

## Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name	Discussion on preferred provisions for telecommunications equipment		
Meeting Venue	Waikato District Council, Tuakau Office		
Date Of Meeting	31 October 2016	Time Of Meeting	11.00am
Chairperson	Andrew Cumberpatch	Recorder	Andrew Cumberpatch

### Project Details

Client Name        Waikato District Council  
 Project Name        District Plan Review - Infrastructure Provisions  
 Project Number     80507900

Attendees	Organisation	Initials
Jane Macartney	Waikato District Council	JM
Graeme McCarrison	Spark	GM
Mary Barton	Chorus	MB
Chris Horne	Incite	CH
Andrew Cumberpatch	MWH	AC

- GM explained PAUP process and outcomes for infrastructure
  - A lot of work involved but positive result for parties (not substantive appeals)
  - Hearing was conducted well
  - Good policy framework which acknowledges the benefits of infrastructure and does enable, where appropriate, infrastructure in overlay/identified areas
  - AC noted that additions to objectives and policies are proposed to provide more balance to the policy framework.
  - Infrastructure chapter is very self-contained and all relevant provisions (with the exception of a few provisions)
  - The term 'regionally significant infrastructure' was removed through the process
- GM outlined other District Plan processes where, from their perspective, the process and outcomes were not as positive. This often came about through rolling/incremental reviews which resulted in differing definitions and terminology and therefore substandard drafting.
- CH mentioned that the Dunedin City e-plan is a good example of how to structure the plan.
- GM mentioned they are a party to the appeal by Powerco on the Thames Coromandel District Plan. This relates to the structure of the District Plan and the absence of a standalone chapter.
- GM and MB reiterated support for standalone chapter for infrastructure and outlined the benefits.
- JM said decision is yet to be made by WDC.
- CH said if zone based approach is retained then it would be important to clearly identify any development standards which do not apply to infrastructure as they are often not relevant or it is not clear if they should apply.
- GM suggested there is merit in circulating the Council's chosen District Plan style guide to stakeholders for input. MB said reason is that an excuse often given by Councils for not using the most appropriate or effective wording is that it is not consistent with the style guide.
- GM and MB involved in MfE's draft district plan template (standalone chapter for infrastructure)
  - Relates to RMA amendments, where cabinet paper is understood to be released soon.
  - MfE hoping to have draft template finalised by June but this is considered to be optimistic.
  - Even if RMA amendments do not go through, there is still the likelihood that the templates will be available on Quality Planning so benefits of process are not lost.

- GM provided update on amendments to NES for Telecommunications Facilities (NESTF)
  - Whilst called 'amendments' to the NESTF 2008, given the scale of changes it will be presented as a completely new document.
  - All existing sites will be able to be upgraded by this 2016 version of NESTF.
  - NESTF is understood to be gazetted by end of November, and will likely take effect end of December 2016.
  - Parties agreed the timing has implications for this project as the provisions will need to reflect the 2016 version of NESTF.
  - CH suggested WDC District Plan should make reference to NESTF rather than try to replicate in full. AC indicated that is the intention (as recommended in draft Issues and Options Report).
  
- AC had a number of questions/points of clarification on the document circulated prior to the meeting ('Waikato District Plan Review: Preferred provisions for telecommunications equipment', prepared by Chorus, Vodafone and Spark).
  - Current WDC District Plan aerial rules are too restrictive in terms of cross section sizes of panel frames and support structures.
  - Issue raised document about over unnecessary landscaping requirements was more of a general comment; not a current issue with WDC District Plan.