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Dear Mike

Wellington Town Belt Bill — next steps

This letter sets out a high level summary of the steps required to have the Wellington Town Belt Bill enacted by Parliament.

Next steps

- 1 Mike Morris (Axis Survey Consultants Ltd) to complete remaining work on describing the land referred to in the schedules to the Bill.
- 2 DLA to draft explanatory note.
- 3 At this point the Bill will be final form.
- 4 Ideally (but not essentially), obtain the written consent/support of the Department of Conservation and Land Information New Zealand.
- 5 Consult informally with the Office of the Clerk. The purpose of this consultation is to establish whether, in the Clerk's view, there are any impediments to the Bill that require amendment ahead of public notification. The Clerk will also be able to assist with how to comply with Parliament's Standing Orders ahead of the Bill being introduced. It is at this stage that there is the possibility of the Bill needing to come back before the Council — the purpose being for the Council to endorse any amendment signalled by the Clerk as essential for the Bill to proceed.
- 6 Give notice in accordance with Standing Orders. Once the Bill is in final form and any plans required by cl 9 of Standing Orders are ready, this will take approximately 3–4 weeks. It involves newspaper advertisements, the Council's website and writing to various parties.
- 7 Certification, declaration and forwarding of all documents to the Clerk.

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- 8 The Clerk examines the Bill and other documents required to be forwarded to ensure that Standing Orders have been complied with.
- 9 Intention to introduce the Bill is given by Grant Robertson.
- 10 The Bill is placed on the local orders of the day (dealt with every second Wednesday that Parliament sits).
- 11 First reading and referral to Select Committee.
- 12 Select Committee process and report. The Select Committee examines the Bill and (a) determines whether to recommend that the Bill be passed; and (b) may recommend amendments.
- 13 Second reading.
- 14 Committee stage.
- 15 Third reading.

Two points to note with respect to the above are:

- The promoter of a local Bill may, in writing, notify the Speaker that the promoter withdraws the Bill.
- No local bill that contains any provision affecting the rights or prerogatives of the Crown may be passed unless the Crown has, by message, indicated its consent to that provision.

Yours sincerely



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