

**MINUTES FOR A HEARING BY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT
WAITAKERE CENTRAL, 6 HENDERSON VALLEY ROAD, HENDERSON, WAITAKERE,
ON TUESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2008 COMMENCING AT 9.30 AM**

PRESENT: Commissioners: Cr VS Neeson, JP (Chairman)
Cr LA Cooper, JP
Cr WW Flaunty, QSO, JP

IN ATTENDANCE: Group Manager: Community Service and Planning
Senior Resource Planner: S Bury
Committee Secretary: M Petherick

**1 NOTIFIED APPLICATION FOR RESOURCE CONSENT UNDER SECTION 88 OF THE
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991 BY NEW ZEALAND FIRE SERVICE TO
ESTABLISH A FIRE STATION AT 297-299 TE ATATU ROAD, AND 1 COVIL AVENUE,
TE ATATU SOUTH**

9.30 am The Commissioner Chairman Cr Neeson opened the Hearing introduced the panel of Commissioners Crs Linda Cooper and Warren Flaunty, Council officers present and asked the Applicant to introduce the presenters for the Applicant. Submitters intending to present evidence were also asked to introduce themselves.

The Chairman outlined the nature of the application and the proceedings for the Hearing.

The Chairman asked the panel of Commissioners if there were any conflicts of interest. The Commissioners advised that they had no conflicts of interest.

(Track No: 65) (Track Duration: 00:04:03)

9.34 am Stephen Quinn (Counsel for the applicant) gave an opening address and presented evidence.

(Track No: 66) (Track Duration: 00:17:57)

9.52 am Murray Binning Assistant Regional Fire Commander, New Zealand Fire Service (for the applicant) presented evidence and responded to questions from Commissioners Neeson, Cooper and Flaunty.

(Track No: 67) (Track Duration: 00:31:30)

10.24 am Jonathan Hawksworth Architect, Davis Hawksworth Architects Limited (for the applicant) presented evidence.

(Track No: 68) (Track Duration: 00:15:07)

10.40 am Stephen Neate Landscape Architect (for the applicant) presented evidence and responded to questions from Commissioner Cooper.

(Track No: 69) (Track Duration: 00:12:18)

10.52 am Andrew Congalton Environmental and Civil Engineer, Engineering Design Consultants Limited (EDC Ltd) (for the applicant) presented evidence and responded to questions from Commissioner Flaunty.

(Track No: 70) (Track Duration: 00:10:53)

- 11.03 am Murray Binning Assistant Regional Fire Commander (for the applicant) responded to questions from Commissioner Flaunty regarding the usage of sirens on Fire Appliances. Commissioner Cooper clarified that usage of sirens is at the discretion of the Fire officers. Murray Binning also clarified that sirens are mainly used when the Fire Appliances are on the road to warn traffic.
(Track No: 71) (Track Duration: 00:01:13)

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cr Neeson adjourned the meeting for 15 minutes.

- 11.04 am The meeting adjourned.
- 11.21 am The meeting reconvened.
- 11.23 am Geoffrey Brown Traffic Engineer (for the applicant) presented evidence and responded to questions from Commissioners Neeson, Cooper and Flaunty.
(Track No: 72) (Track Duration: 00:28:23)
- 11.51 am Nevil Hegley Acoustic Engineer, Hegley Acoustic Consultants (for the applicant) provided evidence and responded to questions from Commissioners Cooper and Flaunty. Commissioner Cooper asked for clarification on noise levels in relation to District Plan Rule 1.1.
(Track No: 73) (Track Duration: 00:21:34)
- 12.13 pm James Hook Planner, Meridian Planning Consultants Limited (for the applicant) provided evidence and responded to questions from Commissioners Cooper and Flaunty.
(Track No: 75) (Track Duration: 00:33:37)
- 12.46 pm Evidence by the Applicant concluded.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cr Neeson adjourned the meeting for 30 minutes.

- 12.47 pm The meeting adjourned.
- 1.22 pm The meeting reconvened.
- 1.23 pm Noel Lawton submitter (in opposition to application) presented evidence and responded to questions from Commissioners Neeson and Cooper.

Council's Senior Resource Planner clarified for Commissioner Neeson the height of the front of the proposed building.
(Track No: 76) (Track Duration: 00:10:41)
- 1.34 pm Kevin Lamb submitter (in opposition to application) presented evidence and responded to questions from Commissioner Cooper.
(Track No: 77) (Track Duration: 00:05:34)
- 1.40 pm De Luo submitter (in opposition to application) presented evidence and responded to questions from Commissioners Neeson and Flaunty.
(Track No: 78) (Track Duration: 00:32:45)

- 2.13 pm Neven Barbour submitter (in opposition to application) presented evidence and responded to questions from Commissioner Cooper.
(Track No: 79) (Track Duration: 00:08:48)
- 2.22 pm Presentation of evidence by submitters concluded.
- 2.23 pm Council's Senior Resource Planner clarified acoustics conditions and agreed to the suggested acoustic condition changes.
- Council's Traffic Officer responded to questions from Commissioner Flaunty around the repositioning of the traffic lights at Covil and Te Atatu Roads and traffic at peak times. Commissioner Cooper asked for clarification and timeframes of road widening for this area.
(Track No: 80) (Track Duration: 00:07:14)
- 2.31 pm Stephen Quinn (Counsel for the applicant) gave the right of reply.
- 2.41 pm Commissioner Neeson invited Murray Binning Assistant Regional Fire Commander (on behalf of the applicant) to come forward and respond to questions from Commissioners Cooper and Flaunty regarding existing Fire Stations on busy arterial roads, noise from fire engines leaving the station and bulkhead lighting.
- 2.48 pm Stephen Quinn (Counsel for the applicant) continued to give the right of reply and responded to questions from Commissioner Cooper regarding the consultation process that the New Zealand Fire Service followed.
(Track No: 82) (Track Duration: 00:30:46)
- 3.03 pm Commissioner Neeson thanked everyone for their attendance and advised that the Commissioners would be reserving their decision, closed the Hearing and informed all parties that they would be notified of the decision within 15 working days.
- Note:** The decision has now been signed off by the Chairman. If a copy of this decision is required please telephone the Committee Secretary on 836 8000 ext: 8820.