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Scott Pritchard, Chief Executive, Precinct Properties

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For attention, Independent Hearings Panel

Dear Scott

Re. The Downtown Carpark Re-development – Te Pūmanawa o Tāmaki (FTAA-2512-1158)

I acknowledge the comments provided by Auckland Council and other parties on this application and the range of expert advice provided. In this role, Auckland Council is acting as a regulator.

In addition to the regulatory assessment and advice provided, it may be helpful to the Panel to know that Auckland Council supports the re-development of the Downtown Carpark site. We have been working with the applicant for a number of years, beginning with the early negotiations around the sale of the site, to see the revitalisation of this part of Auckland's city centre. Inevitably, with a project of this scale, there are details to resolve as reflected through the above-mentioned regulatory input. This should not confuse the fact of our support more broadly for the project.

We consider that it will have a very positive effect in this part of the city centre particularly in relation to quality of building, mixture of uses and access improvements to the general environment at that end of the city centre. More broadly, the partnership with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei is an example of the economic, environmental and cultural benefits that can be achieved in 21st century Auckland.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Yours faithfully

