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Dear Neil,

Resource Management Act 1991 – Streamlined Planning Process - Decision on Variation 4 to the Proposed Hastings District Plan (under clause 84 Schedule 1)

Following Hastings District Council's completion of the Streamlined Planning Process directed by me in February 2018, I am pleased to advise that, under clause 84 of Part 5 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), I am referring Variation 4 to the Proposed Hastings District Plan (as submitted by the council under clause 83(1) of Part 5 of Schedule 1 on 31 July 2018) back to Hastings District Council **with my approval**.

The full reasons for my decision are:

- Hastings District Council has complied with the process directed by the Minister for the Environment and gazetted on 28 February 2018 (refer Notice number 2018-go982), including the procedural requirements and time frames
- Hastings District Council has had regard to the Statement of Expectations within the Direction and:
 - Served notice of Variation 4 when notified (6 April 2018) on all of the parties to the Iona Hill Appeal and the Iona Triangle Appeal on the Proposed Hastings District Plan
 - Served notice of Variation 4 when notified (6 April 2018) on the Hawke's Bay Regional Planning Committee
 - Posted full copies of the 34 submissions on Variation 4 on the Council's website on 14 May 2018, 5 working days after submissions closed
 - Provided identified dates on its website so members of the public could be informed about the timeframes for the SPP steps
 - Provided sufficient development capacity within Variation 4 (as modified by the panel of independent commissioners delegated by the Council) for a housing yield of at least 390-400 dwellings.
- Hastings District Council has met the requirements of the Act, regulations made under it, and relevant national direction (including the National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity, National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2014 and the National Environmental Standard for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil to Protect Human Health Regulations 2011); and

- The purpose of the streamlined planning process has been met, being a process for the preparation of a planning instrument in order to achieve an expeditious planning process that is proportionate to the complexity and significance of the planning issues being considered.

In accordance with clause 90(2) of Schedule 1 of the RMA, you are now required to publicly notify this decision. Variation 4 will become operative in accordance with clause 20 of Schedule 1 of the RMA.

Thank you for undertaking the first Streamlined Planning Process to reach this stage. I have been interested to see how this new plan-making process in the RMA has been practically applied and would welcome any feedback you would like to provide on the process from your council's perspective.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Parker', written in a cursive style.

Hon David Parker
Minister for the Environment