IN THE MATTER OF the Resource Management Act 1991 AND

IN THE MATTER OF Proposed Private Plan Change 22 – Buildsmart Expansion.

SECTION 41B RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991 - DIRECTION #1 EVIDENCE -

- Waikato District Council (Council) accepted and notified Buildsmart Property Partnership's request for Private Plan Change 22 – Buildsmart Expansion (PPC22) on 7 October 2019. PPC22 was publicly notified on 23 October 2019; submissions closed on 21 November 2019; the summary of submissions first notified on 27 November 2019; and further submissions closed on 18 December 2019.
- 2. A hearing is to be held before Commissioners on Thursday, 5 March 2020 in the Huntly Riverside Rooms commencing at 9.30am.
- 3. In order to facilitate an efficient and effective hearing the following directions under section 41B of the RMA are issued relating to report and evidence exchange:
 - (a) Council's section 42A RMA hearing report and companion technical reviews shall be completed no later than Tuesday, 11 February 2020, and is to be provided, along with any additional expert evidence, via Council to the Commissioners and parties on that date. The report may be made available electronically by means of Council's website page – in which case all parties are to be notified of that fact in a timely manner.
 - (b) The Applicant/Requestor's evidence shall be similarly provided to the Commissioners via Council for pre-circulation to parties no later than Wednesday, 19 February 2020.
 - (c) Any submitter proposing to call an expert witness, as that term is used in the Environment Court's Practice Note 2014, shall provide a copy of that person's written evidence to the Commissioners via Council for circulation no later than Wednesday, 26 February 2020.
 - (d) Expert evidence may be taken as read, the extent of which shall be a matter advised at the commencement of any appearance.
 - (e) For the avoidance of doubt, legal submissions and lay representations on submissions are not required to be exchanged in advance of appearing.
- 4. All correspondence with Council relating to this Direction should be email to: <u>districtplan@waidc.govt.nz</u> or posted to: The District Plan Hearings Administrator, Waikato District Council, Private Bag 544, Ngaruawahia 3742.

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