

Our ref: 20098

16 November 2021

Laura Buttimore c/- New Plymouth District Council Private Bag 2025 New Plymouth

Application Ref: SUB21/47781,

Dear Laura,

REQUEST FOR MORE FURTHER INFORMATION – LEITH ROAD, OKATO

Thank you for your emails of 31 August, 16 and 21 September requesting further information based on your "concerns/inadequacies" with our application and s92 response of 15 August. Our apologies for the length of time it has taken to prepare and provide this response however, you did specifically request a <u>full</u> response in your email dated 7 October.

Please find enclosed our responses to your "concerns" with regards to SUB21/47781 Subdivision resource consent application for Leith Road – Okato.

1.0 Building Platform Locations.

"The site appears to be undulating in nature there needs to be some consideration to building platform locations on the vacant lots so we can gauge the potential visibility of buildings and their potential effects on the wider environment. In the absence of defined building platform locations a more conservative assessment will need to be made on potential effects".

From your above comments, the concern behind the basis for the requirement for building platforms to be identified appears to be driven from the potential visibility of future residential development of the lots. However, when put in context of the permitted baseline for buildings and structures that could be located on the sites 'as of right' within the Rural zone (Rule Rur9 – Habitable Buildings and Rule Rur 10 – Other Buildings), the effects of the future dwellings would be considered to result in visibility effects of a lesser impact than that provided for in the permitted baseline.

Given that this is the permitted right of the applicant under the operable rules and the proposal also offers mitigation measures of future residential development of the lots to include dwelling construction in muted tones and of non-reflective material. These mitigation measures would further reduce the visibility of the proposed structures in comparison to that of a larger agricultural shed that is permitted by right.

While it is acknowledged that residential activities and rural/agricultural activities generate different effects, the comments in the s92 response only relate to visual impact.

It is considered that the visual effects from the proposal are able to be mitigated to an acceptable level by the measures detailed within Section 7, Mitigation, Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment 25 July 2021 prepared by Richard Bain of Blue Marble Consulting and provided with the s92 response of 15 August 2021. As such the applicant would not be adverse to the utilisation of these recommendations as consent conditions.

The imposition of defining the exact location of the building platforms on the proposed lots is considered onerous due to the size of the lots being proposed and the multiple places a purchaser may wish to position their future dwelling upon said lots.

2.0 No Build Areas.

"No build areas could also be considered on high knoll features across the site, not just the one identified on Lot 2/3 by the LVIA".

The addition of no-build areas on high knoll features is not considered to be warranted in this circumstance. There are limited positions where a dwelling would be able to located on knolls and the effects of any potential future development are not considered to be such that this requirement is justified.

Similar to Point 1, there is the potential for development of buildings to occur on these knolls currently. If in the event, future residential development was to occur on one of these knolls, the potential visual impact on the surrounding residential environment would be relatively minor when compared with that of the permitted baseline.

The requirement for no-build areas does not seem to be supported by the assessment provided as the effects are able to be mitigated and remedied to an acceptable level. Therefore, any such requirement is not considered to be supported by the RMA as it is not considered to be 'fair, reasonable and practical' to require such a condition.

3.0 Vehicle Access Points.

"Identification of vehicle access points for Lots 2 and 3 – consideration of dual access or avoidance of access going through knoll and earthworks being necessary".

It is the intent that the vehicle access points would be at an appropriate point to allow safe entry and exit and has never been planned to go through the knoll. On review, it can be seen that this was not explicitly stated however Fig 26, page 18 of the initial application (shown below) mentions the potential for this to occur.



Fig 26: View of lot 5 vehicle access point and driveway. Lot 2 to right of hedge potential exists for utilising right hand white fencing as an accessway for Lot 2. Image courtesy of Google Maps January 2014.

Therefore, it is proposed the vehicle entrance point for Lot 2 and 5, as shown above, will be upgraded to a formed double vehicle crossing to the standards stipulated in NPDC ODP 2015 Appendix 22.2A.

Access to Lot 5 will be via the route of the existing accessway shown above while Lot 2 will be through the gap created by the removal of the white fence railing to the right of the existing Lot 5 shown in the above image thus removing the need for extensive earthworks as inferred by your query.

Access to Lot 3 will nominally be through the formed gateway shown in the image below. However, there may not be sufficient site distance for this to occur so it may be more practically located at the eastern extremity of the allotment thus increasing site distances and therefore safety. In either case this will remove the need for extensive earthworks as inferred by your query.



4.0 Reconfiguration of layout.

"Consideration of reconfiguring the layout and design of the allotments to create more sympathetic design to the existing environment".

I refer you to "Section 2.0 Options Analysis' of our s92 response of 15 August 2021.

"Other considerations for lot configurations were not considered due to the topography, previous developments in the area and that NPDC Design Guidelines for Rural Subdivisions were utilised as a guide, particularly Part 2. I refer you to Page 15 Allotment Placement, Rolling Land:

"Look for oppotunities to cluster around existing development..." "Minimise the effect of development by avoiding spreading houses along roads and ridges as this can reduce spaciousness."

Hence the proposed design, use of the topography and existing Lots 4 and 5 dwellings is appropriate for the proposed building sites."

As previously discussed verbally, the above NPDC Design Guidelines are a published document by Council and are therefore applicable in this instance. While some may consider these "out of date" like the ODP and its Appendices, it is still the published document of NPDC and therefore it is expected that this is deemed the accepted publication to be utilised. To suggest an independent opinion overrides this publication without following due public consultation process is somewhat folly and unacceptable to the applicant.

5.0 Lot 5 Vegetation.

"Protection of the existing vegetation around the dwelling on Lot 5 and or replacement of it if necessary".

The applicant would not be adverse to this as a consent condition.

6.0 Lot 5 Vegetation.

"Protection of the paddocks on Lot 5 road frontage to be retained as open pasture eg – no buildings".

The applicant would possibly consider this as a consent condition, although it should be noted that a future purchaser should have the right to construct an amenity shed as per a "Permitted Activity" within the Rural Zone and not be constrained by a consent condition which is outside the permitted baseline of effects.

7.0 Notification Decision.

"alternatively I can just draft a notification decision which will definitely include some adjacent landowners as affected parties and may be subject to public notification".

All adjacent landowners have discussed and reviewed the proposal with the applicant and provided their signed agreement. As the owners of No's 19, 43 and 94 Leith Road have provided their written approval, all effects on them may be disregarded and as such no assessment of effects on these people may be undertaken.

Yours faithfully,

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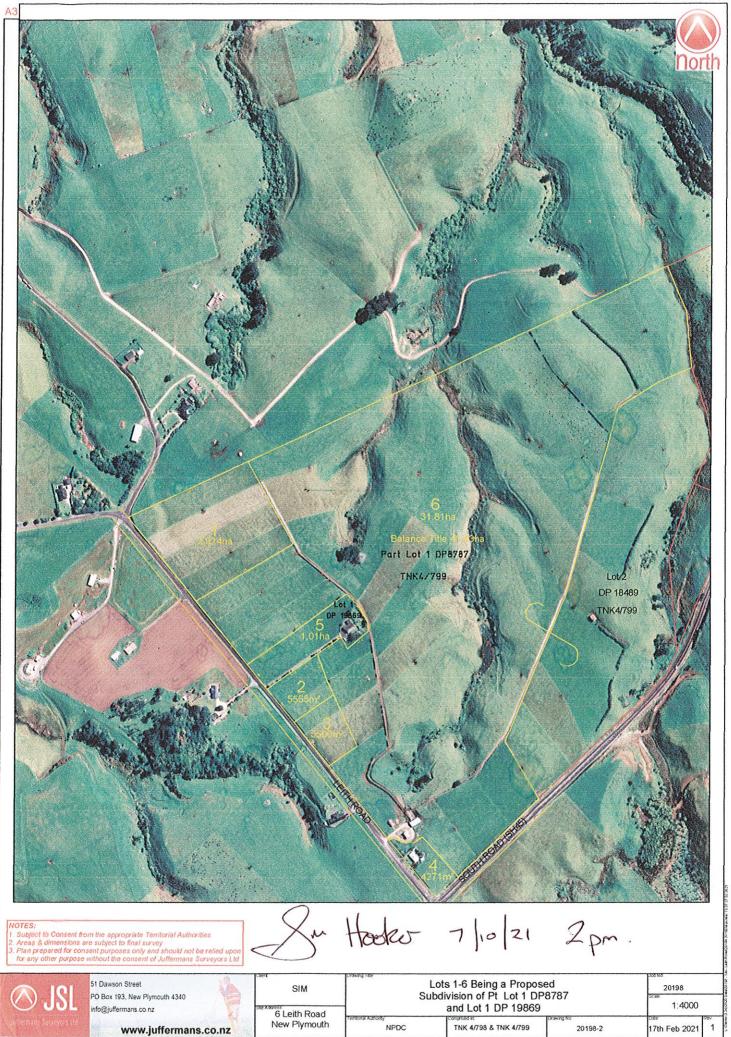
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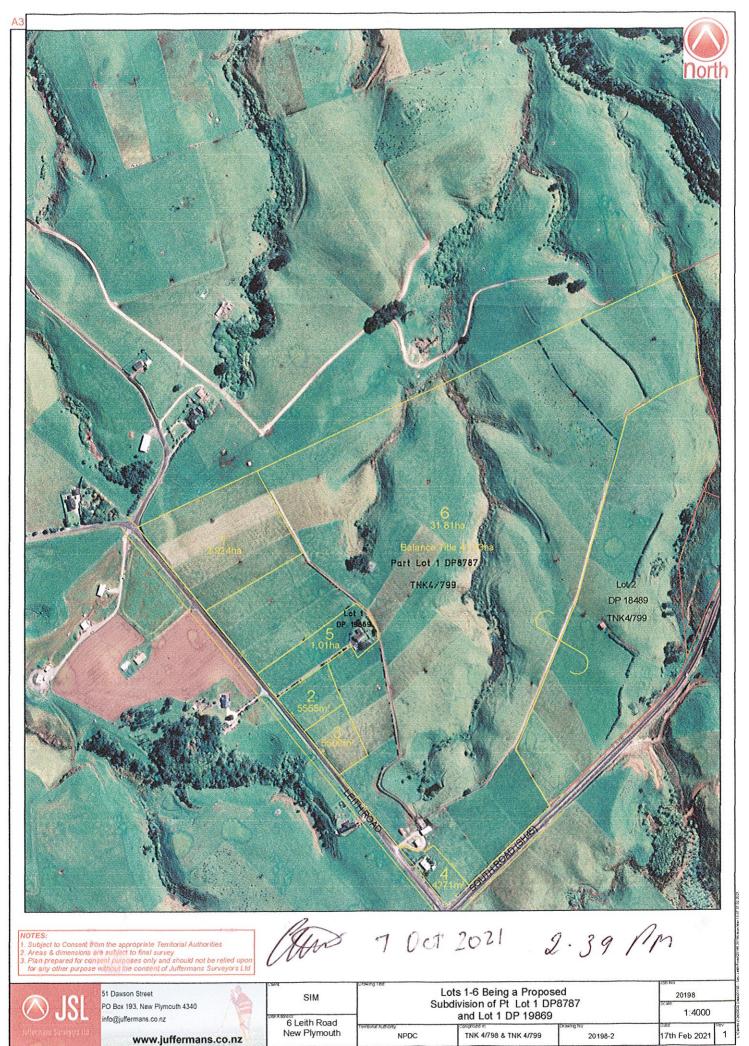
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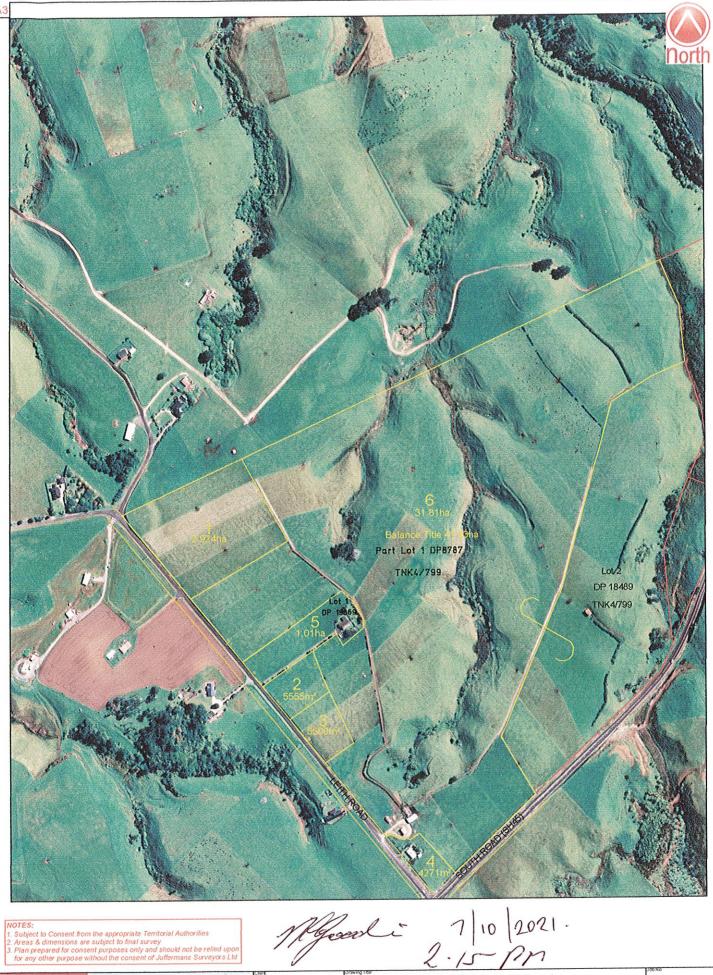
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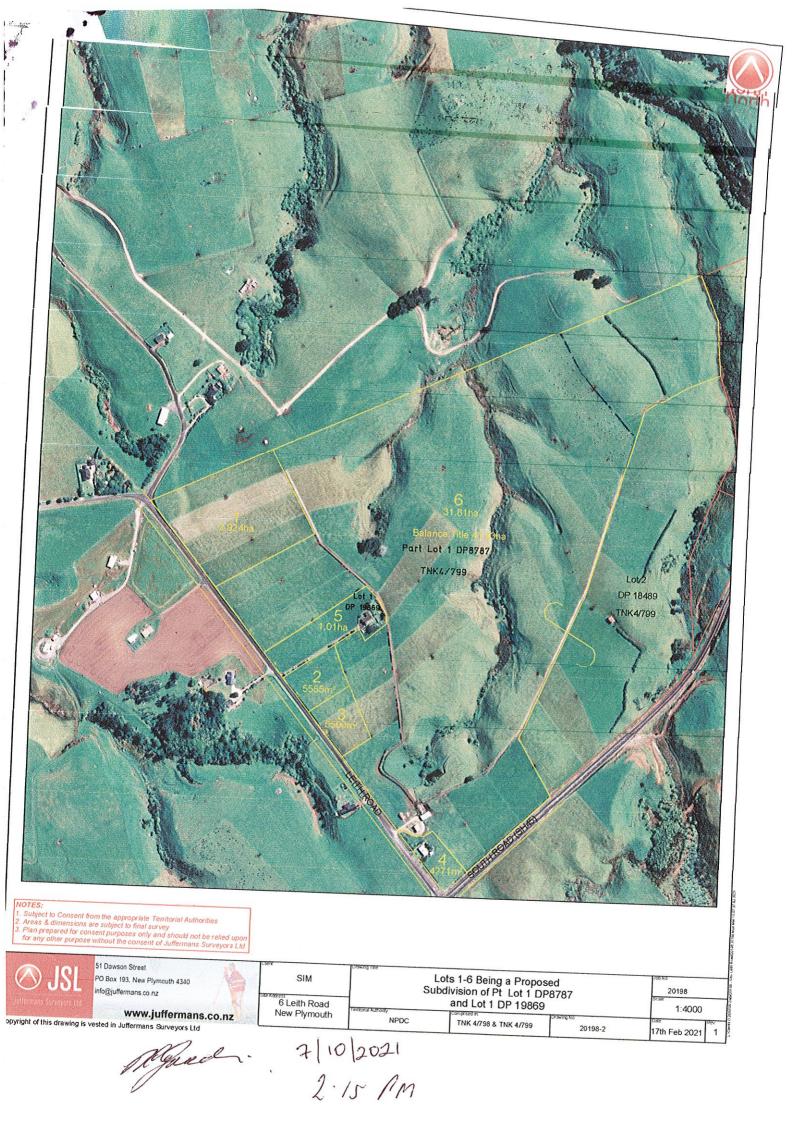
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