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SKY PLAY ADVENTURES RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATION FURTHER INFORMATION REQUEST RESPONSE RE SITES OF SIGNIFICANCE

Further to our discussion on the phone and your subsequent email, we understand that Taupō District Council are seeking additional information on the assessment undertaken by Perry Fletcher for Ngāti Tahau Ngāti Whaoa and also any additional information that the applicants may have relating to the sites of importance raised in submissions.

I have attached information (Attachment 1) obtained from Ngāti Tahau Ngāti Whaoa regarding assessments undertaken by Perry Fletcher in 2017 and follow up in 2019 for the proposed zipline.

The 2017 report is for an older iteration of the proposed development and the 2019 letter is confirmation that the latest version of the zipline is not compromising any known sites. It is important to note that as Perry Fletcher was acting for Ngāti Tahau Ngāti Whaoa he was only looking at Ngāti Tahau Ngāti Whaoa sites and values.

The 2017 cultural assessment undertaken by Gayle Leaf (attached to the original application as Appendix 9) considered Ngāti Tuwharetoa sites and values. As noted, this assessment informed the design of the zipline including the location of the towers and runs. Additional advice was received verbally from Gayle at a hui facilitated by Te Kotahitanga o Ngāti Tūwharetoa Trust on 27 August 2019. This advice resulted in a change of alignment for Run 5 so that it would not cross directly over Motuwaira.

As discussed on the phone, some years ago Taupō District Council, in partnership with local hapū, commissioned a cultural assessment of the area around Taupō Town (which by memory included the subject site) to identify sites of importance. This work was completed by Gayle Leaf, and resulted in a silent file containing sites of importance. This file may include additional information on sites in the area.

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In addition to the cultural assessment, other documents of relevance which show known sites in the area are “The Legacy of Ngatoroirangi” by Evelyn Stokes which can be viewed here: https://www.boprc.govt.nz/media/509127/the-legacy-of-ngatoroirangi-maori-customary-use-of-geothermal-resources.pdf

We have also reviewed the information held by the New Zealand Archaeological Association for the area on ARCHSITE (https://archsite.eaglegis.co.nz/NZAAPublic). A map from that site is attached (Attachment 2) and does not indicate any recorded sites in the vicinity of the proposed development.

The submission by Te Rangiita Marae refers to numerous cultivation’s and burial sites around the Huka Falls area to te Kiriohinekai (Otupo). This submission references page 19 of Evelyn Stokes 1991 publication relating to the Wairakei Geothermal Area. I have attached a copy of Page 19 for your reference as Attachment 3. This reference reinforces that there are other burial sites around the Huka Falls, however there is no further information on their actual location of proximity to the falls.

The Nukuhau submission refers to the following sites; *Taupō Moana, Te awa o Waikato, Otumuheke, Patuiwi, Hipapatua, Matarakutia, Waipuwerawera, Te Huka, Te Toka a Tia*. These sites are all upstream of the proposed zipline with Te Toka a Tia (the Rock of Tia) the closest feature being approximatly 70m distant from the closest tower (not below zipline 1 as suggested in the Nukuhau submission).

The Nukuhau submission identifies that there was a pa site under tower 1. This has not been raised in Mr Fletchers assessment or in Gayle Leaf’s report.

In discussion with Ngāti Tahau Ngāti Whaoa on this matter, they were unaware of any pa sites located there and noted the following quote, "*My ancestors had no fighting pa within this block, Te Pa o te Waira is the only place that could be called a pa. We had no occasion to build pa’s because no one opposed us. Our ancestral pa was at Maunganui outside Oruanui Block on the Taupō side. This was a pa belonging to Kurapoto. There was another on the Tauhara Block*." Source-Te Hemepo te Hikarahui.

This quote refers to Te Pa o te Waira which is referenced in the submission by Te Kapa o Te Rangiita ki Oruanui. We understand that this located on the island referred to on page 16 of the cultural assessment as Motuwaira. The proposed zipline crosses to the north of that island. Based on the above quite, if Te Pa o te Waira is the only pa in the area then it is unlikely that there would be another one at the proposed Tower 1 site.

As requested, I have attached a revised plan of the zipline which shows the location of known sites within the vicinity of the proposed development. These are known sites identified in the cultural assessment and submissions. This map can be found in Attachment 4.

As noted, a number of submissions refer to cultivation, food gathering, fishing and kokowai (ochre) sites being present. Those known sites are catalogued in the cultural assessment.

In addition, as noted by submissions, it is likely that there may be additional burial sites present in the wider area.

To the best of our knowledge, based on the assessments undertaken by Perry Fletcher and Gayle Leaf, no known sites will be affected. Onsite inspections have not identified any physical presence of such sites. This does not mean that there are no additional sites present and if the submitters are able to provide additional information on the specific location of sites mentioned then this will certainly assist matters.

The presence of unknown sites has been addressed by the applicants suggested conditions which include the presence of onsite kaitiaki present during excavations and a discovery protocol in the case of remains or remnants being unearthed. For your reference, these suggested conditions are set out in Attachment 5.

I would also like to take this opportunity to correct one point of our presentation at the pre hearing meeting held 20 July. The presentation refers to an initial approach made to Ngāti Tuwharetoa (via TKT) in February 2015. This approach was made to the Tuwharetoa settlement entity which existed prior to Te Kotahitanga o Ngāti Tūwharetoa Trust being established.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss this information and assessment further.

Your sincerely,

Rowan Sapsford - Director

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Attachment 1

Proposed Skyline site inspection.

A meeting took place Tuesday morning 25th July with Perry Fletcher, Evelyn Forrest for the NTNW Runanga Environmental Section, and Simon Bothamley – Huka Zipline. This is in response to a consent application for Huka Zipline Preliminary Tower Positions.

"In respect to tower designs, those are currently being worked on. I understand that the current design will only have one tower which is to be constructed out of wood."

The meeting took place at the proposed tower site (Station 2/5). From this vantage place the other stations 3, 3A, 4 and 6 where the proposed platforms / landing pads on the ground were pointed out and explained. Perry Fletcher has previously examined the land.

Simon was able to describe for us what is anticipated at each site.

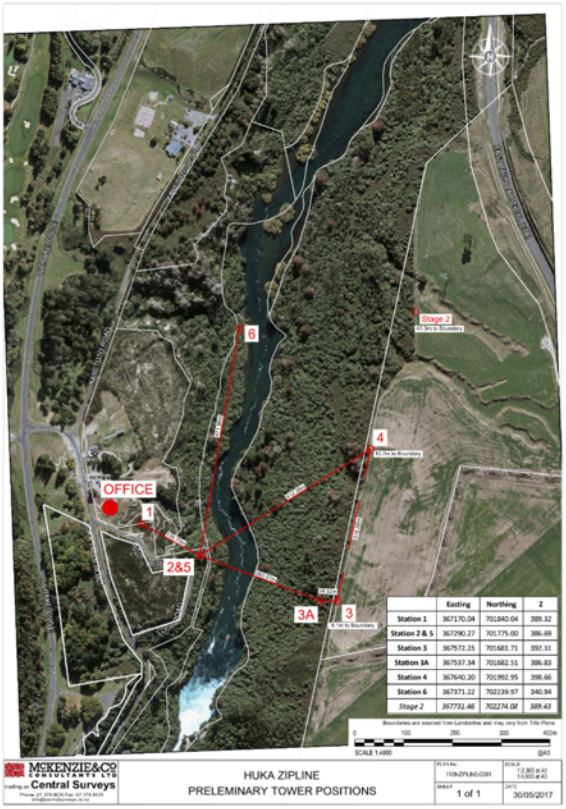
The history and cultural values and historic places held by Ngati Tahu in the area include the Skiliine crossing over by Ngatokahuihui. Ngatokahuihui was a kokopu (native trout) catching place. Weirs were also placed elsewhere.

Conclusion.

The project will not modify any known and identified features.

Perry Fletcher.

8/8/2017



Simon and Evelyn by the proposed tower site.

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10 June 2019

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Tena korua,

Re: Huka Zipline Proposal 2019

Thank you for your request for an updated cultural impact assessment for your latest preliminary design for the tower positions. As you are aware, Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa hold mana whenua status from the bottom of Huka Falls to Pohaturoa and as such this proposal is located within our rohe.

As part of a previous cultural impact assessment undertaken in August 2017, Perry Fletcher identified that Ngatokahuihui was within the proposed Zipline area. This was a kokopu (native trout) catching place. Weirs were also placed elsewhere. On June 5 2019, Perry reviewed the latest preliminary design with Michelle Phillips and commented that the only other known area of cultural significance not already mentioned was that Zip Run 4 would travel above an island which was a known pa site for our iwi but that is now only visible as trees in the Waikato River due to erosion caused by the hydro dams altering the level of the River.

Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa Runanga Trust support this proposal and will continue to assist Huka Zipline in ensuring that potential impacts on Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa values are considered where required.

Naku noa

Michelle Phillips
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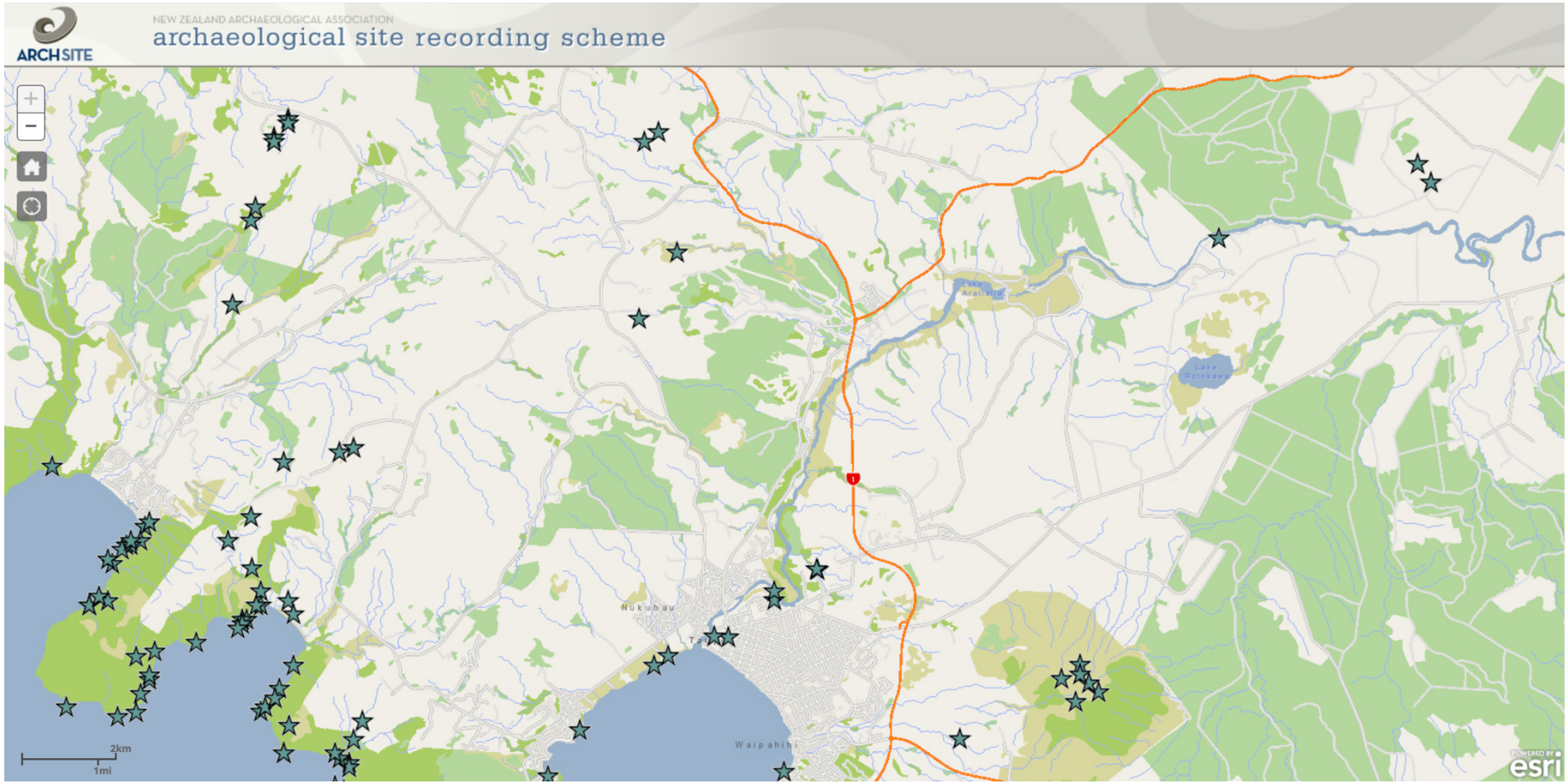
Ka ora te iwi – Ka ora te tangata

Attachment 2

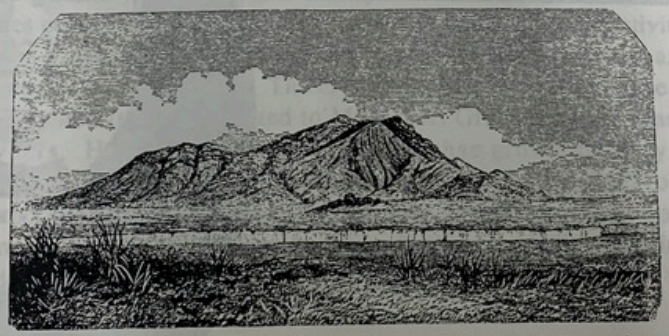


Huka Falls (Taupo MB2/232-233). People also came to the river bank in the vicinity to catch kokopu and dress flax. Hohepa Tamamutu also corroborated earlier evidence and added:

> Tukairangi died on this land and was buried at Parikawau. Tamamutu died at Wairakei and was buried in a cave there. His bones are not there now (Taupo MB2/236).

Other burials around the Huka Falls area were also mentioned. The road through Wairakei from Tapuaeharuru (Taupo) to Oruanui was called Te Papa o Tamamutu.

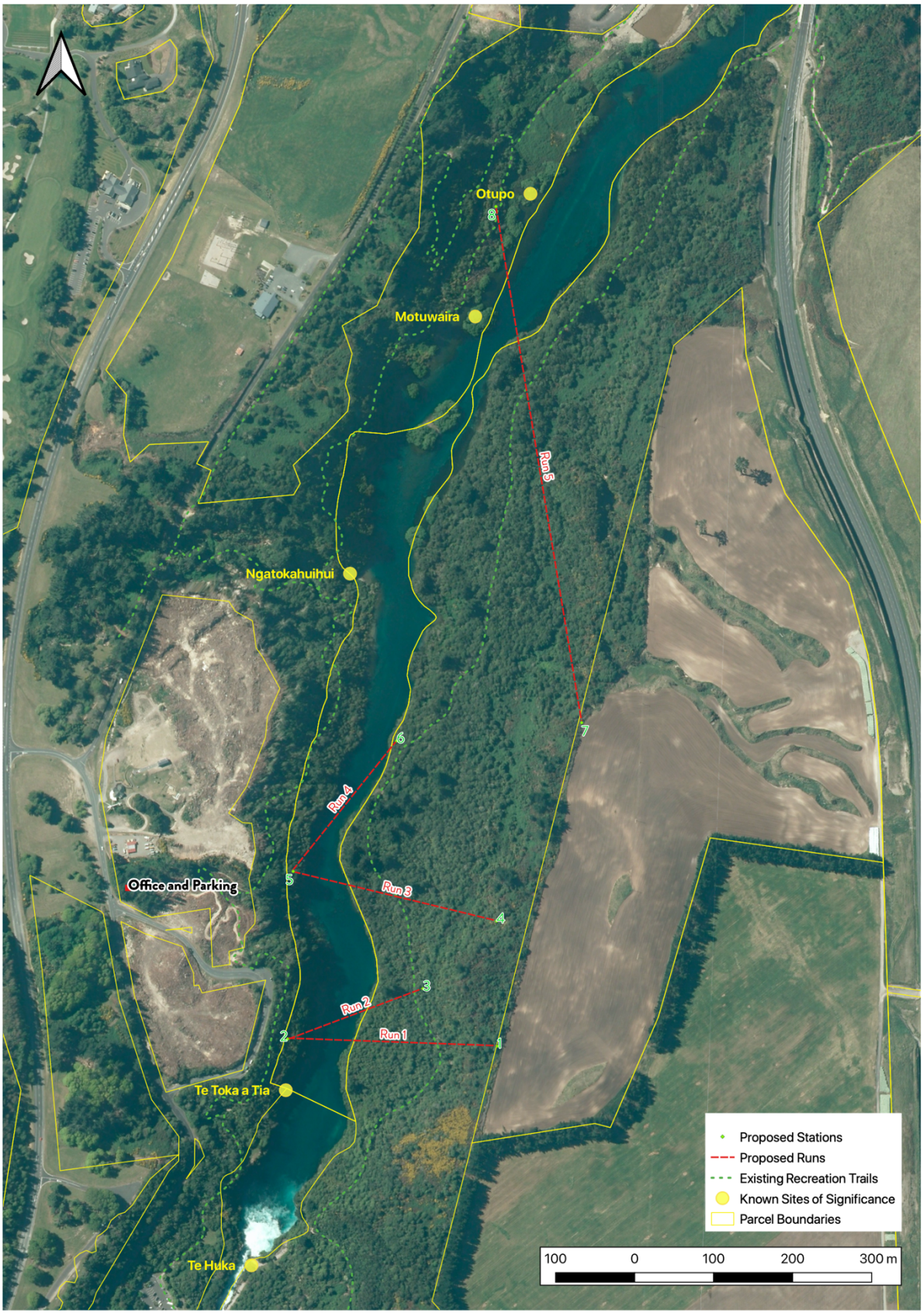
In summary, the resources of Wairakei which were most highly valued were kokowai and the therapeutic and healing properties of the hot pools, in particular Matarakukia and Te Kiriohinekai. Most of the hot pools, geysers and fumaroles had particular Maori names, often associated with ancestors, and were wāhi tapu. Huka Falls was also a special place. Other valued resources of the area included the fishing places on the Waikato River, the cultivable soils close in the river, fern grounds and birding places.



Tuhara, extinct volcanic cone on Lake Taupo, seen from Roto Ngaio, looking north.

Tauhara (Hochstetter)

Attachment 4



Attachment 5

Suggested Cultural Conditions:

1. Prior to any physical works being initiated, and at the opening of the activity, a blessing will be undertaken. All iwi with association's to the area will be invited to take part in this blessing.
2. Cultural monitors will be present at the site during key earthworks / and ground disturbance activities in the case of a discovery of sites of significance (including koiwi tangata, waahi taoka, waahi tapu or other Māori artefact material) while these works are being undertaken. The applicant will approach all iwi with associations to the area to engage these monitors.
3. Instigate an accidental discovery protocol similar to the following:

(a) if the consent holder discovers koiwi tangata, waahi taoka, waahi tapu or other Maori artefact material, the consent holder shall without delay:

(i) notify Council, tangata whenua and Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga and in the case of skeletal remains, the New Zealand Police.

(ii) stop work within the immediate vicinity of the discovery to allow a site inspection by the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga, Iwi and the appropriate advisors, who shall determine whether the discovery is likely to be extensive, if a thorough site investigation is required, and whether an Archaeological Authority is required.

(b) any koiwi tangata discovered shall be handled and removed by tribal elders responsible for the tikanga appropriate to its removal or preservation. Site work shall recommence following consultation with Council, the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga, Tangata whenua, and in the case of skeletal remains, the New Zealand Police, provided that any relevant statutory permissions have been obtained;

(c) if the consent holder discovers any feature or archaeological material that predates 1900, or heritage material, or disturbs a previously unidentified archaeological or heritage site, the consent holder shall without delay:

(i) stop work within the immediate vicinity of the discovery or disturbance and;

(ii) advise Council, the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga and in the case of Maori features or materials, the tangata whenua and if required, shall make an application for an Archaeological Authority pursuant to the New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 and;

(iii) arrange for a suitably qualified archaeologist to undertake a survey of the site. (d) site work may only recommence following consultation with Council.