

URGENT LATE BUSINESS

His Worship to move THAT pursuant to Section 46 A (7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, the Gore District Council HEREBY RESOLVES to address the following which requires urgent attention.

Subject

Petition to pause the proposed District Plan.

Reason for not being on agenda

Information unavailable at time of agenda being published.

Reason for urgency

To enable the Council to consider the petition and determine a number of issues that it would need to take into consideration before it considers a decision to pause the District Plan.

Petition to pause the proposed District Plan

Report to:	Council
Meeting date:	Tuesday, 17 December 2024
Author:	Debbie Lascelles
Author title:	Chief Executive
Report date:	Monday, 16 December 2024
Confidentiality:	Public

Purpose

1. To inform the Council about a petition received to pause the proposed District Plan.
2. To recommend to the Council that this matter is considered more fully at the first Council meeting in 2025.

Recommendation

3. That the Council:
 - a) receives and notes *Petition to pause the proposed District Plan*
 - b) requests the Chief Executive to prepare an options report for Council to consider this issue at the 18 February 2025 Council meeting.

Executive Summary

4. The district plan is a critical document for local government because it enables the right development in the right places, while also protecting the District's environment and natural features for future generations.
5. Considerable time, effort and financial resources have gone into the review of the District Plan.
6. In addition, there have been multiple touch points with the community to seek feedback and hearings are still underway to consider these matters fully.
7. We believe the matters raised by the public request are highly significant and require more time to seek advice and ensure that the Council makes a fully informed decision that complies with its legal and ethical obligations.

Context

8. The district plan is a community's rulebook, ensuring the environment and the things people value are protected while still enabling growth and prosperity. The rules of a district plan set out what activities people can do as of right (permitted activities) and what activities need resource consent.
9. The District Plan needs to "give effect" to a range of national direction and the Southland Regional Policy Statement along with "having particular regard" to advice from iwi authorities.
10. The current District Plan was made operative in 2006 and is overdue for review.
11. The District Plan review commenced in June 2020 and has been supervised by the District Plan Sub-committee.
12. A draft of the proposed District plan (pDP) was released for public feedback during August and September 2022. Feedback was received from over 100 people and organisations during this period.
13. Additional technical work was commissioned and undertaken to respond to matters raised in the feedback.
14. The pDP was approved for public notification by the Council on 25 July 2023 and notified in August.
15. At the 11 July 2023 Council meeting, the Council resolved that:
A panel of Cr Hovell, Cr Dickson and at least three Independent Commissioners be created for hearing submissions and making decisions on submissions for the Proposed District Plan.
16. We received 130 submissions during the formal consultation period covering 5542 submission points. They covered all aspects of the Proposed District Plan.
17. A summary of all the submissions received on the pDP was released to the public and available for further submissions with consultation held between 14 February and 28 February 2024. 1454 further submission points from 26 further submitters were received over this time.
18. Hearings to consider the issues raised in submissions began in June 2024 and are scheduled to continue until April 2025.
19. The Proposed District Plan has been designed to:
 - Reflect changes to land use that have happened since the Operative District Plan (ODP) was made operative in 2006 to avoid unnecessary resource consents;
 - Enable, manage, and avoid the right types of activities in the right locations;

- Align with current national direction.

Discussion

20. There are a number of issues that the Council would need to take into consideration before it considers a decision to pause the District Plan.
21. Due to the late receipt of the request, staff have not had time to fully analyse the legal issues or consequences required for Councillors to make an informed decision on this issue.
22. Urgent legal advice was sought from Anderson Lloyd (attached) who represent the Council on District Plan and other matters to determine what the Council could decide at this meeting.
23. Requests to delay, pause or alter the hearings timetable for the pDP by submitters should be (and have been) considered by the Hearing Panel who currently have the delegation to make decisions on all submissions about the District Plan. It is the view of Anderson Lloyd that the decisions of the Hearing Panel made under delegated authority are binding on the Council.
24. To revoke or suspend the delegations of the Hearing Panel in order to make a decision on this issue can only be done if the usual checks and balances for decision making by the Council are in place and due to the late receipt of this item, they are not.
25. Other issues which will need to be considered more broadly in February are that:
26. The Council currently has a statutory requirement to deliver decisions by August 2025. It is unclear whether the Council could delay proceedings past this date without special permission of the Minister. Specialist legal advice is required to ascertain this.
27. A delay has been sought by some submitters, but there are a number of other submitters and their advisors who would be significantly impacted by delaying the process. Specialist legal advice is required to determine what the Council's obligations are in this regard and whether a decision of this significance would trigger a requirement to consult with the wider community on this issue.
28. There will be financial impacts for more than just the Council if the process is paused. A large group of people are currently mobilised around the current hearings process. Pausing the process will be at a cost to the Council and submitters, some of whom have their own advisors, consultants and lawyers. We need more time to understand in detail what the Council's costs would be, but are likely to be at least 500K.
29. We also need time to explore the economic impact on growth by delaying areas signified for residential and business expansion.
30. The options that are legally available to Councillors to pause the current process and/or make changes to the District Plan after the hearings process is complete, including the financial impacts of these options need to be fully explored and presented back to the Council to ensure that an informed decision is made.

Risks

31. Risks associated with each option will be presented as part of the report to the Council in February.

Significance & Engagement Policy

Significance

32. Staff have considered the key considerations under the Significance and Engagement Policy and have assessed that the recommendation(s) in this report is low, however, if a decision is made in February to pause the District Plan, this may be considered a significant decision and advice will be provided at this time on how this should be managed with the public.

Attachments

Letters of petition

Letter from legal counsel Michael Garbett, Anderson Lloyd

17 December 2024

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Dear Debbie

Proposed District Plan and Request to "Pause"

- 1 We refer to your email dated 16 December 2024 where you have sought urgent legal advice on the legal ability to "pause" the processing of the district plan.
- 2 In particular, you have asked can Elected Members legally make a decision to pause the district plan, given that the Hearing Commissioners already decided not to?

Advice

- 3 It is important on procedural matters to be clear what exactly is being proposed for Council to decide on. "Pausing" the district plan processing is not a particular statutory decision for Council given that a Hearing Panel has been delegated the role of considering and making decisions on all submissions on the district plan on Council's behalf.
- 4 We interpret this request as essentially needing to revoke or suspend the delegations of the Hearing Panel (under standing order 24.1). This is because a previous resolution of Council has delegated the authority to consider submissions on the district plan to the Hearing Panel. Decisions made by the Hearing Panel are currently binding on Council (see standing order 6.5).
- 5 To effect this "pause" Council would also presumably need to provide a special direction to the Hearing Panel before that revocation or suspension takes effect, to require the Hearing Panel to re-consider suspending procedural directions made for submitters to provide evidence and setting the hearing timetable (under standing order 6.6 that requires Committees to carry out special directions from the Council).
- 6 It is our legal advice that the Elected Members of Council could only lawfully consider the above decisions if the usual procedural checks and balances for decision-making by Council are in place. This cannot occur legally as an "urgent late item of business" with one day's notice. The necessary procedural aspects include a paper that considers:
 - (a) A notice of motion from an Elected Member under Clause 24.1 of the Standing Orders to revoke a previous resolution of Council (being to delegate all decision making to the Hearing Panel).
 - (b) This triggers the need to properly analyse the proposed decision under the normal decision-making framework in sections 77 - 82 of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA 2002). This includes analysing the advantages and disadvantages of such a decision in a paper from staff that properly addresses these issues.

- (c) Considering the significance of the issue and deciding the extent to which those with an interest in the decision should be consulted. We note that procedural directions of the Hearing Panel are normally made subject to the principles of natural justice where those with an interest in a particular direction ordinarily have the opportunity to have their views considered prior to the decision being made. Consideration should be given to whether submitters on the Plan should comment on such a proposal, and thought given by staff as to whether wider consultation should occur to gather any views of those in the development community or infrastructure providers who may be waiting on the more enabling parts of the plan to come into effect.
- (d) Council would need to be made aware of any legal consequences of their decision under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA). Some immediate issues that should be addressed in a paper would include:
 - (i) the obligation to give effect to higher order documents in the current RMA hierarchy;
 - (ii) the obligation to issue decisions on the plan within two years of the plan being notified (or Ministerial permission given for more time under Clause 10A, First Schedule RMA); and
 - (iii) any clarity on possible changes to the RMA framework and timing signalled by the Government.

- 7 To be clear, we consider to make a decision of this significance with one days' notice, no notice of motion under the Standing Orders to revoke a previous decision of Council, no paper from staff analysing the advantages and disadvantages and no consideration of consultation, is facing a high risk of successful procedural challenge.
- 8 Because of this we consider the most Council should do at its meeting on the 17th December is to direct staff to bring back a paper for Council to consider the issue, Council's options and the advantages and disadvantages of those options.

Alternatives

- 9 You have asked as an alternative whether Council can resolve to make a recommendation to the Hearing Panel.
- 10 We note that procedural directions have already been made by the Hearing Panel, having already been asked by Submitters to adjourn aspects of the hearings. Clause 6.5 of the Standing Orders provides that decisions made under delegated authority are binding on Council and they can not be "recinded or amended" by Council.
- 11 While Council could "recommend" something to the Hearing Panel we consider such a recommendation to be inappropriate. Submitters who are part of the process may take issue with such a recommendation and ask the Hearing Panel to ignore it (or consider it depending on the Submitter's interest). This places the Hearing Panel in a difficult procedural position. Ultimately the Hearing Panel would need to consider that recommendation and decide what, if anything, it does with it, but it would not be bound by any such recommendation.
- 12 You also ask whether Council can suspend proceedings "pending legal advice".
- 13 As set out above clarity is needed on what decision Council is being asked to make. The only effective decision is to revoke or suspend the delegation to the Hearing Panel because it currently has the lawful authority to manage the hearings of submissions on the Plan.

- 14 We do not consider it to be appropriate or valid in a procedural sense to revoke or suspend the Hearing Panel's delegations "pending legal advice". It is our legal advice that any such decision needs to be informed by a staff report that properly analyses the decision-making requirements in sections 77-82 LGA 2002, prior to the decision being made. That is an essential procedural check and balance on Council's decision-making prior to such decisions being made. Making a decision "subject to legal advice", does not achieve the statutory requirements and is not a valid approach in our view.

Yours faithfully
Anderson Lloyd



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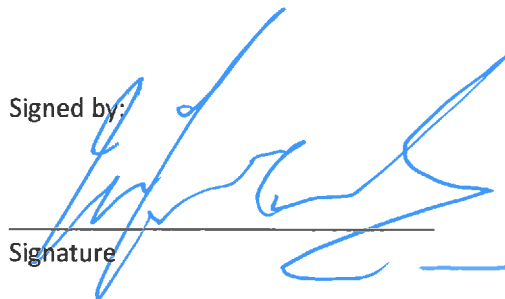
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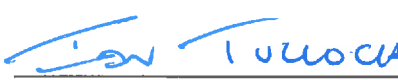
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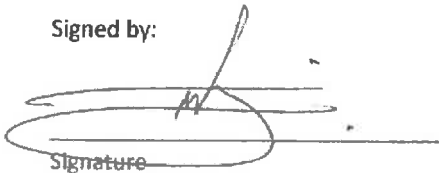
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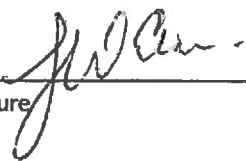
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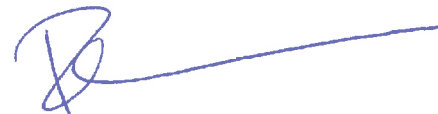
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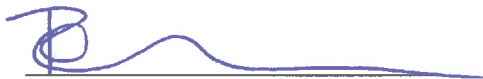


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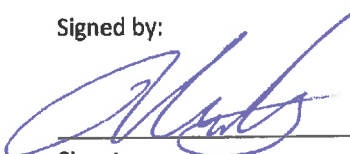
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Attachments: Gore DC Pause 11 December 2024.docx

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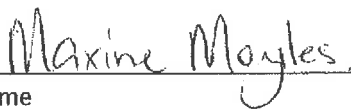
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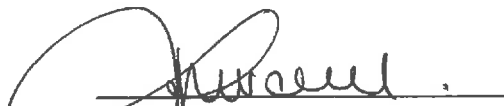
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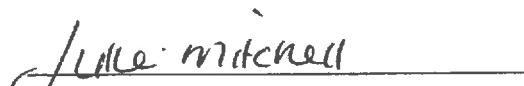
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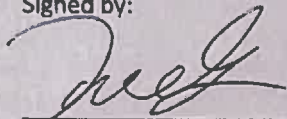
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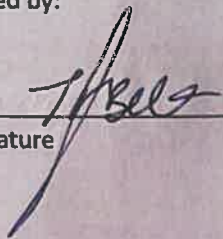
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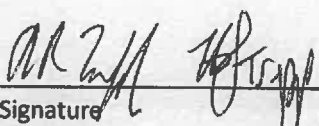
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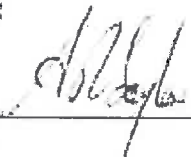
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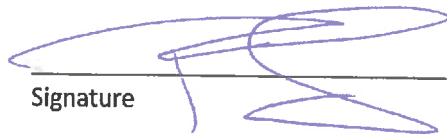


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16/12/24. Beverley Anne Johnson

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Signature



Name

Signed in documents:

13 December 2024

The Mayor, Councillors and EED
(See District Council)

Cape Town Christopher Luxon, Hon Joseph Mooney, Hon Penny Simmonds & Hon Todd McClay

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A. THOMSON
Name

16 Dec 2024

Signed in counterpoints.

11 December 2024

The Mayor, Councillors and CEO
Essex District Council

Cable to: Hon Christopher Luxon, Hon Joseph Mbowe, Hon Paddy Simmonds & Hon Todd McClain

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Malachi Geerlofs

Name

Signed in counterpane:

22 December 2014

The Mayor, Councillors and CEO
Scott District Council

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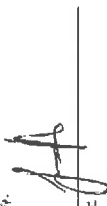
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Tane Henderson
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Signed in counterpoint:

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Signed by:

____ Nicola Jane Clark _____
Signature Name



Signed in counterparts.

Bret Highsted

From: lldick@xtra.co.nz
Sent: Sunday, 15 December 2024 9:22 pm
To: Bret Highsted
Subject: letter and email

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We support the proposed letter as written. We are ratepayers and wish that the Gore district Council put a hold on the plan changes until the National proposal for cutting red tape comes out and is adopted.

Leslie James Dick and Lynette Elizabeth Dick, directors of Moehau Farms Ltd.

PS We have already completed a resource consent to operate our land as a Dairy Farm! The cost and procedure of this requirement ES demanded was beyond belief Over \$50,000 and 20 months worth of stress, stress, and more stress. We finally completed this in June 2024 and we understand the three waters requirements would be just as onerous if left in its present council plan.

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Name

Signed in counterparts.

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PAUL HIGHSTED

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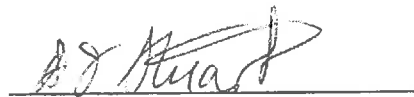
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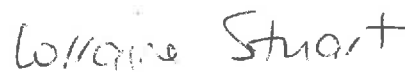
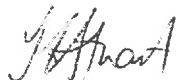
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Bret Highsted

From: Rory McCall <rory_mccall@hotmail.co.nz>
Sent: Saturday, 14 December 2024 5:38 pm
To: Bret Highsted
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11 December 2024

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Gore District Council

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Thank you

Signed by:


Signature


Name

Signed in counterparts.

Sent from my iPhone

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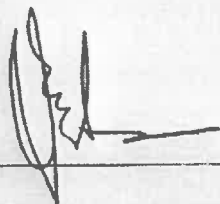
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Sharon G. PINE

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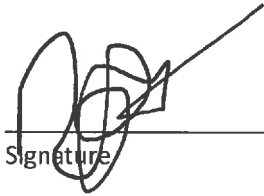
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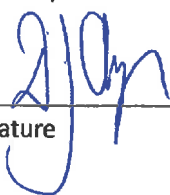
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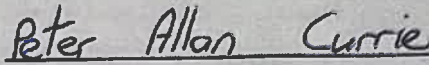
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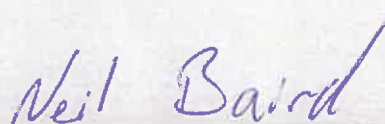
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