

## WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW

### MEMORANDUM TO HEARING PANEL

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**DATE:** 08 May 2024  
**MEMO TO:** Hearing Commissioners  
**FROM:** Matthew Bacon, Development Planning Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Update on progress of Economist Conferencing - 8 May 2024

1. A memorandum from counsel for the following submitters regarding expert conferencing of economists dated 22 April 2024 was received by the Hearing Panel on 23 April 2024:

- Woodwater Limited
- Carter Group Property Limited
- Rolleston Industrial Developments Ltd
- Momentum Land Limited
- Mike Greer Homes (NZ) Limited
- Bellgrove Limited

2. Minute 24 from the Hearing Panel in response to that memo advised that the Panel cannot direct expert economists to conference in advance of a hearing, but did outline the following:

*“We request that the submitters continue to liaise with the Council directly in respect of the provision of evidence and the timing of conferencing and that the Council officers to be as responsive to this as possible. We note that any limitations on the conferencing and what can be agreed or not should be clearly set out in any joint witness statement produced. We can indicate, however, that we would not consider it necessary or appropriate for the submitters to have develop their own economic model”*

3. Council has engaged with the parties<sup>1</sup> in respect of facilitating economics conferencing. Since Minute 24 was issued, Council has:

- Liaised with the parties around potential timing of conferencing (out to 7 May 2024)
- Offered to make a room available for conferencing.

4. Council's understanding is that only one formal response (in addition to Council's own expert) was received in the context of arranging an additional time to meet, however some experts maybe presently occupied with other matters.

5. At the time of completing this memorandum, Council's understanding is that no further progress had been made on economics conferencing.

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<sup>1</sup> Those party to the 22 April 2024 minute including submitters who had previously advised the availability of their experts to attend conferencing.