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Dear Commissioners

### Hearing 6 – Village Zone - Support for s42A recommendations

The purpose of this letter is to express support for recommendations made in the Hearing 6: Village Section 42A Reports.

Waikato Regional Council (WRC) made a number of submission points relating to the Village Zone. The table below outlines the WRC submission points where the s42A recommendations are supported.

Submission Point	S42A Recommendation
81.74 WRC requested amendments to Chapter 24: Village Zone to manage buildings, structures and subdivision within landscape and natural character overlay areas.	Accepted in part – proposed new rule to address buildings and structures in areas of natural character.
81.129 WRC requested amendment to Objective 4.3.1 Village Zone character to include a description or explanation of the character and purpose of the Village Zone including anticipated intensity of development.	Accepted – proposed amendment to Policy 4.3.1 to provide better clarity as to the Village Zone purpose.
81.130 WRC requested amendment to Policy 4.3.2 Character to provide greater clarity about the character of the Village Zone; to make a stronger correlation between infrastructure provision and the outcomes sought in terms of the Village zone; and to remove reference to 'semi-rural character'.	Accepted – proposed amendment to Policy 4.3.2 to provide better clarity as to the character of the Village Zone.
81.131 WRC requested amendment to Policy 4.3.3 Future development – Tuakau and Te Kowhai, to provide greater clarity about the urban outcomes sought for the Village Zone, including anticipated development density; to make a stronger correlation between infrastructure provision and the outcomes sought for the zone; and to remove reference to 'semi-rural character'.	Accepted - proposed amendment to Policy 4.3.3 to provide better clarity as to the outcomes for the Village Zone including density and infrastructure provision.

Submission Point	S42A Recommendation
81.132 WRC requested retention of Policy 4.3.11 as notified.	Accepted in part - policy proposed to be retained with minor amendments.
81.180 WRC requested amendment to subdivision provisions to implement the objectives and policies of Chapter 4 subject to previous submission points.	Accepted - proposed amendment to Rule 24.4.2 for Tuakau and Te Kowhai.

If you have any questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Miffy Foley, Senior Policy Advisor, Policy Implementation on (07) 839 0516 or via email [miffy.foley@waikatoregion.govt.nz](mailto:miffy.foley@waikatoregion.govt.nz).

Yours faithfully



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