Manager, Poutiaki Taiao/Environmental Planning
on behalf of Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency.