



IN THE MATTER AND IN THE MATTER

of the Resource Management Act
1991

AND

IN THE MATTER

of Hearing of Submissions and
Further Submissions on the
Proposed Gore District Plan

Minute 23 of the Hearings Panel

**Additional Information Required
Transport Chapter**

3 October 2024

MINUTE OF THE HEARINGS PANEL

- 1 The hearing to consider submissions to the Transport chapter of the Proposed District Plan was held on 17 September 2024. The Hearings Panel received a Section 42A Report from Tina Carlson-McColl, together with written material and oral presentations from various submitters.
- 2 The Hearings Panel directs a further report be co-ordinated by Tina Carlson-McColl responding to the matters in paragraph 3 below.
- 3 The matters on which feedback is sought are as follows:
 - (a) At paragraph 28, page 15, of the S42A Report, a description is given of the One Network Framework. Murray Hasler, Gore District Council Roadway Asset Manager, advised the Hearings Panel of his intention to prepare a plan showing the status of roads within the District.

The Hearings Panel requests this plan, in a form suitable for inclusion in the District Plan, be submitted to the Hearings Panel.
 - (b) Throughout the Transport chapter reference is made to “urban” and “rural”. The Hearings Panel considers this uncertain when included in rules and standards, and has the expectation that the individual zones should be referred to, as occurs in other chapters.

The Hearings Panel directs that consideration be given to revising the rules (and tables) to remove any uncertainty.
 - (c) Note 3 in Standard TRANS-S1 On-Site Parking reads as follows:
 3. Minimum aisle and accessway widths shall be 3.0 metres for one way flow and 5.5 metres for two way flow. Recommended aisle and accessway widths are 3.5 metres for one way flow and 6.0 metres for two way flow.

The Hearings Panel considers the reference to “Recommended aisle and accessway widths” as creating uncertainty, given the regulatory force of the first sentence in the note. In the absence of any advice to the contrary that Tina Carlson-McColl may wish to provide, the Hearings Panel is of a mind to delete the second sentence above.
 - (d) Note 6 in Standard TRANS-S1 On-Site Parking reads as follows:
 6. Where there are likely to be a high incidence of vehicles larger than the standard size, such as campervans or SUVs, **the Council may require** that to be taken into account in the size and width of parking spaces provided. Guidelines on lighting, carpark surface and other issues may be found in the Traffic Control Devices Manual Part 13 (<http://www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/traffic-control-devices-manual>) and should be considered in the overall scheme.

The Hearings Panel has concerns of the words “the Council may require” because it creates an uncertain discretion to the Council. The Hearings Panel directs that consideration be given to revising this provision and anticipates that this can be done in the absence of a specific submission.

The Hearings Panel also anticipates that the second sentence referring to lighting should be a standalone note (7).
- 4 The Hearings Panel directs that a report including the matters referred to above be submitted to the Council’s Regulatory Administrator, Lindsey Crazy Wolf no later than **31 October 2024**.

- 5 Any issues or queries regarding this Minute, should be directed to the Council's Regulatory Administrator, Lindsey Crazy Wolf, phone (03) 2090330 or email lcrazywolf@goredc.govt.nz.



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Chair, District Plan Hearing Panel
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