



Belmont Quarry Development – Part B

Substantive Application
Appendix B.16.B – Hutt City Council Letter
Winstone Aggregates

16 August 2026



Belmont Quarry Development – Ecological Offset Area

From Isaac Velasco [REDACTED]
Date Wed 8/12/2026 8:53 AM
To Shalini Sanjeshni (Winstone Aggregates) [REDACTED]
Cc Phernne Tancock [REDACTED] Arthur Nelson
[REDACTED]; Tim Johnstone [REDACTED]

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Kia ora Shalini and team,

Thank you for your patience while we worked through the internal review of the proposed offset area .

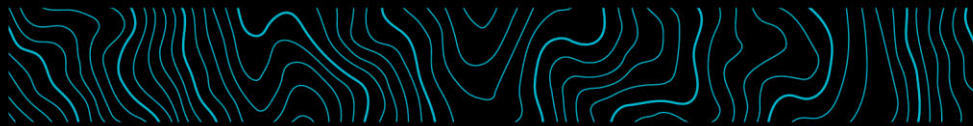
I'm pleased to confirm that this process has now been completed. Please find attached Hutt City Council's signed letter regarding the ecological assessment of the proposed offset area.

As outlined in the letter, our Parks Planning and Ecology teams consider the proposed location ecologically suitable for the proposed restoration programme, and we have no objection from a planning and ecological perspective to the proposal continuing through the Fast-track approvals process.

Thank you again for your patience and for working with us through this process.

Ngā mihi,

Isaac Velasco
Parks Development Planner
Hutt City Council



12/08/2026

Dear Shalini

Winstone Aggregates' Belmont Quarry Development – Ecological Assessment of Proposed Offset Area

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the proposed biodiversity offset area within the Heffernan Block of Belmont Regional Park.

Further to discussions with Winstone Aggregates and a review undertaken by Hutt City Council's Parks and Reserves teams, we have reviewed the proposed offset location and the supporting ecological restoration information provided.

Based on the documentation reviewed, **we consider the Heffernan Block to be ecologically suitable and technically feasible for the proposed biodiversity restoration programme**, including indigenous vegetation restoration, wetland creation, riparian enhancement, and associated long-term pest and weed management.

Accordingly, Hutt City Council's Parks Planning and Ecology teams have **no objection, from a planning and ecological perspective to the proposed offset area continuing to be progressed through the Fast-track approvals process.**

For the avoidance of doubt, this letter relates solely to the **planning and ecological assessment of the proposed offset location.**

This letter:

- confirms that the proposed location is considered suitable from a planning and ecological perspective;
- does not constitute approval of the biodiversity offset proposal;

- does not constitute landowner consent or approval for the use of the land;
- does not address any legal, property, governance or commercial matters associated with the proposal; and
- does not override or pre-empt any statutory approvals required under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 or any other applicable legislation.

Should the project receive the necessary statutory approvals, any future arrangements relating to the occupation, use or management of the land would be subject to any further approvals or agreements that may be required.

We appreciate the opportunity to review the proposal and trust this advice assists with progressing the project.

Yours sincerely

Isaac Velasco