

To whom it may concern

KiwiRail raised concerns with developments potential impacts on the level crossing that is in close proximity of the site, with the request that an LCSIA be undertaken by a SQUEP prior to the commencement of construction activities and that any recommendations of the LCSIA be implemented at the consent holders' request. Such requests are made to ensure that the potential impacts of construction as well as the resulting development are appropriately considered from a level crossing safety perspective, and appropriately addressed.

The applicant has responded that it is considered that an LCSIA is not necessary at this stage because the planned intersection upgrades will ultimately supersede any outcomes of an LCSIA and KiwiRail would be engaged during the subsequent HSCS design phase.

Subsequent to the initial comments, I now understand that the Pound Road level crossing is subject to a grant agreement between CCC and KiwiRail, this agreement sets out that CCC will be/ are responsible for any required works or upgrades as a result of any proposed development.

The LCSIA is still required to be undertaken prior to construction as it is best practice to understand the potential effects prior to construction and what upgrades will be required, hence why KiwiRail requested the condition. As the cost of any upgrades are the responsibility of CCC we defer to CCC on the matter of when the LCSIA is required.

Kind regards

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