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Subject: RE: 256 Hooker Road - Archaeological Advice
Date: Tuesday, 29 September 2026 2:54:22 pm
Attachments: [redacted]

Kia ora [redacted]

Thanks for getting back so quick. That's great, in that case then there is no need for an archaeological authority from Heritage New Zealand for this project.

Ngā mihi
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To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: 256 Hooker Road - Archaeological Advice

Hi [redacted]

Awesome thanks. I just touched base with our event team who had this response:

In terms of the stage builds, we would not anticipate any ground disturbance. We do not use ground anchors; the stages are constructed using above-ground concrete ballasts to provide the required weight and stability. We would be using the same approach here, so there would be no ground anchoring required. With any marquees within this area, these would use standard marquee pegs as required, we would not be using any larger or substantial ground anchors. We'll ensure that we don't map anything in this green area that may cause disturbance.

Ngā mihi | Kind regards,

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To: [redacted]
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Subject: RE: 256 Hooker Road - Archaeological Advice

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Kia ora [redacted]

Thanks for sending the plans, and for your patience while I looked into them. I've had a look into the history of your project area, and most of the site has been heavily affected by historic land use, especially by the quarrying you mentioned. This covers the majority of the site, and you would not need an archaeological authority for any works in the modified areas. The only area that I can see that may still contain in-situ archaeology (and therefore potentially an authority) is in the below image, within the green circle. It appears that while I can't see any evidence of quarrying in the green circle, there may have been some ploughing in the past.



The only other thing I'd like to know is are there going to be services associated with the temporary structures in the green circle, and if so how are they to be installed? I'm mostly interested in terms of the depth and extent of ground disturbance.

Additionally, we would like to know the scale of ground disturbance required for the two stages in the area. While pegs that might be used for a marquee are not generally an issue, larger ground anchors in sufficient quantity may change things.

Ngā mihi

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To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: 256 Hooker Road - Archaeological Advice

No worries please see attached. A few things to note:

- No activity or works are proposed on the lower terrace (western corner by the river) which contains the 'good' archaeological site.
- The site has been used as a quarry in the past, and for cropping so the other sites have been subject to disturbance from those activities.
- Only the surface will be subject to any disturbance, such as laying tents, temporary buildings (stages and marquees), laying of metal and bark for paths, etc.

Thanks

Ngā mihi | Kind regards,

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Subject: RE: 256 Hooker Road - Archaeological Advice

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Kia ora [redacted]

Thank you for your enquiry. It would be helpful if we could see the event layout and site plans, they'll be able to help give us a sense of the nature of any ground disturbance that may affect any archaeology.

Ngā mihi
[redacted]

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Subject: 256 Hooker Road - Archaeological Advice

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Kia ora,

Barker & Associates is preparing a resource consent application for a temporary music and camping festival at 254–276C Hooker Road, Tamahere. We are seeking Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga's advice on whether any part of the proposal would require an archaeological authority.

The site comprises Lots 2–6 DP 332117 and covers approximately 71 hectares. It is affected by SASM 310 and contains, or is near, recorded archaeological sites S15/302, S15/304, S15/551 and S15/572. S15/302 is near the Waikato River margins and is protected by Conservation Covenant 6811689.4 over Lot 3. S15/304 is recorded as destroyed. We have not confirmed the current

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condition of S15/551 or S15/572.

The proposal includes temporary stages, marquees, fencing, lighting, camping, parking and servicing infrastructure, as well as approximately 2,000 m² of permanent storage. The event layout is intended to avoid the river margins, covenant area and recorded archaeological sites. No substantive earthworks are proposed, although temporary infrastructure may require pegs, anchors or services to be installed. Ground works may also be required for the permanent storage area.

Could you please advise whether an archaeological authority is likely to be required for the proposed activities, particularly the installation of temporary infrastructure, vehicle movements and construction of the storage area? We would also appreciate your advice on any further information you need to assess this, or any measures that should be incorporated into the proposal.

We can provide the event layout, site plans, Records of Title and conservation covenant for your review.

Ngā mihi | Kind regards,

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