

**IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991(RMA)**

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER of Private Plan Change 20 to the Waipa District Plan.**

**JOINT WITNESS STATEMENT (JWS) IN RELATION TO:**

**TRANSPORT and PLANNING (1)**

**10 February 2023**

Expert Conferencing Held on: 10 February 2023

Venue: Online

Independent Facilitator: Marlene Oliver

Admin Support: Sam Benson

**1 Attendance:**

**1.1** The list of participants is included in the schedule at the end of this Statement.

Note from the Independent Facilitator:

Waka Kotahi's Transport Expert (Duncan Tindall) was not available to attend this expert conferencing session because he is overseas. Therefore Sarah Loynes from Waka Kotahi is attending this session to observe and subsequently brief Duncan before the second expert conferencing session on transport scheduled for Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

**2 Basis of Attendance and Environment Court Practice Note 2023**

**2.1** All participants agree to the following:

- (a) The Environment Court Practice Note 2023 provides relevant guidance and protocols for the expert conferencing session;
- (b) They will comply with the relevant provisions of the Environment Court Practice Note 2023;
- (c) They will make themselves available to appear before the Panel;
- (d) This statement is to be filed with the Panel and posted on the Council's website.

### **3 Matters considered at Conferencing – Agenda and Outcomes**

#### **3.1 Modelling**

##### **3.1.1 Overview of Modelling and assumptions**

The transport experts agree that the use of the WRTM is an appropriate modelling methodology tool to use for PPC20. The modelling for PPC20 was based on several scenarios and most recently has been run again for a 2031 baseline scenario (with the 40 hectares of live zoned Airport Business Zone within the Northern Precinct).

James Tinnion-Morgan seeks clarification of the Sidra modelling outcomes specifically in relation to the queue and level of service of the State Highway 3 / Raynes Road intersection. This will be discussed at the next expert conference on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

##### **3.1.2 2031 Baseline Model – update**

Cameron Inder advised that in response to submissions and Waipa District Council feedback, that they have run another scenario of the WRTM using a 2031 Baseline that includes the 41 hectares of live zoned Airport Business Zone at Northern Precinct. This was run to better understand the level of effects occurring in 2031 with and without the development proposed by PPC20. These results will be presented to the expert conferencing session next week on the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

#### **3.2 Submission Matters**

##### **3.2.1 Staging of development and access infrastructure**

The planners and transport experts agree that the PPC20 upgrade provisions under Rule 10.4.2.13A should include a degree of flexibility to account for changes that are likely to occur in the future, including network and operator requirements. This should be achieved by strengthening the policy to enable deviation from the upgrades where its supported by an assessment and achieves the outcomes set out in the provisions. There should also be a resource consenting pathway that enables flexibility to adapt to changing circumstances. This could be as a Restricted Discretionary activity accompanied by appropriate matters of discretion and assessment criteria.

Julie Hansen and Andrew Carnell raised a concern to ensure that there are strong policy provisions relating to the provision of walking and cycling facilities, and public transport infrastructure.

Nick Grala will draft some planning provisions for discussion at expert conferencing on the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

##### **3.2.2 Walking and Cycling provisions**

- i. External connectivity (Northern Precinct to other Airport precincts)
- ii. Faiping Road walking and cycling path proposal
- iii. Internal walking and cycling – road x-sections

The transport experts and planners agree that there should be a walking and cycling connection between the Northern Precinct and the Peacocke Residential Growth Cell. This should be provided as part of the first stage of Northern Precinct being developed (noting the need for flexibility as outlined in Section 3.4.1).

Cameron Inder, Judith Makinson, Siva Balachandran, Andrew Carnell, Julie Hansen and Nick Grala consider that the Middle Road and Faiping Road route is the most preferable because it is direct, utilises existing public road and is cyclable. Cameron Inder, Siva Balachandran and Judith Makinson consider that Peacockes Road in its current state is suitable for cycling.

Cameron Inder, Siva Balachandran and Judith Makinson consider that for the interim period of the Peacocke Residential Growth Cell development, a walking and cycling path is suitable to finish at the Faiping Road/Peacockes Road intersection.

Alastair Black and Vinish Prakash consider that the walking and cycling connection should extend further into the Peacocke Residential Growth Cell (to the nearest formed footpath). Nick Grala and Nick Williamson consider that it is problematic, if not impossible for PPC20 to include provisions that apply or restrict land outside of the Waipa District boundary (noting that Peacocke Road is the boundary between Hamilton City and Waipa District). Nick Grala, Denzil Govender and Alastair Black agree that cross-boundary connections could be addressed via a development agreement between applicants, Hamilton City and Waipa District.

The planners and transport experts agree that Rule 10.4.2.13A proposed under PPC20 should be amended to provide additional flexibility on the route taken between the Northern Precinct and Peacocke Road (being the Waipa District boundary). The rule table should be amended as follows (addition in **bold green**):

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**Construction of new walking and cycling shared path connecting Peacocke Road to the Northern Precinct via Middle Road and Faiping Road or a suitable alternative.**

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The planners and transport experts agree that it is appropriate for the Airport Business zone Structure Plan to include walking and cycling connections between the precincts.

Cameron Inder will provide an updated version of the internal walking and cycling cross sections within the Northern Precinct for feedback in time for the next expert conferencing session on Wednesday 15 February 2023.

All experts agree that at this point in time there are no other outstanding issues in relation to walking and cycling.

### **3.2.3 Provisions enabling Public Transport**

The experts agree that the current Waipa District Plan includes some provision for public transport in relation to the Airport Business Zone including Policy 10.3.1.1 and the principle S.10.3.7 and S.10.3.8 within Appendix 10.

Nick Grala and Cameron Inder will review the PPC20 provisions to consider whether any additional wording is necessary to clarify enabling public transport and report back to the expert conference before Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

### **The following Items will be considered at the next Transport and Planning Expert Conference on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

#### **3.2.4 Raynes / Access 2**

- i. Restricted movement intersection proposal (pre-southern links)
- ii. All movements post-southern links

- 3.2.5 Review of JWS Transport and Planning (10 February 2023) by Duncan Tindall**
- 3.2.6 Peacocke Growth Cell traffic through SH21 / Raynes and SH3 / Raynes intersections**
- 3.2.7 Ingram Road / SH3 Intersection**
- 3.2.8 Future road connection to Southern Links central interchange**
- 3.2.9 Tabby Tiger 32 Hectares Connected Thinking**
- 3.2.10 End of Journey Facilities and Electric Vehicle Charging Facilities**

#### **4 PARTICIPANTS TO JOINT WITNESS STATEMENT**

- 4.1 The participants to this Joint Witness Statement, as listed below, confirm that:
- (a) They agree that the outcome(s) of the expert conferencing are as recorded in this statement; and
  - (b) They have read the Environment Court’s Practice Note 2023 and agree to comply with it; and
  - (c) The matters addressed in this statement are within their area of expertise; and
  - (d) As this session was held online, in the interests of efficiency, it was agreed that each expert would verbally confirm their position to the Independent Facilitator and this is recorded in the schedule below.

#### **Confirmed online 10 February 2023**

<b>EXPERT’S NAME &amp; EXPERTISE</b>	<b>PARTY</b>	<b>EXPERT’S CONFIRMATION REFER PARA 4.1</b>
Nick Williamson (P)	Waipa District Council	Yes
Julie Hansen (P)	Waikato Regional Council	Yes
Alastair Black (T)	Hamilton City Council	Yes
Denzil Govender (P)	Hamilton City Council	Yes
Vinish Prakash (T)	Hamilton City Council	Yes
Judith Makinson (T)	Tabby Tiger Ltd	Yes
Mark Chrisp (P)	Tabby Tiger Ltd	Yes
Nick Grala (P)	TPL and RPL	Yes
Cameron Inder (T)	TPL and RPL	Yes
Siva Balachandran (T)	TPL and RPL	Yes
James Tinnion-Morgan (T)	Waipa District Council	Yes
Andrew Carnell (T)	Waipa District Council	Yes
Sarah Loynes (T) - observer	Waka Kotahi	N/A
Emily Hunt (P)	Waka Kotahi	Yes