

**Before**

**The Canterbury Regional  
Council**

**In the Matter**

**Of:**

**Proposed Change No. 1 to the  
Canterbury Regional Policy  
Statement Chapter 12A  
(Development of Greater  
Christchurch) including  
Variations 1, 2, 3 and 4**

**20 April 2009**

**Fourth Minute of Commissioners as to preliminary matters dated 20/4/09**

This minute is to record that the following directions were given at the initial call for preliminary matters at the initial opening hearing on 20 April, 2009:

1. The requests lodged in writing seeking extra time for presentation of submissions and evidence were granted, with all those parties confirming they were satisfied that the amended times provided for them in the latest hearing schedule on the ECan webpage met their requests, (with the exception of those relating to the Air Noise contour boundary lines which were stood down owing to unavailability of one Counsel until 21/4/09).
2. The request for further time for presentation by Mr Case (in Mr Hughes Johnson's absence), was declined against an expression by the Chairman that having read the carefully prepared materials presented, the 4 hour provision made should be sufficient to enable his Counsel and professional witnesses to highlight their principal points, and for them to respond to the Commissioners' questions. If that proved not to be so then the issue could be re-visited.
3. The request by Mr P. Anderson for Foster Holdings and DJ & AP Foster for further time, is similarly reserved to see if the time allotted is sufficient, with it being noted there is further time available later that day if it proves necessary, or alternatively the submitter GF Rhodes may be able to be re-scheduled for later in the day.
4. The requests by other Counsel to lodge legal submissions not filed by the 20<sup>th</sup> April no later than 5 clear working days before the hearing dates scheduled were granted, given that those legal submissions already filed have sufficiently met the need to enable the Commissioners to have a grasp of the principal issues sufficient to make the s42A presentation meaningful, in terms of addressing contrary views to those presenting the s42A reports. When coupled with the Commissioners' present intent to summarise issues in draft as the hearing proceeds, so as to enable the Commissioners to request a further

response on from the s.42A report writers on legal and other issues to ascertain if the evidence and/or legal submissions have affected their views, the delay now arising from a limited number of legal submissions being filed in that way will not disrupt the overall process.

5. A request by Ms Semple for her clients Prestons Rd Ltd and others to have an opportunity of filing further evidence at a later date to respond to the s42A report writer Mr Anderson's reliance on an Economic Sustainability Model was stood down until Mr Anderson was present on Wednesday 22 April. The issue is the amount of time needed to ensure an OIA request for further information as to the Model was able to be provided and then worked on to enable such a response.

R.D. Crosby  
Chairman