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**PROJECT REF:** 0383012 Pound Road Fast Track

## POUND ROAD FAST-TRACK APPLICATION UPDATE ON LIZARD RELEASE SITE LOCATION

1. Following the Panel Conference Overview, additional discussions have taken place between Samantha King, Senior Herpetologist at Wildlands (representing the applicant), and Jean Jack, Head of Ecology at Environment Canterbury (ECan), regarding the proposed lizard release as part of the Pound Road Fast Track Application.
2. Ms. Jack has approved two ECan sites for lizard release under the Fast Track Application. These locations, shown in **Figures 1** and **2**, were listed as alternative release sites in the Lizard Management Plan (LMP) submitted with the Substantive Application<sup>1</sup>.

Site 1: Weedons Ross Road Sanctuary – NZTM, 1550098, 5185663



Figure 1: Aerial view of Site 1 (Source: Canterbury Maps)

<sup>1</sup> Refer Section 6.5.3 of Appendix 8 of the Substantive Application.

Site 2: Kowhai Grove – NZTM 1545968, 5186911



Figure 2: Aerial view of Site 2 (Source: Canterbury Maps)

3. Wildlands are updating the Lizard Management Plan to reflect the change in release sites. In summary:
- Site 1 has already undergone enhancement and will be able to accommodate lizards when the initial phase of the Pound Road Development commences (scheduled for March 2026, pending approval of the Application), contingent upon the installation of a rabbit-proof fence and implementation of rabbit control measures. The applicant will assist with funding of the fencing and pest control and is currently coordinating the scope of fencing and funding arrangements with Wildlands and ECan.
  - Wildlands has determined that Site 1 does not have sufficient capacity to accommodate all lizards from the Pound Road site; therefore, Site 2 will serve as a secondary release location. Further detail on how they have calculated the capacity of the sites will be provided as part of the updated LMP.
  - Site 2 is partially enhanced, however further enhancement work could occur concurrent with the above such that it is ready to receive lizards in the following season.