



16 April 2019

Hearings Committee
Hamilton City Council
Garden Place
Hamilton

Ministry of Education Letter to be tabled for Weston Lea Limited, 337-461 Peacockes Road Hearing

Attn: Sarah Blanchett

The Ministry of Education (the Ministry) has chosen not to attend the hearing set for the 2nd May 2019, regarding the proposed Weston Lea Limited Amberfeild Development, 337-461 Peacockes Road. We request that this letter be tabled for the Hearing Panel's consideration in lieu of the Ministry's attendance.

The Ministry supports the proposed development as it will provide much needed housing for Hamilton and provide walking and cycling opportunities, which are in line with the Access Hamilton Strategy. In the short term there is capacity for growth within the local school network, including Melville Intermediate and Melville High School. In the long term as the Peacocke area develops, the Ministry is proposing to build a new Primary School in the local area. This school will have the capacity for 600 students and the ability to grow to a maximum capacity of 900 students. Subsequently another Primary School will open in the area with a similar capacity.

While the Ministry of Education is not directly affected by the Amberfield development it requests that Council and Weston Lea Ltd consults with it and keeps it up to date with the staging and timing to help it understand the potential impact on the school network.

The Ministry also requests that Council and the applicant work with it to help develop walking and cycling connections to the proposed school sites. By working together this will enable a collaborative and co-ordinated approach in ensuring all forms of housing and social infrastructure are provided to communities to facilitate a high quality of life.

The Ministry would welcome any opportunity to discuss this approach further with Council and Weston Lea Ltd. Should you wish to discuss any aspect of this feedback please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned as the consultant for the Ministry.

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