From: <u>Infrastructure Portfolio</u>

To: Penny Simmonds (MIN); Tama Potaka (MIN); Casey Costello (MIN); Shane Jones (MIN); Nicola Willis (MIN)

Cc: FTAreferrals

Subject: Invitation to comment on Fast-track referral application for the Harlow Lifestyle Village project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 – FTAA-

2507-1084

 Date:
 Thursday, 31 July 2025 8:00:26 am

 Attachments:
 Comments Form for Invited Ministers.docx

To:

Minister for Economic Growth Minister for Regional Development Minister for the Environment Minister for Seniors

Associate Minister of Housing

Dear Ministers,

Hon Chris Bishop, the Minister for Infrastructure (the Minister), has asked for me to write to you on his behalf.

The Minister has received an application from Te Awamutu Developments Limited for referral of the Harlow Lifestyle Village project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act) to the fast-track process (application reference FTAA-2507-1084).

The purpose of the Act is to facilitate the delivery of infrastructure and development projects with significant regional or national benefits.

Invitation to comment on referral application

I write in accordance with section 17 of the Act to invite you to provide written comments on the referral application. I have provided summary details of the project below.

If you wish to provide written comments, these must be received by **return email** within **20 working days** of receipt of this email. The Minister is not required to consider information received outside of this time frame. Any comments submitted will contribute to the Minister's decision on whether to accept the referral application and to refer the project.

If you do not wish to provide comments, please let us know as soon as possible so we can proceed with processing the application without delay.

If the Minister decides to accept the application and to refer the project, the Applicant will need to complete any preliminary steps required under the Act and then lodge their substantive application for the approvals needed for the project. An expert panel will be appointed to decide the substantive application.

Process

The application documents are accessible through the Fast-track portal. Please note that application documents may contain commercially sensitivity information and should not be shared widely. If you haven't used the portal before, you can request access by emailing ftareferrals@mfe.govt.nz. Once you are registered and have accepted the terms and conditions, you will receive a link to view the documents. Existing users will be able to see application documents via the request when logging into the portal. Should you need for your agency to provide any supplementary information, a nominated person can be provided access to the portal, access can be requested by emailing ftareferrals@mfe.govt.nz.

To submit your comments on the application, you can either provide a letter or complete the attached template for written comments and return it by replying to this email, infrastructure.portfolio@parliament.govt.nz.

Before the due date, if you have any queries about this email or need assistance with using the portal, please email contact@fasttrack.govt.nz. Further information is available at https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz.

Important Information

Please note that all comments received from Ministers invited to comment will be subject to the Official Information Act 1982. Comments received will be proactively released at the time the Minister for Infrastructure makes a referral decision, unless the Minister providing comments advises the Minister for Infrastructure's office they are to be withheld, at the time they are submitted.

If a Conflict of Interest is identified by the Minister providing comments at any stage of providing comments, please inform my office and the Cabinet Office immediately. The Cabinet Office will provide advice and, if appropriate, initiate a request to the Prime Minister to agree to a transfer of the project/portfolio invite to another Minister (a request to transfer a COI from one Minister to another can take 1-7 days).

Project summary

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Location	Te Awamutu, Waikato
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Yours sincerely

Hon Chris Bishop

Minister for Infrastructure



Office of Hon Chris Bishop
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Associate Minister of Finance | Associate Minister for Sport & Recreation | Leader of the House | MP for Hutt South

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James Palmer Secretary for the Environment Ministry for the Environment

Email: s 9(2)(a)

Dear James

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I write under delegation from the Minister and in accordance with section 17(1)(c) of the Act (which requires the Minister to seek comments on a referral application from the relevant administering agencies). I invite Ministry for the Environment to provide written comments on the referral application as the administering agency for the Resource Management Act 1991.

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Yours sincerely

Ilana Miller

General Manager, Delivery and Operations

Appendix A: Project summary details

cc Macaela Flanagan, Manager - s 9(2)(a) adminagencyftaa@mfe.govt.nz

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Brett Gliddon Chief Executive Officer New Zealand Transport Agency

Email: s 9(2)(a)

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cc FTC application/comments info - EnvironmentalPlanning@nzta.govt.nz Nicola Foran – Team Leader – Environmental Planning – s 9(2)(a)

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Gaylene Roberts, Chair Ngā Iwi Tōpū o Waipā

Email: ngaiwitoopuowaipa@gmail.com

Tēnā koe Gaylene

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Hori (George) Griggs, Chair Ngāti Apakura Runanga Trust

Email: admin@ngatiapakura.co.nz

Tēnā koe George

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Mokoro Gillett, Chair Ngāti Hauā Iwi Trust

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Tēnā koe Mokoro

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Susan Turner, Chair Ngāti Hikairo

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Tēnā koe Susan

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O-Tāwhao Marae

Email: info@tac.school.nz

Tēnā koe

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Anaru Begbie Raukawa Settlement Trust

Email: s 9(2)(a)

Tēnā koe Anaru

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Tramaine Murray
Te Nehenehenui Trust

Email:s 9(2)(a)

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Jaedyn Falwasser Te Whakakitenga o Waikato

Email: s 9(2)(a)

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Chris McLay Chief Executive Officer Waikato Regional Council

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