
Fw: 395 Fitzgerald Road Drury

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Afternoon gents,

See below recommendations from tamaoho. Lets touch base tomorrow am. I think we probably just need to clarify the 20m planting buffer otherwise looks ok?

Happy to chat.

Cheers!

Joe

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Tena Koe Joe

Following an onsite to 397 Fitzgerald Road Drury to view and discuss an application for land use [LUC60449556] and discharge consent [DIS60449556], to prepare ground for two car dismantle buildings and the discharge of stormwater; Ngati Tamaoho make the following comments / recommendations

Historic Association

395 Fitzgerald Road is located along the western boundary of the wetlands that once occupied the lower reaches of the Hingaia Awa. Settlement in this area was concentrated in two major zones. To the east, in the foothills of Te Hūnua, pā and papakāinga were established at Waihoihoi and Ngārūrūnui, alongside sites for stone working and waka construction. Kāeaea (Kārearea) pā stood as one of the region's principal pā tauā. To the west, settlements at Opaheke and the mouth of Te Awa Paheke connected communities to the Pahurehure Inlet. The Fitzgerald Road site sits between these areas, traversed by a branch of the Hingaia awa. This location served both as a travel route — a key artery between east and west — and as a source of food, fibre, medicine, and building materials from its riverine and wetland environments.

The Hingaia awa itself is of great cultural significance. Named for the ancestor Hingaia, it embodies both whakapapa and the enduring connection of Ngāti Tamaoho to these lands and waters. Wetlands in this area were not only sources of sustenance but also safe repositories for taonga, hidden in times of conflict to be safeguarded for future generations.

With the arrival of Pākehā in the nineteenth century, Ngāti Tamaoho were drawn into complex and often unjust land dealings. From 1842, Crown purchases such as the Papakura and Mangapū blocks alienated much of this whenua, often through poorly defined boundaries and without proper recognition of customary ownership. The establishment of the Great South Road and military encampments at Drury from 1861 made the area central to the Crown's invasion of Waikato. General Cameron's headquarters were based along what is now Fitzgerald Road, and many Ngāti Tamaoho tūpuna were imprisoned in the Drury camp before their lands were confiscated between 1863–65.

The Proposal

The site is fairly flat from Fitzgerald Road, then dips down towards a tributary of the Hingaia stream. The lower portion of the site is prone to flooding in large rain events

A bund is proposed around the platform with the bunding at the front and rear of the site to allow for "ponding" so the water can be released to a swale and then a piped outlet

two silt pods are proposed during the earthworks for the cut and fill with one being near the watercourse at the rear of the site; a chemical treatment plan is proposed

There are to be retaining walls The retaining walls are to be around the majority of the length of both side boundaries, they will range in height and at the tallest 2.5meters

The front building nearest the road is for the dismantling to occur, the rear building a warehouse for storage. There is an existing house onsite. The house is proposed to be removed for this development.

Water is proposed to be collected from roof tops in reuse tanks for reuse

Riparian planting is proposed around the water course at the rear of the site

Screen planting is proposed for visual amenity purposes

It is unclear whether or not the applicant has actually engaged with neighbouring properties or just made their own assumptions around any effects on them.

Conclusions

This site is in a culturally sensitive area to Ngati Tamaoho. There is a possibility of cultural area being exposed.

There are areas where the applicant can improve the outcomes

Recommendations

Ngati Tamaoho is opposed to this application unless the following are provided for

- Site blessing prior to works commencing
- Cultural induction for contractors with at least one week prior notice to Ngati Tamaoho
- Cultural monitoring of earthworks especially around the watercourse
- Vegetated swales to be constructed with low growing native plantings [not grassed swales]
- Organic flocculation to be used and not chemical PAC
- A 20 meter riparian native planted buffer with locally sourced plants [whakapapa]
- A small concrete bund around the buildings being used for demolition to ensure any contaminants spilt cannot reach the outside area
- The silt pond at the rear of the property is moved further away from the watercourse
- Only rock rip rap to be used, no gabion baskets or reno mattresses

Naku noa na

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