

24 February 2025

(sent via email)

SUBMITTERS AND COUNCIL OFFICERS

NOTICE OF HEARING 12 – PROPOSED GORE DISTRICT PLAN

1. The Gore District Council wishes to advise Hearing No.12 to hear and consider any outstanding submissions, further submissions and outstanding matters on the Proposed Gore District Plan will commence at 9:30 am on Monday, 7th April 2025. The hearing will be held in the Council Chambers at the Gore District Council's Administration Office, 29 Bowler Avenue, Gore.
2. Hearing 12 is intended to be a wrap up hearing where outstanding matters, plan integration and missed submission points will be addressed. The purpose is to assist the Hearings Panel in making final decisions on the submissions and further submissions on the proposed Gore District Plan.
3. A memorandum of counsel has been filed on behalf of the Gore District Council, outlining the matters it proposes be addressed at Hearing No. 12 and within the s42A Planning Officers report.
4. You are able to review that memorandum dated 24 February 2025, and send any further comments you have on the wrap up hearing for the Hearing Panel's consideration before 3 March 2024.
5. The hearing is open to the public and any person may attend. All submitters and further submitters who submitted on the Proposed District Plan have a right to speak at the hearing or submit further information for the Panel to consider.
6. The Panel for the final hearing will be comprised of Commissioners Cliff Bolger, Keith Hovell, Maria Bartlett, and Glenys Dickson.

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7. If you wish to speak at the hearing or submit further information for the Panel to consider, please refer to Minute 5 of the Hearings Panel – Hearing Procedures dated 18 April 2024. This has been circulated to all submitters and further submitters and is also available the Council's Hearings Hub [Proposed District Plan | Let's Talk Gore District \(goredc.govt.nz\)](https://goredc.govt.nz/Proposed-District-Plan-Lets-Talk-Gore-District)
7. Appendix 1 lists the dates by which material must be submitted to the Council, and other advice given, prior to Hearing No. 12. Some of these are requirements of the Resource Management Act 1991, while others are to ensure that the hearing can proceed in an orderly and timely manner.
8. If you wish to speak at the hearing, you should advise the Hearings Administrators by email at hearings@goredc.govt.nz no later than Wednesday, 26th March 2025 with the following:

- a. The name(s) of those who will be speaking to your submission or further submission (including any expert witnesses).
 - b. An indication of how much total time you and any others speaking to your submission require.
 - c. Your daytime contact phone number.
9. Other key steps and associated dates are as follows:
 - a. Reports prepared either by Council staff or external planning consultants, supported where appropriate by expert evidence, will be released no later than Friday, 14th March 2025.
 - b. An electronic copy of all expert evidence is to be submitted to the Hearings Administrator for distribution to the Hearings Panel no later than 1:00pm on Wednesday, 26th March, 2025. An expert is a professional such as a planner, traffic engineer or similar.
 - c. Written presentations by persons who are not experts, if available, is to be submitted to Hearings Administrator for distribution to the Hearings Panel no later than 1:00pm on Monday 31st March 2025. In the event this deadline is not met, 8 copies of the written presentation will need to be brought to the hearing.

The Hearings Panel has received copies of all submissions and further submissions, and additional copies are not required.

10. Appendix 2 also lists the dates by which you should advise the Council if:
 - You wish to use Te Reo Māori or sign language at the hearing.
 - You have sensitive information you do not want made public.
 - You wish to provide a PowerPoint presentation at the hearing.
 - You are unable to attend the hearing and want to make a remote presentation.
11. All evidence and other presentations are expected to be provided electronically and forwarded to the Hearings Administrators at hearings@goredc.govt.nz.

Further information

12. If you have any questions in relation to the hearing, please contact the Hearings Administrators by phone on (03) 209 0330 or by email hearings@goredc.govt.nz. It is not permissible to contact the Hearings Commissioners directly.

Yours sincerely,

Hearings Administrator

APPENDIX 1 – TIMETABLE FOR STEPS PRIOR TO HEARING 12

Key due dates for Hearing 12	
Requirement	Due date
Council planner's s42A report available (20 working days before the hearing)	14 March 2025
Submitter's expert evidence to be submitted to Hearing Administrator for distribution to the Hearings Panel and posting on the Hearing Portal.	26 March 2025 by 1pm
Submitters advise Hearing Administrator if they wish to be heard at the hearing, length of time required and names of persons presenting.	
Submitters advise Hearing Administrator if they wish to use Te Reo or sign language in their presentation.	
Order of hearing submitters and proposed timetable to be posted on the Hearing Portal by the Hearing Administrator.	Friday, 28 March 2025
Submitter requests in relation to management of sensitive information be submitted to Hearing Administrator for consideration by the Hearings Panel.	
Submitter legal submissions to be submitted to Hearing Administrator for distribution to the Hearings Panel.	Monday, 31 March 2025 by 1pm
Submitter power-point presentations to be submitted in electronic form to Hearing Administrator Requests to make a remote presentation to the Hearings Panel to be submitted to Hearing Administrator.	
Submitter written presentations by persons who are not experts, if available, to be submitted to Hearing Administrator for distribution to the Hearings Panel.	
Submitter summary of expert evidence no longer than 3 A4 pages, if available, to be submitted to Hearing Administrator for distribution to the Hearings Panel.	

Submitter tabled presentations and evidence from persons unable to attend the hearing to be submitted to Hearing Administrator 9:00 am for distribution to the Hearings Panel.	Monday, 7 April 2025 by 9am
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