

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of Christchurch City Council
Proposed Private Plan Change 10: Partial
removal of Meadowlands Exemplar
Overlay, North Halswell

**Minute #1 of Independent Hearing Commissioner
Proposed Private Plan Change 10: Partial removal of Meadowlands Exemplar
Overlay, North Halswell**

Pursuant to section 34(A)(1) of the Resource Management Act 1991 (the Act), I have been given delegated authority from Christchurch City Council to consider the above Plan Change and the submission received. A hearing has been scheduled to assist in making a recommendation to the Council on the Plan Change.

Hearing details:

Location: Committee Room 2, Level 2 Civic Offices, 53 Hereford Street, Christchurch
Date: Wednesday 11 May 2022
Time: 9.30am start

1. Submission of Expert Evidence:

The Act sets out procedures for the pre exchange of evidence. This is now a requirement for all expert evidence at hearings. The following is the timeline for the submission of this evidence:

Council evidence

A copy of the planning officer's recommendation report and any expert evidence prepared by Council officers must be provided to the plan change proponent and the submitter 15 working days before the hearing (s42A(3)(a) of the Act) To take into account Anzac Day this should be no later than **5pm Tuesday 19th April 2022**.

Plan Change Proponents Evidence

Any expert evidence prepared by the plan change proponent must be provided to submitters 10 working days before the hearing (s41B(2) of the Act). To take into account the Anzac Day holiday this should be no later than **5pm Wednesday 27th April 2022**.

Submitters' evidence

A person who has made a submission and who is intending to call expert evidence must provide briefs of this evidence to the Council and the plan change proponent at least 5 working days before the hearing (s41B(4)). This would be no later than **4pm Wednesday 4th May 2022**.

Non-expert evidence (including submitter lay evidence and legal submissions) should be tabled and read aloud on the day that the relevant party appears at the hearing.

2. Viewing evidence:

The Council is required to make all briefs of evidence available at its offices as follows:

- the Council's evidence, to the Plan Change proponent and to any person who made a submission and stated a wish to be heard;
- the Plan Change proponents' evidence to any person who made a submission
- any submitter's evidence, to any other person who made a submission.

To meet this requirement, a copy of the Council planner's recommendation report and any associated expert reports, and any evidence provided by the plan change proponent and submitters will be made available at the Council offices at the timeframes set out above. In addition all parties will be sent an electronic link to the evidence submitted.

3. The Hearing:

A useful guide to the conduct of hearings can be found at:

<http://www.mfe.govt.nz/publications/rma/everyday-guide-rma-appearing-council-resource-consent-hearing>.

Pursuant to s41C(1) of the RMA, I direct that in respect of expert evidence pre-circulated in accordance with these Directions, the hearing will be conducted in the following manner:

- The section 42A report(s) and all pre-circulated evidence will be taken as read;
- The plan change proponent and the submitter that have provided the pre-circulated evidence are to call the witness in person;
- The witness should be introduced and asked to confirm his or her qualifications and experience;
- The witness should be asked to confirm the matters of fact and opinion contained in the brief of evidence;
- The witness will then be given an opportunity to draw to my attention the key points in the brief. No new evidence shall be introduced, unless it is specifically in response to matters raised in other pre-circulated briefs of evidence supplied by another party – in such cases the new evidence shall be presented in written form as an Addendum to the primary brief of evidence and it may be verbally presented by the witness.
- I may then question the witness.

4. Site visit

I will be undertaking a site visit prior to the hearing commencing and will do so unaccompanied by any other parties. I may undertake further site visits after the hearing.

5. Correspondence

Any correspondence with me should be directed through the City Plan Darren Both via planchange@ccc.govt.nz and I will endeavour to respond as soon as I can.

The hearing is a formal semi-judicial process, but will be conducted as informally as possible, consistent with the procedures specified in the Resource Management Act 1991 (the Act). All parties will have a fair and reasonable opportunity to present their submissions.

A hearing coordinator from the Council will be in touch with all parties who wish to present at the hearing to ascertain times for the presentation. This is in order that scheduling can occur and that we make the most efficient use of everyone's time.



Lindsay Daysh

Independent Commissioner for
Christchurch City Council

Dated: 06 April 2022