

CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

RMA/2019/1330

PROPOSED NEW MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT AT COLLETT'S CORNER

MINUTE 3 OF COMMISSIONER

Introduction

1. Further to my previous minutes, the s42A Report has now been completed and circulated to the parties in accordance with the timetable set out in Minute 2.
2. Furthermore, I am advised that the Council has heard from most submitters about their desire to attend the hearing (or otherwise). The applicant has also sought clarification from me around my expectations for presentations of expert evidence.
3. The general function of this Minute is to address the applicant's request and to signal some related expectations for all the parties.
4. It is likely that I will issue additional minutes with further requests and instructions, before, during and/or after the hearing.

Expert evidence presentations at the hearing

5. The timetable from Minute 2 anticipates that the applicant will be providing evidence from its experts this week, and that submitters will do the same next week.
6. I understand from the Council that the only submitter that has confirmed an intention to call expert evidence is the Lyttleton Port Company – and again, that evidence is to be provided by the afternoon of 27 February. If any other submitter intends to call expert evidence and has not signalled that intent to the Council as yet, they should do so immediately. Such parties will also be required to meet the pre-circulation timeframes for evidence.
7. With the benefit of evidence pre-circulation (including the s42A and the applicants evidence), I will have read all expert evidence before the hearing commences. Accordingly, it will not be necessary for experts for the applicant, submitters or the council to read that material verbatim at the hearing.
8. Rather, I ask that experts commence their presentations with a brief 'highlights' summary of their evidence – either by drawing on specific excerpts and paragraphs in their evidence in chief, or through a separate printed summary document that can be circulated and read on the day. Experts should target 10-15 minutes for their summary presentations, though this is a guideline only.
9. It is likely I will have questions for the experts during and/or after those presentations.
10. To avoid any confusion for submitters who are *not* calling experts, I note that the above procedures do not apply to their presentations. Parties will be able to have

their say on the matters of importance to them and they can present in the manner most comfortable.

11. As with the expert evidence, I will have read all submissions before the hearing has commenced, and will be familiar with the key issues at hand. To the extent that submitters can present their views in an organised and concise manner, that is encouraged.
12. Also, I want to remind submitters (and all other parties) that there will be no cross examination of witnesses or submitters from other parties at the hearing. It is likely, however, that I will ask questions of submitters to assist my understanding of all relevant issues – this is normal for hearings of this nature. As I noted in my first minute, I will endeavour to keep the proceedings as informal as possible.

Next Steps

13. Parties are again encouraged to meet to narrow any issues in contention or to collaborate for the purposes of presenting at the hearing.
14. Any correspondence relevant to the above should be directed to Ms Manson, who can be reached at karen.manson@ccc.govt.nz.

DATED this 17th day of February 2020



DJ McMahon
Independent RMA Hearings Commissioner