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Tēnā koe Victoria

**Fast-track Project: Te Kowhai East Partnership**

Thank you for sending Heritage New Zealand information about the proposed Te Kowhai East Partnership development. I note that there was no archaeological assessment provided and that there are no recorded archaeological sites in the project area. I have not visited the property.

Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014

The Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 makes it unlawful for any person to modify or destroy, or cause to be modified or destroyed, the whole or any part of an archaeological site (recorded or unrecorded) without the prior authority of Heritage New Zealand. If you wish to do any work that may affect an archaeological site you must obtain an authority from Heritage New Zealand before works begin. This is the case regardless of whether the land on which the site is located is designated, or the activity is permitted under the District or Regional Plan or a resource or building consent has been granted. For more information, please see our website [www.heritage.org.nz](http://www.heritage.org.nz).

Archaeological Site Discovery Protocol

In this instance an archaeological authority from Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga is not required before starting work. We recommend that an **Archaeological Site Discovery Protocol** be in place during all ground disturbance. If any suspected archaeological features are found during the earthworks you must stop immediately and Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga contacted for advice. An authority may then be required to proceed.

Nāku noa, nā

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