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Dear Zoe,

Resource consent application: request for further information

The Taranaki Regional Council (Council) requests that you provide further information for a resource consent you lodged on behalf of New Plymouth District Council to construct a new rock revetment to support a shared pathway for public access at Weld Road Recreational Reserve.

The additional information is necessary for the Council to adequately understand your proposed activity, its effect on the environment and the way any adverse effects on the environment might be mitigated.

The further information requested is:

Planning Assessment

- The updated application information regarding the location of the coastal marine area (CMA), supplied 21 November 2023 (#3230906), places the bridge abutments outside the CMA. If this is the case, then the Regional Coastal Plan (RCP) does not apply and will you need to assess this structure against the relevant rule(s) of the Regional Fresh Water Plan (RFPW). Please confirm.
- The Landscape and Visual Effects Assessment (LVEA) provided with the application concludes that effects on visual amenity/landscape character will be moderate, which equates to 'more than minor' when using the matrix from *Te Tangi te Manu* (landscape assessment guidelines). However, the assessment of adverse effects on visual amenity/landscape character in the AEE concludes that these effects will be 'no more than minor'. Please explain why the landscape assessment guidelines have not been considered as part of this assessment and elaborate further on your reasons for assessing these effects as no more than minor.

Coastal Ecology

- Please provide a Penguin Management Plan (PMP) detailing how the works will be undertaken to avoid and/or minimise any adverse effects on penguins or active penguin nest sites. The PMP shall be prepared by a suitably qualified professional, with input from the Department of Conservation (DOC), and shall include the following:
 - the proposed timing of works i.e. time of year, time of day;
 - how penguins and/or nests will be identified prior to commencement of works;
 - if penguins and/or nests are found:
 - a detailed description of the mitigation measures that will be undertaken prior to and during construction to avoid and/or mitigate adverse effects;
 - details of the relevant parties that will be notified of the find, how they will be notified and when;
 - if applicable, details of any monitoring that will continue to be undertaken during and/or after the works;
 - accidental discovery protocol i.e. plan of action if penguins and/or nests are found unexpectedly following commencement of work;
 - a contingency strategy if works are not completed within 3-4 weeks (to avoid key avifauna seasons) due to conditions or other delays.

River Engineering (Bridge)

- The application states that flood level modelling assumed that rock revetment would be placed on both sides of the stream, however as rock revetment is now proposed for only the west side of the stream, the flood levels will be lower and the freeboard achieved will be greater. Therefore, please confirm what the difference in flood level/freeboard is.
- A risk assessment of flow erosion outflanking the structure on the area in the true left abutment where the extent is limited by the property boundary. The Council's Rivers Engineer notes that the stream alignment will likely promote erosion in this area.
- Further to the above, please provide details of the natural vegetation and root structure support in this area.
- The final designs referenced in the application, if these are available at present.

When providing the information please address it to:

Darlene Ladbrook, Team Leader – Consents Business Support
Taranaki Regional Council
Private Bag 713
Stratford 4352

Or by email to consents@trc.govt.nz

The Resource Management Act 1991 requires that you provide this information by 24 January 2024 (i.e. within 15 working days. If you cannot provide the information by that date please advise us in writing before then and we will set another deadline for the information after consultation with you).

Processing your application has been suspended until we receive the requested information.

Please contact Kieran Horton, Environmental Planner - Consents, if you have any questions or concerns, or if you would like to meet with Council Officers to discuss this request or any other matter relating to your application.

Yours faithfully
S J Ruru
Chief Executive

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Miller".

per: Leah Miller
Manager - Resource Consents

cc. nigel.wilson@npdc.govt.co.nz