

Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

MINUTE 1 OF THE EXPERT PANEL

Invitations to comment on the application

Waitākere District Court – New Courthouse Project [FTAA-2508-1096]

4 December 2025

[1] This Minute addresses invitations to comment on the Waitākere District Court – New Courthouse Project application under section 53 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (**the Act**).

[2] In accordance with section 53(2) of the Act, the Expert Panel (**Panel**) must invite comments from persons listed in sections 53(2) (a) to (n). **Appendix 1** provides the list of prescribed persons relevant to this project.

[3] Section 53(2)(h) and (i) state that the owners and occupiers of the land adjacent to the land the application relates to must be invited to comment. The application included an appendix (*Appendix 14 – List of landowners and occupiers*) that identified the names and addresses of owners and occupiers of the site and the land adjacent to the site. The Environmental Protection Authority (**EPA**) has also provided its advice to the Panel based on the Guidance Note entitled: FTA Guidance Material Identifying Adjacent Land, which is available to view on the fast-track website, here: <https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/process/comments>.

[4] After considering the information from the Applicant and the advice from the EPA, and having now reviewed the application material and undertaken a site visit, the Panel has determined that the owners and occupiers of land shaded blue on the map in **Appendix 2**, and listed in **Appendix 3** should be invited to comment.

[5] The Panel has considered section 53(3) and determined that it is appropriate to invite comment from the following parties:

- a) Auckland Transport
- b) Watercare
- c) Ngā Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara Development Trust
- d) Ngaati Whanaunga Ruunanga Trust
- e) Hauraki Māori Trust Board
- f) the owners and occupiers of land shaded purple on the map in **Appendix 2**, and listed in **Appendix 4**.

[6] The invitation to comment is dated 4 December 2025, and the date for comments is 20 working days from this date (section 54 of the Act). Under the Act, the definition of ‘working day’ is the same as under the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**), meaning working days exclude weekends, national public holidays, and the RMA statutory shutdown period from 20 December 2025 until 10 January 2026.

[7] The date that invited comments on the application must be received is therefore **22 January 2026**. Comments may be filed with the EPA:

- a) by email to substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz;
- b) by post to Private Bag 63002, Wellington 6140, New Zealand; or
- c) in person to Stewart Dawson's Corner, 366 Lambton Quay, Wellington 6011

[8] The application documents can be viewed here:

<https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/projects/waitakere-district-court-new-courthouse-project/substantive-application>

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Heather Ash'.

Heather Ash

Waitākere District Court – New Courthouse Project Expert Panel Chair

Appendix 1

Parties invited to Comment under section 53(2) of the Act

53(2)(a)	the relevant local authorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auckland Council, including Healthy Waters and the Urban Development Office (formerly Eke Panuku)
53(2)(b)	the relevant iwi authorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Te Kawerau Iwi Settlement Trust • Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Trust • Ngāti Tamaoho Settlement Trust • Te Ākitai Waiohua Waka Taua Inc • Ngāti Maru Rūnanga Trust • Ngāti Tamaterā Settlement Trust • Ngāti Te Ata Claims Support Whānau Trust
53(2)(c)	<p>any relevant Treaty settlement entities, including, to avoid doubt,—</p> <p>(i) an entity that has an interest under a Treaty settlement within the area to which the substantive application relates; and</p> <p>(ii) an entity operating in a collective arrangement, provided for under a Treaty settlement, that relates to that area</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Te Kawerau Iwi Settlement Trust • Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Trust • Ngāti Tamaoho Settlement Trust • Tūpuna Taonga o Tāmaki Makaurau Trust/ Whenua Haumi Roroa o Tāmaki Makaurau Limited Partnership • Te Ākitai Waiohua Settlement Trust • Ngāti Maru Rūnanga Trust • Ngāti Tamaterā Settlement Trust • Hako Tūpuna Trust • Taonga o Marutūāhu Trustee Limited/Marutūāhu Rōpū Limited Partnership • Te Whakakitenga o Waikato • Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua

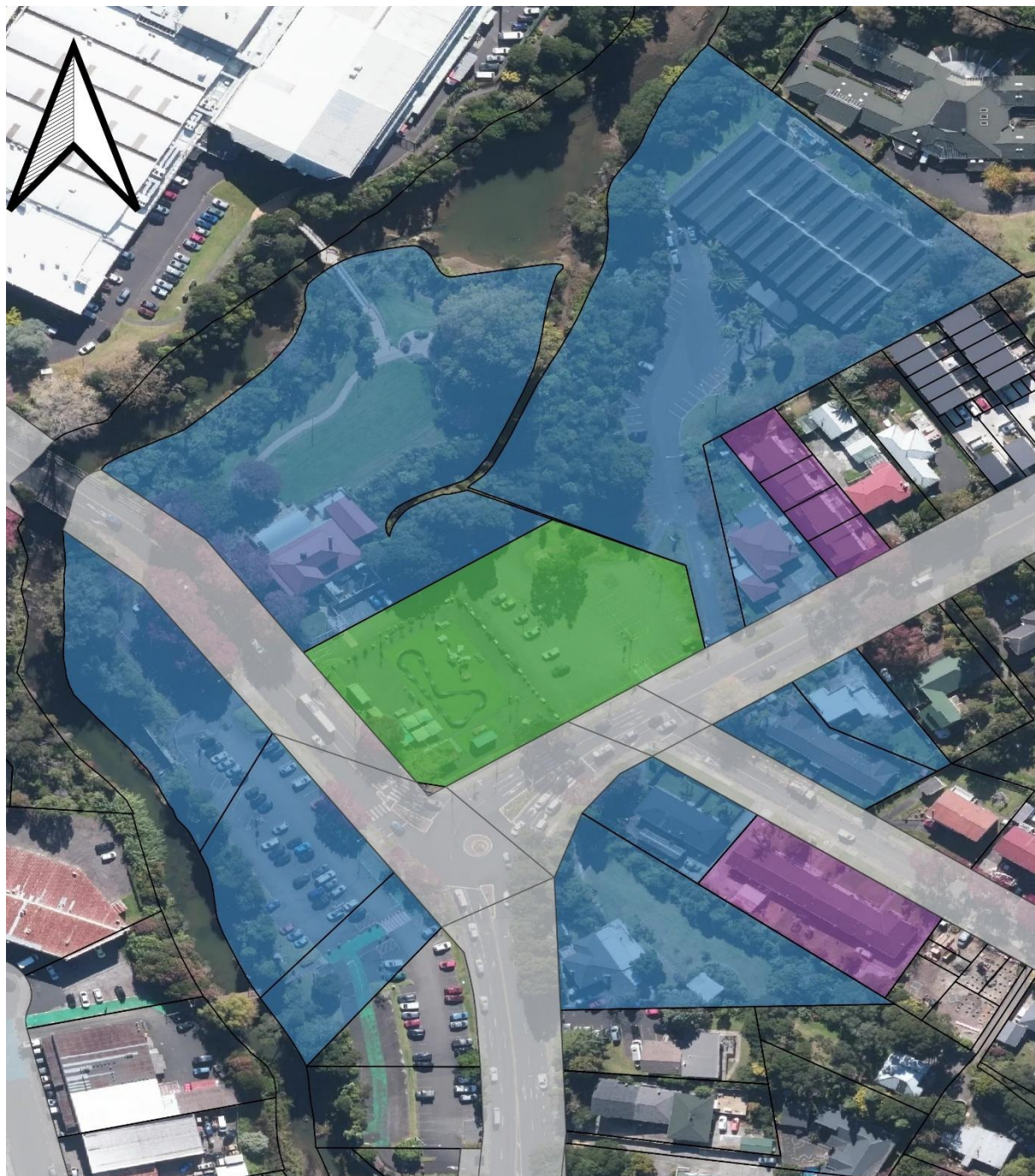
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ngāti Te Ata Claims Support Whānau Trust • Ngāti Koheriki Claims Committee
53(2)(d)	any protected customary rights groups and customary marine title groups whose protected customary rights area or customary marine title is within the area to which the substantive application relates	N/A
53(2)(e)	any applicant group under the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011 that is identified in the report prepared under section 18 or 49 and seeks recognition of customary marine title or protected customary rights within the area to which the substantive application relates	N/A
53(2)(f)	ngā hapū o Ngāti Porou if the area to which the substantive application relates is within or adjacent to, or the activities to which it relates would directly affect, ngā rohe moana o ngā hapū o Ngāti Porou	N/A
53(2)(g)	the tangata whenua of any area within the area to which the substantive application relates that is a taiāpure-local fishery, a mātaihai reserve, or an area that is subject to bylaws or regulations made under Part 9 of the Fisheries Act 1996	N/A
53(2)(h)	owners of the land to which the substantive application relates	See Appendix 2 and 3.
53(2)(i)	occupiers of the land to which the substantive application relates unless,	See Appendix 2 and 3.

	after reasonable inquiry, an occupier cannot be identified	
53(2)(j)	the Minister for the Environment and other relevant portfolio Ministers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister for Infrastructure • Minister for Land Information • Minister for Auckland • Minister for Regional Development • Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations • Minister for Māori Crown Relations • Minister of Police • Minister of Corrections • Minister for Economic Growth • Minister for the Environment
53(2)(k)	relevant administering agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry for the Environment
53(2)(l)	any requiring authority that has a designation on land to which the substantive application relates or on land adjacent to that land	N/A
53(2)(m)	<p>if the approvals sought in the substantive application include—</p> <p>(i) an approval described in section 42(4)(a) or (d) (resource consent or designation), the persons and groups listed in clause 13 of Schedule 5:</p> <p>(ii) an approval described in section 42(4)(e) (concession), the persons listed in clause 5 of Schedule 6:</p> <p>(iii) an approval described in section 42(4)(g) (conservation covenant), the persons listed in clause 44 of Schedule 6:</p> <p>(iv) an approval described in section 42(4)(h) (wildlife approval), the persons listed in clause 4 of Schedule 7:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director-General of Conservation • Iwi authorities and groups that represent hapū that are parties to relevant Mana Whakahono ā Rohe or joint management agreements (none identified)

	<p>(v) an approval described in section 42(4)(k) (marine consent), the persons listed in clause 5 of Schedule 10:</p> <p>(vi) an approval described in section 42(4)(l) or (m) (access arrangement), the persons listed in clause 5 of Schedule 11</p> <p>(vii) an approval described in section 42(4)(n) (mining permit), the person listed in clause 18 of Schedule 11.</p>	
53(2)(n)	any persons or groups specified by the Minister under section 27(3)(b)(iii).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister of Police • Minister of Corrections

Appendix 2


Map of land parcels whose owners and occupiers are invited to comment under section 53(2)(h) and (i) and section 53(3)



Legend

-  Road
-  Substantive application land invited to comment s53(2) (h) and (i)
-  Adjacent land invited to comment under s53(2) (h) and (i)
-  Additional land invited to comment under s53(3)

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Appendix 3

List of land parcels whose owners and occupiers are invited to comment under section 53(2)(h) and (i)

8 Edmonton Road	10 Edmonton Road	11 Edmonton Road
14 Edmonton Road	1/15 Edmonton Road	2/15 Edmonton Road
20A Edmonton Road	21 Edmonton Road	22-24 Edmonton Road
26 Edmonton Road	1/2A Takapu Street	2/2A Takapu Street
19 Alderman Drive	21 Alderman Drive	22 Alderman Drive

Appendix 4

List of land parcels whose owners and occupiers are invited to comment under section 53(3)

1/1 Takapu Street	2/1 Takapu Street	3/1 Takapu Street
4/1 Takapu Street	5/1 Takapu Street	28A Edmonton Road
28B Edmonton Road	28C Edmonton Road	28D Edmonton Road