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Under the Resource Management Act

1991 (Act)

And

In the Matter of an application under section 88 of

the Act (RC245088) for resource consent to establish and operate a supermarket and small-scale ancillary retail tenancies, including associated earthworks, access, carparking, signage and

landscaping

Statement of Evidence of Timothy John Scott for Woolworths New Zealand Limited

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INTRODUCTION

Qualifications and Experience

- 1. My full name is Timothy John Scott.
- I am a Senior Landscape Architect at Kamo Marsh Landscape Architects. I have been a Landscape Architect with Kamo Marsh Landscape Architects for 14 years. I hold a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture from Lincoln University and am a registered member of the New Zealand Institute of Landscape Architects.
- Other relevant projects include working on the surrounding Faringdon and Arbor Green Residential Subdivision developments in various roles including providing input into master-planning of the Arbor Green development during the Fast Track Consent process. Previous landscape design experience on similar commercial developments and supermarkets includes Rolleston Square, Ravenswood Retail Development, The Landing Wigram, Flemington Countdown and Woolworths Belfast.

Background and Involvement

- 4. I have been involved in the Rolleston South Woolworths supermarket since December 2023. My role on this project includes development of the Landscape Plans alongside the project team and the preparation of an accompanying Landscape Design Statement.
- I can confirm that I have visited the site in the course of developing the landscape design and Landscape Design Statement in December 2023. I am also very familiar with the wider area having worked on the surrounding Arbor Green and Faringdon Residential Subdivisions over the previous 9 years.
- 6. I have been involved in the preparation of the Landscape Concept Package that includes Landscape Plans and rendered views of the landscaping within and adjacent to the application site. I have prepared a Landscape Design Statement, and I have assisted the project team in responding to the various relevant RFI's. This has included attending a meeting with Selwyn District Council (Council) Urban Designers and Landscape Architect.

Code of Conduct for Expert Witnesses

7. Although this is not an Environment Court hearing I have read and agree to comply with the Code of Conduct for Expert Witnesses in the Environment Court Practice Note 2023. This evidence is within my area of expertise, except where I state that I am relying on material produced by another person. I have not omitted to consider

material facts known to me that might alter or detract from the opinions that I express.

SCOPE OF EVIDENCE

- 8. The topics covered in my evidence are as follows:
 - (a) the site and surrounding environment;
 - (b) the proposal;
 - (c) assessment of landscape and visual effects;
 - (d) proposed conditions of consent;
 - (e) response to Section 42A Report; and
 - (f) response to submissions.
- 9. I have read the Section 42A Report prepared by Tim Hegarty and the accompanying Landscape Assessment by Xoë Tay for the Council and have reviewed the evidence prepared by the applicant. I explain in my evidence where I refer to or rely on that evidence for the purposes of my evidence.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 10. The initial Landscape Design Package was prepared with consideration of the interface of the development with the wider residential context.
- 11. The Landscape Design was revised following feedback and discussion with the Council's Urban Designers and Landscape Architect, Ms Tay. These revisions included:
 - a) adding additional boundary tree planting as internalised within the site;
 - b) reducing the scale of the proposed signage; and
 - c) reducing the height and increasing the level of transparency of the staff carpark fencing.
- 12. It is in my view that the amendments to the landscape plans effectively mitigate the relevant landscape matters raised.

SITE AND SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT

13. The description of the existing and future site context is outlined within the Landscape Design Statement. This is summarised below. I concur with the additional comments made within the S42A Report in relation to the existing environment.

Existing Site Context and Character

- 14. The existing character of the wider area to the west of the site is typical of the Canterbury plans in the sense that it generally consists of flat lying land, grassed paddocks, shelterbelts and occasional large eucalyptus trees, farmhouses and associated buildings and generally more manicured 'lifestyle blocks'. A retained water race running along Goulds Road to the north-east of the site hints at the rural history of the wider area.
- 15. The development site is within the fast-growing Faringdon subdivision, which to date covers approx. 230 hectares. The site is located in what is currently the western edge of Faringdon. This is a modern master-planned suburban development with good pedestrian connectivity, small commercial areas, community gardens and many well cared for shared spaces and parks. To the north of the site there is a preschool and to the south-east on Goulds Road there is a primary school and a retirement home (currently under construction). Goulds Road to the east of the site provides a direct route to Rolleston Town Centre past Foster Park, home to many of Rolleston's sporting facilities.

Future Site Context

16. To the north, west and south of the supermarket site the existing land will be developed as part of the next stage of the Faringdon subdivision (now known as Arbor Green), as part of the existing Fast-track consent. Directly north of the development site, the area consists of an extension to Shillingford Boulevard (now known as Arbor Green Boulevard) that includes a 20 meter wide roadside reserve which will contain public sculpture, swales and stormwater treatment and associated ground cover planting and extensive tree planting, shared pathways, boardwalks, and a section of a jogging circuit that runs through the development. The residential zone will border the south and western site boundaries.

THE PROPOSAL

17. Key aspects of the proposal from a landscape and visual effects perspective include:

- (a) Developing a landscape treatment that responds to the requirements of the supermarket and associated activities and that is visually well integrated into the surrounding area by use of appropriate boundary treatments and mitigation techniques.
- (b) Tree selection and positioning throughout the development to respond to the environmental conditions and the wider context to visually soften and reduce the scale of the development.
- (c) Development of the space as a community hub within the wider suburban development to foster social connections by creating attractive, high-quality spaces that encourage residents to spend time and take pride in their area.
- (d) The use of a unique blend of local materials, colours, and native plants that will enhance visual interest and integrate the development to the broader landscape character of Rolleston Township and of the surrounding Arbor Green development.
- (e) Integration with Urban Design/Architecture/Traffic Engineers to ensure pedestrian and cyclist safety. Entry/Exit points, paving treatments, landscape and signage structures and planting heights were all considered and coordinated.

ASSESSMENT OF LANDSCAPE AND VISUAL EFFECTS

- 18. The methodology used to develop the landscape design has drawn on site analysis and experience working within the wider area. A combination of plans, elevations and 3D modelling were developed to explore the visual and shading implications of the proposed landscape treatments, signage and integration with the supermarket building. Consideration has been taken of the development within the wider context including review of pedestrian and cycle networks, the residential interface, possible future public transport routes and the adjacent road reserve areas. Suitable boundary treatments to the adjacent environment respond accordingly.
- 19. The height of the 9.0m high pylon sign located on north-eastern corner of the site is noted as a contested issue within the s42A Report. In my view, in the context of the surrounding tree planting, the sign will sit comfortably at a scale within the wider environment as planting matures. Adjacent tree planting includes:
 - (a) Carpinus betulus 'Fastigiata' trees (mature height 12m) on the Goulds Road street frontage and located on the eastern side of Goulds Road within the Road Reserve.

- (b) Prunus 'Amanogawa' trees (mature height 7m) on the Arbor Green (Shillingford) Boulevard frontage.
- (c) Three Quercus robur 'Fastigiata' trees (mature height 25m) in the adjacent road reserve area. These trees are also located within the central road median on Arbor Green (Shillingford) Boulevard.
- (d) One Acer platanoides 'Nigrum' (mature height 25m) in the adjacent road reserve area.
- (e) One Quercus palustris (mature height 20m) and two Alnus cordata (mature height 20m) adjacent to the Goulds Road roundabout, to the eastern side of Goulds Road.
- 20. This extensive tree planting in combination with the supermarket building itself, neighbouring residential buildings and Rymans Retirement Village to the south effectively mitigate the scale of the pylon sign.
- 21. Also of note is a revision to the 9.0m high pylon sign location. This has been moved to the west by approximately 3.0m to address the location of a power kiosk outside the site boundary. This has the effect of reducing the prominence of the sign for those on Goulds Road heading north as the Goulds Road boundary tree planting will partially screen views of the sign. Refer to the Landscape Masterplan, Sheet 1001, for the updated location and 'Viewpoint B & C, Sheet 8003, for updated renders. These are included as part of the updated landscape plan set attached to my evidence as **Annexure A**.
- 22. The height of the proposed 1.8m high fencing to the staff carpark area is noted as a contested matter, although I understand that there is now agreement as to visual permeability (50%) and materiality. In my view, in the context of the surrounding residential setting the height of the fence, materiality and colour (Ordos Sable), level of transparency and adjacent planting (including limbed up specimen grade trees) is consistent with a residential setting. The 50% minimum transparency of the fencing allows site lines between the carpark and the road reserve to be maintained, effectively addressing the CPTED related concerns raised. A drawing showing the proposed fence and landscaping is included as **Annexure B**.
- 23. The proposed changes to the plan outlined above (points 16 and 17) in my view appropriately address the residual concerns in the s42A Report and are an effective and appropriate response from a landscape and visual effects perspective.

PROPOSED CONDITIONS OF CONSENT

24. I have reviewed the prepared Conditions of Consent relating to the landscaping, and as sought to be amended in the Planning Evidence of Mr Bonis and agree these are appropriate.

RESPONSE TO SECTION 42A REPORT

25. I have read the Section 42A Report and believe that the proposed mitigation measures address the relevant matters concerning the landscape design.

RESPONSE TO SUBMISSIONS

- Ryman Healthcare Limited's submission identified a number of landscape matters.
 I have identified my response to these below.
- 27. Submission:

'Transport and traffic effects

- In particular, pedestrian safety for those coming from the south; and
- That safe pedestrian crossing facilities are provided for people accessing the supermarket from the south.'

28. Response:

While a secondary pedestrian path was considered leading into the pickup area from the southern end of Goulds Road it was determined for functional reasons that pedestrians should not be encouraged to use this area as those picking up groceries are not intended to leave their vehicles. Pedestrians are alternatively encouraged to use the main pedestrian pathway leading directly to the supermarket entrance further north on Goulds Road.

29. Submission:

'Effects on visual amenity

- Inadequate urban design interventions, including landscaping, have been provided for the Goulds Road frontage (which faces the submitters' approved retirement village); and
- That landscaping of a similar density to that which is proposed along other frontages of the supermarket is provided for along the Goulds Road frontage of the south-eastern corner of the supermarket site'.

30. Response:

The extensive planting afforded by the 20m wide Road Reserve on Arbor Green Boulevard (formally known as Shillingford Boulevard) is not possible on the Goulds Roadside of the development due to the existing design of the road reserve.

The proposed changes to the height of the staff carpark fencing and level of transparency is in keeping with the style and height of the surrounding residential fencing thus improving the Goulds Road interface with the neighbouring residential area. Fencing on the eastern side of Goulds Road is a combination of 1.8m solid brick wall, 1.8m High 150mm wide timber palings with 20mm gaps, 1.8m high 50 x 50mm vertical timber palings with 50mm gaps (50% transparency and 1.5m high open style pool fencing. Proposed fencing within the Arbor Green development in Pedestrian Link Reserves includes a combination of 1.5m high vertical aluminium pickets (30% transparency) and 1.8m high 50 x 50mm vertical timber palings with 50mm gaps (50% transparency). Arbor Green corner lots typically have a section of 1.8m high vertical aluminium pickets with 30% transparency to the secondary boundary (colour varies). I consider that the proposed fencing is therefore in keeping with these surroundings.

A reduction in the scale of the signage on the Goulds Road frontage ensures, over time, the primary vertical feature of the Goulds Road frontage will be the specimen grade trees planted within the perimeter plant bed.

CONCLUSION

31. The landscape treatment proposed within the supermarket site creates an attractive and safe development sympathetic to the local character of Rolleston. Careful consideration of how the development is integrated into the wider area has informed the proposed planting strategy, fencing and associated boundary treatments. These measures soften the built form of the supermarket, mitigating any adverse effects and allowing the development to blend harmoniously with its primarily residential surroundings. The landscape design, supported by both existing and proposed treatments in the broader area, ensures the development fits well within the wider setting.

Timothy John Scott

Tim Scott

2 September 2024

Annexure A

Updated Landscape Plans

PROJECT NAME

WOOLWORTHS SUPERMARKET

ADDRESS

Cnr Goulds Rd & Shillingford Blvd, Rolleston

Countdown NZ

LANDSCAPE DESIGN

RESOURCE CONSENT

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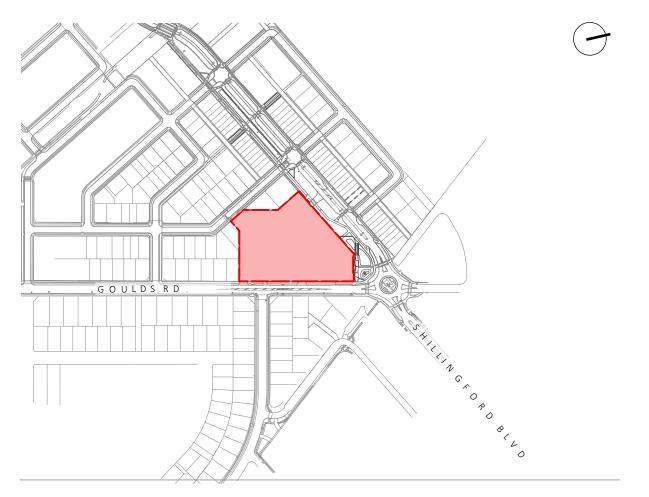
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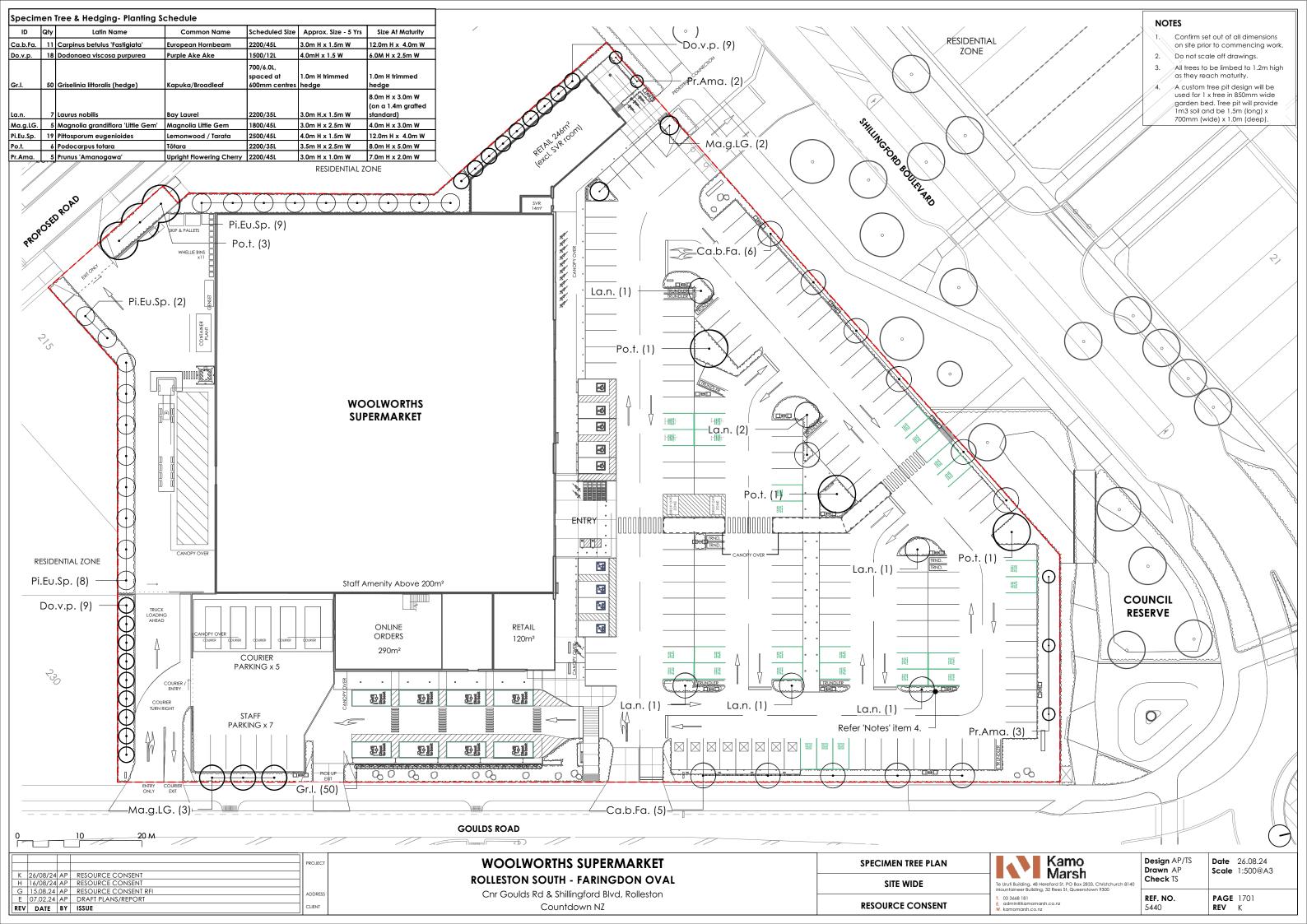
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SITE LOCATION PLAN



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1701	SPECIMEN TREE PLAN	SITE WIDE
8001	PRECEDENT IMAGES	HARD & SOFT PALETTE
8002	PRECEDENT IMAGES	PLANTING PALETTE
8003	LANDSCAPE RENDERS	SITE WIDE
8004	LANDSCAPE RENDERS	SITE WIDE





HARD PALETTE SOFT PALETTE





Low feature walls with oxford grey basalt veneer. Used to frame key entry points into the development. Opportunity to integrate seating into the design. The basalt veneer will tie into materiality of walls exisiting in the surrounding Faringdon development.



Stand-alone timber bench seats to be scattered within the development for pedestrians to linger.



Firth precast concrete modular paving ('Holland' modules) to key pedestrian entry points into the site (flush with adjacent concrete surface).



Two tones of concrete to define key areas and entry point and create surface/texture contrast with asphalt roading.

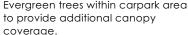


Locally sourced boulders (800-1200mm approx size) to break up large garden areas and provide interest along the street frontage and entry areas.

An attractive pedestrian environment with opportunities to rest or gather can draw people in and encourage them to spend more time within the development.

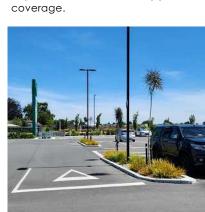




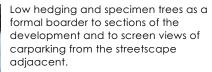




Planting will be predominantly native and are suitable for the Rolleston climate. The selected species will tie into the planting proposed in the Council reserve adjacent to the site as well as the wider Faringdon area.



Planting in car park area will require minimal maintenance. Low growing shrubs and strategic tree locations will ensure high visibility of development signage and provide safe passage for pedestrian and vehicles moving through the site.







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INDICATIVE PLANTING PALETTE

SPECIMEN TREES

LOWUNDER PLANTING - (1 M HIGH MAX)

Muehlenbeckia axillaris

















Pittosporum 'Golf Ball'

RESOURCE CONSENT

Rhaphiolepis 'Oriental Pearl' Astelia 'Silver Spear

INDICATIVE LANDS CAPE RENDERS



VIEWPOINT A - TO SUPERMARKET ONLINE ORDERS ENTRY FROM STREET (LOOKING WEST)



VIEWPOINT C - VIEW TO SUPERMARKET FROM COUNCIL RESERVE (LOOKING SOUTH WEST)



VIEWPOINT B - SHILLINGFORD RD ROUNDABOUT TO COUNCIL RESERVE (LOOKING SOUTH WEST)



VIEWPOINT D - FROM RESERVE PEDESTRIAN LINK (LOOKING SOUTH INTO SITE)

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Cnr Goulds Rd & Shillingford Blvd, Rolleston Countdown NZ

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INDICATIVE LANDS CAPE RENDERS



INDICATIVE ELEVATION- SUPERMARKET ONLINE ORDERS ENTRY FROM STREET (LOOKING WEST)



INDICATIVE BIRDS EYE VIEW (LOOKING SOUTH EAST)



INDICATIVE BIRDS EYE VIEW (LOOKING SOUTH WEST)

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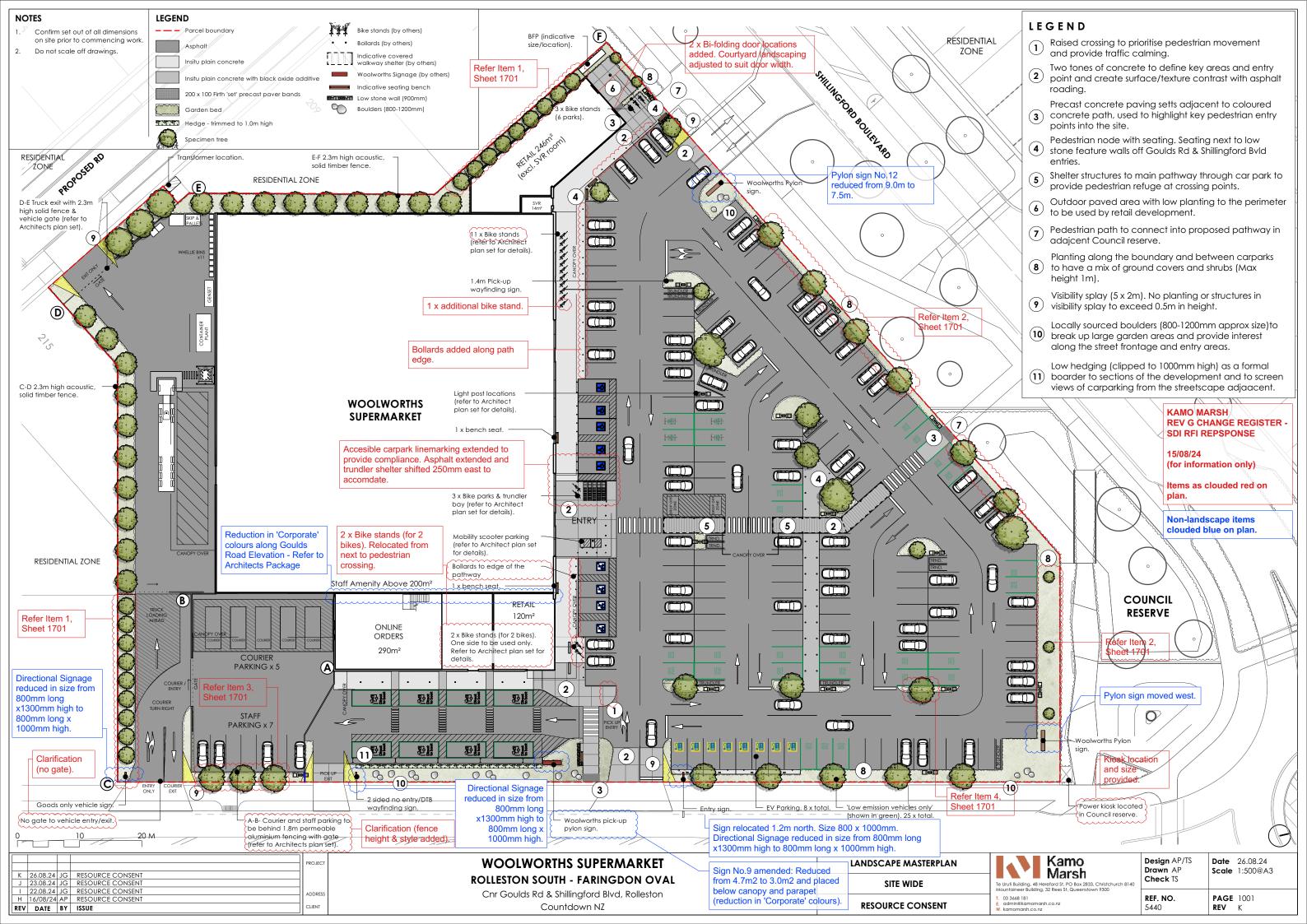
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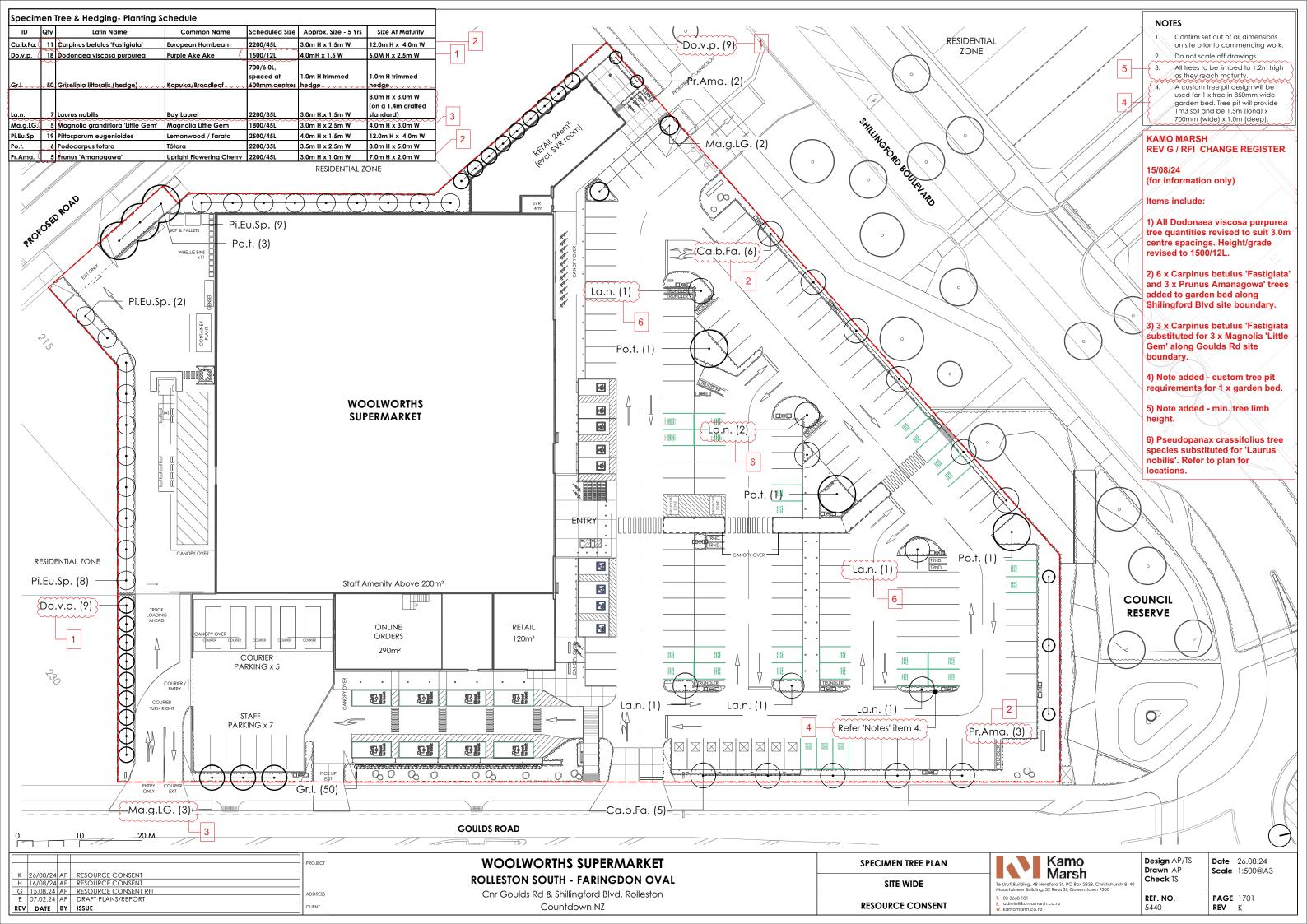
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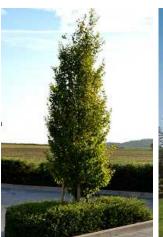
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INDICATIVE PLANTING PALETTE

SPECIMEN TREES

LOWUNDER PLANTING - (1 M HIGH MAX)











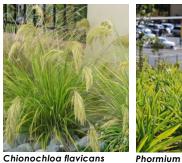




















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PRECEDENT IMAGES PLANTING PALETTE

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Annexure B

Proposed fence and landscaping

ANNEXURE B

Goulds Road Elevation



Noting 1.8m high staff carpark fencing with a minimum of 50% transparency and trees limbed up to 1.2m height.