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FTAA-2503-1038

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Dear Daniel,

Thank you for the invitation to comment on Fulton Hogan Land Development Limited's Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA) substantive application, the Milldale project (FTAA-2503-1038). I am responding in my capacity as Minister Responsible for RMA Reform.

Infrastructure is important for growth and prosperity. Our view is our planning system has not been enabling of growth, hence the establishment of the FTAA. I have my attached my comments relating to the Milldale project in appendix 1.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my broad support for projects which deliver positive outcomes for New Zealand, including the Milldale project. Please take this letter of support as a reflection of the Government's economic growth and infrastructure priorities.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Bishop'.

Hon Chris Bishop
Minister Responsible for RMA Reform
Minister for Infrastructure

Appendix 1 – Comments on the Milldale project – FTAA-2503-1038

National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020

This project forms the final stage of the master planned Milldale development, and appears to be consistent with the National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020 as it:

- will provide for an additional 1,155 dwellings which have been comprehensively planned
- is proximate to planned public transport
- will provide required infrastructure servicing.

National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 & National Environmental Standards for Freshwater 2020

This project is consistent with the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 & National Environmental Standards for Freshwater 2020 (NES-F) and could feasibly access consent pathways within the NES-F.

Based on the information provided, effects on freshwater systems will be mitigated/avoided (e.g. through sediment management plans) or offset (noting that we rely on councils to assess the efficacy of this).