

Appendix 6

Minutes of Pre-Hearing Engagement

Minutes of Meeting

File No:	PC53	Date:	2 Oct 19	Time:	1.00pm
Subject:	Combined Hapū Submission discussion				
Location:	WDC office	Minutes by:	Brenda O'Shaughnessy		

	Persons Present	Organisation
1	Naani Waitai, Hester den Ouden, Kirstin McDonald	Combined Hapū (Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi)
2	Mariana Waitai, Beryl Miller, Jill Sheehy	Combined Hapū (Te Runanga o Tupoho)
3	Hamish Lampp, Damien Wood, Johanna Verhoek, Brenda O'Shaughnessy	Whanganui District Council

Item	Discussion and Action	By Whom	By When
1	Karakia - Mariana opened the meeting.		
2	Hamish welcomed everyone and acknowledged significant opportunity provided in gathering everyone together to discuss the issues raised in the combined Hapū submission to PC53.		
3	Jill focused the group to a discussion on the recommendations at Section 19 of the Cultural Assessment report. Jill read each recommendation and these were discussed in turn. Damien Wood provided some context to the infrastructure issues and opportunities created with the Plan Change. Key points and outcomes are recorded below.		
4	Titoki Wetland is designated by HRC as a wetland and as such WDC is restricted in what activity it can undertake including works to enhance. Kirstin queried who looks after it now, noting that it is not in a good state. Damien acknowledged that this was not ideal. Brenda indicated that HRC was more likely to allow works to enhance the wetland if it was supported by Hapū and that could be an opportunity for the future.		
5	Karaka trees – Combined Hapū consider protecting remnants is important but finding opportunities to re- establish species should be a focus. Since the meeting Council Ecologist Melanya King has confirmed that the berries of karaka trees are poisonous to dogs and likely small children, so not recommended for public spaces or street planting as the fermented berries are most poisonous.		

6	<p>Ti trees are largely located in the large dune area where subdivision consent for residential development has already been granted.</p> <p>Discussion with the landowner could be undertaken to appreciate if it is possible to retain any of the existing trees.</p>		
7	<p>Street naming Hamish outlined the Council street naming policy requirements versus Council experience and expectation that developers demonstrate liaison with Hapū in seeking Council confirmation of proposed new street or place names.</p> <p>The decisions around naming of streets and public spaces is beyond the scope of both the Plan change and Notice of requirement processes, but Hamish confirmed that Council was committed to a collaborative approach.</p> <p>Hamish agreed to provide a copy of the Council policy to Combined Hapū.</p>	Hamish	End October
8	<p>Fish Passage - Damien detailed that the Healthy Streams project was established in 2012 as a joint Iwi/Council initiative. The project identifies potential opportunities to reconnect Lake Rotomokoia, Karamu Stream and Te Awa. It also provides the potential to connect Kokohuia and Titoki Wetlands. The Beach Road area provides opportunities for connection to the sea also. The existing system is otherwise connected via piped network through town.</p>		
9	<p>The proposed designation alignment represents the only location available for providing Stormwater servicing to the Springvale Structure Plan Area. The alignment is in a location that can accommodate future potential connectivity between wetlands and the Karamu Stream. It is the only design option to get sufficient gravity to enable fish passage. Council has allowed for culvert sizing to enable future installation of features for fish passage.</p> <p>The design does not physically connect to the designation route to Titoki Wetland. This is because HRC do not allow this. However fish will likely over time move between the retention pond area and adjacent Titoki Wetland.</p>		
10	<p>Mauri - Council indicated a willingness to consider use of the mauri-o meter or similar, as another tool in its toolkit for infrastructure design at Springvale.</p>		

11	<p>Open Water system Kirstin identified that the connection of waterways needs to be open, that this is best for the mauri of waterways and life that depend on it. This issue is a bottom line for the Hapū.</p> <p>Council has explored a number of open, closed and combination of options and concluded that there is insufficient space to create a fully open channel, due to the high water table.</p> <p>Options for some portions of the channel to be open were discussed. The channel close to Karamu Stream was identified as a possibility and this will be explored and confirmed for participants.</p> <p>The proposed stormwater infrastructure will enable future projects to achieve option for tuna to go upstream, although not exactly in the same location as the channel does not follow a natural flowpath and the channel will not be connected to any ecological area.</p>	Council	As part of detailed design
12	<p>Working Group for water and landscaping -Combined Hapū and Council agree that it would be useful to establish a working group to oversee the public landscaping and naming rights for the Structure Plan area. It was recognised that development may cause loss of some vegetation, though it could ultimately result in a net gain.</p>	Collective responsibility	Further discussion
13	<p>A site visit was set up for all participants to attend on 17th October at 3pm, subject to confirmation with landowner.</p>	confirmed	
14	<p>Mariana recorded that the Combined Hapū are looking to move forward in a collective positive and collaborative manner. It was identified that an agreed position prior to the Hearing, in relation to matters such as establishment of a working party and Council adding the mauri-o meter to its toolkit were positive steps.</p>		
15	<p>Karakia - Mariana Closed the meeting</p>		

Minutes of Meeting

File No:	PC53	Date:	24 Oct 19	Time:	10am
Subject:	Combined Hapū Submission discussion				
Location:	Simon St site visit	Minutes by:	Brenda O'Shaughnessy		

	Persons Present	Organisation
16	Naani Waitai, Kirstin McDonald	Combined Hapū (Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi)
17	Beryl Miller, Jill Sheehy	Combined Hapū (Te Runanga o Tupoho)
18	Hamish Lampp, Damien Wood, Johanna Verhoek, Brenda O'Shaughnessy, Kelsey Lough	Whanganui District Council

Item	Discussion and Action	By Whom	By When
19	Karakia		
20	Damien welcomed everyone the works currently occurring on the Simon Street site which has consent for residential density subdivision and development.		
21	Attendees viewed and discussed stormwater management areas and discussed the potential options for open water swale in southern parts of the Structure Plan area owned by Council. Key points and outcomes are recorded below.		
22	<p>The proposed designation alignment represents the only location available for providing Stormwater servicing to the Springvale Structure Plan Area. The alignment is in a location that can accommodate future potential connectivity between wetlands and the Karamu Steam. It is the only design option to get sufficient gravity to enable fish passage. Council has allowed for culvert sizing to enable future installation of features for fish passage.</p> <p>The design does not physically connect to the designation route to Titoki Wetland. This is because HRC do not allow this. However fish will likely over time move between the retention pond area and adjacent Titoki Wetland.</p>		
23	<p>Jill expressed concern about flood hazard for people building houses and living in this wetland area.</p> <p>Council officers explained that the infrastructure installed in each stage of the Structure Plan development, including those already completed has been and will be designed to mitigate such hazard potential. All existing houses were above the flood hazard line for a 1:200 year event.</p>		

Open Water system the Combined Hapū reiterated a wish for an open waterway/swale, as this is best for the mauri of waterways and life that depend on it.

Damien explained that the Council has explored a number of open, closed and combination of options and concluded that there is insufficient space to create a fully open channel, due to the high-water table.

The Combined Hapū asked to see those options so they could understand and explore the issue further.

Options for some portions of the channel to be open were discussed.

Damien agreed to provide cross section drawings to identify the look and scale of land required to achieve any form of open waterway. Refer to attached drawings.

Swale only alignment

The Combined Hapū raised the question about how the NOR can be changed to include a greater width, the attached drawings show what is required for the swale and not swale and road.

Damien noted that the open swale option does not include the road required between Fitzherbert Avenue and the wetland attenuation area, so this is just an open swale. The proposed completely open swale would encroach upon existing homes and approved development lots. It is likely to meet fierce opposition from the land owner/developers.

The section of open swale between Fox and Fitzherbert is shown in red hatching and is the minimum area required for an exclusively open swale. The alignment is restricted to just the location shown, alternative alignments are not possible due to topography and the minimum grade required for the swale. The existing NOR is shown hatched in blue and would still be required, but exclusively as a road corridor. This significantly reduces the amount of land available for residential development.

The swale only alignment directly affects several dwellings and may need to be increased to include the acquisition of the full property as the swale is immediately adjacent to the building footprint or touching the footprint.

On top of this we would require 20m width for Road.

 open space

 Fitzherbert Road - Fox to Fitzherbert

