

WAIPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

Land use consent application, 582 Parallel Road, Cambridge, LU/0147/22

NO.6: MINUTE OF COMMISSIONER ALAN WITHY

Dated 21 November 2022

1. The purpose of this MINUTE is to make further administrative directions.
2. A land use consent application lodged by Kiwifruit Investments Limited (the Applicant) to continue developing a kiwifruit block at 582 Parallel Road was scheduled to be heard by me on Thursday 20 October 2022.
3. Council has subsequently received a second application from the same Applicant and the Commissioner has been invited to determine both applications together.
4. The original s42A Report prepared by a staff member is no longer in Council employ; therefore the Addendum and s42A report for the second application has been prepared by independent Consultant Planner Ms Louis Cowan.
5. During consideration of that Addendum and s42A report for the second application it has been revealed that there is further information that was unavailable to her when she wrote her Report.
6. That further information relates to conflicting expert opinions regarding the likely heights to which certain shelterbelt species may grow.
7. It is now necessary for Ms Cowan to consider and report on that further information with an assessment from a suitable expert; it is noted that Council has an in-house arborist who may be able to assist.
8. The Commissioner therefore directs a further Addendum to the s42A Report be prepared and circulated to the parties (with such expert advice as she considers appropriate); before he proceeds to determine what notification if any, may be required; and before he considers the two applications themselves.



Alan Withy
Independent RMA Commissioner
21 November 2022