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Milldale Fast-track Project - Removal of Stone Wall (NZAA Site Number – R10/1452)

Dear Magdalena

We understand that Fulton Hogan Land Development (FHLD) is seeking to undertake subdivision and bulk earthworks associated with the final stages of the development being stages 4C, 10-13.

Stage 11 is subject to an archaeological site (NZAA Site Number - R10/1452) consisting of a basalt wall. In order to facilitate the development, we understand that it is proposed to remove the stone wall.

This proposal is a Listed Project in Schedule 2 of the Fast-tack Approval Act ('FTAA'). As such, we understand that this resource consent application and the archaeological authority is being made in accordance with the FTAA.

Heritage New Zealand confirm that we have undertaken a review of the draft Archaeological Assessment prepared by Clough & Associates that was provided for review on 16 December 2024.

Heritage New Zealand notes that that the project is apparently uncomplicated from an archaeological perspective (as it stands to affect a single recorded site) and requires earthworks over most of the project area. An archaeological authority will be required for the removal of the basalt wall R10/1452. It is noted that archaeological potential has been assessed elsewhere on the property, therefore the application to modify or destroy should be made for site R10/1452 and possible subsurface archaeological evidence – to be determined, which will cover any archaeological eventuality.

A recording strategy for the wall should be included in the archaeological management plan to accompany the authority application.

Given our understanding of the project and archaeology Heritage New Zealand does not see any need to hold a meeting but will be happy to address any further questions as they may arise.

Yours sincerely

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