

BEFORE THE HEARING PANEL

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of the Proposed Waikato District Plan

STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF JACQUELINE JOY ROGERS (SHAND)

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INTRODUCTION

1. My full name is Jacqueline Joy Rogers (nee Shand).
2. I am a director and shareholder of Shand Properties Limited (**Shand**). Shand's office is on the main road of Huntly. I work from there most days of the week and manage the properties owned by Shand.
3. Shand made a submission ¹ and further submissions² on Stage 1 (**Shand submission**) of the Proposed Waikato District Plan (**PDP**).
4. I provide this statement in support of the Shand submission which seeks to rezone two areas of Shand owned-land. Shand owns parcels of land in the northern part of the Huntly township, located between State Highway 1 and Ralph Road, and adjacent to East Mine Road (**Ralph Road land**). The first area Shand seeks to rezone is located between Great South Road and the North Island Main Trunk Railway (**NIMT**) and includes a small parcel of land to the east of the NIMT. Shand seeks to rezone this area for industrial development. The second area is adjacent to East Mine Road and is proposed to be rezoned for residential development. The areas are shown on the aerial photograph which is Figure 2 in Mr Chris Dawson's statement of evidence dated 17 February 2021.

SCOPE OF EVIDENCE

5. My evidence will:
 - a) Provide some brief background information about me;
 - b) Describe the Shand family's involvement in Huntly; and

¹ Dated 9 October 2018. It also made a Stage 2 submission dated 23 September 2020.

² Dated 27 May 2019.

- c) Provide a brief explanation of Shand's development aspirations which drive Shand's submissions on the PDP.

MY BACKGROUND

6. For all of my life, I have been privileged to call the Huntly area my home. I attended primary school in Huntly. My first job was at the Bank of New Zealand in Huntly, where I worked for two years. Before I married, I worked for a travel agency in Huntly for a period of 10 years. The only time I have left Huntly was in my teenage years to attend high school in Hamilton, and when I went on an overseas experience as a young adult, quite a number of years ago now.
7. I married a farmer from Taupiri, just a hop skip and a jump away from Huntly. We have two children and a bunch of grandchildren, all living and working on the family farm in Huntly.
8. I have always had a deep connection with the Huntly area and good relationships with the wonderful people of the town.

FAMILY INVOLVEMENT IN HUNTLY

9. The Shand family has been an integral part of the Huntly community since 1914. My Great Grandfather, Mr Alexander Shand, settled in Huntly in 1914 to work in the coal mines. Instead of working in the coal mines, he started a commercial bakery, later called River Mill Bakeries. When it was sold in 2007, River Mill Bakeries employed 120 people and, along with Solid Energy, was a major employer in the town of (mainly) local residents. The Shand family took steps to encourage other employers in Huntly to re-employ the Huntly residents that formerly worked at River Mill Bakeries.

10. My Great Grandfather also had extensive involvement in the local Huntly Lodge, but sadly died at the early age of 47. It was my Great Grandmother that made funds available for building the Lodge.
11. My other Great Grandmother gifted land for a church to be built in Ohinewai, which is where the Ohinewai Hall stands today.
12. My father, Mr Gerald Shand, has a connection with the Ralph Road land going back to his youth. He remembers visiting the Ralph family on the land, where the original racecourse was. In the early 1970s, he bought 50 acres of land adjacent to Russell Road. This is where my brother and I grew up. My father made the land adjacent to East Mine Road available to the Polo Club, which was well-attended by the people of Huntly.
13. In the 1980s, Solid Energy bought the Ralph Road land for mining purposes. Shand acquired it in 2012.

ASPIRATIONS

14. Huntly has had its fair share of economic hard times over the last few decades. The prospect of the arrival of a major manufacturer in the area is very exciting for the town. Shand would also like to contribute to the economic and social revival of the community and the development of the Auckland/Hamilton corridor. I personally have a keen interest in doing something positive with the Ralph Road land should the opportunity present itself. The proposed plan provisions that we seek for the District Plan reflect those aspirations.
15. When Shand acquired the land in 2012, the hope was to develop some of it in a way that would benefit Huntly. Shand envisioned establishing an Industrial Park on the land. With rail returning to the area, industrial

development is an even more attractive prospect for potential tenants, increasing the potential for greater job opportunities for the town.

16. The proposed residential development adjacent to East Mine Road will help to ease the housing shortage and assist with housing affordability in the greater Waikato area. It would please the Shand family tremendously to see other families enjoy the same benefits we had, growing up in this wonderful town and region.
17. Shand has the resources, drive, and commitment to ensure that the development of the Ralph Road land serves to enhance the town by providing housing and employment opportunities for the people of Huntly, for the community now, and for future generations.

Jacqueline Joy Rogers

17 February 2020