

## Appendix 11: Consultation with NZTA

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Dear Andy

### **PROPOSED DARFIELD PRIVATE PLAN CHANGE**

The NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) appreciates the opportunity to be able to provide feedback at an early stage on a potential proposed private plan change in Darfield.

The NZTA has now had the opportunity to review the proposed plan change provisions and has received technical comment from our North Canterbury Network Contractors. As a matter of principle, and subject to the controls in the plan change provisions, we are generally comfortable that the plan change will not lead to adverse efficiency or safety effects on the operation of the State Highway network. However, we are presently giving further consideration to the proposals to upgrade the State Highway 73 / Creyke Road intersection. We agree that the intersection upgrade is required as part of the plan change, but we are undertaking additional work to determine whether the proposed thresholds for the upgrade are appropriate or whether the upgrading should take place at an earlier time. We will write to you in due course once we have formed a view on this matter.

We note that there is an existing direct access onto the highway towards the northwest of the site. The NZTA is of view that it would not be appropriate for this access to remain in place if the land was to be rezoned, and that the access should be formally closed if/when the plan change is confirmed. We would be grateful if you could clarify that you are agreeable to the closure of this access.

In addition to above, we would also be seeking that the detailed design of the intersection upgrade is approved by the NZTA before the development begins. This can be included as a condition of the plan change.

Again, we appreciate the opportunity to provide comment at the pre-application stage of the potential proposed plan change and we will be in touch once we form our view on the intersection upgrade thresholds.

Kind regards,

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