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Clough & Associates Ltd	
To:	Winstone Aggregates, Department of Conservation
From:	Ellen Cameron, Clough & Associates
CC:	
Date:	04/03/2026
Re:	Response to Comment from FoBRP
Comments:	<p>New archaeological site (R27/910) recorded after submission of land exchange report.</p> <p>Archaeological site is of 20th century date and an Authority to modify is not required.</p> <p>Effects to site R27/910 will be assessed and appropriate mitigation measures recommended in the assessment report for the proposed OBDA.</p> <p>Information panels can be placed outside of the proposed OBDA.</p>

Introduction

An archaeological assessment has been prepared to provide an assessment of effects to archaeological values from the proposed land exchange between Winstone Aggregates and the Department of Conservation. The report was submitted on 10 December 2025 and there were no recorded archaeological sites in any of the land exchange properties at that time. A new archaeological site has been recorded in February 2026. Comments were received from the friends of Belmont Regional Park and one comment as shown below was relevant to archaeology.

Comment

“The flat top of the POBDA is an ideal location, in the middle of the track up Boulder Hill, for interpretative signs or panels about both swamp maire and a historical feature at a newly recorded archaeological site. ArchSite is the national database of recorded archaeological sites in Aotearoa New Zealand, and ArchSite record R27/910 is an early 1900s farm building visible near the centre of the POBDA. The historic site and surround are the remains of a farm building, with a concrete floor and nib wall, macrocarpa trees, a strainer fencepost and a patch of flowering daffodils, well-known to some Hutt Valley residents”.



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Response

It is noted that an archaeological site has been recorded in the proposed OBDA after the submission of the archaeological assessment report for the land exchange. The site is of a post 1900 date, and an Authority issued by Heritage New Zealand or under the FTAA 2024 is not required for any works that may affect the site.


The new site (R27/910), recorded as a ruinous 20th century farm outbuilding does not alter the archaeological values of the proposed land exchange properties as presented in the archaeological assessment report for the land exchange. An assessment of effects to the site will be included in the assessment for the development of the proposed OBDA. This will include an evaluation of the historic values of the site and appropriate mitigation will be recommended. The mitigation may include recording of the site prior to or during the preliminary earthworks to provide information on the 20th century history of the property. This information would be added to the Archsite database through updating of the Site Record Form on the NZAA Website.

The comment also notes that the proposed OBDA is an ideal location for interpretive signs or panels. It is noted that the provision of information on the site could just as easily be provided along the existing trackway outside of the proposed OBDA.

The provision of information on Swamp Maire in the OBDA is not relevant to the archaeological assessment.

As the effects to site R27/910 can be appropriately addressed as part of the assessment for the development of the proposed OBDA and information panels can be provided outside of the boundaries of the proposed OBDA, there is no constraint to the development from the points contained in the comment.

Yours sincerely

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