

HUTT CITY COUNCIL
RM220088
LAND USE CONSENT – DIGITAL BILLBOARD
47 THE ESPLANADE, PETONE
MINUTE 2 OF THE HEARING PANEL

Introduction

1. Since the circulation of our first Minute in early April, the Panel has turned its focus to reading the submissions received on this proposal and – more recently – the reports¹ prepared on behalf of the Hutt City Council (**the Council**) under Section 42A of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**).
2. As we continue our preparations for next month's hearing, we wish to make two requests to assist our understanding of the proposal and related matters.
3. The general purpose of this second Minute is to formally make those requests, which relate to:
 - (a) a visual aid for our first site visit; and
 - (b) information requests from the Council.
4. As noted in Minute 1, we may issue additional minutes with further requests and instructions, before, during and/or after the hearing.

Visual aid for site visit

5. At this stage, we intend to conduct our first site visit early during the week of 10 June.
6. To enhance our understanding of the proposal, it would assist us if the applicant would arrange for a temporary height marker to be erected in the general location of the proposed signage.
7. The marker can simply be a post, pole or other temporary structure that provides an indication of the maximum height of the signage as proposed. It does not need to mimic either the portrait or landscape dimensioning of the proposed signage options – and rather is to be a simple reference point to assist with our orientation as we navigate the site and vicinity.
8. Our preference is that the marker is in place from the morning of Monday 10 June through to the end of the following week if that is possible. Failing that, our secondary preference would be for the marker to be in place for 24 hours starting from the morning of 10 June. We appreciate that there may be operational, safety or other limitations to consider, and we will be led by the applicant in that regard.

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9. In the first instance, we ask that the applicant provides a response to us as to its ability to accommodate the request above. The response should be provided to Mr Williams (Clark.Williams@huttcity.govt.nz) by **midday on Friday 31 May**.

Information request

10. The Section 42A Reports reference other signage on the site and in the local area, including a v-shaped, double-sided digital billboard at 4 Hutt Road, and pylon signs for the Bunnings Warehouse and Waitomo petrol station located on The Esplanade. We understand from the reports that all three of these signs required resource consent prior to being installed.
11. Submissions on this proposal have raised matters of precedence, District Plan integrity and cumulative effects, which are related considerations.
12. To assist our understanding of all the above matters, we request that the Council provide copies of its decisions under Section 95 and 104 of the RMA in relation to the abovementioned signage.
13. We ask that the Council supply these documents to us by **midday on Wednesday 5 June**.
14. The Panel's interest in these decisions is contextual only, and we note the proposal before us will be assessed on its own merits.

Next Steps

15. We request that the applicant and Council respond to the above matters by the respective dates indicated.
16. We are aware also that the Council intends to issue its formal notice of hearing presently and will be making further arrangements with the applicant and submitters for hearing presentations following that.



J C Jones (Chair)
On behalf of the Hearing Panel

28 May 2024