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Dear Sandra,

**RE: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FROM WINTON PROPERTY LIMITED IN RELATION TO NORTHBROOK WANAKA RETIREMENT VILLAGE UNDER COVID-19 RECOVERY (FAST-TRACK CONSENTING) ACT 2020**

The following information is provided in response to your request for further information dated 17 June 2021 and sent to us on 5 July 2021. Each point is in bold below, and we respond to each and attach supporting information.

**Regional Policy Statement**

**1. Section 8.5 of the Application states:**

***The Otago Regional Policy Statement 1998 (RPS98) version and the Partially Operative Otago Regional Policy Statement 2019 (PORPS19) are relevant to the proposal...***

**The Panel understands that the RPS98 has recently been revoked (in March), and that a Proposed Regional Policy Statement 2021 has also recently been notified for submissions (in June). In view of these developments, please provide an updated assessment of the proposal against relevant operative and proposed RPS objectives and policies.**

The applicant agrees that the Otago Regional Policy Statement 1998 has been revoked.

An assessment of the relevant objectives and policies contained within the Partially Operative Regional Policy Statement 2019 was included in the application.

An assessment of the relevant objectives and policies contained within the Proposed Regional Policy Statement 2021 has been undertaken and is at **Attachment A**.

Overall, the proposal is consistent with the policy direction of the Partially Operative Regional Policy Statement 2019 and the Proposed Regional Policy Statement 2021.

**Ngāi Tahu Ki Murihiku Natural Resource and Environmental Iwi Management Plan 2008**

**2. Section 8.7 of the Application briefly addresses the Ngāi Tahu Ki Murihiku Natural Resource and Environmental Iwi Management Plan 2008, but provides no assessment. Please provide an evaluative assessment of the relevant provisions of that plan.**

The Ngāi Tahu Ki Murihiku Natural Resource and Environmental Iwi Management Plan 2008 describes the values underpinning the relationship between Ngāi Tahu ki Murihiku and the natural

environment, identifies the primary issues associated with natural resource and environmental management in the takiwā and articulates policies and management, wāhi tapu and wāhi taonga.

The upper Queenstown and Wanaka catchments are addressed in Section 3.4 Takitimu me ona Uri of the Plan. The section focuses on tenure review, high country pastoral farming, energy generation and efficiency, mining and exploration, forestry, vegetation clearance and burning, access and tourism, plant pests, animal and bird pests, hazardous substances and new organisms, mahinga kai, general water policy, protecting sites of significance in high country and foothills area and rock art.

The policies relating to Tenure Review (3.4.1), High Country Pastoral Farming (3.4.2), Energy Generation and Efficiency (3.4.3), Mining and Exploration (3.4.4), Forestry (3.4.5), Ngahere – Indigenous Forestry (3.4.6), Vegetation Clearance and Burning (3.4.7), General Water Policy (3.4.9), Plant Pests (3.4.10), Animal and Bird Pests (3.4.11), Mahinga kai – mahi ngā kai (3.4.12), Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (3.4.13), Protecting Sites of Significance in High Country and Foothill Areas (3.4.14) and Rock Art (3.4.15) are not relevant to the proposal.

Policy 2 of Section 3.4.8 Access and Tourism is the only policy relevant to the proposal and is assessed below.

*Policy 2 – Development that includes building activity should consider specific landscape and geographical features and the significance of these to Ngāi Tahu Whānui. Activity whereby buildings will protrude above ridgelines or displace sites of cultural significance should be avoided.*

The proposed development includes a number of buildings. These have been considered against the landscape and geographical feature of the site in the Landscape, Visual Effects and Urban Design Assessment submitted with the application (Attachment I to the application). The proposed buildings do not protrude above ridgelines or displace sites of cultural significance.

Consultation was undertaken with Aukaha, which confirmed there are no specific cultural values within the location of the proposal. Furthermore, they advised a Cultural Impact Assessment was not required. Therefore, it is assumed that the proposed development has been considered against specific landscape and geographical features and the significance of these to Ngāi Tahu Whānui.

### **Lighting / Hours of Operation**

- 3. The comments by the Queenstown-Lakes District Council addressed lighting (and the need for a condition to address lux levels and light spill) and hours of operation for the Care Pod building, Main Entry building and Clubhouse and Amenity building and associated activities. The Applicant is asked to address these matters and the need for / content of specific conditions.**

The inclusion of draft conditions 25 and 26 addresses fixed exterior lighting and direction of light to minimise light spill. The applicant does not consider that specifying lux levels is necessary and believes it can be left to the applicant to determine appropriate lux levels required for safety reasons given this is an internal matter without any external effects.

The proposed hours of operation of the retirement village are 24 hours a day, 7 days a week as the proposal involves the provision of full time on-site elderly care.

Given that the proposal provides for residential activity for the elderly, the communal areas are largely separated and buffered from the existing residential activity in Northlake (by topography and proposed retirement village units) the proposed hours of operation are appropriate. Furthermore, it should be reiterated that retirement villages are inherently quieter than typical residential activity for the reasons discussed in the Acoustic Letter submitted with the application (Attachment P to the application).

Yours sincerely,  
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**Brown & Company Planning Group**

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**Attachments**

- A. Proposed Regional Policy Statement 2021 Assessment**

1. **Assessment against the relevant provisions of the Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement June 2021**

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MW-O1	<p><b>Principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi</b></p> <p><b>The principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi are given effect in resource management processes and decisions, utilising a partnership approach between councils and Papatipu Rūnaka to ensure that what is valued by mana whenua is actively protected in the region.</b></p>	<p>Consultation with Iwi has been undertaken. Aukaha advised that there are no specific cultural values within the location of the proposal and that a Cultural Impact Assessment is not required.</p> <p>There are no known wāhi tūpuna values within the site.</p>
MW-P1	<p><b>Treaty obligations</b></p> <p>Promote awareness and understanding of the obligations of local authorities in regard to the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, tikaka Māori and kaupapa Māori.</p>	<p>The Sticky Forest Access issue is relevant to treaty obligations referred to in MW-P1 for the reasons detailed in the comments received from Greenwood Roche on behalf of Rangi Bunker and Lorraine Rouse. This is further evidenced by the comments received the Office for Maori Crown Relations – Te Arawhiti, Hokonui Rūnanga, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and the Honourable Andrew Little, Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations.</p>
MW-P2	<p><b>Treaty principles</b></p> <p>Local authorities exercise their functions and powers in accordance with Treaty principles, by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) recognising the status of Kāi Tahu and facilitating Kāi Tahu involvement in decision-making as a Treaty partner,</li> <li>2) including Kāi Tahu in resource management processes and implementation to the extent desired by mana whenua,</li> <li>3) recognising and providing for Kāi Tahu values and resource management issues, as identified by mana whenua, in resource management decision-making processes and plan implementation,</li> <li>4) recognising and providing for the relationship of Kāi Tahu culture and traditions with their ancestral lands, water, sites, wāhi tapu, and other taoka by ensuring that Kāi Tahu have the ability to identify these relationships and determine how best to express them,</li> <li>5) ensuring that regional and district plans recognise and provide for Kāi Tahu relationships with Statutory Acknowledgement Areas, tōpuni, nohoaka and customary fisheries identified in the NTCSA 1998, including by actively protecting the mauri of these areas,</li> <li>6) having particular regard to the ability of Kāi Tahu to exercise kaitiakitaka,</li> <li>7) actively pursuing opportunities for:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) delegation or transfer of functions to Kāi Tahu, and</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p>The condition volunteered by the applicant in relation to Sticky Forest Access responds to this issue in a manner which will directly assist the local authority to address such obligations.</p>

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	b) partnership or joint management arrangements, and 8) taking into account iwi management plans when making resource management decisions.	
<b>IM – Integrated Management</b>		
<b>IM-O1</b>	<b>Long term vision</b> <b>The management of natural and physical resources in Otago, by and for the people of Otago, including Kāi Tahu, and as expressed in all resource management plans and decision making, achieves healthy, resilient, and safeguarded natural systems, and the ecosystem services they offer, and supports the well-being of present and future generations, mō tātou, ā, mō kā uri ā muri ake nei.</b>	The proposal is consistent with this objective in that it achieves healthy, resilient, and safeguarded natural systems, and the ecosystem services they offer, and supports the well-being of present and future generations.
<b>IM-O2</b>	<b>Ki uta ki tai</b> <b>Natural and physical resource management and decision making in Otago embraces ki uta ki tai, recognising that the environment is an interconnected system, which depends on its connections to flourish, and must be considered as an interdependent whole.</b>	The Sticky Forest Access condition referred to above directly addresses the issue of connectivity of natural and physical resources.  The proposal achieves this objective.
<b>IM-O3</b>	<b>Environmentally sustainable impact</b> <b>Otago’s communities carry out their activities in a way that preserves environmental integrity, form, function, and resilience, so that the life-supporting capacities of air, water, soil, ecosystems, and indigenous biodiversity endure for future generations.</b>	Development of the site for a retirement village is a sustainable use of the urban land for local and wider economic well-being, while preserving environmental integrity, form, function and resilience. The proposal does not result in any adverse effects on life-supporting capacities of air, water, soil or ecosystems and indigenous biodiversity.  The proposal achieves this objective.
<b>IM-O4</b>	<b>Climate change</b> <b>Otago’s communities, including Kāi Tahu, understand what climate change means for their future, and climate change responses in the region, including adaptation and mitigation actions, are aligned with national level climate change responses and are recognised as integral to achieving the outcomes sought by this RPS.</b>	This objective is relevant to the extent that the land is geotechnically suitable for the development and the site is not subject to any natural hazard risk. Sustainable building methods and materials will be implemented, where possible, through the development.
<b>IM-P2</b>	<b>Decision priorities</b> Unless expressly stated otherwise, all decision making under this RPS shall:  1) firstly, secure the long-term life-supporting capacity and mauri of the natural environment,	Priorities 1, 2 and 3 are achieved as the proposed development will not affect the security of the life-supporting capacity and mauri of the natural environment, promotes the health needs of people and the ability of people and communities to provide for their

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	<p>2) secondly, promote the health needs of people, and</p> <p>3) thirdly, safeguard the ability of people and communities to provide for their social, economic, and cultural well-being, now and in the future.</p>	<p>social, economic, and cultural well-being due to the design and location of the proposal, given it is a needed facility for the elderly and it will provide for the future residential well-being.</p> <p>The proposal achieves this objective.</p>
IM-P3	<p><b>Providing for mana whenua cultural values in achieving integrated management</b></p> <p>Recognise and provide for Kāi Tahu's relationship with natural resources by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) enabling mana whenua to exercise rakatirataka and kaitiakitaka,</li> <li>2) facilitating active participation of mana whenua in resource management decision making,</li> <li>3) incorporating mātauraka Māori in decision making, and</li> <li>4) ensuring resource management provides for the connections of Kāi Tahu to wāhi tūpuna, water and water bodies, the coastal environment, mahika kai and habitats of taoka species.</li> </ol>	<p>Consultation with Iwi has been undertaken. Aukaha advised that there are no specific cultural values within the location of the proposal and that a Cultural Impact Assessment is not required.</p> <p>There are no know wāhi tūpuna values within the site.</p>
IM-P4	<p><b>Managing environmental interconnections</b></p> <p>Coordinate the management of interconnected natural and physical resources by recognising and providing for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) situations where the value and function of a natural or physical resource extends beyond the immediate, or directly adjacent, area of interest,</li> <li>2) the effects of activities on a natural or physical resource as a whole when that resource is managed as sub-units, and</li> <li>3) the impacts of management of one natural or physical resource on the values of another, or on the environment.</li> </ol>	<p>The Sticky Forest Access condition volunteered by the applicant recognises and provides for interconnected natural and physical resources by facilitating future access to Sticky Forest.</p> <p>The proposal achieves this policy.</p>
IM-P13	<p><b>Managing cumulative effects</b></p> <p>Otago's environmental integrity, form, function, and resilience, and opportunities for future generations, are protected by recognising and specifically managing the cumulative effects of activities on natural and physical resources in plans and explicitly accounting for these effects in other resource management decisions.</p>	<p>The proposal does not give rise to adverse cumulative effects on natural and physical resources for the reasons discussed in the application. The proposal will not result in adverse effects on the landscape values or natural wider environment.</p> <p>The proposal achieves this policy.</p>
<b>Air</b>		
AIR-O1	<p><b>Ambient air quality</b></p> <p><b>Ambient air quality provides for the health and well-being of the people of Otago, amenity and mana whenua values, and the life-supporting capacity of ecosystems.</b></p>	<p>The proposal will not result in discharges to air that affect human health, amenity and mana whenua values. A detailed Construction Management Plan (required by conditions of consent) will appropriately</p>

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AIR-O2	<b>Discharges to air</b> <b>Human health, amenity and mana whenua values and the life-supporting capacity of ecosystems are protected from the adverse effects of discharges to air.</b>	mitigate any potential dust effects during the construction phase. The proposal achieves these objectives and the associated policies relating to air quality.
<b>Land and freshwater</b>		
LF-WAI-O1	<b>Te Mana o te Wai</b> <b>The mauri of Otago’s water bodies and their health and well-being is protected, and restored where it is degraded, and the management of land and water recognises and reflects that:</b> 1) <b>water is the foundation and source of all life – na te wai ko te hauora o ngā mea katoa,</b> 2) <b>there is an integral kinship relationship between water and Kāi Tahu whānui, and this relationship endures through time, connecting past, present and future,</b> 3) <b>each water body has a unique whakapapa and characteristics,</b> 4) <b>water and land have a connectedness that supports and perpetuates life, and</b> 5) <b>Kāi Tahu exercise rakatirataka, manaakitaka and their kaitiakitaka duty of care and attention over wai and all the life it supports.</b>	Although the site location is in the vicinity of Lake Wanaka and the Clutha River, the design of the proposal, construction management measures and ongoing operational management will ensure that it does not have any effect on the surrounding water bodies as such, there is no such ability to protect or restore the health and wellbeing of the mauri.
LF-WAI-P1	<b>Prioritisation</b> In all management of fresh water in Otago, prioritise: 1) first, the health and well-being of water bodies and freshwater ecosystems, te hauora o te wai and te hauora o te taiao, and the exercise of mana whenua to uphold these, 2) second, the health and well-being needs of people, te hauora o te tangata; interacting with water through ingestion (such as drinking water and consuming harvested resources) and immersive activities (such as harvesting resources and bathing), and 3) third, the ability of people and communities to provide for their social, economic, and cultural wellbeing, now and in the future.	The proposal does not adversely affect the health and well-being of any waterbody or freshwater ecosystem. The health and well-being of future residents will be provided from through the provision of adequate and safe drinking water. The proposal will allow for people and community to provide for their social, economic, and cultural wellbeing. The proposal achieves this policy.
LF-WAI-P4	<b>Giving effect to Te Mana o te Wai</b> All persons exercising functions and powers under this RPS and all persons who use, develop or protect resources to which this RPS applies must recognise that LF-WAI-O1, LF-WAI-P1, LF-WAI-P2 and LF-WAI-P3 are fundamental to upholding Te Mana o te Wai, and must be given effect to when making decisions affecting fresh water, including when	The proposal does not give rise to any affects on freshwater as stormwater can be managed effectively on site and appropriate erosion and sediment control measures will be implemented throughout the construction phase. Therefore Te Mana o te Wai is upheld.

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	interpreting and applying the provisions of the LF chapter.	
<b>LF-VM-O2</b>	<p><b>Clutha Mata-au FMU vision</b></p> <p>In the Clutha Mata-au FMU:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) management of the FMU recognises that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) the Clutha Mata-au is a single connected system ki uta ki tai, and</li> <li>b) the source of the wai is pure, coming directly from Tawhirimatea to the top of the mauka and into the awa,</li> </ol> </li> <li>2) fresh water is managed in accordance with the LF-WAI objectives and policies,</li> <li>3) the ongoing relationship of Kāi Tahu with wāhi tūpuna is sustained,</li> <li>4) water bodies support thriving mahika kai and Kāi Tahu whānui have access to mahika kai,</li> <li>5) indigenous species migrate easily and as naturally as possible along and within the river system,</li> <li>6) the national significance of the Clutha hydro-electricity generation scheme is recognised,</li> <li>7) in addition to (1) to (6) above: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) in the Upper Lakes rohe, the high quality waters of the lakes and their tributaries are protected, recognising the significance of the purity of these waters to Kāi Tahu and to the wider community,</li> <li>b) ...</li> <li>c) ...</li> </ol> </li> <li>8) the outcomes sought in (7) are to be achieved within the following timeframes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) by 2030 in the Upper Lakes rohe,</li> <li>b) by 2045 in the Dunstan, Roxburgh and Lower Clutha rohe, and</li> <li>c) by 2050 in the Manuherekia rohe.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p>The proposal does not affect the concept of ki uta ki tai, the purity of the waters of Lake Wanaka or the way freshwater is managed in Clutha Mata-au as the proposal is located in a zone that provides for urban development and can be appropriately serviced.</p> <p>As discussed above, the proposed stormwater, erosion and sediment control methods ensure that no effects are reached by Lake Wanaka and the Clutha River.</p>
<b>Ecosystems and indigenous biodiversity</b>		
<b>ECO-O1</b>	<p><b>Indigenous biodiversity</b></p> <p><b>Otago's indigenous biodiversity is healthy and thriving and any decline in quality, quantity and diversity is halted.</b></p>	<p>There is no significant indigenous biodiversity on the site. There is a small patch of kanuka (70m<sup>2</sup>) that is proposed to be removed to accommodate the proposed walkway / cycleway link that will be developed as part of the proposal. The proposal includes approximately 896m<sup>2</sup> of kanuka replanting throughout the site, within Amenity Planting Group 1 (detailed in the Landscape Plans – Attachment H to the application).</p>
<b>ECO-O2</b>	<b>Restoring or enhancing</b>	<p>The proposed kanuka replanting will result in a net increase in indigenous biodiversity on the site.</p>

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	<b>A net increase in the extent and occupancy of Otago's indigenous biodiversity results from restoration or enhancement</b>	
ECO-P8	<b>Enhancement</b> The extent, occupancy and condition of Otago's indigenous biodiversity is increased by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) restoring and enhancing habitat for indigenous species, including taoka and mahika kai species,</li> <li>2) improving the health and resilience of indigenous biodiversity, including ecosystems, species, important ecosystem function, and intrinsic values, and</li> <li>3) buffering or linking ecosystems, habitats and ecological corridors.</li> </ol>	As discussed above, the proposal will enhance the occupancy of indigenous biodiversity on the site.
<b>Historical and cultural values</b>		
HCV-WT-O1	<b>Kāi Tahu cultural landscapes</b> <b>Wāhi tūpuna and their associated cultural values are identified and protected.</b>	There are no wāhi tupuna or associated cultural values on the site, as confirmed by Aukaha.
HCV-WT-O2	<b>Rakatirtaka</b> <b>The rakatirtaka of mana whenua over wāhi tūpuna is recognised, and mana whenua are able to exercise kaitiakitaka within these areas.</b>	
<b>Natural features and landscapes</b>		
NFL-O1	<b>Outstanding and highly valued natural features and landscapes</b> <b>The areas and values of Otago's outstanding and highly valued natural features and landscapes are identified, and the use and development of Otago's natural and physical resources results in:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) the protection of outstanding natural features and landscapes, and</li> <li>2) the maintenance or enhancement of highly valued natural features and landscapes.</li> </ol>	This is a plan making objective. Outstanding Natural Features and Landscapes are mapped in the Queenstown Lakes District Plan. The site is not within an Outstanding Natural Feature or Landscape.
<b>Urban form and development</b>		
UFD-O1	<b>Form and function of urban areas</b> <b>The form and functioning of Otago's urban areas:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) reflects the diverse and changing needs and preferences of Otago's people and communities, now and in the future, and</li> </ol>	The proposal will contribute to the sufficiency of housing capacity for elderly people in Wanaka, contributing to the feasible capacity of housing for a specific demography in a high growth urban area whilst maintaining the character of the Northlake Special Zone.  The proposal achieves this objective.

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	<p>2) maintains or enhances the significant values and features identified in this RPS, and the character and resources of each urban area.</p>	
<p><b>UFD-O2</b></p>	<p><b>Development of urban areas</b></p> <p>The development and change of Otago’s urban areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) improves housing choice, quality, and affordability,</li> <li>2) allows business and other non-residential activities to meet the needs of communities in appropriate locations,</li> <li>3) respects and wherever possible enhances the area’s history, setting, and natural and built environment,</li> <li>4) delivers good urban design outcomes, and improves liveability,</li> <li>5) improves connectivity within urban areas, particularly by active transport and public transport,</li> <li>6) minimises conflict between incompatible activities,</li> <li>7) manages the exposure of risk from natural hazards in accordance with the HAZ–NH – Natural hazards section of this RPS,</li> <li>8) results in sustainable and efficient use of water, energy, land, and infrastructure,</li> <li>9) achieves integration of land use with existing and planned development infrastructure and additional infrastructure and facilitates the safe and efficient ongoing use of regionally significant infrastructure,</li> <li>10) achieves consolidated, well designed and located, and sustainable development in and around existing urban areas as the primary focus for accommodating the region’s urban growth and change, and</li> <li>11) is guided by the input and involvement of mana whenua.</li> </ol>	<p>As mentioned above, the proposal will provide for housing capacity for elderly people, which is currently in high demand with limited supply.</p> <p>The proposal will enhance the built environment of Northlake as it results in high quality urban design outcomes in turn improving liveability.</p> <p>The proposal integrates with other parts of the Northlake development and the wider Wanaka settlement as well as the adjoining rural environment, as discussed in the Landscape, Visual Effects and Urban Design Assessment (Attachment I to the application).</p> <p>There is limited natural hazard risk to the site. All buildings and infrastructure will be designed and constructed in accordance with all necessary legislation.</p> <p>The proposal will be fully serviced by the existing three waters, utilities and roading which enable safe and efficient use of the existing infrastructure.</p> <p>The Sticky Forest Access condition volunteered by the applicant will assist to achieve integration of land use with existing and planned development infrastructure.</p> <p>The proposal has been well designed to integrate with the Northlake development through walking/cycling and road connections.</p> <p>Aukaha have been involved and consulted with prior to the application being made.</p>
<p><b>UFD-P3</b></p>	<p><b>Urban intensification</b></p> <p>Within urban areas intensification is enabled where it:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) contributes to establishing or maintaining the qualities of a well-functioning urban environment,</li> <li>2) is well-served by existing or planned development infrastructure and additional infrastructure,</li> <li>3) meets the greater of demonstrated demand for housing and/or business use or the level of accessibility provided for by existing or planned active transport or public transport,</li> </ol>	<p>The proposal results in an increase in density in Activity Area C2 which is currently zoned for low density residential development. The increased density is physically separated from the balance low-density residential areas by topography and roading, and Activity Area D1 in which higher density development is anticipated.</p> <p>The design of the higher density development provides for a well-functioning retirement village that is well-served by existing infrastructure that meets the demand for retirement village living.</p>

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	<p>4) addresses an identified shortfall for housing or business space, in accordance with UFD-P2,</p> <p>5) addresses issues of concern to iwi and hapū, including those identified in any relevant iwi planning documents, and</p> <p><b>6)</b> manages adverse effects on values or resources identified by this RPS that require specific management or protection.</p>	<p>The proposed density does not result in adverse effects on values of resources identified by the RPS that require specific management or protection.</p> <p>The proposal achieves this policy.</p>