

# Professional Partnership Programme

## Partner newsletter

A big welcome to you as one of our Professional Partnership Programme (PPP) partners.

We have received steady interest and a number of quality applications following a successful soft launch of our PPP at the customer forum on 5 May.

This programme offers our partners a type of 'design and build' solution to fast track qualifying consents through processing; and is part of our response to the extended timeframes for issuing building consents.

As to be expected in anything new we acknowledge that there have been the occasional technical glitches with applications received to date. We are grateful that AlphaOne have got behind our fast track aspirations and are acting quickly to resolve issues as they appear.

Now that this programme is well and truly up and running, we wanted to give our partners some updates and clarifications.

### What have we learnt so far?

- We've had to be agile to adapt the AlphaOne software to perform a little beyond its day to day expectations, actively ironing out the wrinkles and developing efficiencies where we can
- Some of our criteria and how the programme works could have been explained – which we have aimed to do below
- It helps for you to have a direct point of contact within our team – so below we've provided details for a couple of our team who are your first point of contact for PPP applications, and a dedicated email address.

### Clarifications on PPP submissions

- PPP building consent submissions must fully meet all district plan requirements – this means there are no resource consent approvals needed, however you can submit the project as a PPP application once the resource consent issues have been resolved
- We understand that not all resource consent issues may be known before our planning team do their Resource Management Act check – so where there are:
  - minor resource consent issues (eg driveway crossing location, fencing locations) – the building consent will be issued with a section 37 attachment
  - more technical resource consent issues – you can put the building consent application through to be processed as a normal building consent, or wait with submitting it until the resource consent issues have been resolved and then submit as a PPP application
- Only submit your building consent application under the PPP once section 224 has been issued

- Identify your PPP projects by adding 'PPP' in the notes section of your application when
  - you submit your application so that we don't accidentally miss it
  - when you want to add or change to a PPP application after resource consent issues have been resolved and 224 issued – because we don't have the resources available to keep track of the status of every project, so need to rely on you to let us know
- Projects with multiple buildings will need to be submitted through the normal building consent process versus via PPP
- Our [information for applicants](#) document on our website has been updated
- If you are unsure of any parts of the programme then get in touch with us
  - Amanda Chinnery & Sonia Hood are your first points of contact for any questions
  - contact via [buildingppp@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:buildingppp@selwyn.govt.nz), or phone 0800 SELWYN and ask to speak to Amanda or Sonia in building about the programme or a PPP application

### **What can I expect going forward?**

We'll shortly start carrying out routine auditing of PPP partners to make sure the programme is working for everyone - this involves:

- Carrying out technical reviews of a sample of applications submitted to date, and checking them against the PPP criteria
- Sharing our findings from your technical review with you
- Working with you to help address any concerns identified in your review

More detail on the reviews and auditing process is in the [information for applicants](#) document on our website.

We welcome any other feedback and suggestions you might have that identify opportunities for improvement within the partnership programme, along with how often and what you may like to stay in touch on as a professional partner.

Thank you for being our partner.

Selwyn District Council building team