

## FTAA-2602-1171: Application received for referral of the project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 – Stage 1 decisions

### Project Name: Greenhill Industrial Park

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| Date submitted: | 12 March 2026 | Tracking #: BRF-00554 |        |
| Security level: | In-Confidence | MfE priority:         | Urgent |

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|                                                  | <b>Action sought:</b>                   | <b>Response by:</b> |
| To Hon Chris Bishop, Minister for Infrastructure | Decisions on recommendations in Table A | 19 March 2026       |

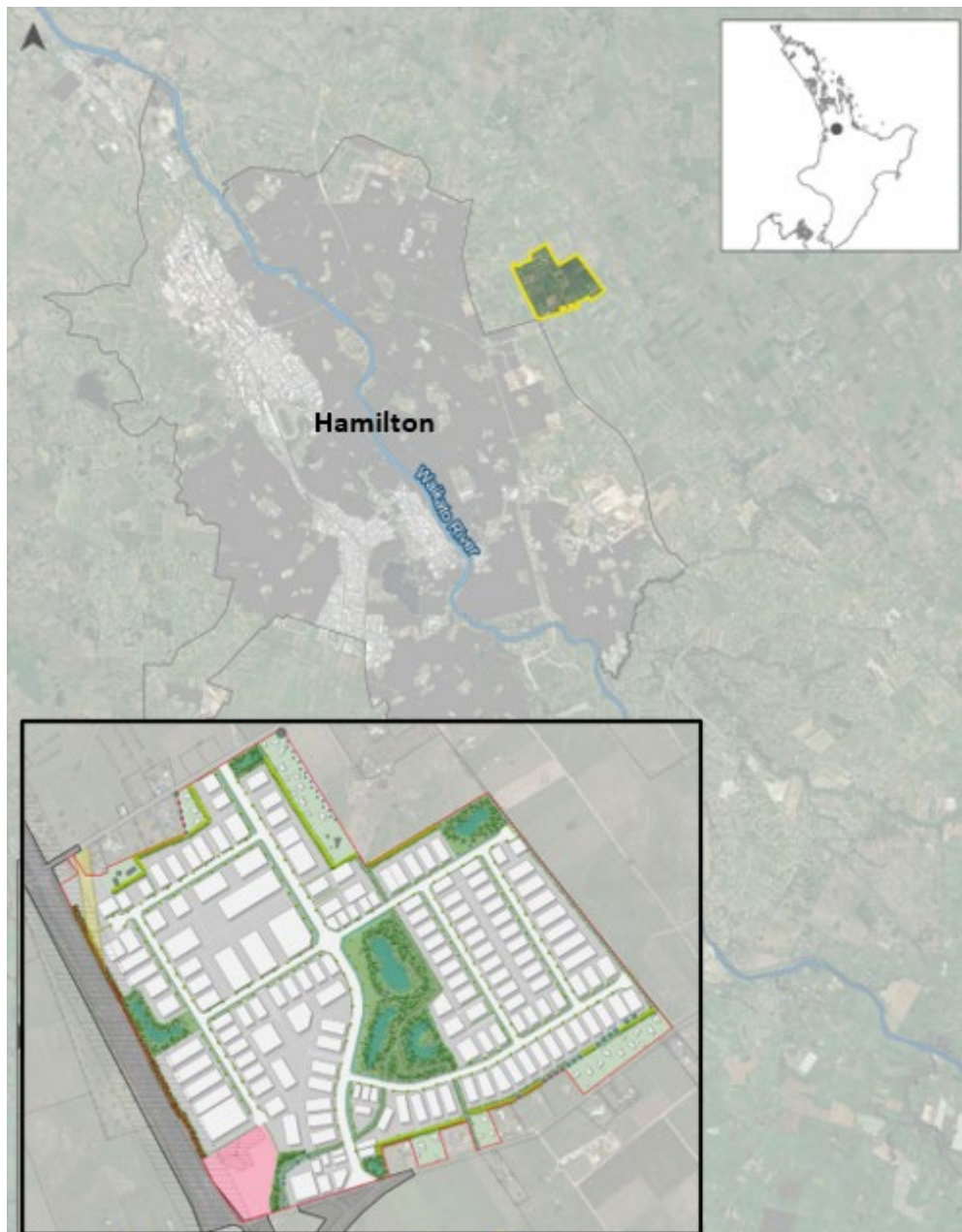
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| Actions for Minister's Office staff | <b>Return</b> the signed briefing to: <a href="mailto:FTAreferrals@mfe.govt.nz">FTAreferrals@mfe.govt.nz</a><br><b>Send</b> email to Ministers to invite written comments                      |
| Number of appendices: 3             | Appendices:<br>1. Statutory framework summary<br>2. Application documents for Greenhill Industrial Park project (in File Exchange)<br>3. List of the Māori groups referred to in section 18(2) |

### Ministry for the Environment contacts:

| Position         | Name              | Cell phone | 1 <sup>st</sup> contact |
|------------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| Principal Author | Whitney Nelson    |            |                         |
| Acting Manager   | Max Gander-Cooper | s 9(2)(a)  | ✓                       |
| General Manager  | Ilana Miller      | s 9(2)(a)  |                         |

## Project location

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**Image 1:** Project area outlined in yellow, located in Hamilton within the Waikato Region

## Key messages

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1. This briefing seeks your initial decisions on an application from Greenhill Industrial Park Consortium (the applicant) to refer the Greenhill Industrial Park project (the project) under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act) to the fast-track approvals process.
2. At this stage you can either decline an application for the reasons set out section 21, or provide the application to, and invite comments from, the parties identified in section 17. If you do not decline the application, you will receive a further briefing following receipt of comments, to inform your final decision on whether to refer the project.

3. The project is to construct and establish a new industrial park on approximately 180 hectares of land located northeast of Hamilton adjacent to the eastern side of the Waikato Expressway within the Waikato District. The project includes:
  - a. approximately 161 new industrial lots, with a range of sizes from 2,500m<sup>2</sup> and above
  - b. 25 new rural residential lots
  - c. additional components, including:
    - i. a new north-south orientated collector road (connecting with Puketaha Road to the north and Greenhill Road to the south) and a series of new local roads
    - ii. four stormwater pond areas, including a larger centralised area that will also contain a new central wastewater pumpstation.
4. The applicant notes that the project will involve the subdivision of high-class soils, triggering a prohibited activity under Rules 25.5(e) of the Waikato Operative District Plan and Rule SUB-R41 of the Waikato District Plan – Operative in Part. This is a potential reason you may decline a referral application under section 21(5) of the Act. However, we note section 21(7) of the Act states that the presence of a prohibited activity does not prevent you from accepting a referral application.
5. The applicant seeks the following approvals under specified Acts to authorise the project:
  - a. resource consents under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA)
  - b. approval under the Wildlife Act 1953
  - c. archaeological authority under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014.
6. We have undertaken initial analysis of the referral application, and this is presented along with our considerations and recommendations in Table A.
7. We have decided the application is complete and complies with section 14 of the Act, as the application complies with section 13 requirements, may be capable of satisfying the criteria in section 22 and does not appear to involve an ineligible activity. The applicable fee and levy have been paid.
8. We recommend you progress consideration of the referral application to the next stage of analysis (Stage 2) and invite written comments from the parties prescribed in section 17(1) of the Act being:
  - a. Waikato District Council and Waikato Regional Council as the relevant local authorities
  - b. the Minister for the Environment
  - c. the Minister of Conservation, and the Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage, as other relevant portfolio Ministers
  - d. the identified Māori groups from section 18(2) of the Act and listed in Appendix 3.
9. We recommend that you invite written comments from the following additional parties under section 17(5) of the Act (for the reasons explained in Table A):
  - a. the Associate Minister of Transport

- b. the Minister for Economic Growth
  - c. the Minister for Regional Development
  - d. the Chief Executive of NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi
  - e. the Chief Executive of Hamilton City Council.
10. We recommend that under section 20 you request further information from the applicant as detailed in Table A.

### Action sought

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11. Please indicate your decisions on the recommendations in Table A.

### Signature

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Max Gander-Cooper  
**Acting Manager, Fast-track Operations**

Table A: Stage 1 analysis

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| Project details                                                                                                                      | Project Name                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                               | Applicant                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                        | Project Location                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                |
|                                                                                                                                      | Greenhill Industrial Park                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                               | Greenhill Industrial Park Consortium (the applicant)<br><br>c/- Fraser McNutt (the agent)<br><br>Greenhill Industrial Park Consortium is made up of four key landowners: McDonald Farming Enterprises Limited, Responsive Trade Education, Finlay Family Partnership and GT Taylor Family Trust.<br><br>The applicant is a consortium and is eligible to apply for resource consents. |                        | The project location is northeast of Hamilton adjacent to the eastern side of the Waikato Expressway between Puketaha Road and Greenhill Road, within the Waikato District (legally described as Lot 1 DP 515771, Lot 1 DP South Auckland 15954, Lot 2 DP 307097, Lot 1 DP 307097, Lot 3 DP 456019, Section 88 Survey Office Plan 572875 and Lot 1 DP 304594).<br><br>Lot 1 DP 515771 includes a marginal strip subject to Part IV A Conservation Act and is defined as public conservation land under the Fast-track Approval Act, and therefore a section 19 report is required. |                                |
| Project description                                                                                                                  | The project is to construct and establish a new industrial park on approximately 180 hectares of land located northeast of Hamilton adjacent to the eastern side of the Waikato Expressway within the Waikato District.<br><br>The project includes:<br><div><div>d.</div><div>e.</div><div>f.</div><div>i.</div><div>ii.</div></div> approximately 161 new industrial lots, with a range of sizes from 2,500m <sup>2</sup> and above<br>25 new rural residential lots<br>additional components, including:<br>a new north-south orientated collector road (connecting with Puketaha Road to the north and Greenhill Road to the south) and a series of new local roads<br>four stormwater pond areas, including a larger centralised area that will also contain a new central wastewater pumpstation.<br><br>The applicant seeks resource consents for the project under the Resource Management Act 1991, approval under the Wildlife Act 1953, and archaeological authority the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014. No other approvals under specified Acts are sought as part of the fast-track approval process.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                |
| Consultation undertaken                                                                                                              | As required by section 11, the applicant has consulted with:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                |
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|                                                                                                                                      | <div><div>•</div><div>•</div></div> Waikato District Council<br>Waikato Regional Council                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <div><div>•</div><div>•</div><div>•</div></div> Ngāti Haua<br>Ngāti Wairere<br>Waikato Tainui | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | N/A                    | <div><div>•</div><div>•</div></div> Department of Conservation<br>Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | N/A                            |
| Section 22 assessment criteria                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                |
| The project is an infrastructure or development project that would have significant regional or national benefits [section 22(1)(a)] | <p>The Minister <u>must</u> consider a relevant Government policy statement (GPS) [s22(1A)]<br/>The only current GPS is the Government Policy Statement on Grocery Competition. As this project does not involve a supermarket development or grocery related activities, there is no GPS relevant to your decision.</p> <p>You <b>may</b> consider any of the following matters, or any other matters the Minister considers relevant:</p> <p>The applicant considers that the project is a development project that will have significant regional benefits including:</p> <div><div>•</div><div>•</div><div>•</div><div>•</div></div> increasing industrial land supply that will contribute to addressing forecast shortfalls and tenure constraints in the Hamilton City market ( <i>Note: we will test the applicant's assertion with the relevant local authorities in our section 17 invitation to comment</i> ),<br>delivering economic benefits through GDP and employment uplift during construction and long-term operation phases<br>transport efficiencies due to close proximity to the Waikato Expressway<br>supporting a well-functioning urban environment by providing a range of industrial lot sizes with strong accessibility to existing residential areas services and infrastructure. <p>Will increase the supply of housing, address housing needs, or contribute to a well-functioning urban environment (within the meaning of policy 1 of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020) [s22(2)(a)(iii)]</p> <p>The applicant considers that the project will contribute to a well-functioning urban environment in the following ways:</p> <div><div>•</div><div>•</div><div>•</div><div>•</div></div> in accordance with Policy 1(b) of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020 (NPS-UD), the project will provide for a variety of site sizes for industrial activities, ranging from 2,500 m <sup>2</sup> to over 1 hectare to suit different business sectors. The applicant states that the masterplan has also been carefully considered to ensure that the proposed layout will provide for the functional requirements of industrial activities, including provision for vehicle maneuvering for semi-trailers and rigid trucks<br>in accordance with Policy 1(c) of the NPS-UD, the project has good accessibility to existing homes and infrastructure, and will provide employment opportunities in close proximity to existing residential development in Hamilton City<br>in accordance with Policy 1(d) of the NPS-UD, the supply of approximately 195 hectares of industrial land will increase supply and support the competitive operation of land and development markets. |                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                |

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|                                                                                     | <p><i>Will deliver significant economic benefits [s22(2)(a)(iv)]</i><br/> The applicant includes an Economic Assessment (Attachment 3) which identifies the economic benefits that will be delivered by the project. The applicant summarises that the key economic benefits of the project include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a one-time boost in GDP of around \$830 million</li> <li>the generation of up to 5,420 FT-years over a ten-year development period, or full-time employment for 542 people for ten years. The employment opportunities will include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>future planning, design and consenting - providing full time work for 10 people, generating approximately \$10 million in wages and salaries</li> <li>land development - providing full-time work for 90 people, generating approximately \$84 million in wages and salaries</li> <li>non-residential construction - providing full-time work for 438 people, with approximately \$382 million in wages and salaries</li> <li>residential construction - providing full-time work for 5 people, with approximately \$4 million in wages and salaries</li> </ol> </li> <li>at full build-out, the project is estimated to support full time work for 3,555 people, sustaining annual GDP of \$471 million and \$265 million paid annually in wages and salaries.</li> </ol> <p><i>Will support climate change mitigation, including the reduction or removal of greenhouse gas emissions [s22(2)(a)(vii)]</i><br/> The applicant states that the project seeks to minimise greenhouse gas emissions where possible through construction and within the masterplan design.</p> <p>The applicant states that during construction greenhouse gas emissions will be reduced through the following measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>minimising the number of truck movements required to manage earthworks material by retaining as much as possible within the site</li> <li>a staged construction approach that allows for the appropriate management of effects on the environment.</li> </ul> <p>The applicant states that following construction the ongoing reduction of greenhouse gas emissions will be supported by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>close proximity to regional transport infrastructure which will provide direct access between the site and the Hamilton and Auckland regions</li> <li>provision for employment opportunities in close proximity to residential development in Hamilton City.</li> </ul> <p><i>Is consistent with local or regional planning documents, including spatial strategies [s22(2)(a)(x)]</i><br/> The applicant considers that the project is overall consistent with the following local and regional planning documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Future Proof Strategy</li> <li>Te Ture Whaimana o Te Awa o Waitako (Vision and Strategy)</li> <li>Waikato-Tainui Environmental Plan</li> <li>Waikato 2070 – Growth and Economic Development Strategy</li> <li>Waikato Regional Policy Statement</li> </ul> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Referring the project to the fast-track approvals process [section 22(1)(b)]</b> | <p><i>Would facilitate the project, including by enabling it to be processed in a more timely and cost-effective way than under normal processes [s22(1)(b)(i)]</i><br/> The applicant considers that the fast-track approvals process will provide the ability to apply for a comprehensive range of consenting requirements within one application, to be considered by one panel, which offers significant efficiencies in planning and specialist in puts into managing and navigating the consenting process. The applicant anticipates the project would not be able to obtain resource consent for subdivision as a Prohibited Activity, and other aspects would be subject to a challenging and complex consenting requirement that would test the current District Plan provisions. The applicant considers that the consolidated timeframes for engagement with interested stakeholders and parties, wider consultation requirements to support substantive applications, and the overall detail required support a more timely and efficient consideration of the project.</p> <p><i>Is unlikely to materially affect the efficient operation of the fast-track approvals process [s22(1)(b)(ii)]</i><br/> The applicant states that the project is not considered to materially impact on the intent or efficient operation of the fast-track approvals process.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Minister invites comments</b>                                                    | <p><i>You must copy the application to, and invite written comments from [s17(1)]:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relevant local authorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Waikato District Council</li> <li>Waikato Regional Council</li> </ul> </li> <li>The Minister for the Environment</li> <li>Other relevant portfolio Minister(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Minister of Conservation – as the project seeks approvals under the Wildlife Act</li> <li>The Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage – as the project seeks an archeological authority under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act</li> </ul> </li> <li>Relevant administering agencies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Department of Conservation</li> <li>Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga</li> </ul> </li> <li>The Māori groups identified in Appendix 3.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p><i>You may copy the application to, and invite written comments from, any other person [s17(5)]:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the Associate Minister of Transport - as the project may have impacts on connections to the Waikato Expressway and regional transport routes</li> <li>the Minister for Economic Growth – as the project proposes regional benefits for economic growth</li> <li>the Minister for Regional Development – as the project proposes contribution to regional development</li> <li>the Chief Executive of NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi – as a designation is located adjacent to the site and the project may have transport network impacts</li> <li>the Chief Executive of Hamilton City Council – as the project site is located less than 1 km from the Hamilton City Council boundary and the project may have effects on Hamilton City's infrastructure.</li> </ul> | <p><i>The Minister may request further information about a referral application from the applicant, the relevant local authorities, or the relevant administering agencies to be provided within the time frame specified in the request.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>confirmation as to what legal entities will apply for and hold approval for the project</li> <li>explanation of the legal status of these entities confirmed for (a)</li> </ol> |

| Recommendations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Minister's decision                                      |
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| a. <b>Note</b> that section 25 of the Act permits you to decline the referral application without inviting comments from the relevant local authorities, the Minister for the Environment, any relevant Ministers, any relevant administering agencies and the Māori groups identified in the list provided.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Noted                                                    |
| b. <b>Note</b> that you have not yet provided the application to, nor sought any written comments on it from, the parties listed in section 17(1) but that you are required to do so if you do not decline the application under section 21 of the Act.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Noted                                                    |
| c. <b>Note</b> that section 17(5) of the Act permits you to forward an application to, and invite written comments from, any other person.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Noted                                                    |
| d. <b>Note</b> that if comments have been sought and provided within the required time frame you are required to consider it, along with the referral application, before deciding to decline the application.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Noted                                                    |
| e. <b>Note</b> that section 20 of the Act permits you to request further information from the applicant or relevant local authorities or relevant administering agencies at any time before you decide whether to accept or decline an application.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Noted                                                    |
| f. <b>Agree</b> to progress the Greenhill Industrial Park project to our Stage 2 analysis (invite written comments and request section 18 Treaty report).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Yes / No                                                 |
| g. <b>Agree</b> to provide the application to, and invite written comments from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Waikato District Council and Waikato Regional Council as the relevant local authorities under section 17(1)(a)</li> <li>ii. Minister for the Environment under section 17(1)(b)</li> <li>iii. the Minister of Conservation and the Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage as the relevant portfolio Ministers under section 17(1)(b)</li> <li>iv. the Department of Conservation, and Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga as the relevant administering agencies under section 17(1)(c)</li> <li>v. the parties in Appendix 3 as the Māori groups under section 17(1)(d)</li> </ul> | Yes / No<br>Yes / No<br>Yes / No<br>Yes / No<br>Yes / No |
| h. <b>Agree</b> to provide the application to and invite written comments from the following additional persons under section 17(5): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. the Associate Minister of Transport</li> <li>ii. the Minister for Economic Growth</li> <li>iii. the Minister for Regional Development</li> <li>iv. the Chief Executive of NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi</li> <li>v. the Chief Executive of Hamilton City Council</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Yes / No<br>Yes / No<br>Yes / No<br>Yes / No<br>Yes / No |
| i. <b>Agree</b> to seek further information from the applicant on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. confirmation as to what legal entities will apply for and hold approval for the project</li> <li>ii. explanation of the legal status of these entities confirmed for (a)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Yes / No<br>Yes / No                                     |
| j. <b>Note</b> that you have agreed to delegate to the Secretary for the Environment your responsibility to send all correspondence, other than to Ministers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Noted                                                    |
| k. <b>Agree</b> to send the email to invite written comments from Ministers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Yes / No                                                 |

**Signed:**

Hon Chris Bishop  
Minister for Infrastructure

**Date:**

## Appendix 1: Statutory framework summary

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1. You are the sole decision maker for referral applications. If you accept a referral application, then the whole or part of the project will be referred to the fast-track approvals process.
2. If a Treaty settlement, the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011, the Ngā Rohe Moana o Ngā Hapū o Ngāti Porou Act 2019, a Mana Whakahono ā Rohe or a joint management agreement provides for consideration of any document or procedural requirements, you must, where relevant:
  - a. give the document the same or equivalent effect through this process as it would have under any specified Act; and
  - b. comply with any applicable procedural requirements.
3. You must decline a referral application if:
  - a. you are satisfied the project does not meet the referral criteria in s22
  - b. you are satisfied the project involves an ineligible activity (s5)
  - c. you consider you do not have adequate information to inform your decision.
4. You may decline an application for any other reason, including those set out in s21(5) and even if the application meets the s22 referral criteria.
5. You can decline an application before or after inviting comments under s17(1). However, if comments have been sought and provided within the required time frame, you must consider them, along with the referral application, before deciding to decline the application.
6. If you do not decline a referral application at this initial stage you must copy the application to, and invite written comments from:
  - a. the relevant local authorities,
  - b. the Minister for the Environment and relevant portfolio Ministers
  - c. the relevant administering agencies
  - d. the Māori groups identified by the responsible agency
  - e. the owners of Māori land in the project area:
  - f. you may provide the application to and invite comments from any other person.
7. You can request further information from an applicant, any relevant local authority or any relevant administering agency at any time before you decide to decline or accept a referral application (see section 20 of the Act).
8. However, if further information has been sought and provided within the required time frame you must consider it, along with the referral application, before deciding to decline the application.

## **Appendix 2: Application documents for Greenhill Industrial Park project:**

### Appendix 3: List of the Māori groups referred to in section 18(2)

| Name of group                           | Type of group (section of Act)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Te Whakakitenga o Waikato</b>        | Iwi authority (s18(2)(a)); Treaty settlement entity – Waikato Raupatu Claims Settlement Act 1995 and the Waikato-Tainui Raupatu Claims (Waikato River) Settlement Act 2010 (s18(2)(a)); negotiating mandate (s18(2)(d))                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Ngāti Hauā Iwi Trust</b>             | Iwi authority (s18(2)(a)); Treaty settlement entity – Ngāti Hauā Claims Settlement Act 2014 (s18(2)(a))                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Waikato Raupatu River Trust</b>      | Treaty settlement entity – Waikato-Tainui Raupatu Claims (Waikato River) Settlement Act 2010 (s18(2)(a)); representing tangata whenua for customary fisheries regulations (s18(2)(h)); iwi authorities and groups that represent hapū that are parties to any relevant Mana Whakahono a Rohe or joint management agreements (s18(2)(j)) |
| <b>Waikato River Authority</b>          | Treaty settlement entity – Waikato-Tainui Raupatu Claims (Waikato River) Settlement Act 2010 (s18(2)(a))                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Ngāti Wairere</b>                    | Any other Māori groups with relevant interests (s18(2)(k))                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Te Haa o te Whenua o Kirikiriroa</b> | Any other Māori groups with relevant interests (s18(2)(k))                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Hukanui Marae</b>                    | Any other Māori groups with relevant interests (s18(2)(k))                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |