

24 May 2021

Napier City Council
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Attention: Hearing Commissioners

Dear Commissioners

RESOURCE CONSENT RMS19006 AT 16 AND 38 WILLOWBANK AVENUE, TE AWA, NAPIER

The Regional Council is unable to attend the hearing scheduled for 26 May 2020 and requests that in lieu of attendance, this letter be tabled for the Hearing Commissioners' consideration.

Hawke's Bay Regional Council (the Regional Council) lodged a submission on the proposed development at 16 and 38 Willowbank Avenue, Te Awa, Napier. Of particular concern to the Regional Council was the application's silence on how the significant risk of tsunami could be avoided or mitigated. Myself and Lisa Pearse (Team Leader – Hazard Reduction, Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management) consider that the gated nature of the proposal compounds the risk of tsunami by restricting residents' ability to evacuate efficiently in the event of a tsunami. We met with the applicant to discuss our submission and work together to find a mutually acceptable solution.

One of the solutions was the recommendation of consent conditions related to the development, maintenance and practicing of an Emergency / Hazard Management Plan (E/HMP). The Regional Council indicated that we would not seek to be heard at a hearing if the consent conditions were adopted (this is also noted in the evidence of Mr Holder at paragraphs 10.3ff).

The Regional Council continues to support the recommended consent conditions included under clause 8.0 Emergency / Hazard Management Plan (E/HMP) included in Appendix 17 of the Officer's report with the following amendment in red strikeout:

8.3 The consent holder shall upload all geotechnical data to the New Zealand Geotechnical Database www.nzgd.org.nz ~~Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Hazard Portal~~.

I note that the proposed conditions included in Mr Holder's evidence do not quite match those presented in the Officer's report. For clarity, I confirm that I support the conditions as proposed by the Officer's report in relation to E/HMP requirements.

I wish to emphasise the importance of not only having an E/HMP, but making sure the plan is reviewed and updated regularly, and that residents and staff receive annual training. These additional steps ensure that the plan is widely known and understood. This is crucial to ensuring the plan is effectively implemented in an emergency event.

Should you have any queries or seek clarification on the above, please contact me on the details below.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E. Robotham', written in a cursive style.

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