

## Amy Viggers

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**From:** official information  
**Sent:** Monday, 29 July 2019 14:32  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** official information  
**Subject:** LGOIMA 19190 - RE: HCC Website - Official Information Request ref: HCC-QF-190712-6NJ2U-19J9

Kia ora,

Further to your information request of 12 July 2019 in respect of the Peacocke development and Hamilton City Council's response on 26 July 2019, it has come to our attention that due to an administrative issue the second part of our response was not provided to you. Please find a full response below.

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Question 1: Is there a viaduct(s) planned?

No viaducts are currently planned for the Peacocke East-West Minor Arterial Road. The current design is that prepared to support the Hamilton Southern Links Notice of Requirement. Samples of relevant plans and long sections are attached **below**.

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Question 2: What research and consultation has gone into the viaducts?

There are no viaducts proposed as part of current designs. The Peacocke East-West Minor Arterial Road was investigated as part of the Hamilton Southern Links project. The Hamilton Southern Links designation is for a network linking state highways and local roads took more than four years and \$4.5m jointly funded by the Council and NZ Transport Agency.

The preferred Southern Links network alignments were presented to the community and landowners as part of consultation before and during the designation processes.

More information on Southern Links, including conditions and the decisions report, is available at { HYPERLINK "https://www.hamilton.govt.nz/our-city/regional-alliances/southernlinks/Pages/default.aspx" }.

Question 3: What is the expected cost of the viaducts?

There are no viaducts proposed as part of current designs. There are therefore no expected costs.

The Peacocke East West Minor Arterial is currently estimated at \$33.8m construction, comprising approximately \$23.1m transport components, including structures, and \$10.7m in stormwater, wastewater and potable water infrastructure.

The gully crossings anticipated as large box culverts or bridges were included as part of the Southern Links estimates.

The Southern Links estimates were independently peer reviewed by Bond Construction Management as part of HCC and NZTA verification processes as part of the scheme assessment and subsequent funding approvals, including a review for the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment during the Housing Infrastructure Fund approvals.

Question 4: Which 10 year plan were they approved in?

There are no viaducts proposed as part of current designs and accordingly there has been no approval of viaducts.

Land acquisition and construction of the designated East-West minor arterial was included within the detailed business case underpinning Councils application to the Governments \$1b Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF). In July 2017 the Government announced that Hamilton had been allocated a portion of this fund to advance the delivery of housing in Peacocke.

Prior to completing the HIF funding process, the Council sought community views through the 2018-28 10-Year Plan consultation. The Council's final 10-Year Plan was completed in June 2018 and became effective on 1 July 2018. The

10-Year Plan confirmed the commitment to develop Peacocke with investment in transport infrastructure (including the East-West minor arterial) being delivered with the support of HIF funding.

The detailed business case and 10-Year Plan is available from Council's website: { HYPERLINK "https://www.hamilton.govt.nz/our-partner-projects/Housing-Infrastructure-Fund/Documents/HIF-Detailed-Business-Case-Peacocke.pdf" }

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Details on the 10-Year Plan consultation process are also available:

{ HYPERLINK "https://www.hamilton.govt.nz/our-council/10-year-plan/former-10-year-plans/10-Year-Plan-2018-2028/Pages/default.aspx" }

The East-West Arterial Stage 2 and any associated structures is part of the Peacocke Network Infrastructure included in the HCC 2018 – 2028 10 Year Plan (p61 - below).

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#### Question 5: What alternatives did you explore and when?

The Hamilton Southern Links network has been developed as a concept since the 1960s (refer - { HYPERLINK "https://www.waipadc.govt.nz/our-services/transport/HamiltonSouthernLinks-NoticesofRequirement/Evidence/02%20Transport%20Agency%20Project%20Manager%20-%20Barry%20Dowsett.pdf" } paragraphs 12-24).

The current network including the Peacocke East-West Minor Arterial Road was investigated as part of the Southern Links Scheme Assessment from around 2009 leading to the hearing commencing around 2012.

The Notice of Requirement Executive Summary summarises the alternatives and options process ( { HYPERLINK "https://nzta.govt.nz/assets/projects/southern-links/docs/southern-links-executive-summary.pdf" } ).

The ACRE and route assessments were completed in 2012. The relevant section of the link (route) assessment is below. This was subsequently refined in preliminary design and tested through the hearings process, including consideration of submissions from landowners.

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#### Question 6: Has the ecological impact of the arterial road been explored and if so, by whom and what were the findings?

Ecological assessments were completed and peer reviewed as part of the Scheme Assessment and Assessment of Environmental Effects Notice of Requirement processes. The lead ecological consultant was John Turner of Opus (now WSP-Opus) supported by specialists (e.g. for bats).

The findings of the Ecological assessment are contained in Appendix L of the Notice of Requirement summary, which states:

*"The construction of the Network will result in a number of gully crossings. As well as the instream and riparian habitat they provide, the tree and shrub cover on the gully slopes (native and exotic) provide habitat for native birds, invertebrates and reptiles. The gullies also provide important habitat for long-tailed bats. While, the sections of gully impacted by the Network are dominated by exotic trees and shrubs, with only limited amounts of native vegetation present, they are important refuges for native fauna in the context of this highly modified landscape. The crossing of the gullies will result in direct loss of habitat as well as habitat fragmentation. For many of the native flora and fauna species present the significance of this fragmentation effect is likely to be low. However, the effects on longtailed bats are much more difficult to predict and may be of high significance. Overall the adverse effects of the gully crossings is expected to be significant and will require substantial mitigation offset including habitat enhancement within the remaining sections of gully.*

*With the exception of a series of man-made ponds in the upper reaches of the Mangakotukutuku Gully there are no waterbodies directly impacted by the Network. These ponds are locally significant providing habitat for water birds, aquatic invertebrates and potentially native fish. There will be some loss of habitat as a result of the road footprint that will need to be mitigated by habitat enhancement or creation of new habitat. Hydrological continuity will also need to be provided between the upstream and downstream of the road."*

Ecological investigation and consultation continues (e.g. { HYPERLINK "https://www.hamilton.govt.nz/our-city/regional-alliances/southernlinks/Documents/November%202017.pdf" }) and in implementation of designation conditions, including Condition 15.4 relating to integration with existing environmental initiatives as part of preparing the Ecological Management and Monitoring Plan currently being peer reviewed for certification.

Kind regards,

**Amy Viggers**

*On behalf of the Privacy Officer*

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Kia ora

I write to acknowledge your information request of 12 July 2019 in respect of the Peacocke development.

Please be advised that your request has been passed on to the relevant team within Council and you will be informed of the outcome.

The Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 requires that we advise you of our decision on whether the Council will provide the requested information or not "as soon as reasonably practicable", no later than 20 working days after the day we received your request. We will respond to you no later than 9 August 2019.

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**Mothla Majeed**  
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