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Attention: David Ward – Central Interceptor Project Manager

Dear David

RE: CENTRAL INTERCEPTOR MAIN PROJECT WORKS – LYON AVE

We write with reference to your letter dated 19th June 2013.

We have reviewed the information received from Watercare with respect to the above proposed site, proposed alternative site and construction access options being considered. We have also reviewed WaterCare's *Central Interceptor Main Project Works, Notice of Requirement 1* (August 2012) included with the notified Plan Modification 332 to the *Auckland Council Operative District Plan – Isthmus Section*.

In the absence of file or meeting notes confirming the Ministry's views from our site meeting of the 8th May 2012 and with reference to relevant planning documents such as the above District Plan (Isthmus Section) and the *Draft Auckland Unitary Plan*, the Ministry of Education considers that Option AS2 (proposed Lyon Ave site) as shown on maps AEE-MAIN-3.1 and AEE-MAIN-3.1, remains the preferred option with respect to construction and permanent works for the Central Interceptor.

The reasons for the Ministry's view are that:

- (i) The alternative option on the Mt Albert Grammar School (MAGS) bottom playing fields compromises a larger area of land than that of the preferred option which is specifically designated and required for the school's continued use.

In light of the *Auckland Plan* and the *Draft Unitary Plan*, the Ministry is currently considering the future growth options for this school site and other central city Auckland schools. The alternative option on the MAGs playing fields pre-empts any reasonable outcomes for the school and the Ministry in terms of accommodating future school population growth and therefore rolls.

- (ii) The Ministry are comfortable that with an appropriate mitigation plan and/or conditions of the Watercare NoR for replanting of the Roy Clements Treeway in consultation with the St Lukes Environmental Protection Society (SLEPS) and any other interested community groups; any temporary adverse effect on the Treeway will be minimised and/or avoided.

It is noted that the Treeway currently exists on Crown land used and designated for school purposes and that the Operative District Plan, does not provide any additional limitations or controls or specific protection of the Treeway (for example, through scheduling of any single or groups of trees).

Further, the confirmed conditions of the existing E06/24 Designation of the MAGS school require an Outline Plan of Works to be submitted prior to undertaking any works on or in the vicinity of notable trees on the site, which may or may not include trees and vegetation in the Treeway.

We trust these comments provided by the Ministry, sufficiently assists Watercare as per your letter of 19 June 2013.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions or queries.

Yours sincerely



Sandra Orr
Acting Regional Property Manager

Cc: Dale Burden, Mt Albert Grammar School

BPetersen (Belinda)

From: Anthea Morell <Anthea.Morell@minedu.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 3 September 2013 5:03 p.m.
To: BPetersen (Belinda)
Subject: RE: Central Interceptor project - works at proposed Lyon Avenue site

Hi Belinda,

I have spoken to the principal today. Our position is the same as the previous letter. The school and Ministry would not want to agree to a proposal which uses any of the school site except for the initial proposal and we do not want construction traffic using the school site for access. The "Fraser Thomas option" would have a considerable impact on the school operation and use of their playing fields in the short and long term. As I mentioned the school is experiencing significant roll growth so we need to retain all the playing fields. Do you want me to get another letter with this same information or is there something else you require?

Regards
Anthea

From: BPetersen (Belinda) [mailto:BPetersen@water.co.nz]
Sent: Tuesday, 3 September 2013 10:36 a.m.
To: Anthea Morell
Subject: FW: Central Interceptor project - works at proposed Lyon Avenue site

Hi Anthea,

Just wondering if you had the opportunity to look at this information yet?
I'll try calling you this afternoon to discuss.

Regards,
Belinda

From: BPetersen (Belinda)
Sent: Tuesday, 27 August 2013 3:32 p.m.
To: paheadmaster@mags.school.nz; dburden@mags.school.nz; anthea.morell@minedu.govt.nz
Cc: BChiam (Bernice); DWard (David)
Subject: Central Interceptor project - works at proposed Lyon Avenue site

Hello Dale and Anthea,

We met with you earlier this year and exchanged correspondence during June & July.

One of the main objectors to Watercare's proposed Lyon Avenue site, the St Lukes Gardens Apartments, has suggested another option in the MAGS playing fields. As a consequence, we now need to undertake further assessment of this option, including the effects of that option on school activities.

The background information is set out below. Apologies in advance for the length of this e-mail and the number of attachments. As you can appreciate, we would like to ensure that the potential effects of Watercare's works on school (and other) activities are properly considered – your input is a key component of this.

1. Watercare's proposed construction site layout for the "Lyon Avenue site" is shown on the attached Drawing Number AEE-MAIN-3.2 Issue D.
2. The resource consent hearing for the Central Interceptor project took place between 29 July and 13 August. Watercare presented evidence at the hearing explaining why the "Lyon Avenue site" is the preferred location for the works in this vicinity.

3. The hearing has not yet formally closed as the Commissioners have requested further information on the options in this vicinity – specifically, a further option involving works in MAGS.
4. This further option was suggested by the St Lukes Gardens Apartments. The option is shown on attached Drawing Number 32218/SK02 prepared by engineers Fraser Thomas.
5. The “Fraser Thomas option” is a variation of an option we previously discussed with you and reported on in a summary assessment table in May 2013 – attached.
6. The Commissioners have now asked for further information on the “Fraser Thomas option”. Their request for further information is attached. In particular, Item 4 (a) (iii) (c) on page 2 requests an assessment of “the potential for disruptions to school functioning under the MAGS option both during construction and long term ...”
7. Our engineers are now looking at the feasibility of this option and the technical issues associated with it.
8. In order to report back to the Commissioners, we would like to meet with MAGS and MOE if possible to discuss the “Fraser Thomas option”, the potential effects on the school, and potential options to mitigate those effects.

Please can you let me know if you are available to meet with us sometime over the next two weeks (preferably before 6 Sept) to discuss the project and the “Fraser Thomas option” in the MAGS playing fields. If this is not possible, an alternative would be for us to include (with your agreement) the 16 July letter from MoE in our report back to the Commissioners, along with any additional response you have on the new “Fraser Thomas option”.

Thanks again for your consideration of this.
We look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,
Belinda

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