

Application for a resource consent - Form 9 APP230630065



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Reference APP230630065 **Submitted** 09 Jun 2023 01:45

Introduction

Use this form to apply for a resource consent under <u>Section 88</u> and <u>Schedule 4</u> of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Information required

Information required to complete this application includes:

- Description of activity and Assessment of Environmental Effects (AEE).
- Site plans and drawings.
- Record of title, less than 3 months old.
- Signed affected party approval forms and plans, if required.
- Any other documentation relevant to your proposal.

Note that other information may be requested once your application has been checked by our team.

Privacy

The information you provide is official information and is used to help process your application. The information is held and used in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the Privacy Act 2020. This means that your information may be disclosed to other people who request it in accordance with the terms of these Acts. Under the Privacy Act 2020 you have the right to see and correct any personal information that Council may hold about you.

Fees

A fixed fee is set for certain activities, while other fees are charged on a time basis for processing and inspection purposes. Please consult <u>Council's fee schedule</u> before submitting your application.

Declaration

By continuing with this application you certify that: Yes

- The information you provide is true and correct to the best of your knowledge.
- You undertake to pay all costs related to this application.

Resource Consents Property Information

Property screens coming up.

On the next screen there is a property lookup section that directly links to the CODC Property Database. Your property details will populate correctly in this form if you have received your Record of Title (ROT) before 1 July. If you have received a Record of Title (ROT) after this date OR you wish to select multiple properties, please skip the next screen and proceed to the "New Property" screen.

Documents - Please do not load duplicates

In the upcoming screens there are multiple places to load documents, please do not load documents more than once.

Property ID 2842107716

Address 55 Totara Place, Queensberry

House Number

Street Suburb

Area Description

Owner

Legal Description LOT 16 DP 328097

Location

Property Type

Status

Property Selected Id 2842107716

Valuation Number
Assessment Number

Property Ward

Rates Account Identifier
Rates Account Number

Annual Rates Assessment Amount

Capital Value

Value of Improvements

Resource Consents New Property

Please ONLY fill out this screen if your property Record of Title (ROT) has been received after 1 July OR you wish to add multiple/extra properties.

Details required for New Property

Property Address 55 Totara Place, Queensberry

Valuation Number 2842107716
Record of Tile Number 114457

Legal Description Lot 16 Deposited Plan 328097

Comments

What is your role in this application?

Agent acting on behalf of the applicant

Agent details

An agent acts on behalf of the applicant in the submission and processing of the application.

Organisation Edgar Planning

First name Erin
Last name Stagg

Phone number 027 251 1921

Email address erin@edgarplanning.co.nz

Note that the owner will also receive a copy of this application.

Postal address: PO Box 716, Wanaka 9343

Confirm that you have approval to act on behalf of the Yes

applicant

The applicant is the person(s) or organisation making the application.

Applicant details

Is this applicant an individual or an organisation? Individual

First name

Jeffrey and Katherine

Last name

Smith and Gordon-Smith

Phone number 021 587 227

Email address kate@relishcommunications.co.nz

Postal address: 55 Totara Place, RD 3, Cromwell 9383

Activity or works proposed

Application type Subdivision consent

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Consent is sought to undertake a two lot subdivision and establish a residential building platform on proposed Lot 2

Provide a detailed description in the Assessment of Environmental Effects (AEE) or other document.

Assessment of Environmental Effects (AEE)

Refer to the guidelines for Assessment of Environmental Effects.

AEE 22.081 Smith and Gordon-Smith.pdf (3 mb)

Assessment of the activity

You may need to provide an assessment of the activity against the following provisions:

- The matters set out in Schedule 4 of the Resource Management Act 1991.
- Any relevant objectives, policies, or rules in a document.
- Any relevant requirements, conditions, or permissions in any rules in a document.
- Any other relevant requirements in a document (e.g. in a national environmental standard or other regulation).

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Other activities

Describe any other activities that are part of the proposal to which the application relates

Other applications

Are you required to apply for any other resource consents for this project?

No

Have you applied for a building consent for this project? No

Pre-application information

Have you discussed this proposal with Council staff prior to this application?

No prior discussion

Site visit requirements

Who is the site contact? Applicant

Is there a locked gate or security system restricting access by Council staff?

No

Is there a dog on the property?

Yes

Please provide details of any entry restrictions or hazards that Council staff should be aware of

Please organise a site visit with Edgar planning and Kate prior to going on site.

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Affected party approvals

All affected property owners, including trustees where properties are held in a trust, must sign written approval forms AND a copy of your plans.

- If an affected party does not give approval to your proposal this may impact on the way that the
 application is processed.
- Council's duty planner can provide you with advice on which parties may be affected by your proposal.

Download an affected party approval template form.

Do you need affected party approval?

Yes

Appendix E - Affected Persons Approvals with notes[1] copy.pdf (7 mb)

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Plans

Refer to the guidelines for plan documents and check that the plans comply.

Plans required may include:

- Site plan and drawings.
- Floor plans and elevations for any proposed buildings.
- Subdivision plan.
- Scheme plan.

Appendix B - Plans.pdf (2 mb)

Record of title

A record of title (less than 3 months old) is required for all applications. All consent notices, survey plans and encumbrances must be included. Where relevant a sale and purchase agreement or lease agreement can support the record of title.

To easily get a Record/Certificate of title go to <u>Land Record Search | Toitū Te Whenua - Land information New Zealand (linz.govt.nz)</u>.

Appendix A - Title and Instruments.pdf (544 kb)

Expert reports

Other information such as expert landscape, traffic or economic reports may be required for some proposals.

Appendix D - Landscape Assessment.pdf (359 kb)

Appendix D - Landscape Assessment Views.pdf (1 mb)

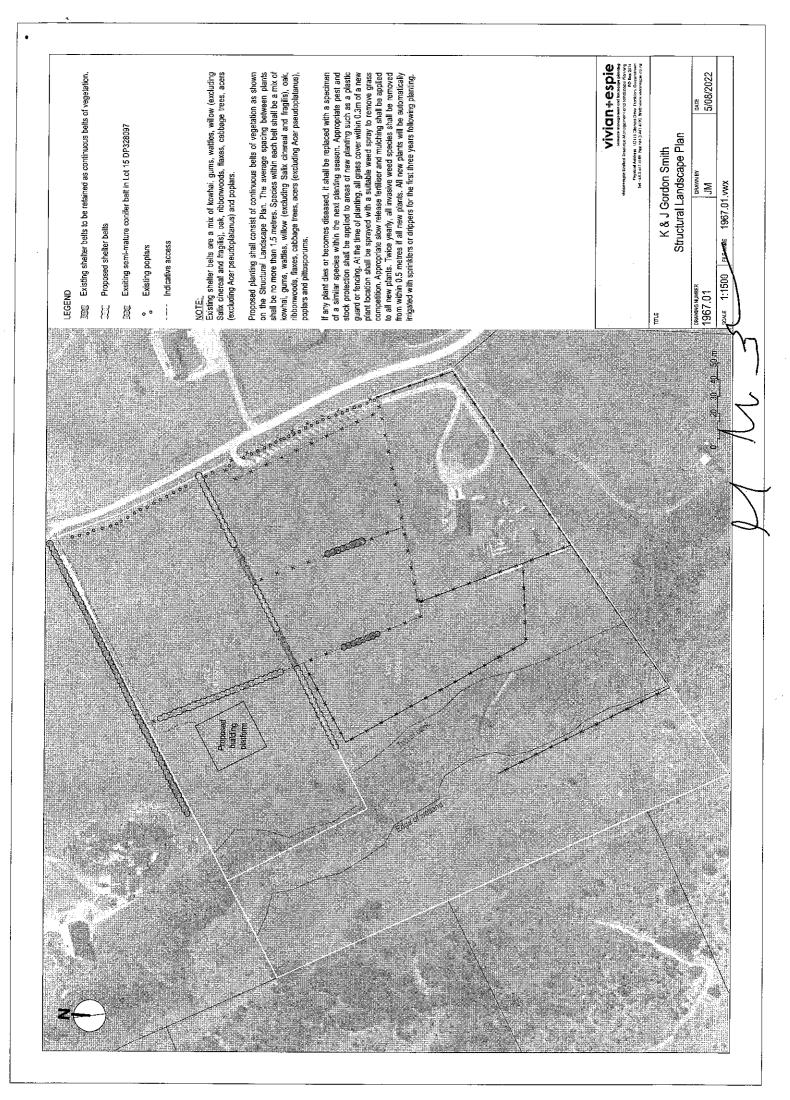


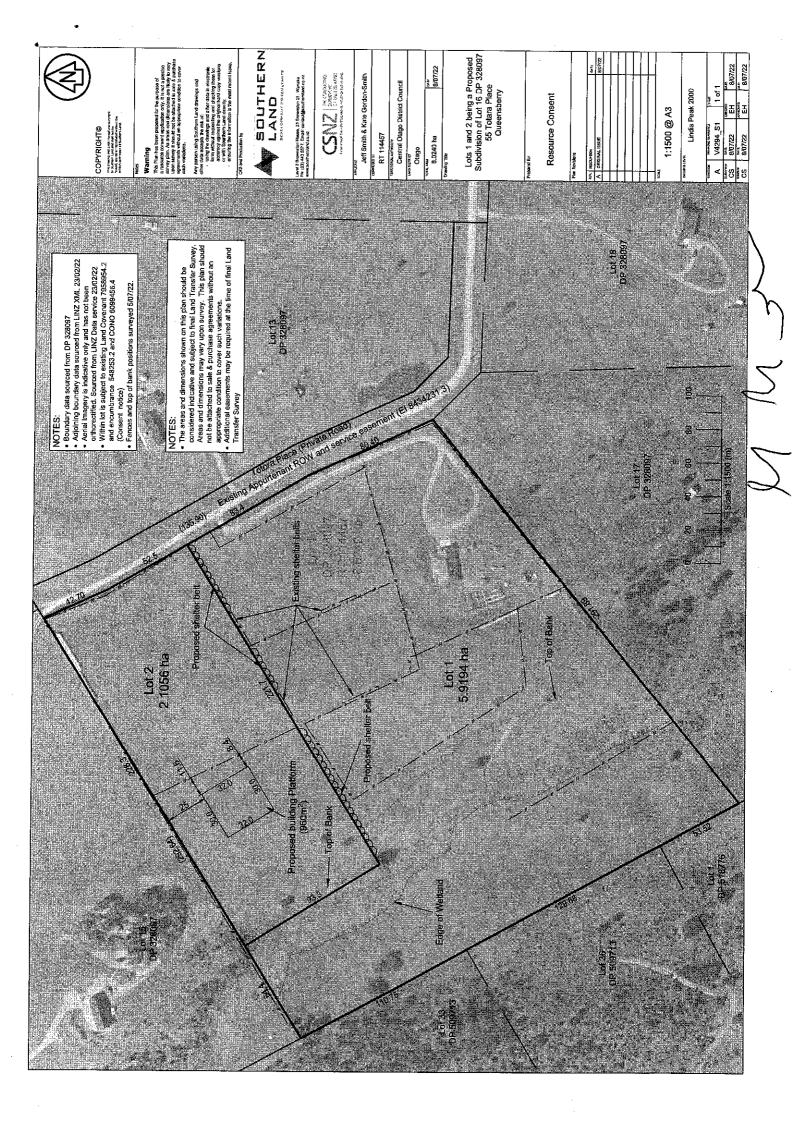
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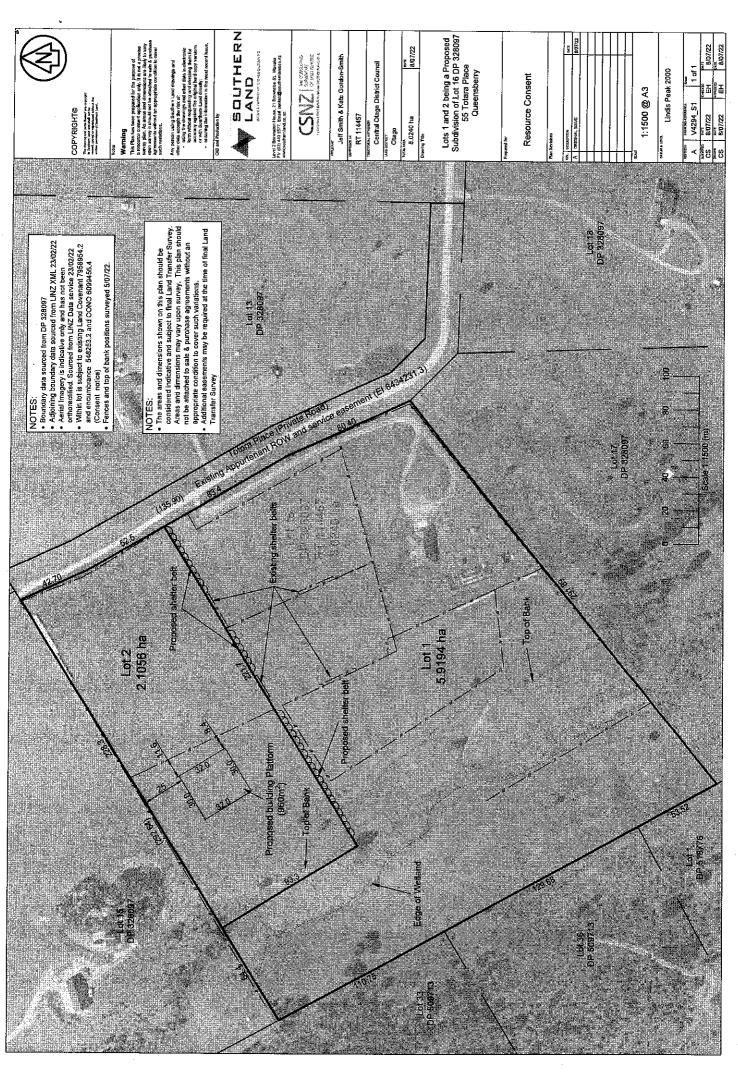
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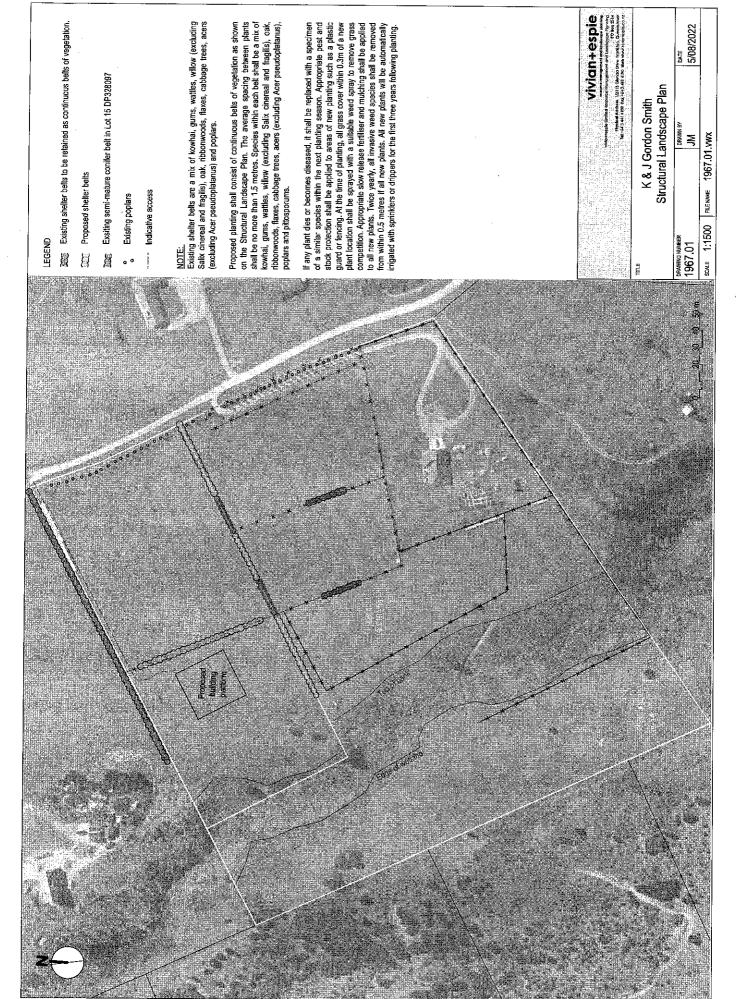
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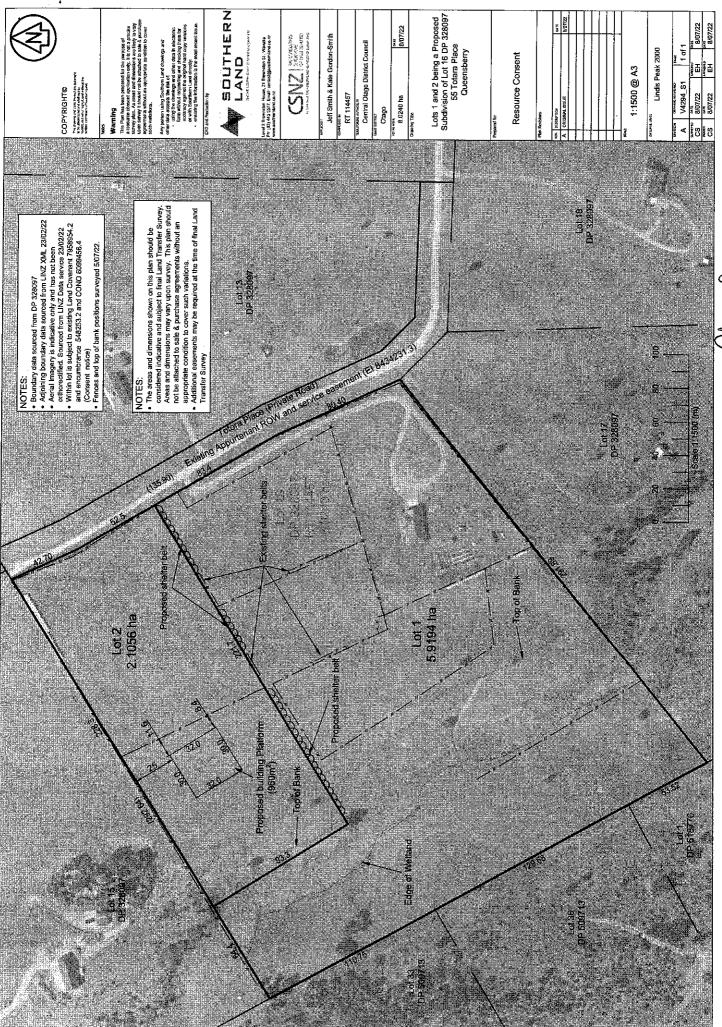
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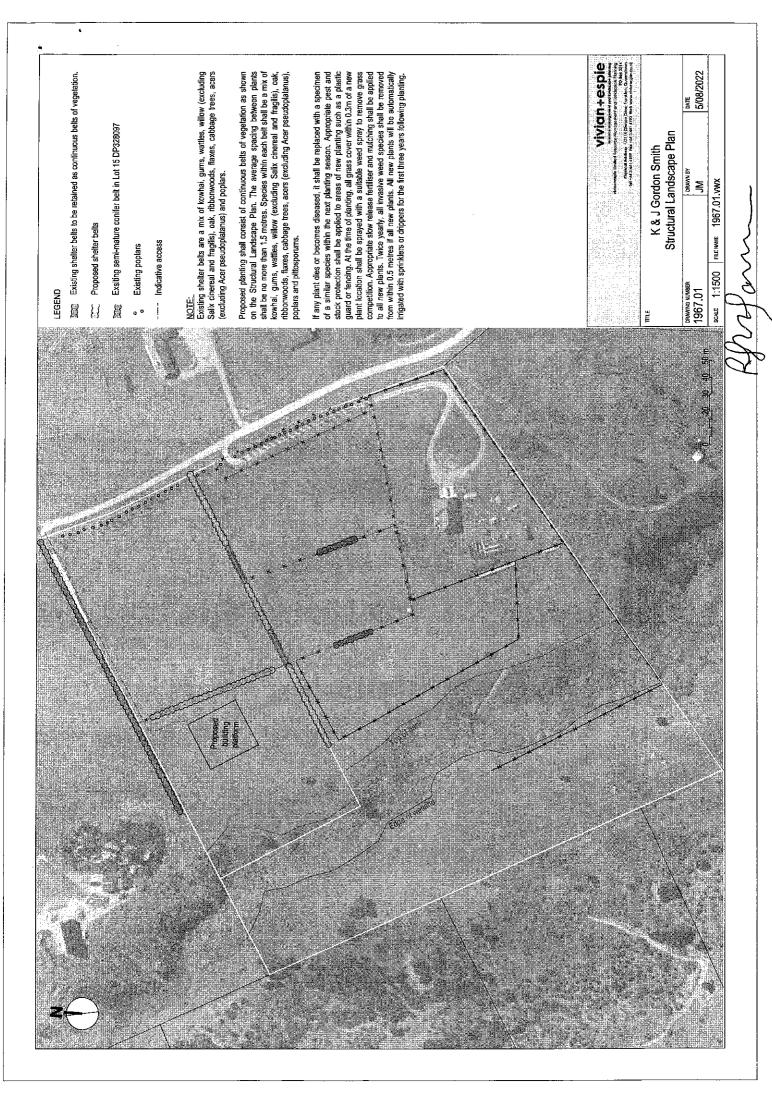
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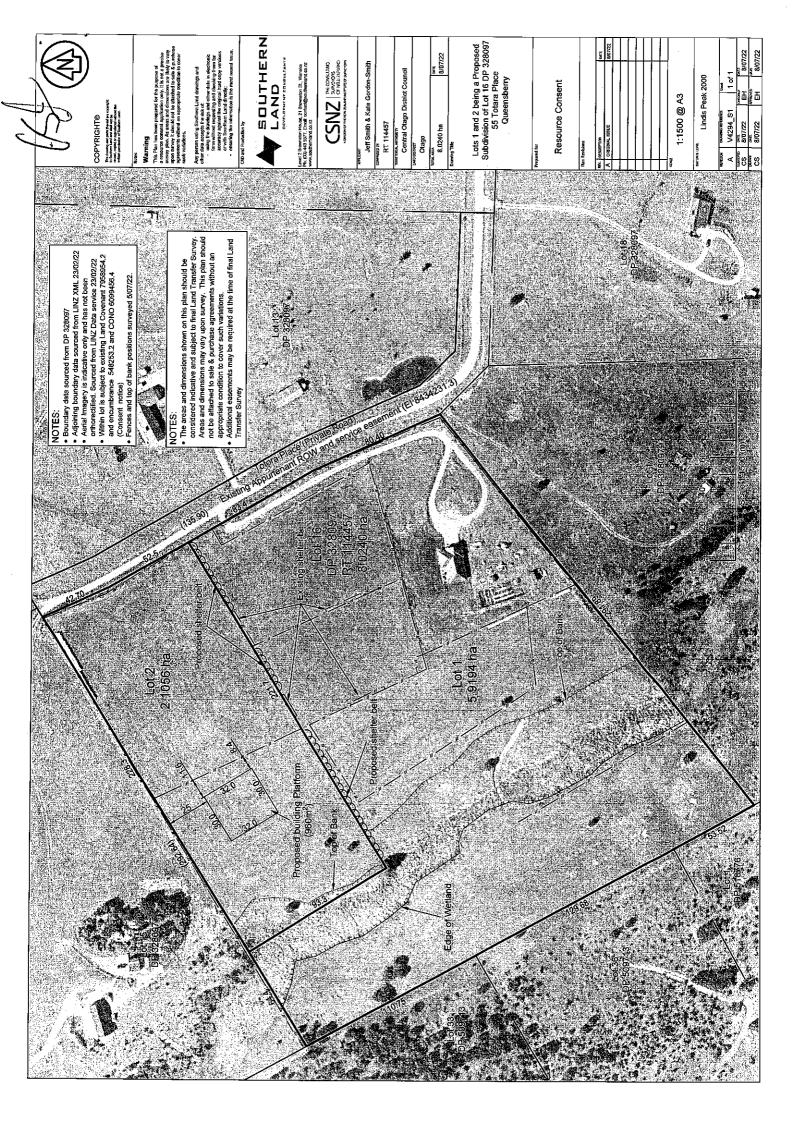


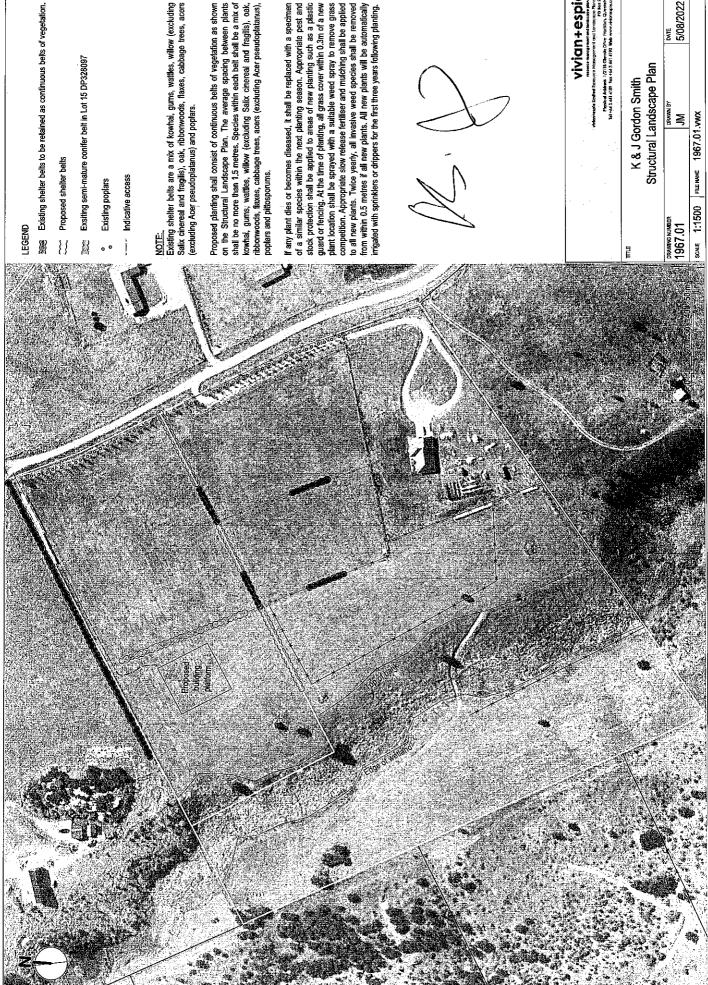
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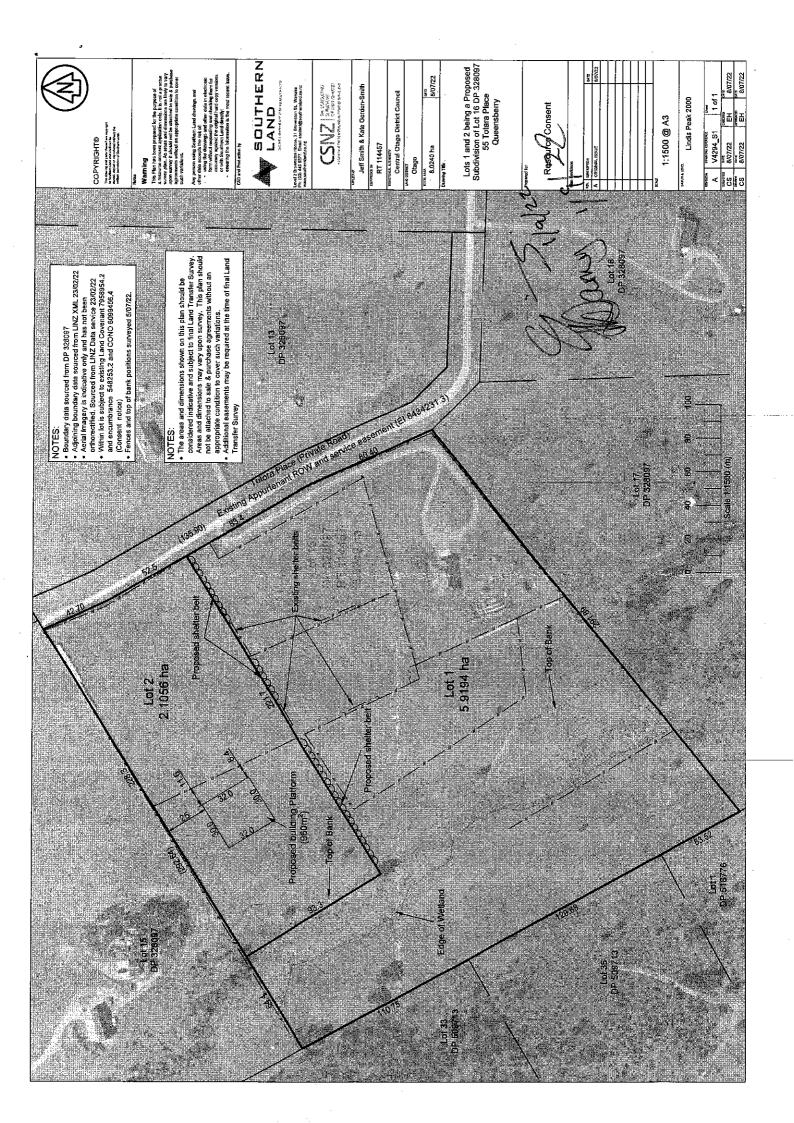


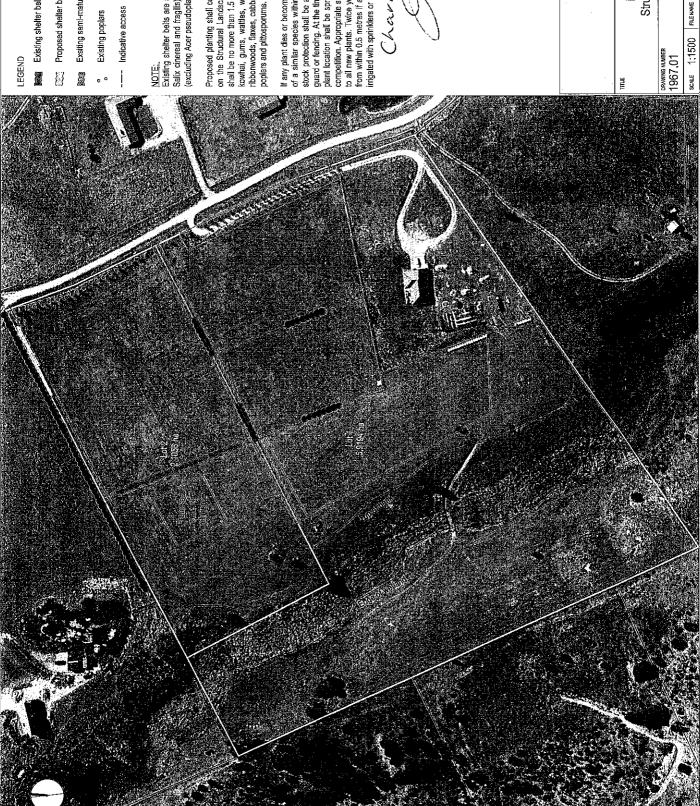
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Proposed shelter belts

Exsiting semi-mature conifer belt in Lot 15 DP328097

Existing poplars

Indicative access

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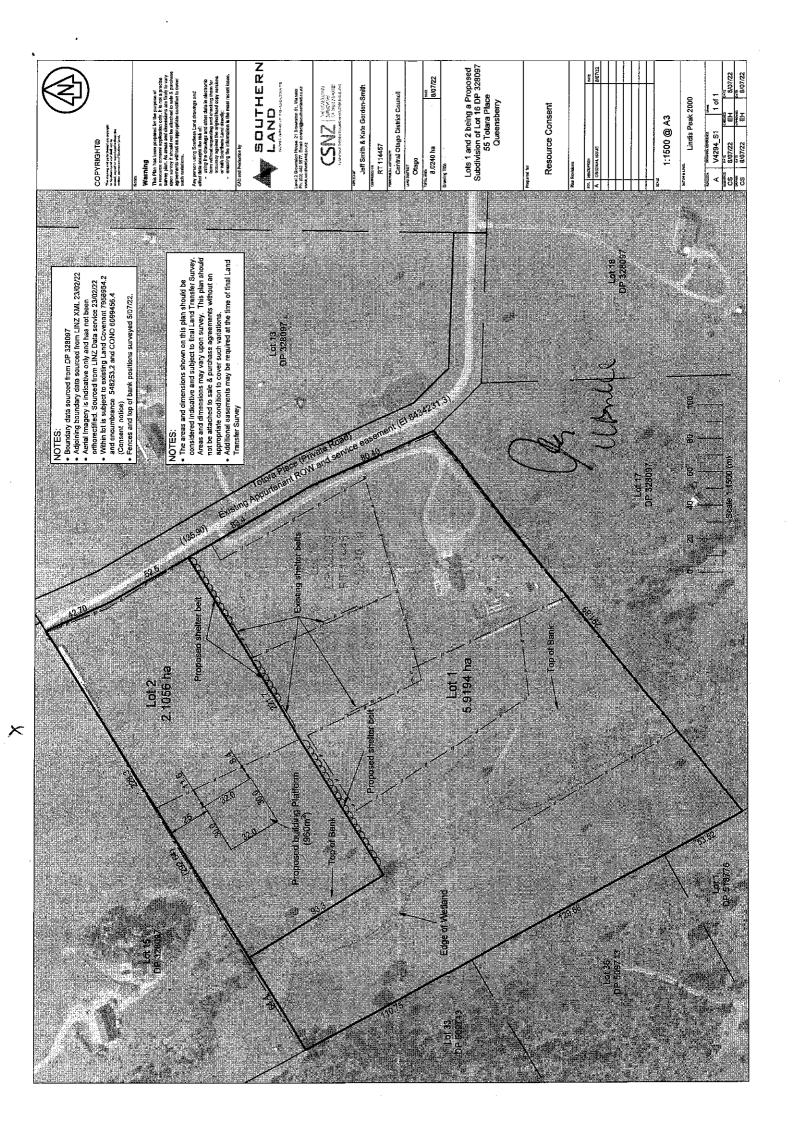
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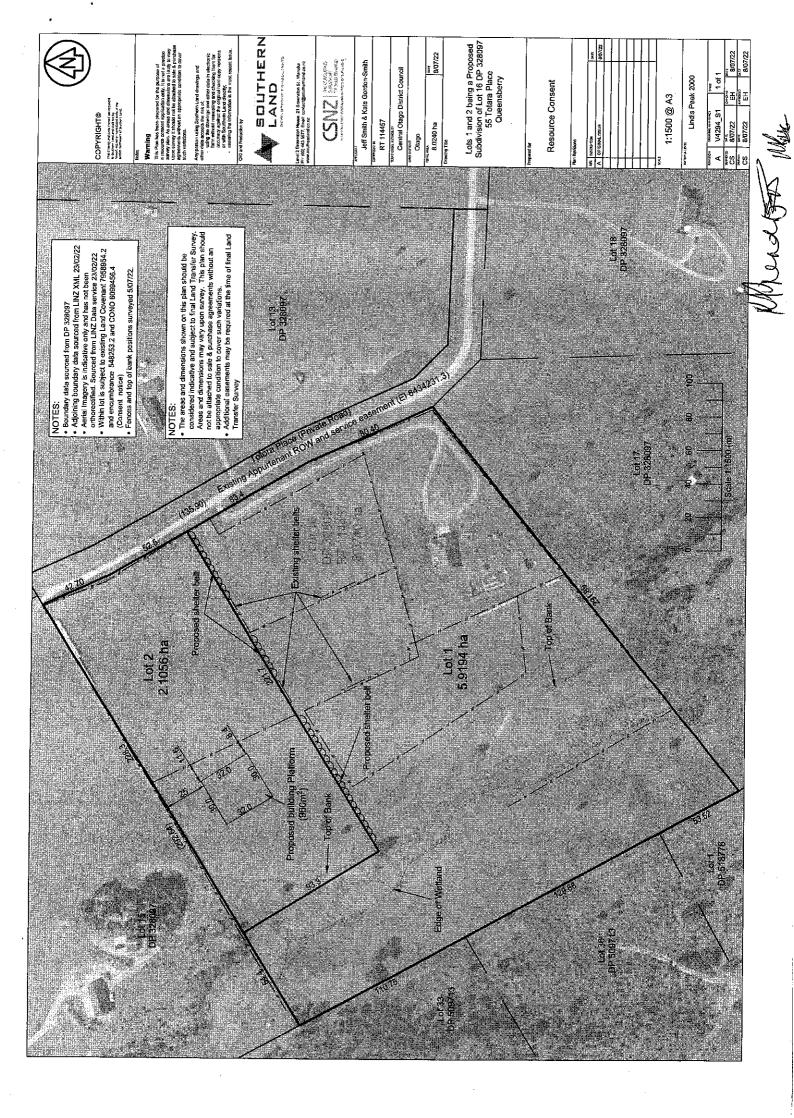


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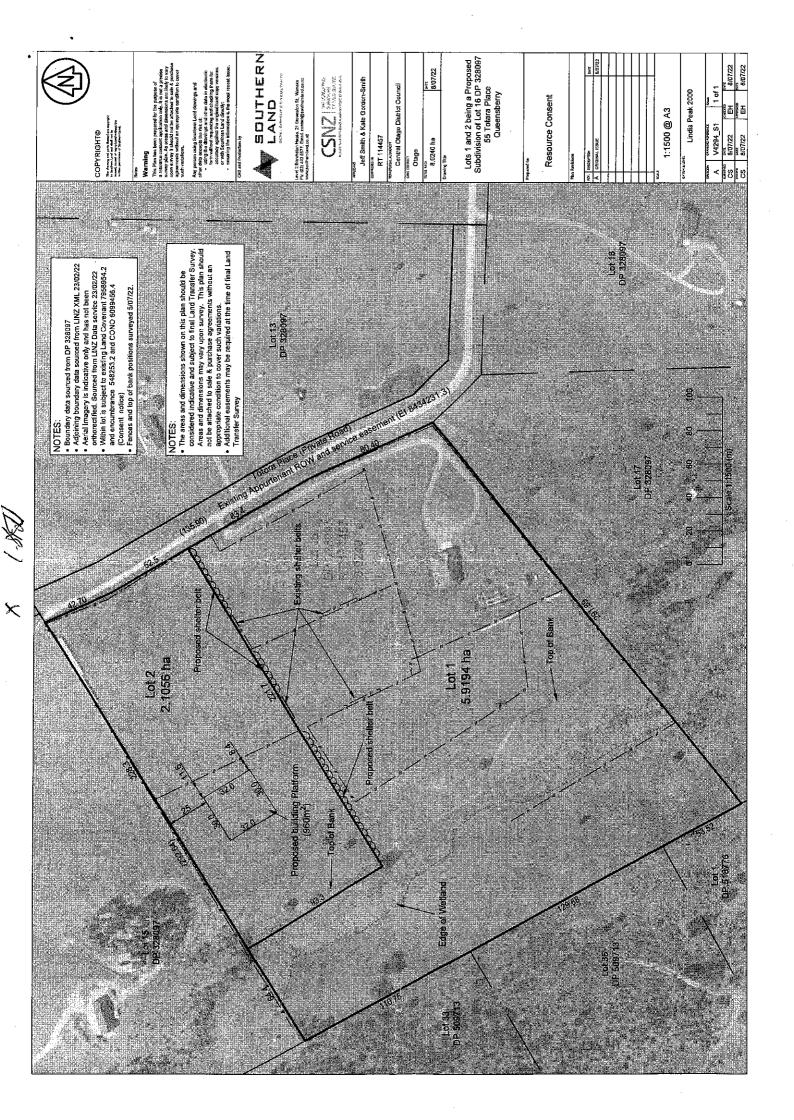


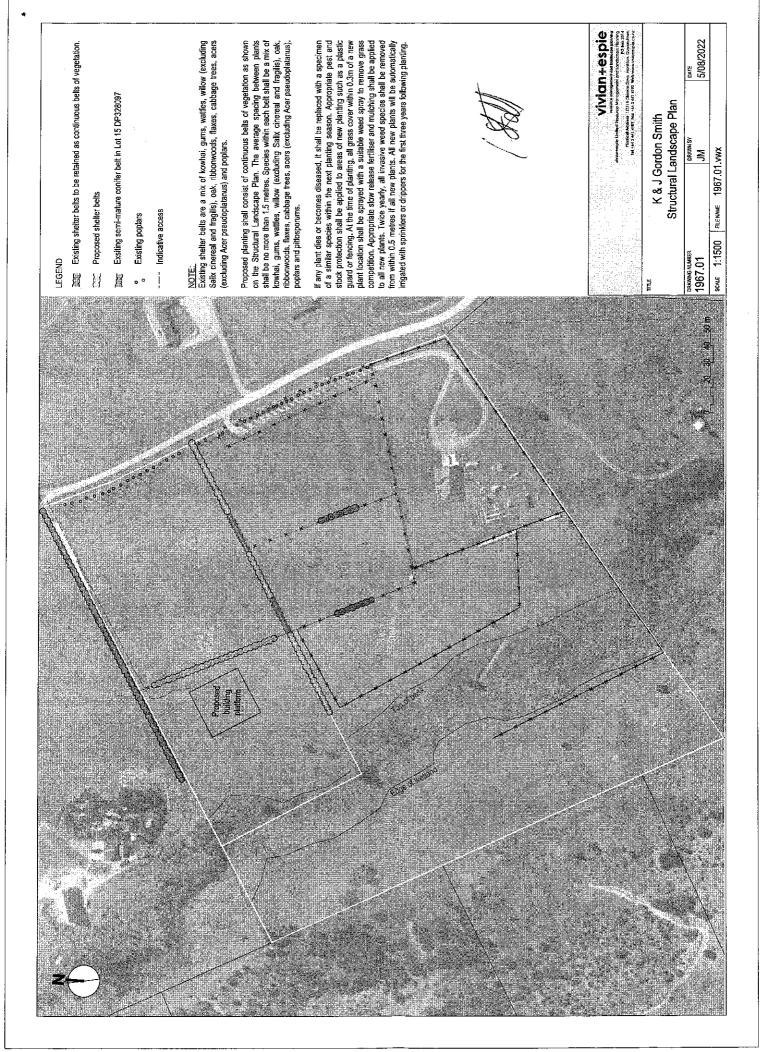
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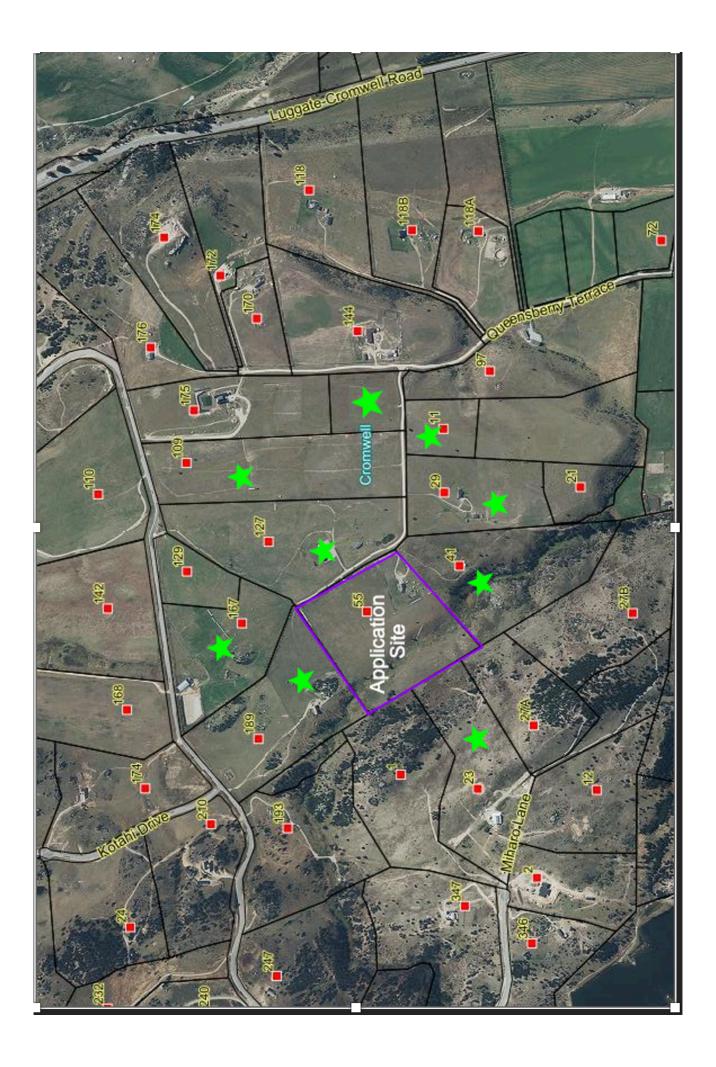
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Other documentation - please do not upload documents already loaded

Provide any other relevant documentation.

Appendix C - Map of existing subdivisions.pdf (1 mb)

Appendix F - power and tellecommunications confirmation.pdf (2 mb)

Appendix G - ORC Land Use Database.pdf (408 kb)



Reference 22.081

Date 9 June 2023

Location 55 Totara Place, Queensberry

Legal Description Lot 16 Deposited Plan 328097 held in Record of Title 114457

Applicant Jeffrey Smith and Katherine Gordon-Smith

Territorial Authority Central Otago District Council

Plan Central Otago District Plan

Zoning Rural Resource Area (Planning Map 46)

Proposal Resource consent is sought to undertake a two-lot

subdivision and establish a residential building platform on

the new Lot 2

Activity Status Restricted discretionary activity land use consent and a non-

complying activity subdivision consent pursuant to Rules

4.7.3(vii) and 4.7.5 (iii) of the Central Otago District Plan

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 This application for resource consent is made pursuant to Section 88 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (the Act). Section 88 requires that any application for resource consent include an assessment of environmental effects in such detail as corresponds with the scale and significance of the effects that the activity may have on the environment, and shall be prepared in accordance with the Fourth Schedule to the Act.

2.0 LEGAL DESCRIPTION

2.1 The application site is legally described as Lot 16 Deposited Plan 328097 held in Record of Title114457. A copy of the Record of Title and Consent Notice 6099456.4 is attached as Appendix A

to this application.

3.0 SITE DESCRIPTION

3.1 The site is located at 55 Totara Place. Please refer to the location plan in **Figure 1** below.

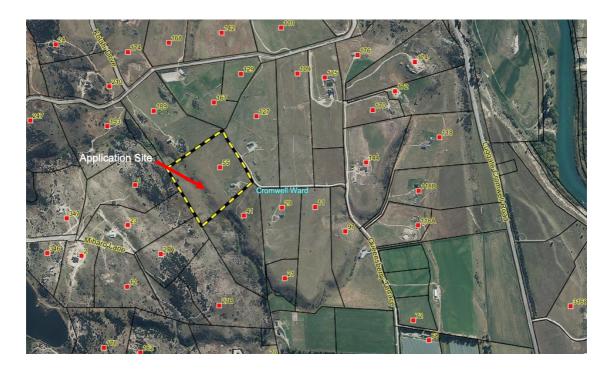


Figure 1: Application Site

- 3.2 The site is trapezoidal in shape, approximately 202m by 293m, and 8.024 hectares in area. The Queensberry subdivision, a rural living subdivision of which the application site forms part, is located on elevated terraces between State Highway 6 to the east and the Pisa Range, which rises to the west. The Clutha River is located 1.35 kilometres to the east. The majority of the site is comprised of flat land that is used for grazing. There is a small depression in the topography approximately 50m from the south-western boundary, which is vegetated with sedges. The paddock to the south-west is elevated above the overland flow path. The foothills of the Pisa Range rise steeply to the west at the boundary of the site.
- 3.3 There is an existing single storey, four bedroom dwelling in the south-eastern corner of the property.
- 3.4 Access to the dwelling is obtained from Totara Place to the north of the dwelling. Totara Place is a private Right of Way (ROW) at the northern end of Queensberry Terrace. Totara Place is contained within a Right of Way easement that follows the north eastern boundary of the site and provides access to the adjoining properties to the south and east.

- 3.5 Totara Place includes an existing metalled formation approximately 5m wide. The easement parcel (Area E on DP 328097) also includes rights to convey water, electricity and telecommunications and those services extend through to the northern end of Totara Place. Past subdivision decisions (RC200303) on Totara Place have concluded that the retention of the existing gravel formation in private ownership is the most appropriate outcome, as it enables the residents to retain the posted 30km/hr speed limit and manage maintenance of the ROW.
- 3.6 The topography of the wider area is generally open, falling in terraces towards State Highway 6 to the east and rising to the Pisa Range to the west.
- 3.7 Two of the adjoining properties are generally in the 8ha range in terms of size. However, a number of subdivisions have been approved in the area including:
 - The property to the north, 167 Pukerangi Drive (RC180276) to create Lots 1 and 2 DP 533672 that comprise 5.8ha and 2.2ha respectively and each include residential building platforms;
 - The property to the east, 127 Pukerangi Drive (RC200318) to create Lots 1 and 2 that comprise 2.13ha and 6.69ha respectively and each include residential building platforms;
 - The property at 109 Pukerangi Drive (RC200352) has been subdivided to create Lots 1 and 2 that comprise of 6.36ha and 2ha each including a residential building platforms;
 - The property at 175 Queensberry Terrace has been subdivided (under RC170558) to create Lots 1 and 2 DP 526606 that comprise 6.0ha and 2.3ha respectively and again each including either an existing dwelling (Lot 1) or a residential building platform (Lot 2);
 - The property at 29 Totara Place to the south (under RC200303) has been subdivided to create Lots 1 and 2 that comprise of 6ha and 2 ha with Lot containing the exiting dwelling and Lot 2 a residential building platform.
 - The property at 11 Totara Place to the southeast (under RC210237) has been subdivided to create Lots 1 and 2 that comprise 2.096ha and 5.93 ha, with Lot to contain a new residential building platform and Lot 2 to contain the existing dwelling and workers' accommodation.

- As a result, the character of the area immediately surrounding the application site, is comprised of flat to undulating paddocks on sites of between 2 and 8 ha in area with interspersed rural living activities. A map of the approved subdivisions in Queensberry Estates has been included as **Appendix C**. The average site size across the Queensberry Estates subdivision is approximately 5.7 ha.
- 3.9 The dwelling has access to water via the Queensberry Irrigation Scheme, which includes access to 5,000 litres a day of water for domestic use and 100,000 litres for irrigation. In order to ensure there is sufficient pressure on site, a water tank is used to store potable water and pump it to the dwelling. The water has been tested to confirm it is safe for drinking.
- 3.10 Wastewater and stormwater are disposed of to ground. There are existing telecommunications and electricity connections to the dwelling.

4.0 PROPOSAL

- 4.1 Resource consent is sought to undertake a two lot subdivision and establish a new residential building platform on the vacant lot to be created (Proposed Lot 2). A copy of the proposed plans is included as **Appendix B**.
- 4.2 Proposed Lot 1 will measure 5.9ha in area and would be comprised of the southern and western portions of the site and include the existing dwelling and the depression in topography, which runs north to south.
- 4.3 Proposed Lot 2 would be 2.1ha in area and be comprised of the north-eastern portion of the site. The lot is proposed to be rectangular in shape, 221.7m long by 93.3m wide. A 960m² (32m by 30m) residential building platform is proposed on the western side of the lot. It is proposed to limit the height of any built form within the platform to 4.5m above existing ground level.
- 4.4 It is proposed to undertake the subdivision to financially support improved grazing on the property, as well as to improve the gardens and orchards associated with the existing residential use.
- 4.5 Access to Lot 2 would be obtained from Totara Place and formed at the time a dwelling is constructed on the proposed lot.

- 4.6 Electricity, telecommunications and water supply connections are available to the existing dwelling and will be extended to serve the building platform on proposed Lot 2 with all necessary easements being granted and reserved.
- 4.7 Effluent and stormwater are to be disposed of to ground within each lot, with the dwelling on proposed Lot 2 being served by an existing wastewater treatment plant and disposal field.

Proposed Conditions

4.8 The following conditions are proposed to be registered on the title of Lot 2 in the form of a Consent Notice:

The following conditions of the consent shall be complied with in perpetuity and shall be registered on the relevant Titles by way of Consent Notice pursuant to s.221 of the Act:

- a) All future buildings shall be contained within the Building Platform shown as Covenant Area as shown on Land Transfer Plan XXXXX.
- b) All residential domestic elements and activity including but not limited to amenity gardens and garden structures, mown lawns, paved areas, residential water tanks, storage sheds, play structures, external lighting, swimming pools, tennis courts, clothes lines, parking areas, stored caravans, boats and trailers shall be contained within the domestic curtilage area as shown on the Landscape Plan.

5.0 DISTRICT PLAN ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 The subject site is zoned Rural Resource Area under the Operative District Plan as shown on Planning Map 46 and the proposed subdivision requires the following resource consent:
 - A restricted discretionary activity resource consent pursuant to Rule 4.7.3(vii) for the identification of a residential building platform on proposed Lot 1 with Council's discretion being restricted to the following matters:
 - Screening from public views with regard to effects on open space, landscape, natural character and amenity values;
 - Earthworks and their effects on open space, landscape, natural character and amenity values;

- Whether any future building will maintain the open natural character of hills and ranges and avoid compromising the landscape and amenity values of prominent hillsides and terraces, including any skyline or terrace edge;
- Exterior colours;
- Cumulative effects;
- Reverse sensitivity;
- Servicing.
- A **non-complying** activity resource consent pursuant to *Rule 4.7.5 (iii) Subdivision* as, while the proposed subdivision does not create any lot smaller than 2 hectares, the average lot size will be below the required 8 hectare average in the Rural Resource Area.
- 5.2 Overall the proposed development is a **non-complying** activity.

6.0 ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT

6.1 This Assessment of Effects on the Environment (AEE) accompanies an application for resource consent made under Section 88 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (the Act) and has been prepared in accordance with the Fourth Schedule of the Act in such detail as corresponds with the scale and significance of the effects that the activity may have on the environment.

Receiving Environment

- As detailed in Section 3.7 above, a number of subdivisions have been approved within the immediate area. Of the original 19 lots created by the underlying subdivision, 9 have been subdivided into smaller blocks. In addition, Lots 1 and 2 DP 540662 are both 2 hectares in area. As a result, this area of Queensberry is characterised by smaller 2 hectare lots (11 in total) interspersed with larger 8-10 hectare lots, most of which have associated rural living and hobby farming uses. There is a small vineyard to the south-east. The average lot size across the area is now 5.7ha.
- This forms the receiving environment within which the effects of the proposal must be assessed.

Affected Party Approval

6.4 Affected party approval from the following people has been obtained:

Persons	Property Address	Location in Relation to
		Application Site
Melanie Mueller	167 Pukerangi Drive	Property to the north
Sharon McIntyre and Sharex Trust	23 Miharo Lane	Property adjacent to the east
Mac, Daniel, Anthony and	41 Totara Place	Property adjacent to the south
Nicholas Gardner		
Craig Barr and Jessica Maddock	29 Totara Place	Property to the south
Carlton and Louise Carney	11 Totara Place	Property to the south
Andrew Keene and Sorrelle	175 Queensberry	Property to the east
Pearson	Terrace	
Stephen and Megan Burke	109 Pukerangi Drive	Property to the east
Rachel Predergast and Matt Ragg	54 Totara Place	Property adjacent to the east on
		the opposite side of Totara Place
Lyndon Stott and Sophie Copley	189 Pukerangi Drive	Property adjacent to the north



Figure 2 : Application site and neighbouring properties that have provided written approval for the development indicated by a green star.

6.5 Pursuant to s95D(e) and s95E(3)(a) of the Act any adverse effects on the parties who have given their written approvals have been disregarded in this assessment of effects.

Actual and Potential Effects on the Environment

- 6.6 The potential adverse effects of the proposed development are considered to include effects relating to:
 - Landscape, Character and Rural Amenity;
 - Productive Land and Reverse Sensitivity;
 - Servicing and infrastructure;
 - Access and Traffic;
 - Ecological Effects;
 - Natural and other hazards;
 - Culture and heritage;
 - Access and traffic; and
 - Cumulative Effects

Landscape, Character and Visual Amenity

- 6.7 The application site is not contained within an Outstanding Natural Landscape and is set within a landscape that is characterised by rural living properties located on the open terraces elevated above State Highway 6. Those terraces include instances of small scale grazing, farming, horticulture and viticulture as well as properties that appear to be used solely for residential purposes.
- A landscape assessment has been prepared by Richard Tyler of Site Landscape Architects and attached as **Appendix D** to this application. My Tyler identifies the site as being located within an area that has a character comprised of a mix of rural living development of varying sizes, with associated dwellings and shelterbelts, that is visually separated from the wide open expanse of the Clutha Plains.
- 6.9 Mr Tyler identifies that the site is not visible from nearby public viewpoints, and only visible from neighbouring sites, most of whom have provided written approval for the proposed subdivision. While the subdivision may be visible from surrounding mountain tops, distance will make the changes proposed by way of this subdivision difficult to discern.

- Mr Tyler is of the opinion that the site is located within a discreet enclave of rural living development and, therefore, the subject site and the surrounding area can absorb additional residential development without compromising the established character. The proposed subdivision will add one further instance of residential development within an area that is already characterised by rural living properties. As Totara Place is a private road and the application site is located near the end of that road, the existing dwelling and any future built form within the proposed building platform on Lot 2 will not be visible from any public place. Mr Tyler considers that the proposed subdivision would preserve the rural character and open landscape values of the Queensberry Terrace.
- 6.11 In addition, My Tyler is of the opinion that any cumulative effects resulting from the proposed subdivision would be negligible. Mr Tyler considers that the character of the area has altered over time and the proposed subdivision would be consistent with the established character.
- 6.12 While no specific controls on exterior colours and materials are proposed, it is considered that the District Plan provisions (controlled activity standard 4.7.2(i)(f)) relating to these matters provide Council with sufficient scope to ensure that future built development does not result in inappropriate adverse effects on landscape character or visual amenity.
- 6.13 Minimal earthworks will be required to implement the proposed subdivision and construct a future dwelling on the proposed Lot 1 building platform and it is considered that the proposal will generate negligible adverse effects as a result of earthworks.
- Resource Area (the average lot size being 4ha rather than the required 8ha) the lots comply with the minimum individual lot size and will result in a density of rural living that is consistent with the density of development that currently exists and has been consented in the immediate area. The proposed building platform on Lot 2 is separated from the closest residential building platform (189 Pukerangi Drive to the north) by approximately 82m. As such it is considered that sufficient open space will be maintained and the overall low density rural living character will not be compromised as a result of the proposal.
- 6.15 While most of the neighbouring land owners have provided written approval for the proposed development, the owners of 1 and 27a Miharo Lane have not.
- 6.16 The property at 1 Miharo Lane is located to the north-west and uphill of the application site. The eastern slopes of the property are relatively steep, sloping down to the application site, and

vegetated with kanuka. The building platform associated with this property is located on the upper portion, with views out over the Clutha to the north and east, with the mountains beyond. The application site would not be visible from the platform and consented shed, but would be visible to occupiers or owners of 1 Miharo Lane when they are on the steeper slopes of the property. However the additional residential use would be consistent with the development that has established in the enclosed area below 1 Miharo Lane and would not affect the owner or occupiers' enjoyment of the landscape, rural character or openness values.

- The property located at 27a Miharo Lane is located to the south of the application site. As with 1 Miharo Lane discussed in Section 6.16 above, the portion of this property adjacent to the application site pertains to steeply sloping kanuka vegetated slopes. The shed and attached residential flat associated with this property has view down into the application site, however the application site would not be visible from the building platform which is located further south. Views from this site are of the open expanse of rural farmland on the opposite side of the Clutha River. The additional residential use would be consistent with the development that has established in the enclosed area below 27a Miharo Lane and would not affect the owner or occupiers' enjoyment of the landscape, rural character or rural openness.
- 6.18 Overall, it is considered that the proposed development will result in less than minor adverse effects on landscape, character and amenity of the application site and the wider area.

Productive Land and Reverse Sensitivity

- 6.19 The application site is identified on the Landcare Research/Manaaki Whenua GIS map as having class 4 soils. As a result the site is not considered to be highly productive land as defined by the National Policy Statement on Highly Productive Land (NPS HPL). While the proposed subdivision would split the existing rural living block into two, it is considered that the balance of the land would continue to be used for pastoral grazing and hobby farming. The funds from the sale of proposed lot 2 will be used to improve the grazing productivity of Lot 1. Therefore, any reduction in productive potential would be relatively minimal. Further, by encouraging lifestyle development within the Queensberry area, where the soil is not identified as being highly productive, pressure will be reduced in other rural locations of the District where soils have more productive value.
- 6.20 The applicant has obtained written approval from neighbouring land owners, which have been included in **Appendix E**. While some of the neighbouring properties are used for economically productive agricultural activities, the residential building platform on proposed lot 2 will be

sufficiently set back from boundaries, and screened by shelter belts, so as to ensure that any reverse sensitivity effects would be minimal. Condition 2 of Consent Notice 6099456.6 makes lot owners and purchasers aware of ongoing agricultural operations in the area, although the property to which this condition refers has since been subdivided into rural living allotments. These interests will pass down onto the new titles. Therefore it is considered that any adverse reverse sensitivity effects would be less than minor.

6.21 Given the above, it is considered that any adverse effect on the availability of productive land and reverse sensitivity would be less than minor.

Services and Infrastructure

- 6.22 Electricity, telecommunications and water supplies are available to the existing dwelling on proposed Lot 1 from existing reticulation located within Totara Place. Additional service connections can be provided to proposed Lot 1 and letters from Aurora and Chorus confirming that the proposed subdivision can be appropriately serviced in terms of electricity and telecommunications are attached as **Appendix F** to this application.
- 6.23 The applicants have a right to 5,000ltr of potable water per day from the Queensberry Irrigation Scheme and this allocation will be split between proposed Lots 1 and 2.
- 6.24 Effluent and stormwater from the existing dwelling is currently disposed of to ground and the future dwelling on proposed Lot 2 will be serviced in the same manner. It is considered that proposed Lot 2 is of adequate size, and has suitable ground conditions, to accommodate onsite effluent and stormwater disposal and it is expected that the conditions of consent will include a consent notice condition requiring that a wastewater and stormwater design is prepared by a suitably qualified professional and submitted to Council at such time as a dwelling is constructed on Lot 2. It is therefore considered that the proposed subdivision can be adequately serviced in this regard and will not result in any adverse effect in terms of groundwater quality.
- Overall it is considered that the proposed subdivision can be appropriately serviced and will not result in adverse effects on the existing infrastructure or groundwater quality and will not generate any other adverse environmental effects.

Access and Traffic

- Access to proposed Lot 2 will be provided from Totara Place. Concerns were raised during the processing of Resource Consent RC2003030 that Totara Place was a ROW servicing 27 lots (now 28). Council's engineer at the time considered these traffic volumes to be at the upper end for what can be accommodated on a Local Gravelled Road. The Hearings Panel at the time approved the retention of the ROW as a private road and were advised by the applicant that there were ongoing discussions among the property owners regarding sealing portions of the road. However, following Environment Court mediation, no requirement to seal the road was imposed through the final conditions of consent.
- 6.27 Resource Consent RC210237, grated subsequently on 30 November 2021, allowed the road to remain private and required upgrades but not the sealing of the road.
- 6.28 It is considered the current upgrades are sufficient to provide for the use of the road by one additional residential use. Lot 2 (the newly created Lot) will become a member of the management company that oversees the maintenance and upgrades of the road.
- 6.29 The proposed access arrangements are considered suitable and will not result in adverse effects on the safety or efficiency of the wider roading network.
- 6.30 The proposed subdivision will result in a slight increase in vehicle movements on Totara Place however not to the extent that discernible adverse effects will occur.
- 6.31 Overall, adverse effects on the transportation network are considered to be less than minor.

Ecological Effects

6.32 The application site is vegetated in rough grasses, with sedges within the depression, and a few kanuka trees scattered throughout the western portion of the property. No kanuka are proposed to be removed to accommodate the proposed subdivision. The location of Lot 2 and the associated building platform is such that all the kanuka will be retained within Lot 1 and no native vegetation will be disturbed. The remainder of the site will continue to be available for use as it currently exists (i.e. available for grazing or cultivation). It is therefore considered that the proposed subdivision will result in negligible adverse effects on ecological values.

Natural Hazards

6.33 The application site is flat and has not been identified as being subject to any natural hazard and as such it is considered that the proposed subdivision will not be adversely affected in this regard and will not exacerbate any effects resulting from natural hazards on adjoining properties.

Culture and Heritage

6.34 The subject site is not contained within a heritage precinct, nor does the site adjoin or contain a specific reference to an identified heritage building, site, structure or notable tree. In addition the subject site is not contained within any area of significant natural value or outstanding landscape value. The application does not raise any issues relevant to Iwi. The proposed subdivision will therefore have no effect in terms of culture and heritage.

Cumulative Effects

Adverse cumulative effects can occur when development on a site and/or in conjunction with development in the wider area reaches a point where adverse effects become significant and inappropriate. In this case it is considered that the proposed development does not tip the balance to where adverse cumulative effects become inappropriate. Specifically, it is considered that the breach to the minimum average lot size of 8ha will not result in an increase in density to the extent that the rural character and amenity values anticipated in the Rural Resource Area and exhibited in the wider area will be compromised. The proposed lots sizes will be consistent with those found in the immediate area. The application site and wider area will still be characterised by open space and rural living and it is therefore considered that the proposed development will not result in significant or inappropriate cumulative effects.

Positive Effects

- 6.36 The proposed development will enable the creation of an additional rural living allotment, for which there is substantial demand. In addition, by enabling rural living development in this location some pressure on developing land that has highly productive soils, or is located within an ONL, is reduced.
- 6.37 The proposed development will also have financial benefits for the applicants and will provide them with the financial resource required to improve the productivity of the balance of the land.

Summary of Effects

As outlined above, it is considered that the proposed subdivision will not result in significant adverse effects in landscape terms and is generally consistent with the established character and amenity of the locality.

6.39 The proposed subdivision will enable a sustainable use of the land resource within the site and will not result in adverse effects in terms of natural hazards, culture or heritage. In addition the proposed subdivision will have no adverse effects in terms of services, infrastructure, access and traffic generation or ecological values and will not result in significant or inappropriate cumulative effects. Overall it is considered that the adverse effects of the proposed development will be minor.

7.0 OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

7.1 The objectives and policies of particular relevance to the consideration of the proposal are contained in Section 4 – Rural Resource Area of the Operative Central Otago District Plan and are as follows:

4.3.1 Objective - Needs of the District's People and Communities

To recognise that communities need to provide for their social, economic and cultural wellbeing, and for their health and safety at the same time as ensuring environmental quality is maintained and enhanced.

7.2 It is considered that the proposed subdivision will result in positive effects for the applicant and will make some contribution to the community's ability to provide for its social, economic and cultural wellbeing through providing an additional rural living opportunity. In addition it is considered that the environmental effects of the proposal can be appropriately managed such that environmental quality is suitably maintained. It is therefore considered that the proposal is consistent with, and not contrary to, Objective 4.3.1 above.

4.3.2 <u>Objective – Outstanding Natural Landscapes and Outstanding Natural Features, and</u> Land in the Upper Manorburn/Lake Onslow Landscape Management Area

To protect the Districts outstanding natural landscapes and outstanding natural features, and land in the Upper Manorburn/Lake Onslow Landscape Management Area

(including landforms) from the adverse effects of inappropriate subdivision, use and development.

7.3 The site is not located within an ONL. By enabling rural living development in this location, on the flats away from the ONL, the proposal will enable the continued protection of ONLs and ONFs in the District.

4.3.3 Objective - Landscape and Amenity Values

To maintain and where practicable enhance rural amenity values created by the open space, landscape, natural character and built environment values of the District's rural environment, and to maintain the open natural character of the hills and ranges.

7.4 The proposal subdivision will maintain appropriate levels of open space and will not compromise the values of the landscape, natural character or built environment. In addition the proposal will not result in adverse effects on the open natural character of the hills and ranges. Consequently, it is considered that the proposal is consistent with, and not contrary to, Objective 4.3.3 above.

4.4.2 Policy – Landscape and Amenity Values

To manage the effects of land use activities and subdivision to ensure that adverse effects on the open space, landscape, natural character and amenity values of the rural environment are avoided, remedied or mitigated through:

- (a) The design and location of structures and works, particularly in respect of the open natural character of hills and ranges, skylines, prominent places and natural features,
- (b) Development which is compatible with the surrounding environment including the amenity values of adjoining properties,
- (c) The ability to adequately dispose of effluent on site,
- (d) Controlling the generation of noise in back country areas,
- (e) The location of tree planting, particularly in respect of landscape values, natural features and ecological values,
- (f) Controlling the spread of wilding trees.

(g) Encouraging the location and design of buildings to maintain the open natural character of hills and ranges without compromising the landscape and amenity values of prominent hillsides and terraces.

7.5 As outlined above, it is considered that the proposed subdivision and future built development on the proposed Lot 1 building platform will not result in inappropriate effects on the open space, landscape, natural character or amenity values of the rural environment and will not compromise the open natural character of any hill, range, skyline, prominent place or natural feature. The proposed development will be compatible with the existing rural amenity and character in the area.

In addition, it is considered that the proposed subdivision and future built development on the proposed Lot 2 building platform (which includes a proposed 4.5m height limit) will be compatible with the surrounding environment including the amenity values of adjoining properties (who have, for the most part, provided their written approval). The building platform has been located so as to promote the retention of open space around both existing and future dwellings and to retain the open character of the site when viewed from Totara Place. The buildings will be located a reasonable distance from the slopes of the Pisa Range, thereby protecting and maintain the landscape values of that landscape.

7.7 It is considered that the proposed lots are of sufficient size and ground condition to appropriate dispose of effluent on site and the proposed development will not generate noise in backcountry areas, involve inappropriate tree planting or encourage the spread of wilding trees. Overall it is considered that the proposed subdivision and associated residential building platform is consistent with, and not contrary to, Policy 4.4.2 above.

4.4.5 Policy - Effects on Water Quality

To assist the Otago Regional Council in it's role of maintaining and enhancing water quality, by ensuring allotments are adequate for effluent disposal requirements and encouraging the use of land management techniques that maintain and/or enhance the life supporting capacity of water.

7.8 The proposed lots are of adequate size to accommodate onsite effluent disposal and consequently it is considered that the proposal is consistent with Policy 4.4.5.

4.4.6 Policy – Adverse Effects on the Soil Resource

To ensure that the location, construction and/or operation of land use activities and subdivision make adequate provision for the protection of the soil resource by avoiding, remedying or mitigating the adverse effects of practices which may cause:

- (a) Erosion, instability or loss of topsoil,
- (b) Loss of nutrient or incidence of soil contamination,
- (c) Loss of soils with special qualities,
- (d) A reduction in vegetation cover and moisture holding capacity, and
- (e) Soil compaction
- 7.9 As can be seen in Figure 3 below, the soils on site have been identified as being Category 4 soils and therefore are not considered to be highly productive.



Figure 3 : Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research GIS Land Capability map with location of application site shown approximately

The subdivision design and location of the building platform is such that the productive potential of the site will, for the most part, be retained while enabling the creation an additional rural living allotment. The proposal will not result in the loss of topsoil, loss of nutrients, loss of soils with special qualities, or a reduction in vegetation cover. The proceeds from the sale will be sued to improve the balance of the land for grazing. The proposal is therefore considered to be not contrary to these provisions.

4.4.8 Policy - Adverse Effects on the Amenity Values of Neighbouring Properties.

To ensure that the effects associated with some activities including (but not limited to):

- (a) Noise (including noise associated with traffic generation, night time operations), and vibration,
- (b) The generation of a high level of traffic, in particular heavy vehicles,
- (c) Glare, particularly from building finish,
- (d) A reduction in visual amenity due to excessive signage and the storage of goods or waste products on the site,
- (e) The generation of odour, dusts, wastes and hazardous substances, and
- (f) The use and/or storage of hazardous goods or substances do not significantly adversely affect the amenity values and privacy of neighbouring properties or the safe and efficient operation of the roading network.
- 7.10 The proposed subdivision and additional rural living use will not result in additional noise, high traffic, glare, dust, odour or signage. The proposed development will maintain the amenity of the area when experienced from neighbouring properties. Overall, the proposal is considered to be not contrary to this Policy.

4.4.9 Policy - Effects of Rural Activities

To recognise that some rural activities, particularly those of a short duration or seasonal nature, often generate noise and other effects that can disturb neighbours by ensuring that new development locating near such activities recognise and accept the prevailing environmental characteristics associated with production and other activities found in the Rural Resource Area.

7.11 The existing consent notice (CN 6099456.4) registered on the Record of Title for the application site will continue to apply to the resultant titles following subdivision and alerts lot owners to established rural activities that may be undertaken in the vicinity of the site. That being said, the specific property to which the consent notice condition relates (Lot 3 DP 332080) has since been subdivided for rural living purposes. The proposed subdivision is therefore located within an area that is primarily characterised by rural living properties and it is therefore considered that the proposed subdivision will not result in reverse sensitivity effects that do not otherwise exist. It is therefore considered that the proposal is consistent with, and not contrary to, Policy 4.4.9..

4.4.10 Policy – Rural Subdivision and Development

To ensure that the subdivision and use of land in the Rural Resource Area avoids, remedies or mitigates adverse effects on:

- (a) The open space, landscape and natural character amenity values of the rural environment in particular the hills and ranges,
- (b) The natural character and values of the District's wetlands, lakes, rivers and their margins,
- (c) The production and amenity values of neighbouring properties,
- (d) The safety and efficiency of the roading network,
- (e) The loss of soils with special qualities,
- (f) The ecological values of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna,
- (g) The heritage and cultural values of the District,
- (h) The water quality of the District's surface and groundwater resources, and
- (i) Public access to or along the rivers and lakes of the District, particularly through the use of minimum (and average) allotment sizes.
- 7.12 The proposed subdivision and additional rural living use will support the retention of the existing character of this landscape. Effects on open space have been minimised and adverse effects on natural character and amenity have been mitigated or avoided. Adverse effects on the landscape values and character of the hills and ranges have been avoided.
- 7.13 Any adverse effects on the character and value of wetlands, lakes, rivers and their margins have been avoided.
- 7.14 The proposed subdivision will enable additional rural living use, which is consistent with the uses established in the area and will maintain the existing rural living amenity. Given these uses, in combination with the proposed setbacks, the proposed subdivision will not result in adverse effects on the productive potential of adjoining lots.
- 7.15 The proposed subdivision will remedy any adverse effects on the safe and efficient functioning of the roads by contributing to ongoing maintenance and upgrades as required of Totara Place.

- 7.16 As the site is not identified as having highly productive soils it is considered that the proposal will avoid adverse effects on soils of special qualities.
- 7.17 The proposed subdivision will avoid adverse effects on significant indigenous vegetation or native habitat, heritage or cultural values, water quality, and public access.
- 7.18 The proposed allotments will comply with the minimum allotment size for the Zone. However they will not comply with the required minimum average of lot sizes across the subdivision. The explanation that accompanies these provisions in the plan notes that minimum lot averages are a tool to help control subdivision but that, in some instances, adherence to an arbitrary minimum is not always the most appropriate approach. It should be acknowledged that the minimum average lot size applies to the entire Rural Resource Area which covers vast areas of the District and includes Outstanding Natural Landscapes and Features along with less sensitive or important landscapes. In addition the Rural Resource Area includes a broad range of soil types and productive capacities and areas that are pastoral while other areas are more natural and vegetated in indigenous species. In this instance the proposed subdivision is located outside of any ONL, ONF, Significant Landscape Area or Landscape Management Area. The site is not located on any hillside, slope or ridge and does not comprise highly productive land or significant indigenous vegetation. The average lot size in the immediate area is 5.7ha. The proposed subdivision will result in lot areas that are consistent with the established pattern of development in the area and adverse effects associated with the subdivision have been avoided or mitigated. Therefore, it is considered that the proposal is consistent with, and not contrary to, Policy 4.4.10 above and that given the circumstances of the site subdivision below the minimum average lot size is appropriate in this instance.
- 7.19 Overall it is considered that the proposed development is consistent with, and not contrary to, the relevant objectives and policies of the Operative Central Otago District Plan.

8.0 OTHER MATTERS

8.1 Section 104 of the Act enables the Consent Authority to take into consideration any other matter is considers relevant and reasonably necessary to determine the application. The other matters relevant to the consideration of this application are as follows:

National Environmental Standard for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil to Protect Human Health (the NES)

8.2 Given that the proposal involves the subdivision of land, the applicant has elected to address the provisions of the NES by undertaking an assessment of the most up to date information about the site and surrounding area that Council holds. In addition the applicant has undertaken an assessment of any information available from the Otago Regional Council.

8.3 Please find attached, as **Appendix G** to this application, an extract from Otago Regional Council's contaminated land database which demonstrates that there are no records of land uses or activities have been (or are being) carried out on the site and the immediately surrounding area that have the potential to contaminate land.

8.3 No records held on Central Otago District Council's GIS suggest that any activity or industry described in the HAIL has taken place on the land to which the application specifically relates.

8.4 It therefore appears that an activity or industry described in the HAIL, which could have resulted in the contamination of the site, is unlikely to have been undertaken on the site and as such the provisions of the NES need not apply.

National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land

8.5 The National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land 2022 (NPS HPL) directs local authorities to protect highly productive land for land based primary productive activities. The application site is identified on the Landcare Research Manaaki Whenua Land Environments GIS system as having class 4 soils. Therefore the NPS for Highly Productive Land does not apply to the subject application.

8.6 However, it is considered that the NPS HPL is of some relevance to the proposal as it will enable rural living development within an area that is not identified as having highly productive soils thereby reducing pressure on those areas of the district that do have higher productive potential.

8.7 The following provisions are relevant to the proposed subdivision:

2.1 Objective - Highly productive land is protected for use in land-based primary production, both now and for future generations.

The application site is relatively small and is not identified as having highly productive soils. While the site has sufficient access to water to enable agricultural use as an orchard, it is considered that the size of the site in combination with the soils will inhibit the potential uses as an economically viable productive unit. The applicants proposed to use some of the proceeds from the sale of the additional lot to improve the use of Lot 1 for grazing. Further, the surrounding area is comprised of primarily rural living development and hobby farming with a few productive uses interspersed throughout the flats. By enabling rural living development consistent with the existing character in this area, pressure on the highly productive soils and larger landholdings elsewhere in the district will be reduced, which will support its protection both now and for the future.

Policies:

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Policy 4: The use of highly productive land for land-based primary production is prioritised and supported.

8.9 The use of the application site for rural living will reduce demand elsewhere, thereby supporting the ongoing protection of highly productive farmland.

Policy 9: Reverse sensitivity effects are managed so as not to constrain land-based primary production activities on highly productive land.

8.10 As the proposed subdivision is within an area already heavily used for rural living and hobby farming, it is considered that any reverse sensitivity effects will be minimised. Given the extent of rural living in the area, it is considered that the proposed subdivision would not further constrain land-based primary production. The proposed use will avoid the significant loss of productive capacity of highly productive land in the district, avoid further fragmentation of highly productive land and avoid reverse sensitivity effects.

8.11 Overall, the proposal is considered to indirectly provide for the protection and retention of highly productive land.

Precedent

- 8.12 Precedent effects are also a relevant consideration under S104(1)(c) of the Act.
- 8.13 Case law has established that while previous decisions are not presumed to be binding on a consent authority, what can be said is that the granting of one consent may well have an influence on how another application should be dealt with.
- 8.14 The subject site and the proposed development includes the following characteristics:
 - The site is located at the end of a private road which, at this point, is used infrequently;
 - The site is flat and the proposal will not result in adverse effects on prominent slopes,
 hills or ridgelines;
 - The site does not have highly productive soils or associated productive values;
 - Minimal earthworks will be required to implement the subdivision and no clearance of native vegetation will occur;
 - The site is located within part of the Rural Resource Area that has an established rural living character.
- 8.15 While these characteristics are not entirely unique it is considered that they are sufficiently unique in the wider Rural Resource Area such that they could not be relied upon to justify the granting of consent for otherwise inappropriate development (e.g. development that may compromise the natural character of prominent slopes, hills or ridgelines or development that may cause adverse effects in terms of access or servicing).
- 8.16 It is therefore considered that the proposed development will not set a precedent for inappropriate development.

9.0 CONSULTATION

9.1 As outlined above it is considered that overall the adverse effects of the proposed subdivision will be minor. The applicant has consulted with and obtained the Affected Party Approval of the following parties:

Party	Address
Melanie Mueller	167 Pukerangi Drive
Sharon McIntyre and Sharex Trust	23 Miharo Lane
Mac, Daniel, Anthony and Nicholas Gardner	41 Totara Place
Craig Barr and Jessica Maddock	29 Totara Place
Carlton and Louise Carney	11 Totara Place
Andrew Keene and Sorrelle Pearson	175 Queensberry Terrace
Stephen and Megan Burke	109 Pukerangi Drive
Rachel Predergast and Matt Ragg	54 Totara Place
Lyndon Stott and Sophie Copley	189 Pukerangi Drive

- 9.2 The Affected Party Approvals are attached as **Appendix E** to this application. Pursuant to s95D(e) of the Act the effects of the proposed development on the above parties must be disregarded.
- 9.3 The owners of the properties to the west, 1 and 27a Miharo Lane, have not provided written approval for the development. While the applicants have discussed the proposal with the owners of 27a Miharo Lane, and these persons have indicate that they do not want to submit on the subdivision application, they did not want to provide their written approval for the development.
- 9.4 The applicants have also attempted to contact the owners of 1 Miharo Lane but never received a response from this persons.
- 9.5 Both these properties are elevated above the application site on the slopes of the Pisa Range. The adverse effects on these properties have been assessed in Sections 6.15-6.18 above. Overall, it is considered that, while the additional rural living use and subdivision will be visible from the kanuka vegetated slopes to the east of the building platforms on these lots, the development would not have noticeable effects on rural amenity or landscape values as experienced by the owners or occupiers of these properties. Notwithstanding this matter, the owners of these properties have been consulted with but they did not want to provide written approval for the proposed development.
- 9.6 No other party is considered an affected party for the purposes of s95E of the Act.

10.0 PART 2 OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991

10.1 Under Part 2 of the Resource Management Act 1991 Section 5 sets out the purpose of the Act as follows:

5 Purpose

- (1) The purpose of this Act is to promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources.
- (2) In this Act, **sustainable management** means managing the use, development, and protection of natural and physical resources in a way, or at a rate, which enables people and communities to provide for their social, economic, and cultural well-being and for their health and safety while -
 - (a) sustaining the potential of natural and physical resources (excluding minerals) to meet the reasonably foreseeable needs of future generations; and
 - (b) safeguarding the life-supporting capacity of air, water, soil, and ecosystems; and
 - (c) avoiding, remedying, or mitigating any adverse effects of activities on the environment.
- 10.2 In order to achieve the purpose of the Act, the proposed development must be considered in the context of Section 5 above. Paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of Section 5(2) are to be afforded full significance and applied accordingly in the circumstances of the particular case so that promotion of the Act's purpose is effectively achieved.
- 10.3 It is considered that the proposal appropriately sustains the potential of natural and physical resources to meet the reasonably foreseeable needs of future generations while avoiding adverse effects on the life-supporting capacity of air, water, soil and ecosystems and adverse effects on the environment generally. It is therefore considered that the proposed subdivision represents the sustainable management of the District's natural and physical resources as defined in Section 5 of the Act.
- 10.4 Section 6 of the Act sets out matters of national importance which must be taken into consideration in achieving the purpose of the Act however none of those matters of national importance are of relevance to the consideration of the proposed subdivision.

- Having had regard to the other matters set out in Section 7 of the Act, in particular 7(b), 7(c), 7(f) and 7(h), it is considered that the proposed subdivision will result in the efficient use of land (being a finite resource) while maintaining and enhancing amenity values and the quality of the environment.
- 10.6 The proposed development is considered to be in accordance with the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi/Te Tiriti o Waitangi. It is therefore considered that the proposed development achieves the purpose of the Resource Management Act 1991.

11.0 CONCLUSION

- 11.1 Resource consent is sought to undertake a two lot subdivision and establish a residential building platform on proposed Lot 2 at 55 Totara Place, Queensberry. The proposal requires a restricted discretionary land use consent and a non-complying activity subdivision consent under the Central Otago District Plan.
- 11.2 It is considered the at the proposal will result in minor adverse effects on the environment and is not contrary to the relevant objectives and policies of the District Plan.
- 11.3 The proposed development is not precluded from public or limited notification under s95A and s95B of the Resource Management Act 1991 however it is considered that the actual and potential effects of the proposed development will be minor and consequently it is considered that there are no affected parties for the purposes of s95E of the Act. It is therefore considered that the proposed development can be processed on a non-notified basis. However, given the potential for the proposal to arise in cumulative effects on the character of the landscape, public notification of the application is volunteered.
- 11.4 With regard to the consideration of applications for non-complying activities Section 104D of the Resource Management Act 1991 states:

"Particular restrictions for non-complying activities

 Despite any decision made for the purpose of section 95A(2)(a) in relation to adverse effects, a consent authority may grant a resource consent for a non-complying activity only if it is satisfied that either(a) the adverse effects of the activity on the environment (other than any effect to which

section 104(3)(a)(ii) applies) will be minor; or

(b) the application is for an activity that will not be contrary to the objectives and policies

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(ii) the relevant proposed plan, if there is a proposed plan but no relevant plan in

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(iii) both the relevant plan and the relevant proposed plan, if there is both a plan

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11.5 As outlined above it is considered that the proposal will result in no more than minor adverse

effects on the environment and is consistent with, and not contrary to, the relevant objectives

and policies of the Proposed District Plan. Therefore it is considered that the proposal passes

both limbs of the threshold test set out in Section 104D of the Act and, pursuant to Section 104B

of the Act, resource consent can be granted for the subdivision as proposed.

Yours faithfully, Edgar Planning Ltd,

Erin Stagg

Planner

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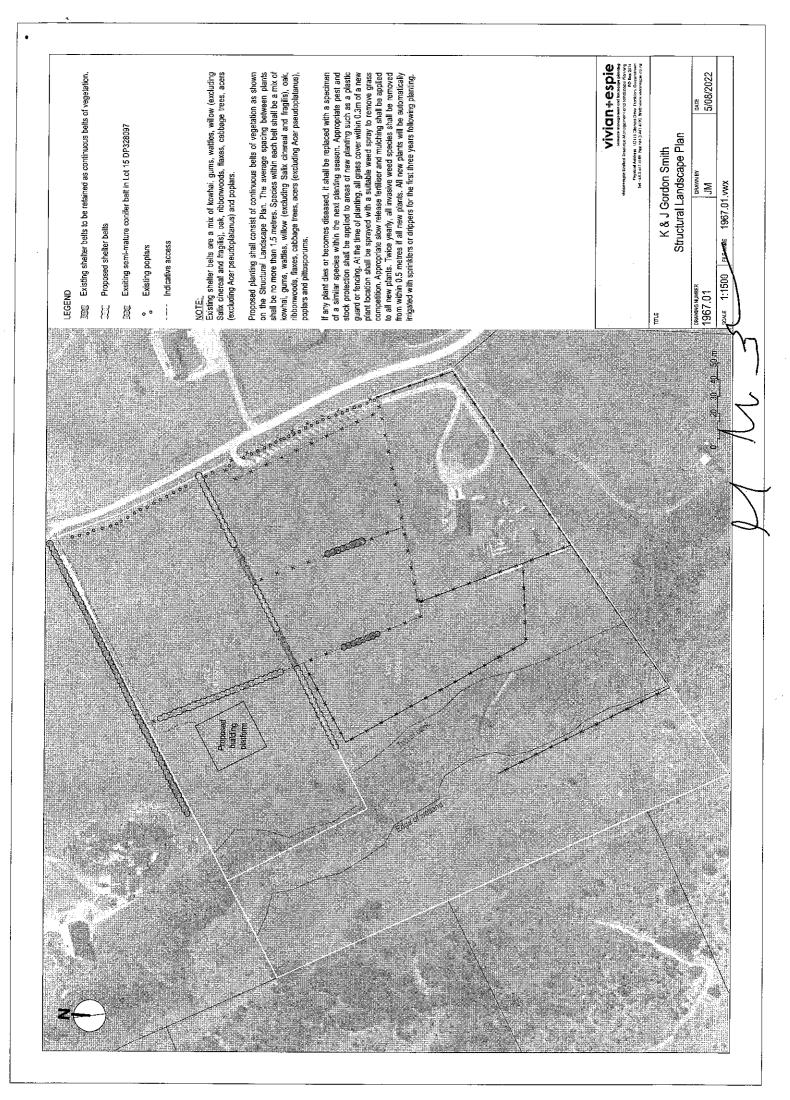


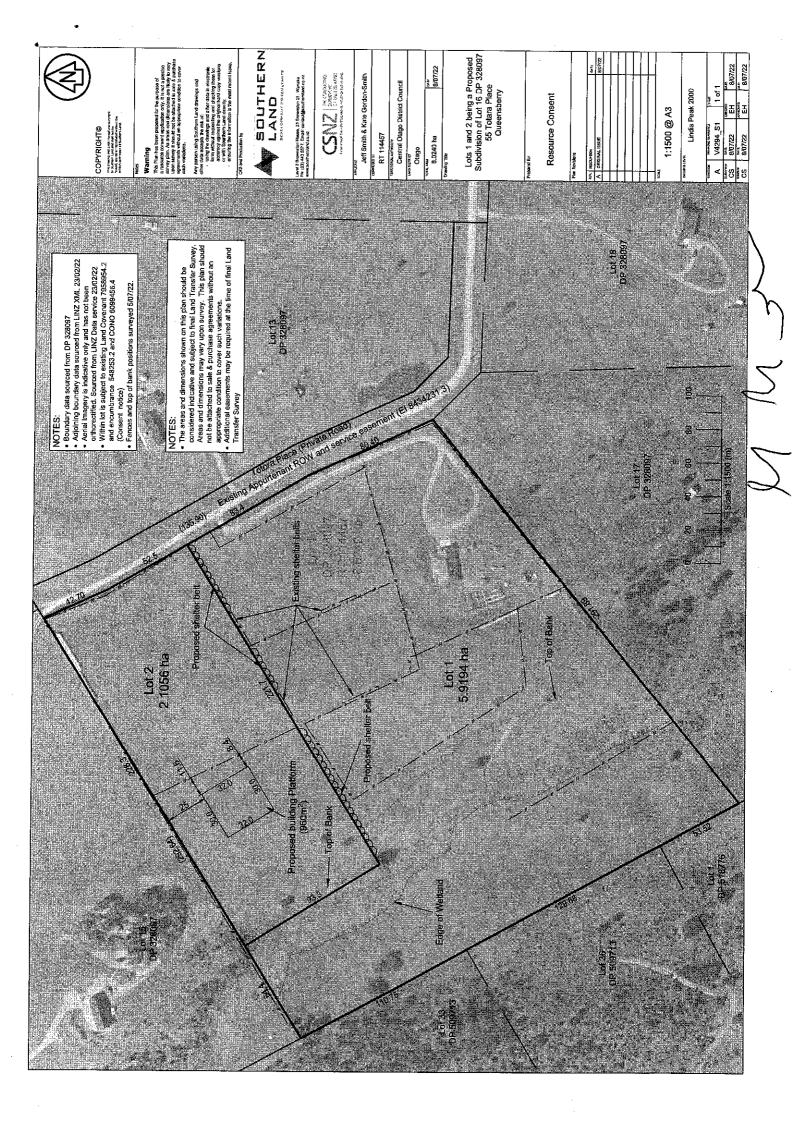
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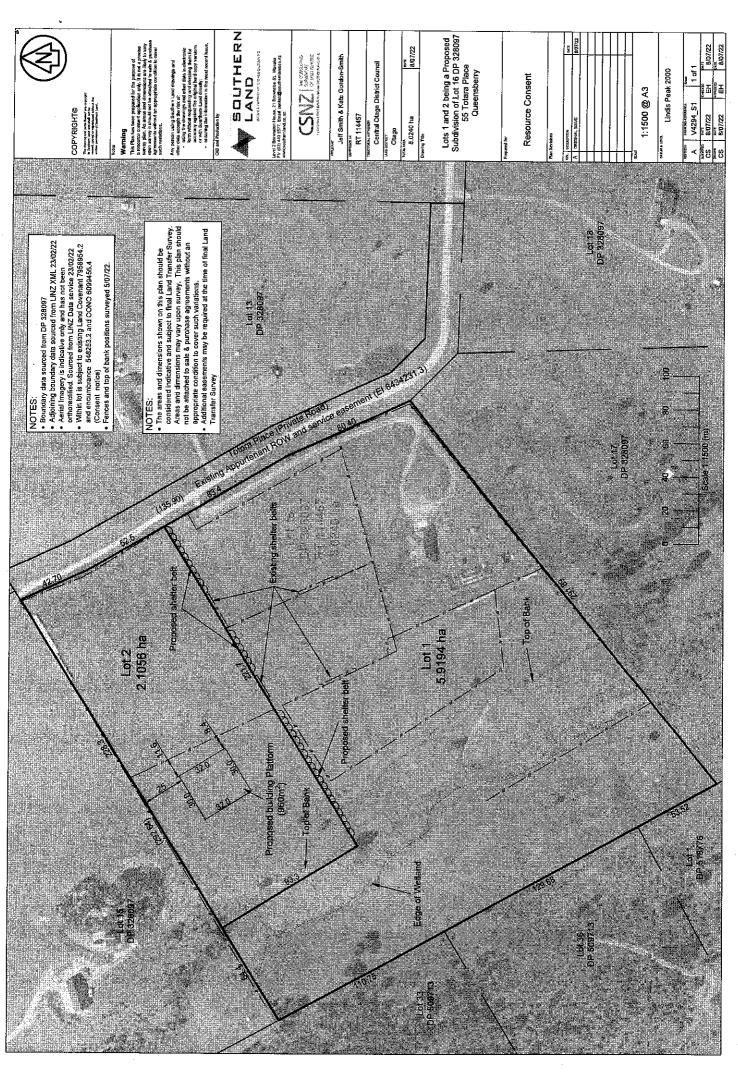
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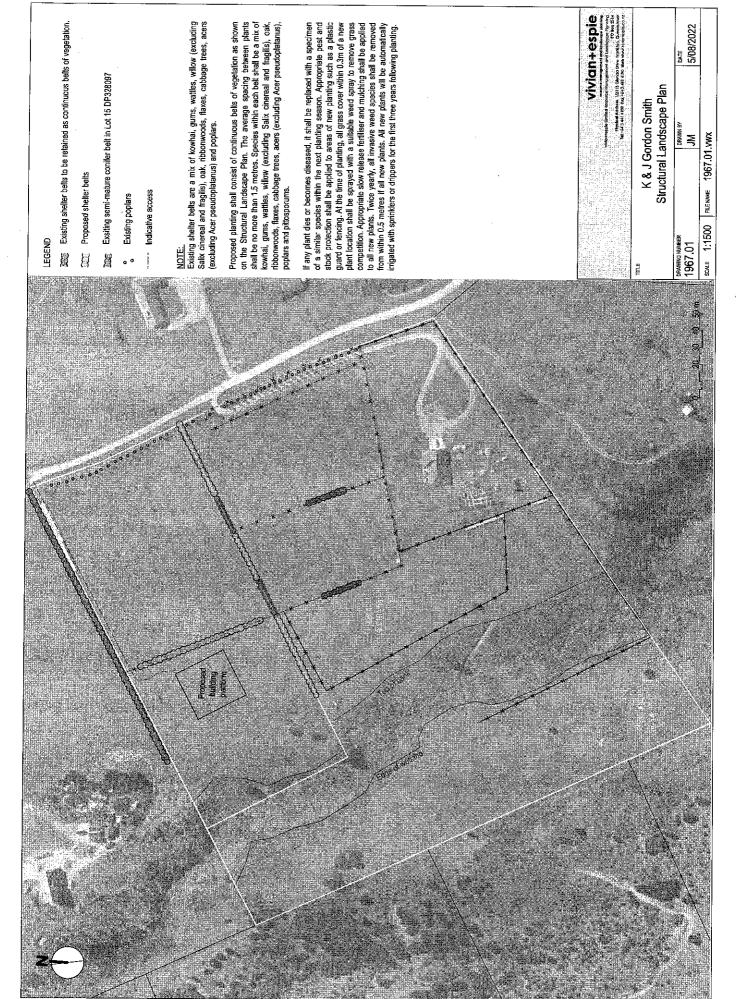
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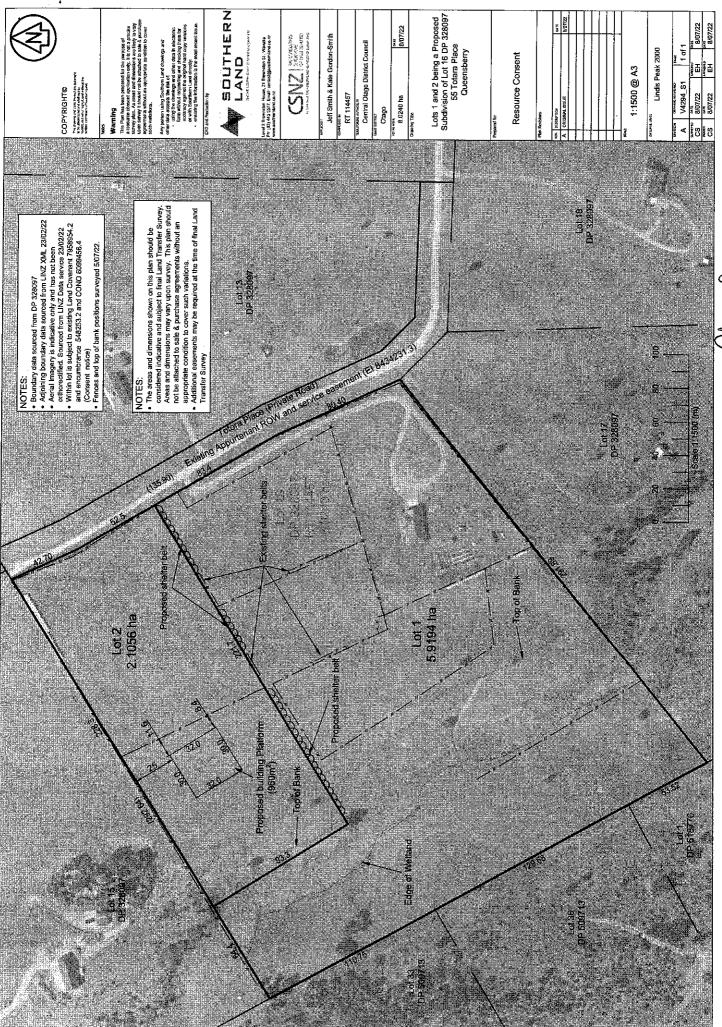
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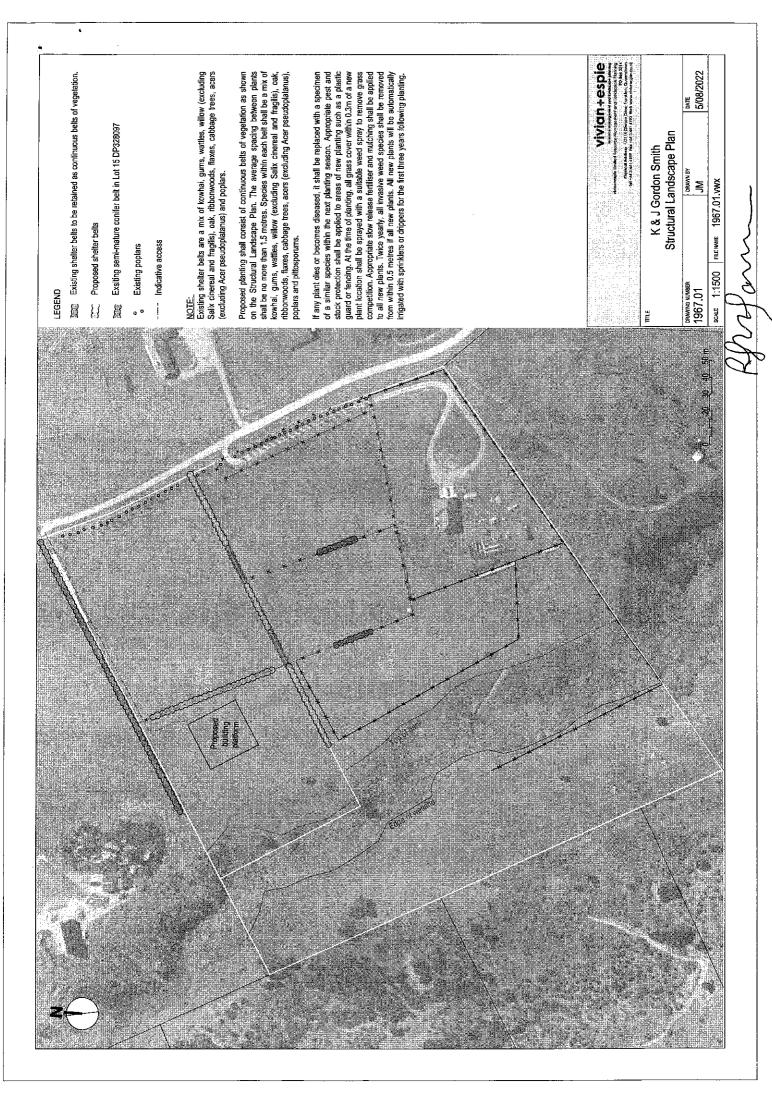
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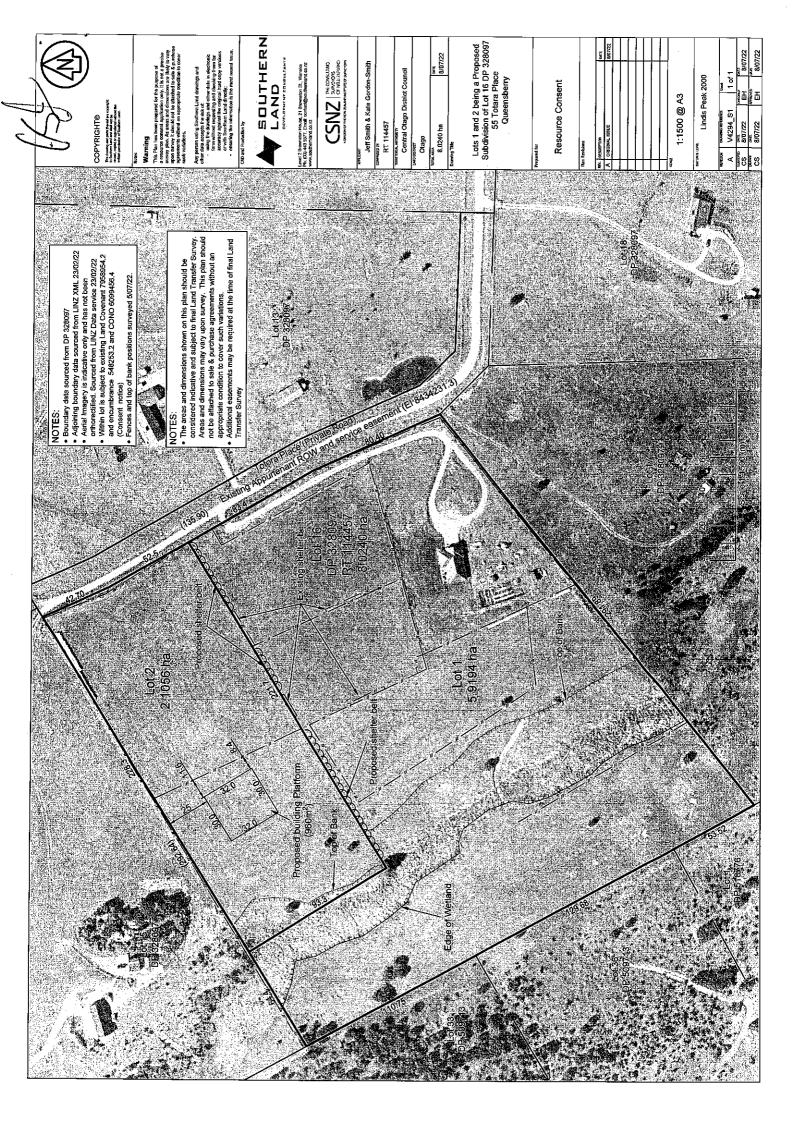


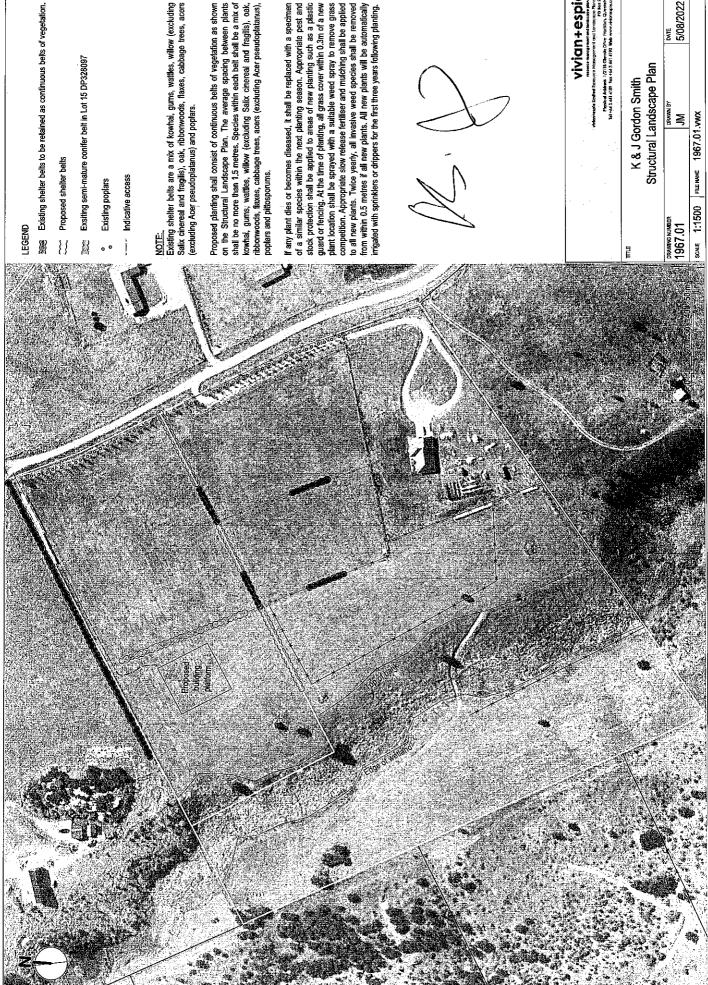
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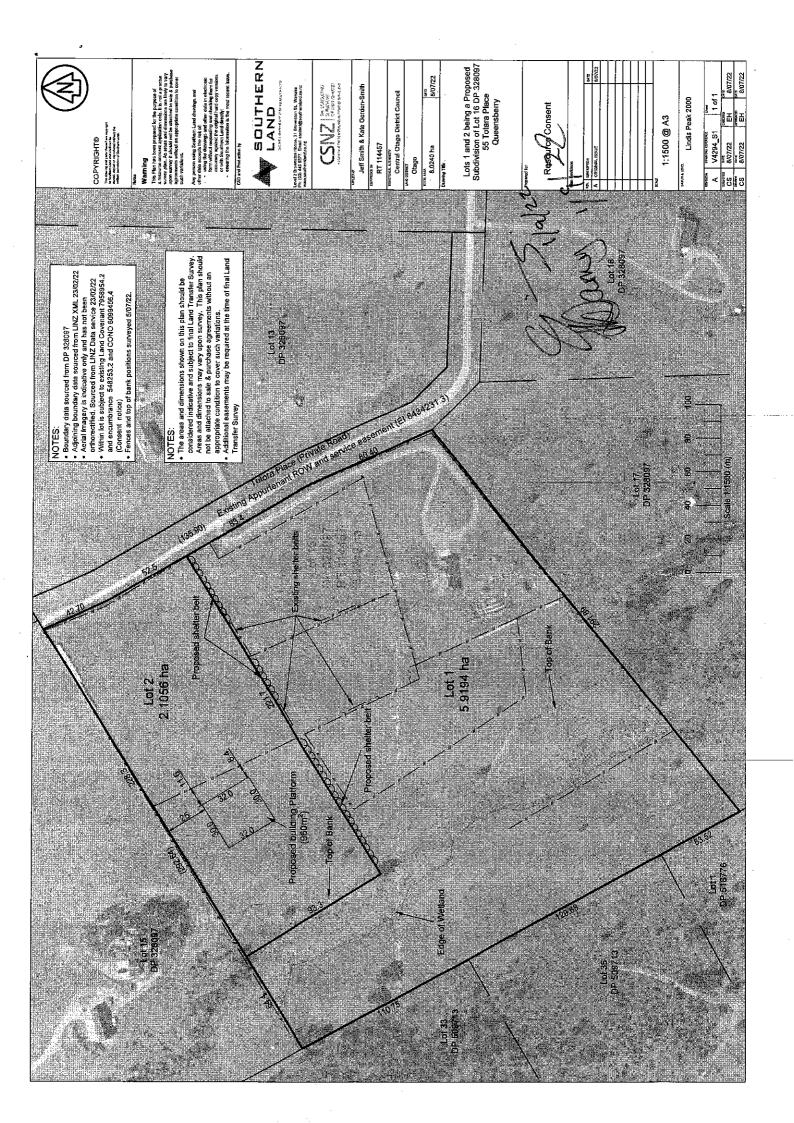


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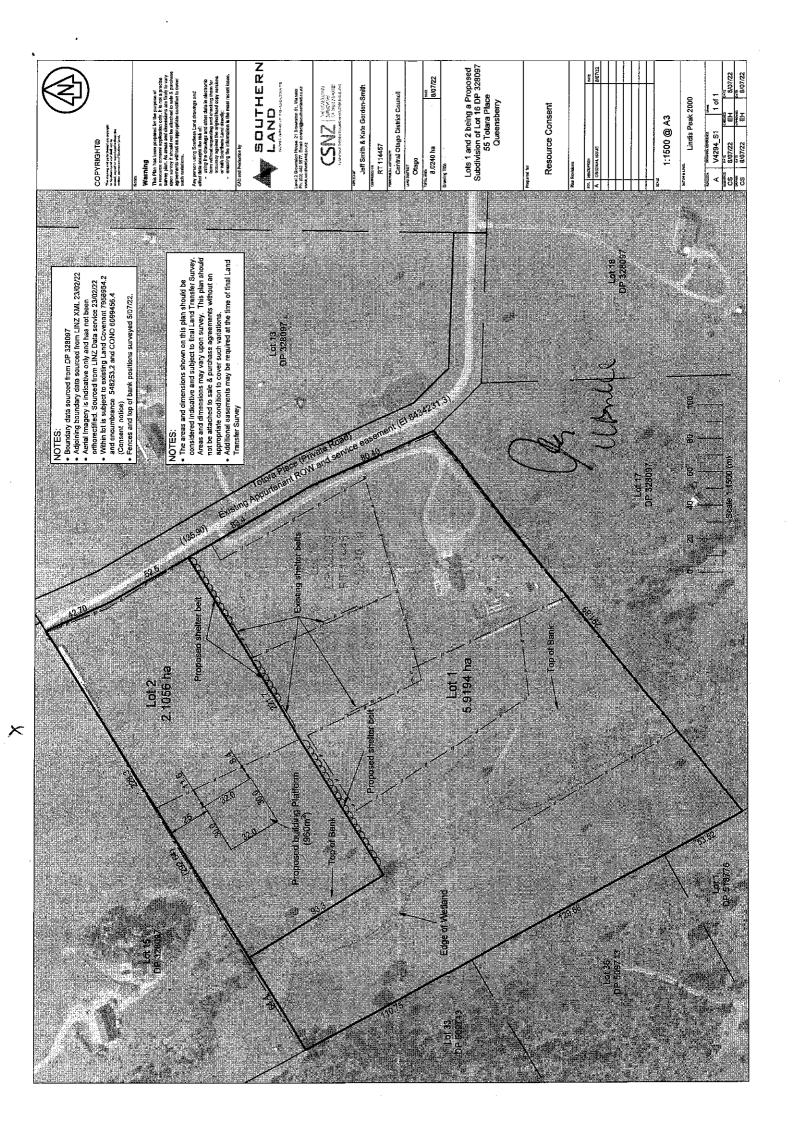


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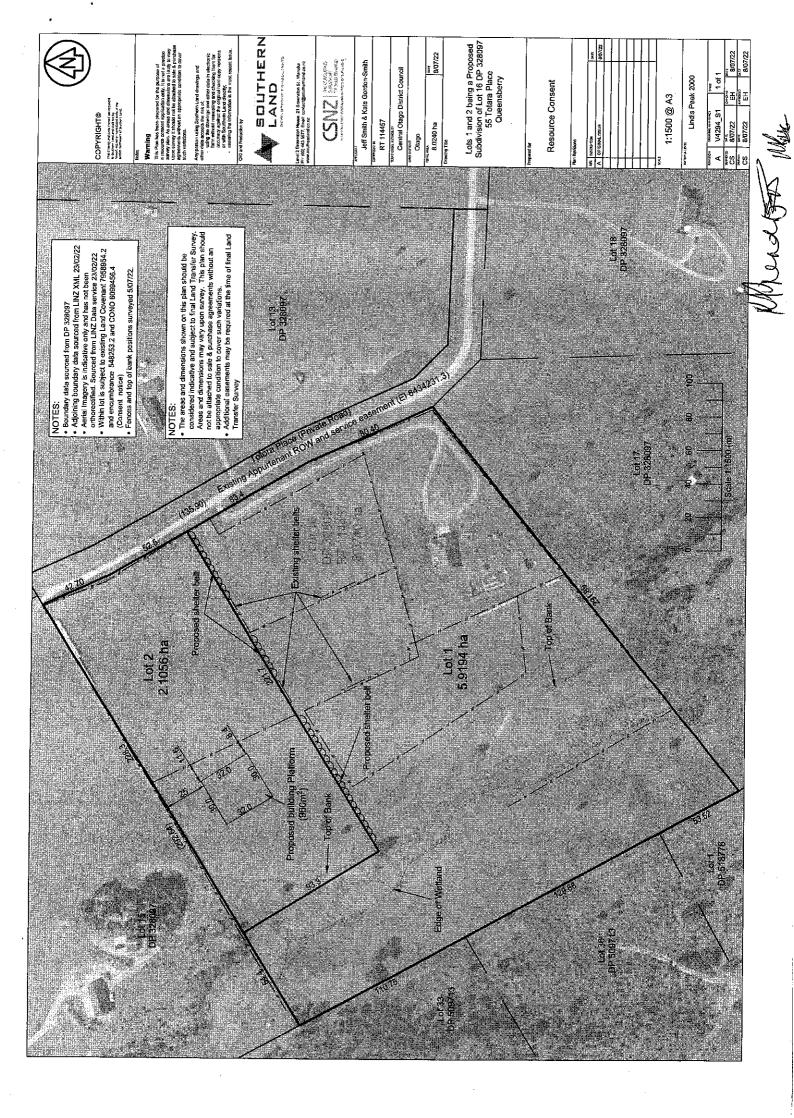


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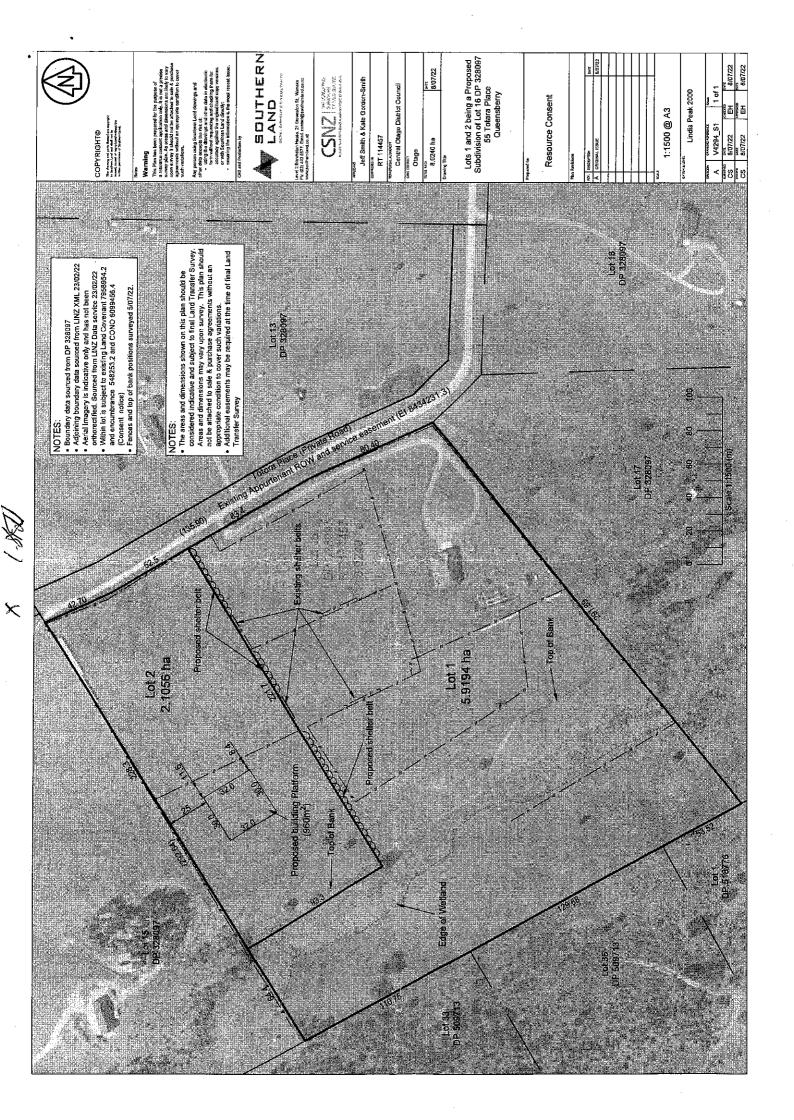
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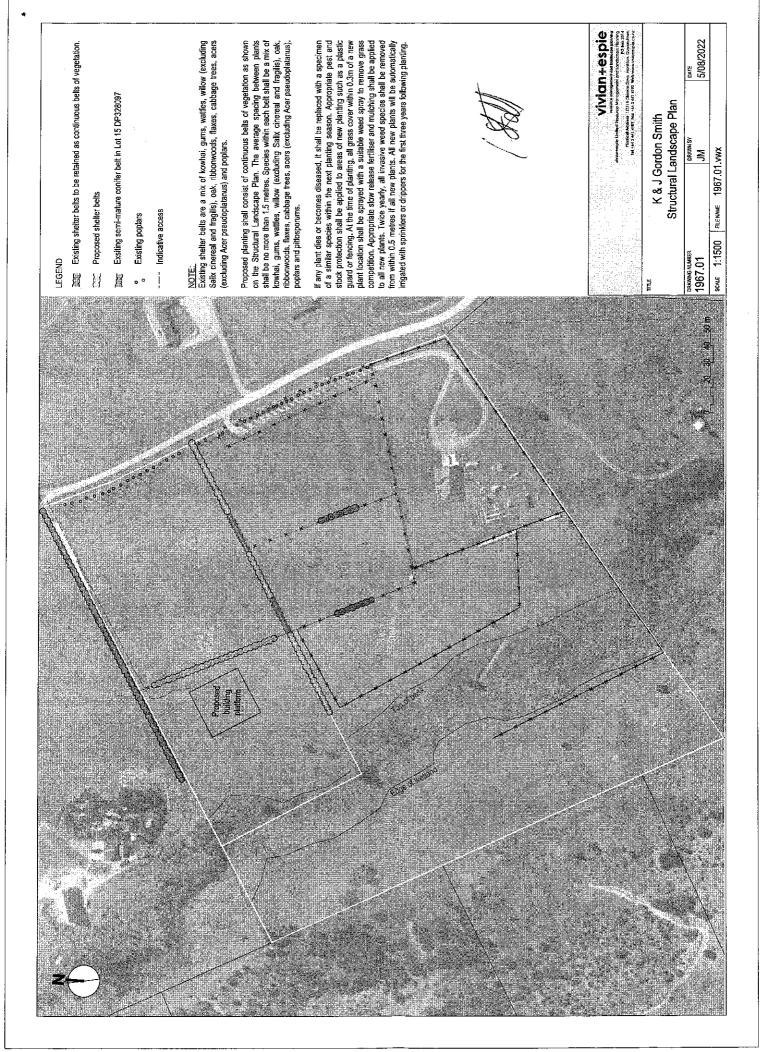


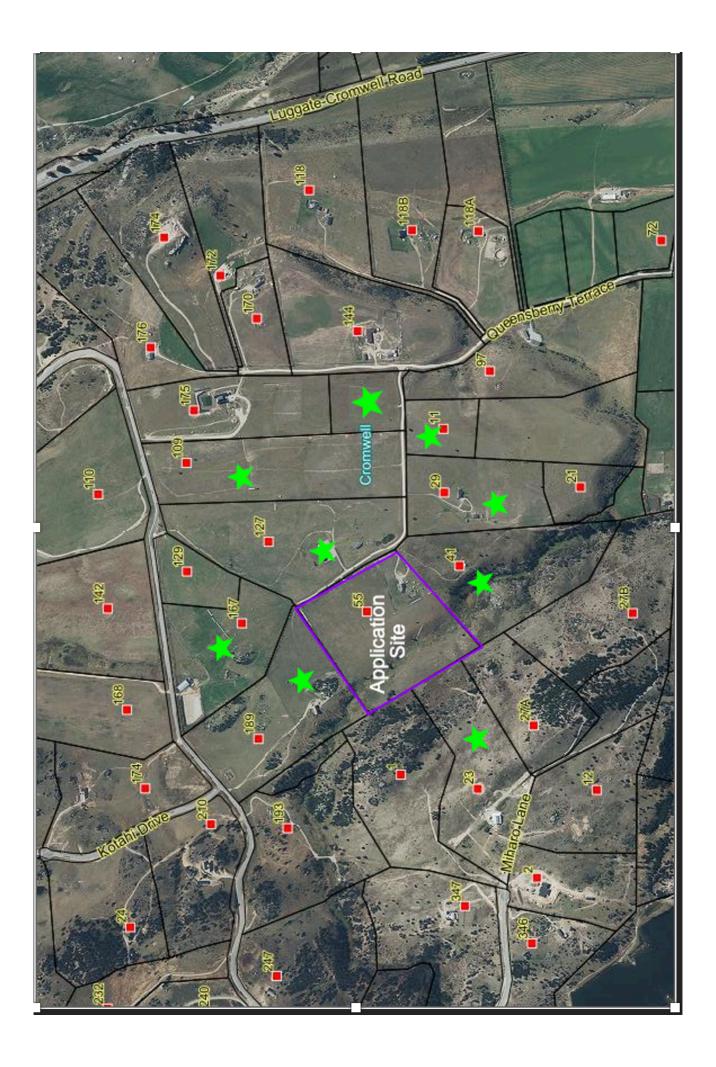
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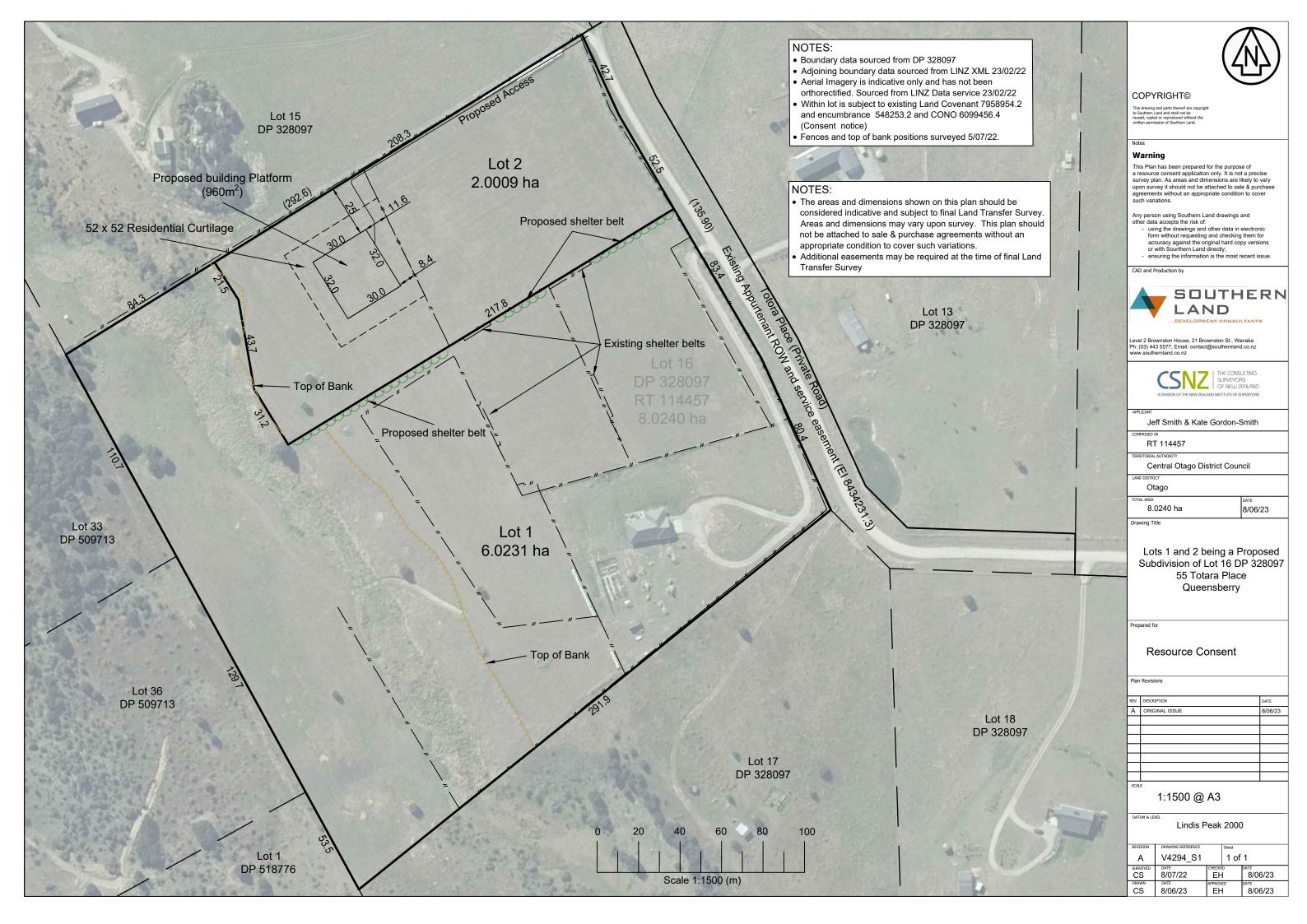
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Location of site: 55 Totara Place,	Queensberry		
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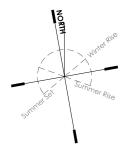






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Existing shelter belts to be retained as continuous belts of vegeation

Proposed shelter belts

Existing semi-mature conifer belt in lot 15 DP328097

Existing poplars

Indicative access

Existing shelter belts are a mix of kowhai, gums, wattles, willow (excluding Salix cinereal and fragilis), oak, ribbonwoods, flaxes, cabbage trees, acers (excluding Acer pseudoplatanus) and poplars.

Proposed planting shall consist of continuous belts of vegetation as shown on the Structural Landscape Plan. The average spacing

between plants shall be no more than 1.5 metres. Species within each belt shall be a mix of kowhai, gums, wattles, willow (excluding Salix cinereal and fragilis), oak, ribbonwoods, flaxes, cabbage trees, acers (excluding Acer pseudoplatanus), poplars and pittosporums.

If any plant dies or becomes diseased, it shall be replaced with a specimen of a similar species within the next planting season.

stock protection shall be applied to areas of new planting such as a plastic guard or fencing. At the time of planting, all grass cover within 0.3m of a new

plant location shall be sprayed with a suitable weed spray to remove grass competition. Appropriate slow release fertiliser and mulching shall be applied to all new plants. Twice yearly, all invasive weed species shall be removed from within 0.5 metres if all new plants. All new plants with the content of the plants with the content of the plants.

will be automatically irrigated with sprinklers or drippers for the first three years following planting.

Figure 2: Structural Landscape Plan

55 Totara Place: 2 Lot Subdivision



RECORD OF TITLE UNDER LAND TRANSFER ACT 2017 FREEHOLD





Identifier 114457

Land Registration District Otago

Date Issued 02 August 2004

Prior References

10462

Estate Fee Simple

Area 8.0240 hectares more or less
Legal Description Lot 16 Deposited Plan 328097

Registered Owners

Jeffrey Ronald Smith and Katherine Bridget Gordon-Smith

Interests

Subject to Part IV A Conservation Act 1987

Subject to Section 11 Crown Minerals Act 1991

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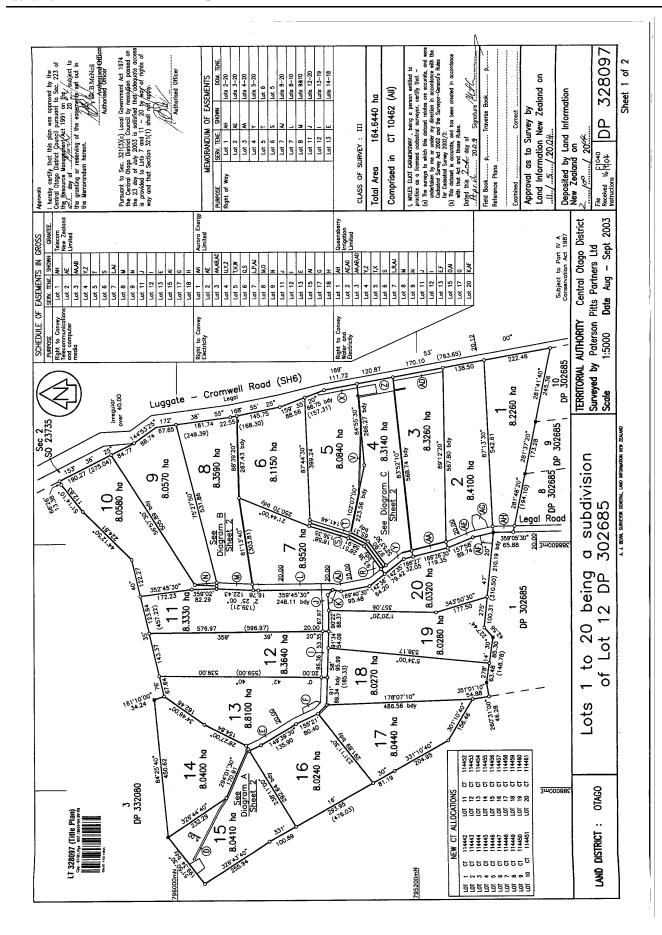
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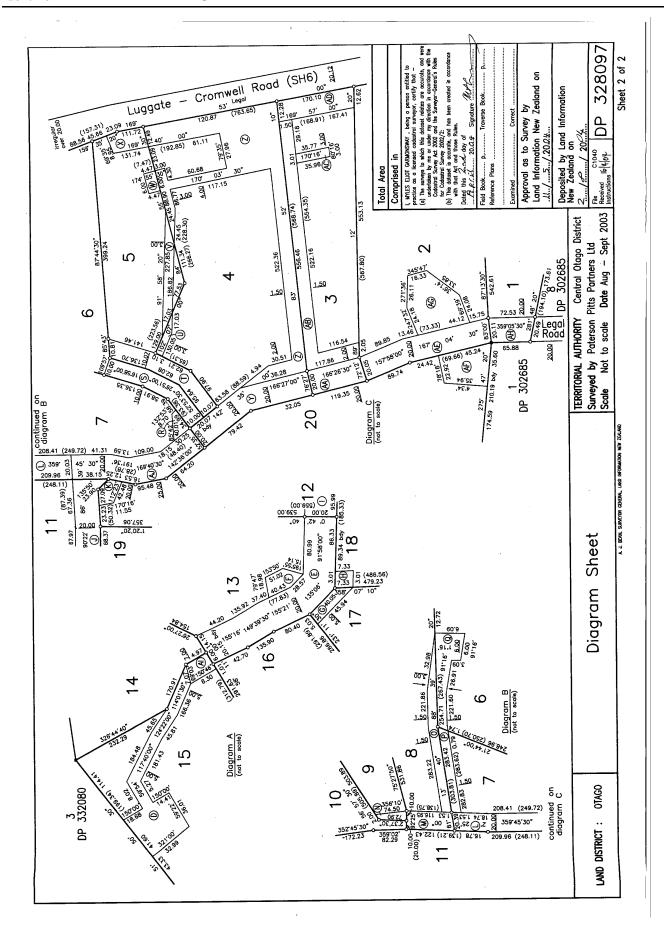
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55 Totara Place, Queensberry – 2 Lot Subdivision

Landscape Assessment

Richard Tyler Landscape Architect - NZILA Reg. SITE Landscape Architects

Prepared 17th May, 2023

1.0 Introduction

Purpose of Report: 2 Lot Subdivision with Structural Landscape Plan

Site: 55 Totara Place, Lot 16 DP 328097, 8.0240 ha

Zoning: Rural Zone, Central Otago District Plan (CODP)

Appended Material: Figure 1 – Context Plan

Figure 2 – Landscape Plan

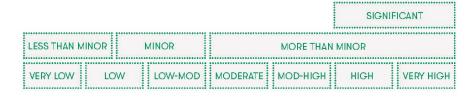
Views 1 – 4 – Photos from Proposed Platform to surrounding Places

2.0 Methodology

This assessment includes a description of the proposal and site, the existing landscape character and values, assessment of potential effects on visual amenity and landscape character, and assessment against the relevant parts of the District Plan.

The methodology is derived from 'Te Tangi a te Manu: Aotearoa New Zealand Landscape Assessment Guidelines', Tuia Pito Ora New Zealand Institute of Landscape Architects, July 2022.

In my assessment of effects I refer to the 7-point scale listed below, as derived from the NZILA Guidelines. The top rows show how the rating scale can be related to wording in the RMA:



3.0 Proposal

The proposal involves a two-lot subdivision of an existing 8.0Ha property located at Queensberry Estates. Lot 1 covering an area of 5.9Ha will accommodate the existing dwelling. Lot 2 of 2.1Ha in size, will include a proposed building platform measuring 960m2, with a maximum height limit of 4.5m. To minimize visibility in the surrounding landscape, the use of dark and recessive building materials is required.

The project includes a Structural Landscape Plan that features a residential curtilage around the building platform, measuring 52 x 52m. Existing shelter belts are proposed to be filled with new planting with a new shelter belt indicated along the north-eastern boundary of the curtilage.

The fenced front paddock of the newly formed lot will be utilised for ongoing grazing.

4.0 Site Description / Context

The property spans 8.0Ha and is situated at the northern end of the Queensberry Estates subdivision, at the end of Totara Place - a privately owned rural lane. Within the property, the existing dwelling occupies the south-eastern corner, encompassed by a 9,000m2 paddock dedicated to domestic living. Much of the land consists of level, grazed paddocks, with a gently incised drainage gully running through the rear of the site in a south-eastern direction. Several scattered shelter belts and farm fencing divide the land into livestock paddocks.

Beyond the south-western boundary, the terrain rises to an escarpment terrace that accommodates three dwellings from the Pukerangi subdivision, set back from the crest of the escarpment. Surrounding the property are other similarly sized (approximately 8Ha) Queensberry sites to the north, east, and south.

5.0 Landscape Character

The Queensberry and Pukerangi subdivisions are situated on the northern foothills of the Pisa Range, as well as the upper river terrace flats of the Clutha River / Mata-Au. When viewed from the Luggate – Cromwell Road, the valley floor extends to the west at varying distances towards a wide river terrace plateau. The flanks of this plateau exhibit a range of features, from hummocky eroded knolls to a well-defined escarpment marking the edge of the river terrace.

The higher foothills are covered with regenerating kanuka scrubland, casting a dark hue over the dry grassland's brown tones. Within the elevated lots of Queensberry and Pukerangi, recessive materials are used for dwellings, which blend in with the undulating topography. Consequently, the visual impact of these subdivisions is discreet, often remaining hard to see from the Luggate – Cromwell Road and with low visibility from the Luggate – Tarras Road, where expansive rural vistas dominate the overall travel experience.

Originally, the subdivisions comprised rural living blocks spanning 8 to 12Ha, extending approximately 6 kilometers along the western side of Luggate – Cromwell Road. Subsequently, some of these 8 to 12Ha blocks have been further subdivided into smaller rural lots, as small as 2Ha. Entering into Queensberry and Pukerangi from the Luggate – Cromwell Road reveals this higher density rural lifestyle character, which can be surprising for first-time visitors, as it remains hidden from the Luggate – Cromwell Road and with low visibility from the Luggate – Tarras Road.

In the vicinity of the site along Totara Place, the lots range from 8Ha to recently subdivided 2Ha lots. This amalgamation creates a rural lifestyle character with a mixture of small to larger working farmlets, grazed livestock, rural dwellings, farm shelter belts, and amenity planting, all visually separated from the wide open expanse of the Clutha valley plains.

6.0 Visual Amenity and Landscape Character Assessment

The site and immediate vicinity around Totara Place are not visible from the Luggate – Cromwell / Tarras Roads due to the elevated terrace plateau topography. Visibility of the proposed platform will be limited to the surrounding neighbouring sites.

Affected party approvals (APA) have been signed by all neighbours except no.s 1 and 27A Miharo lane. All other properties along Totara lane have signed APA.

The proposal may be visible from surrounding mountain ranges – from here will be difficult to see as part of the wider Queensberry rural lifestyle area.

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Effects from no. 1 Miharo Lane:

To the west of the site, No. 1 Miharo Lane encompasses the escarpment terrace and slope up to the site boundary. The building platform at No. 1, accessed from above, is set back on the terrace edge and remains out of sight from within the site. From the platform at No. 1, views extend across the Clutha Plains towards the eastern mountain ranges, while the subject site is shielded by the upper portion of the escarpment crest.

The proposed platform becomes visible if a resident ventures to the escarpment edge or descends the facing slope. From here the platform with a 4.5m height limit and recessive materials will sit low in the view and be consistent with other rural lifestyle dwellings along Totara Place. The view of the proposed platform will not adversely impact their experience, which is likely to occur infrequently, resulting in a very low effect on their visual amenity and enjoyment of their property.

Effects from no. 27A Miharo Lane:

No. 27A is to the south-west of site. Similarly to no.1, the proposed platform will not be visible from their dwelling due to the elevated topography and escarpment crest. For them there may be very low effects when infrequently venturing down the escarpment slope and viewing an additional building platform in the paddock below.

Effects on Landscape Character / Cumulative Effects:

The immediate vicinity surrounding the site, including Queensberry and Pukerangi, exhibits an established rural living and farm preserve landscape character. The sites situated on the upper slopes, nestled among regenerating kanuka, are effectively screened and integrated within the undulating topography, preserving the bush-clad dry hills characteristic of the Pisa foothills. On the terrace flats, a working rural farmlet character prevails, with lifestyle dwellings set within grazed farm paddocks and hedgerow plantings.

This rural living character is predominantly experienced by the residents of the subdivisions who access and reside within their respective sites. For travellers driving along the Luggate – Cromwell Road, the landscape character primarily appears typically rural with open, large lot rural working farm and expansive views to the surrounding mountain ranges.

The site and the adjoining river terrace have the capacity to accommodate additional rural living sites without compromising the established character perceived both from the highway and within Queensberry / Pukerangi. Due to the elevated topography effectively screening views from the highway, the area has become a discreet rural living environment where farming activities can take place with minimal impact on the wider open rural landscape and the natural values of the Clutha Valley.

The proposed development introduces another rural living site within an area already characterized by established rural living activity, which will remain screened from the highway. The two sites situated on the Pukerangi Terrace, where APA has not been provided, will have minimal effects on visual amenity, only perceptible if viewed from the front of their respective sites or the escarpment crest. The proposal will not be visible from their dwellings.

Based on the above, the proposal maintains preservation of the character and rural lifestyle values of the Queensberry Terrace, with no alteration to the outstanding natural landscapes of the Clutha Valley. Cumulative effects will be negligible since the open rural character with high natural and unmodified values was locally altered during the original subdivisions and with some further subdivisions, fostering a rural living character featuring smaller lots. It would require several more subdivisions in the area to shift the balance towards a smaller lot rural residential landscape, in which the majority of lots would be too small for grazing and the retention of open space and rural pastoral character.

Landscape Effects Summary Chart:

Viewpoint	Effect	Explanation
Properties along Totara Lane	None	APAs provided
1 Miharo Lane	Very Low	Building platform set back from terrace edge – proposal not visible from here. Very low effect on visual amenity from the front parts of their properties or escarpment crest when viewing down into site

		from above. Platform will be located in a similar context with other surrounding platforms on the river terrace.
27A Miharo Lane	Very Low	Building platform set back from terrace edge. Very low effect on visual amenity where visible from front of property at a longer distance than no. 1 Miharo Lane.
Landscape Character / Cumulative Effects	Very Low	The proposal will maintain the character and rural lifestyle values of the Queensberry Terrace, with no change to the wider outstanding natural landscapes of the Clutha Valley. Several more subdivisions could occur in the area before a rural residential character is established – in which the majority of lots would be too small to undertake rural activities

7.0 Central Otago District Plan Assessment

7.1 Chapter 4 – Rural Subdivision Rules

Rule 4.7.3(vii), Establishment of Building Platform	Descriptive Assessment
Screening from public views with regard to effects on open space, landscape, natural character and amenity values;	The proposal will not be visible from public places. This includes the Luggate – Cromwell / Tarras Roads, other roads on the valley floor and other surrounding public roads within Queensberry.
Earthworks and their effects on open space, landscape, natural character and amenity values;	The building platform site is flat and a dwelling can be constructed with limited earthworks.
Whether any future building will maintain the open natural character of hills and ranges and avoid compromising the landscape and amenity values of	The property is located on a broadly elevated river terrace at the base of the rising foothills escarpment. It is not close to or within the same visual catchment as any prominent hillside or terrace edge escarpment.
prominent hillsides and terraces, including any skyline or terrace edge;	The wider area has an established rural lifestyle character with a mix of established dwellings and smaller lot farming land-use.
	From the private sites – no.s 1 and 27A Miharo Lane behind site the amenity values will be retained – with the focus of views to the wider plains and mountain ranges beyond unaffected by the proposal.
Exterior colours;	It is recommended that materials of a future building within the platform are to be dark and recessive to limit visibility in the wider landscape.
Cumulative effects;	The area already has a rural lifestyle character. In my opinion the elevated river terrace of Queensberry and Pukerangi can absorb additional development with Negligible effect on wider landscape character and amenity values.
	Several more subdivisions could occur in the area before a rural residential character is established – One in which the majority of lots are too small to undertake rural activities such as grazing.

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7.2 Objectives

Objective	Descriptive Assessment
4.3.3 Objective - Landscape and Amenity Values	The proposal will maintain the rural productive amenity values
To maintain and where practicable enhance rural	inherent in the surrounding land. This includes utilizing small farm blocks for productive use of the land within functional farm
amenity values created by the open space,	shelter belts and amenity planting with open views of the
landscape, natural character and built environment	surrounding landscape.
values of the District's rural environment, and to	The area is not visible from the highway and will maintain open
maintain the open natural character of the hills	views and natural character of the hills and ranges as perceived from here, including for adjacent neighbours on the raised
and ranges.	terrace escarpment.

7.3 Policies

Policy	Descriptive Assessment
Policy – Landscape and Amenity Values	
To manage the effects of land use activities and	
subdivision to ensure that adverse effects on the	
open space, landscape, natural character and	
amenity values of the rural environment are	
avoided, remedied or mitigated through:	
The design and location of structures and	The proposed building platform is in an area with limited visibility from the wider landscape.
works, particularly in respect of the open	Building height is restricted to 4.5m and materials dark /
natural character of hills and ranges,	recessive hues. These factors combined will avoid / limit effects
skylines, prominent places and natural	on the surrounding natural character landscape.
features,	
Development which is compatible with the	The proposal is consistent with surrounding land-use and at
surrounding environment including the	most will have a very low effect on surrounding neighbours APAs have been provided from all surrounding residents alon
amenity values of adjoining properties,	Totara Place.
	The two properties who have not signed APAs have dwellings set back from the escarpment above site with their amenity and views of the surrounding landscape maintained by the proposal.
The ability to adequately dispose of	Refer AEE
effluent on site,	
Controlling the generation of noise in back	Refer AEE
country areas,	
The location of tree planting, particularly	Proposed planting will strengthen existing hedgerow patterns
in respect of landscape values, natural	found within the site and surrounding area. The plant list includes natives and plantings commonly found and able to
features and ecological values,	survive in the environment.

Controlling the spread of wilding trees.	No wildings are evident on site.
Encouraging the location and design of buildings to maintain the open natural character of hills and ranges without	The proposed building platform is in an area with limited visibility from the wider landscape. Building height is restricted to 4.5m and materials dark / recessive hues. These factors combined will avoid / limit effects
compromising the landscape and amenity values of prominent hillsides and terraces	on the surrounding natural character landscape.
4.4.10 <u>Policy – Rural Subdivision and Development</u> To ensure that the subdivision and use of land in the Rural Resource Area avoids, remedies or	The proposal is in an area with low visibility from surrounding public places avoiding landscape effect on the natural character amenity.
mitigates adverse effects on: (a) The open space, landscape and natural	
character amenity values of the rural environmentin particular the hills and ranges,(b) The natural character and values of the	
District's wetlands, lakes, rivers and their margins	
(c) The production and amenity values of neighbouring properties,	
(g) The heritage and cultural values of the District,	The Clutha plains landscape is highly valued for open rural views and the unique drylands foothills of the Pisa Range. In the immediate vicinity of site values are associated with productive use and open views. The proposal will maintain these values.

8.0 Conclusion

The proposal seeks to subdivide the existing 8.0 Ha site at Queensberry Estates into a 2 Ha and 6 Ha lot while retaining the existing paddock for rural use. The landscape plan features structural planting that includes retention of existing hedgerows and new infill planting.

The site is situated on an elevated river terrace at the base of the rising escarpment foothills of the Pisa Range. The existing established Queensberry subdivision is not visible from the Luggate – Cromwell / Tarras Roads, and all residents along Totara Place and surrounding neighbours have provided APA except for two neighbours behind the site within the Pukerangi subdivision. However, the proposed platform will only be visible from the fronts of their sites with a **very low** effect on visual amenity and character from these private places.

The development will preserve the rural living productive and open space values within Queensberry and its surrounding areas. In addition the open rural Clutha plains character of the surrounding mountain ranges will remain unchanged when viewed from other surrounding public places, including the Luggate – Cromwell / Tarras Roads and other public roads.

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Dwelling at 27A Miharo Lane, not visible behind topography / kanuka -APA not provided

Dwelling at 23 Miharo Lane , visible - APA provided Dwelling at 1 Miharo Lane, not visible behind topography / kanuka -APA not provided

4.5m height poles marked in blue

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Dwelling at 1 Miharo Lane, not visible behind topography / kanuka - no APA provided Dwelling at 189 Pukerangi Drive, not visible behind topography / kanuka -APA provided

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Dwelling at 127 Totara Place - APA provided

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Dwelling at 127 Totara Place - APA provided

Existing dwelling within site

Dwelling at 27A Miharo Lane, not visible behind topography / kanuka -APA not provided

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Kate Gordon-Smith

From: Mark | Power Solutions <mark@powerltd.co.nz>

Sent: Sunday, 7 August 2022 12:35 pm

To: Ella Hardman

Subject: RE: [# V4294] 55 Totara Place

Hi Ella,

No work will be required as there is a point of supply for Lot two at the transformer on the north-east corner.

I can do a quick mark up and get a 'confirmation of supply' letter from Aurora for 224c if needed.

Regards,



Mark Laming

Managing Director

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From: Ella Hardman <ella@southernland.co.nz>

Sent: Friday, 5 August 2022 10:18 am

To: Projects | Power Solutions < Projects@powerltd.co.nz>

Subject: [# V4294] 55 Totara Place

Hi there

Could you please provide a quote and idea of what might be involved in adding a second power connection at 55 Totara Place? I have included the deft scheme plan and confirmation from Aurora but please let me know if you require any further detail.

Thanks

Kind regards

Ella

Ella Hardman

Environmental Planner BCom, PGDip Arts Planning, Assoc. NZPI



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Sent: Tuesday, 4 October 2022 7:02 pm

To: Ella Hardman; Shared Mailbox - Cromwell Users

Cc: Michelle McCallum

Subject: RE: [# V4294] 55 Totara Place

Attachments: existing pillar.jpg

Hi Ella

Sorry for not getting back to you this one slipped through the cracks. There is an existing service pillar on the boundary that can be used as a point of supply. No Aurora works is required

Regards

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Cc: Michelle McCallum < MMcCallum@electronet.co.nz>

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Hi Cameron/Michelle

Just following up this request. Could you please provide an outline of pricing and design.

Thanks

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Cc: Michelle McCallum < MMcCallum@electronet.co.nz >

Subject: RE: [# V4294] 55 Totara Place

HI Ella

Yes we can have a look at this one for you, will be in touch with proposed design and pricing

Regards

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08 December 2022

Chorus reference: 10248908

Attention: Ella Hardman

Quote: New Property Development

1 connections at 55 Totara Place, Queensberry, Central Otago District, 9383

Your project: 55 Totara Place, Queensberry 9383

Thank you for your enquiry about having Chorus network provided for the above development.

Chorus is pleased to advise that, as at the date of this letter, we are able to provide reticulation for this property development based upon the information that has been provided:

Fibre network \$1,600.00

The total contribution we would require from you is \$1,840.00 (including GST). This fee is a contribution towards the overall cost that Chorus incurs to link your development to our network. This quote is valid for 0 days from N/A. This quote is conditional on you accepting a New Property Development Contract with us for the above development.

If you choose to have Chorus provide reticulation for your property development, please log back into your account and finalise your details. If there are any changes to the information you have supplied, please amend them online and a new quote will be generated. This quote is based on information given by you and any errors or omissions are your responsibility. We reserve the right to withdraw this quote and requote should we become aware of additional information that would impact the scope of this letter.

Once you would like to proceed with this quote and have confirmed all your details, we will provide you with the full New Property Development Contract, and upon confirmation you have accepted the terms and paid the required contribution, we will start on the design and then build.

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Kind Regards

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