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Hearings Commissioners  
Selwyn District Council  
PO Box 90  
Rolleston 7643

## **Ministry of Education letter to be tabled at the hearing of Plan Change 82 to the Selwyn District Plan**

**Attention: Emma Robertson**

The Ministry of Education (the Ministry) lodged a submission in relation to Proposed Plan Change 82 (PPC82) to the Selwyn District Plan. The Ministry will not attend the hearing for PPC82 scheduled to commence on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September 2022 and instead requests that this letter be tabled for the Hearing Panel's consideration in lieu of attendance.

The Ministry's submissions for PPC82 related to the impacts on school capacity and traffic effects. In addition, the Ministry submitted that the potential inconsistencies between Policy 8 of the National Policy Statement for Urban Development (NPS-UD) and the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement are satisfactorily resolved particularly as it relates to development capacity and well-functioning urban environments.

Since our original submission the applicants for PPC82 have adopted the same enabling educational provisions that have been adopted for the adjacent PPC81, as discussed and confirmed with the Ministry. The Ministry have reviewed the Section 42A report prepared by Council Officer Ms Liz White, dated 19 August 2022 and the evidence submitted on behalf of the applicants dated 29 August 2022. We note the following:

- Provisions for Educational Facilities

In paragraphs 53.6 and 64.4, and Attachments 2b, of his planning evidence, Mr Phillips has recommended changes to the map and the text of the Brookside Block Outline Development Plan (ODP) to enable new educational facilities. The Ministry support these changes.

In paragraphs 82 and 83 of the s42A report, the Officer has agreed that there is a need to assess the impact of the rezoning on the capacity of other community services and facilities. They have concluded that the impact on the capacity of local school can be appropriately managed through the amendments proposed.

*"Overall, I consider that the impact of the rezoning on the capacity of local schools can be appropriately managed through the amendments proposed, and effects on community facilities are not sufficient to preclude the rezoning of the Site."*

In paragraph 65 of his evidence, Mr Phillips agreed the Officer's view that impacts on the capacity of local schools can be appropriately managed through the amendments proposed.

- Traffic Effects

The Ministry support the upgrades to the following intersections that are nearby to West Rolleston Primary School and that will likely improve the safety of staff and student travelling to and from school:

- SH1/Dunns Crossing Road/Walkers Road
- Dunns Crossing Road/Burnham School Road



- Dunns Crossing Road/Selwyn Road/Gould Road

It appears that the applicants have amended the ODP as per Attachment 2b to reflect these three intersection upgrades. The Ministry support these changes.

Council has an obligation under the NPS – UD to ensure sufficient additional infrastructure (which includes schools) is provided in urban growth and development. Therefore, schools and educational facilities need to be enabled in urban growth and developments such as PPC82.

If PPC82 is accepted, the Ministry requests that the above matters are included to enable them to better manage its responsibilities as an education provider. If the above matters are accepted, then the Ministry considers its submission points in relation to PPC82 are appropriately addressed.

Should you have any queries please contact the undersigned.



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