

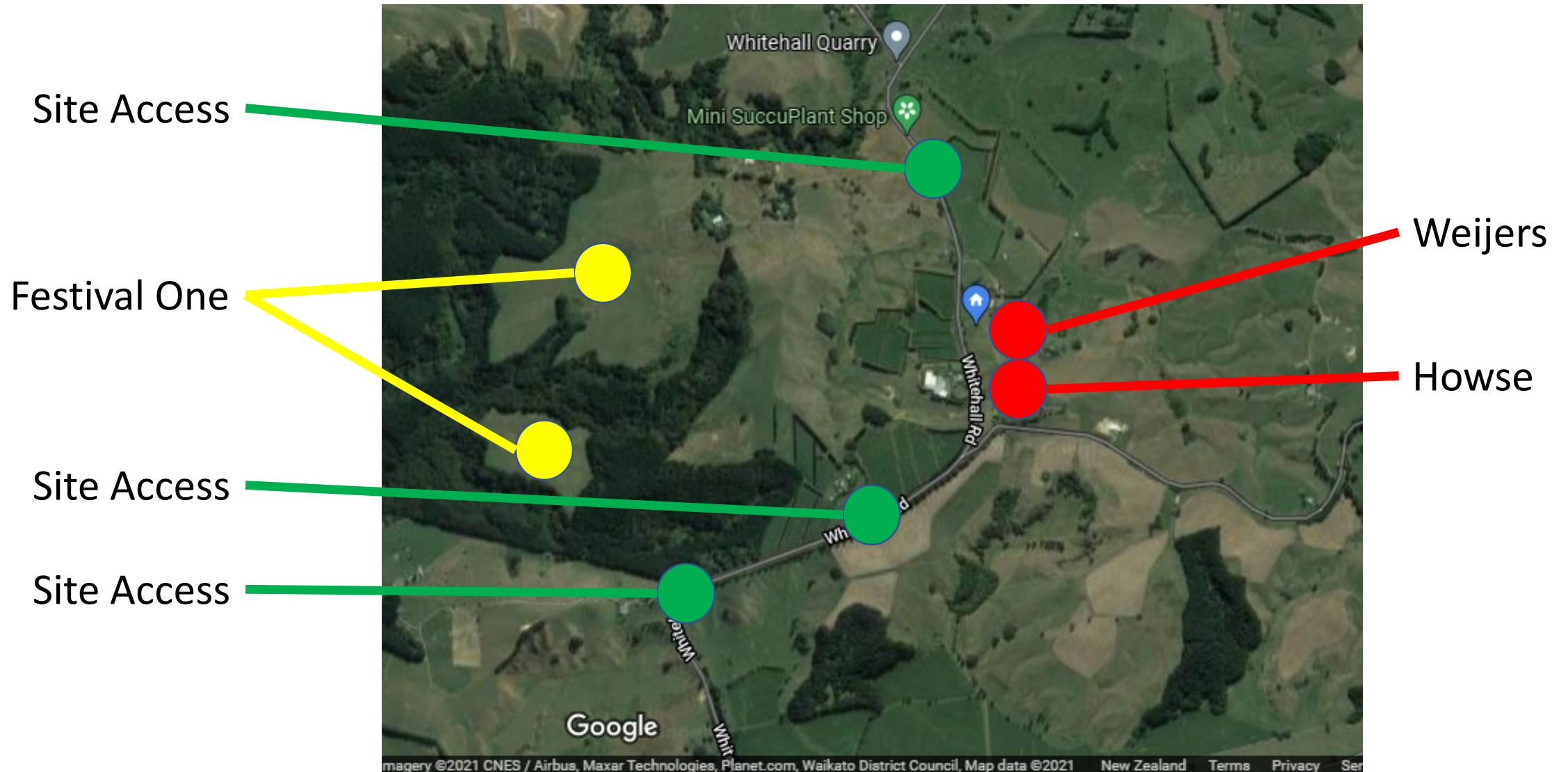
Resource Consent Hearing Festival One Ltd

Submission from

Steve & Louise Howse – 178 Whitehall Road

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Our Homes Are Close To The Proposed Venue



Thank You For Opportunity To Present

- We have provided a 2 page letter which covers our points.
- We acknowledge that its perfectly reasonable for Mark & Robyn Gardner to host events on their property which fit with the District Plan.
- We also acknowledge the investment of time and money that has gone into addressing matters raised in 2020 when the application was first made – by both Festival One Ltd and also the Gardners.

Festival One Is Not A Rural Activity That Needs To Take Place At This Location

- We understand the attraction of doing so for the organisers.
- The introduction of an event designed to bring 12,000 people to the Whitehall valley is a major deviation from the norm, and well outside what is permitted under the District Plan.
- There are other large event venues in the District, and in the Region, which are able to be used.
- There is no compelling requirement to allow for such a major deviation from the District Plan.

In The Event That The Hearings Panel Grants Consent ...

We ask that you give consideration to the following items when setting conditions:

1. Consent be for a maximum of 5 years, which is consistent with prior consents for the event to take place at Mystery Creek.
2. The requirements for an annual review of the event be strengthened.
3. That a condition is included which ensures that this is the only event that can take place at this venue in any year that exceeds what is permitted under the District Plan.

1. Maximum Consent Term Of 5 Years

Refer to Section 4 of the Regulatory Hearing Report, and also Appendix 8 – Draft Conditions (Condition 3).

- Festival One (and its predecessor Parachute Music Festival) has previously been granted Resource Consent to be held at Mystery Creek for 5 year periods.
- Mystery Creek is an established large event venue – the proposed Whitehall location is not.
- We believe that the consent should not be issued for a longer term than that which applied at Mystery Creek.

Strengthen Annual Review

Refer to Appendix 8 of the Regulatory Hearing Report – Draft Conditions (Condition 38).

- A Community Liaison Meeting is proposed, which is appreciated.
- We would like to see that meeting independently lead, and for it to be required to present results of all monitoring undertaken in relation to consent conditions (traffic, noise, security, etc).
- That a report of the meeting be prepared by an independent 3rd party, with a requirement that it be distributed within 20 working days of the meeting to community members and the Waipa District Council.

Only Event Of Its Kind At The Venue

- We support the right of any property owner to host events that fall within the District Plan, and have no issue with this being the case for this property.
- However, this event is far from that. We do not want to see this venue becoming a de-facto large event venue – this would happen if further large events were also consented to take place here.
- We ask that there be a condition included which means this event can only take place if it is the only event taking place on the property which does not comply with criteria in the District Plan.

Thank You

- We appreciate the opportunity to address the Hearings Panel today.