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Via email s 9(2)(a)

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HNZPT COMMENTS - SL1 HOUCHENS DEVELOPMENT

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HNZPT acknowledges that the applicant for fast-track Application, 'SL1 Houchens', has carried out pre-lodgement consultation with the agency. The applicant has provided an updated archaeological assessment for the fast-track site which HNZPT has reviewed.

HNZPT supports the findings of the report (completed by Red Ox Cultural Services: Matthew Gainsford - December 2025) which concludes that an Archaeological Authority is required under the HNZPT Act 2014 to modify or destroy recorded archaeology within the development site. HNZPT can address the Authority application as part of the Fast-track assessment process.

Nāku noa, nā

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Area Manager Lower Northern

From: s 9(2)(a)

Sent: Wednesday, 12 November 2025 2:12 pm

To: s 9(2)(a) s 9(2)(a) >; s 9(2)(a) s 9(2)(a)

Subject: SL1 Houchens - Fast Track Referral

Kia ora s 9(2)(a)

Hope the start of the week is going well. I am working with clients in preparation of a referral application under Fast-Track Approvals Act 2024. This is part of the southern end of the SL1 Growth Cell in Waipa, southern edge of Hamilton city.

Please find a link for our consultation pack for SL1 Houchens and attached a desktop archaeological assessment.

Confirmation of whether an archaeological authority is anticipated would be appreciated and any other information to support the referral application.

 [SL1 Houchens ConsultationPack 6.11.pdf](#)

Should you require any other information or have any questions please don't hesitate to give me a call. I look forward to a response in due course.

Ngā mihi | Kind regards,

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Sent: Wednesday, 26 November 2025 1:30 PM

To: s 9(2)(a) s 9(2)(a); s 9(2)(a) s 9(2)(a)
Subject: FW: SL1 Houchens - Fast Track Referral

Kia ora s 9(2)(a)

Trust all is well. Just checking in that the below email was received and if I can get an update.

Ngā mihi | Kind regards,

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Sent: Wednesday, 26 November 2025 1:48 pm
To: s 9(2)(a) s 9(2)(a)
Subject: Re: SL1 Houchens - Fast Track Referral

Kia ora s 9(2)(a)

Apologies for delay in reply.

The desktop archaeological assessment identified the potential for unrecorded archaeological sites to be present, in particular a ditch/drain associated with the early European settlement of Hamilton by Militiamen and early settlers. It recommends that a site visit is undertaken by a consultant archaeologist to determine if archaeological sites are present. Heritage New Zealand supports this approach as this will assist with determining if an authority is required under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014.

Ngā mihi

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From: s 9(2)(a)
Sent: Monday, 15 December 2025 11:21 am
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Cc: s 9(2)(a) s 9(2)(a); s 9(2)(a) s 9(2)(a)
Subject: SL1 Houchens - FTAA Referral Engagement

Kia ora s 9(2)(a),

Further to our previous correspondence, please find attached an updated archaeological assessment, including the outcomes of the site visit.

Based on these findings and recommendations we seek to include an Archaeological Authority in the scope of the FTAA Referral application.

We would value a formal response from HNZPT that we can include as part of our supporting package for referral lodgement.

Any questions don't hesitate to give me a call.

Ngā mihi | Kind regards,

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Sent: Monday, 22 December 2025 8:09 AM
To: s 9(2)(a) s 9(2)(a)
Subject: FW: SL1 Houchens - FTAA Referral Engagement

Hi s 9(2)(a)

Just following up on this one, I see Rachel is out of the office, hopefully we can still obtain a letter reflecting HNZPT consultation prior to Referral lodgement, which will be early in the new year.

Many thanks,

Ngā mihi | Kind regards,

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Sent: Thursday, 8 January 2026 12:15 pm
To: s 9(2)(a) 9(2)(a)
Subject: Re: SL1 Houchens - FTAA Referral Engagement

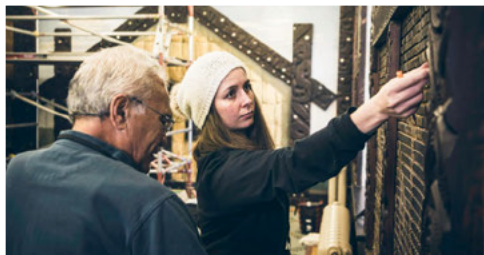
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sorry for delay - letter from HNZPT attached - HNZPT supports the findings of report.

Ngā mihi

Ben

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