

IN THE MATTER of the Resource
Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of a submission by
**AMBURY PROPERTIES
LIMITED** on the
**PROPOSED WAIKATO
DISTRICT PLAN** pursuant
to Clause 6 of Schedule 1 of
the Act seeking the
rezoning of 178ha of land
at Ohinewai

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF MATTHEW GAINSFORD

1. My name is Matthew Gainsford. I am a consulting archaeologist with W. Gumbley Limited. I have held this position since 2017. I prepared a statement of evidence dated 9 July 2020. The purpose of this document is to summarise that statement.
2. I outlined my qualifications, experience and commitment to comply with the Environment Court Expert Witness Code of Conduct in my evidence in chief ("EIC").
3. In 2019, I conducted an archaeological assessment of the Site. My assessment included a desktop review of relevant historical documentation and a field survey of the entire Site.
4. The Site is currently being used for pastoral grazing. Based on available historic plans, sources and aerial photographs, the Site was originally in native bush and swamp. Since draining and clearing, there is only evidence of successively more intensive pastoral grazing.
5. Outside of the Site (within two kilometres) there are 13 recorded archaeological sites. These include a potential pā located south of Tahuna Road bordering Lake Ohinewai. None of these archaeological sites are affected by the proposed development.
6. No archaeological sites were identified within the Site. Given that my archaeological assessment has been based on surface topography, it is possible that new archaeological sites may be uncovered during earthworks.

Nevertheless, I consider that the potential for archaeological sites within the Ohinewai Structure Plan Area is low, based on landform, soil composition and lack of visible archaeological signs.

7. As for all projects of this nature, I recommend that a precautionary measure should be taken to account for the incidental discovery of archaeological of isolated finds, that is, through application for an archaeological authority at the appropriate time.

Matthew Gainsford
9 September 2020