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Mr Graeme Mathias
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C/- Environmental Protection Authority

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Dear Mr Chairperson and Panel Members

AUCKLAND SURF PARK COMMUNITY – COMMENTS ON FASTTRACK APPLICATION

1. We act for North Shore Aero Club Incorporated ("NSAC") regarding the above application. We have been instructed to provide some brief comments regarding NSAC and the application, which NSAC has approved. The comments are set out below.

NSAC and North Shore Airport

2. NSAC owns North Shore Airport ("Airport") at 300 Postman Road, Dairy Flat. The Airport caters to a wide range of flight and non-flight activities. Aviation related activities include:

   (a) Scheduled commercial flights.

   (b) Charter flights.

   (c) Training flights.

   (d) Tertiary education.

   (e) Emergency rescue flights and services.

   (f) Private general aviation, including from private sites at the adjacent Aeropark.

   (g) Engineering facilities.

   (h) Freight distribution.

   (i) Manufacturing.

   (j) Support and administration.

3. NSAC and the Airport have been in existence for almost 60 years. The Airport represents a vital piece of regionally significant infrastructure that provides links to provincial New Zealand. There are more than 200 aircraft based at the Airport, the resident businesses employ scores of people, and there are over 200 students engaged in various courses of training through the resident schools.

4. NSAC has a Master Plan for expansion of the Airport, the first iteration of which was prepared in June 2020. NSAC is in the process of updating the plan.

The application

5. NSAC was concerned that the Surf Park proposal may adversely affect existing operations at the Airport and hinder the expansion provided for in the Master Plan. Constructive communications have taken place between representatives of NSAC, representatives of the Applicant, and the Applicant's planning consultants.

6. NSAC now appreciates that the proposal:

   (a) will not hinder current operations at the Airport; and

   (b) has considered and recognised the Master Plan so that the proposal will not adversely affect the proposed expansion provided for in the plan.

7. NSAC also supports the proposal regarding the east west collector road to the south of the proposed development terminating in a cul-de-sac, rather than extending all the way to Postman Road. Further development of this road, its alignment, and the development of the retained rural block to the east of the proposed data centre for an additional data centre in the future will require consultation with the airport when the time comes.

8. NSAC would like to thank the Panel for providing the opportunity to comment. NSAC also thanks the Applicant for its constructive engagement during this process.

Yours sincerely



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