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Attention: Tony Reidy – Team Leader, Heritage Community & Cultural Work-stream

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Dear Tony

Unitary Plan: Ministry of Education Designations

I write further to our meeting of 30th October, where we discussed the proposed draft Social Infrastructure (SI) zone framework for the Proposed Unitary Plan draft for March-May 2013. Thank you for the opportunity provided to the Ministry for that discussion – it is appreciated.

As per that discussion, the Ministry is of the view that the Council's policy and planning team's approach with the Social Infrastructure zone framework, is a positive and good one, which when endorsed by the political working group, best enables the policy outcomes sought for the full spectrum of social infrastructure in Auckland including the Ministry's 400 plus education facilities/school assets. In particular, the Ministry is supportive of the "school precinct" approach which overlies the relevant base zone, rather than an Education, Health and Community zone; on the basis that this approach acknowledges the existing typically residential zones underlying the Ministry's education designations. An Education, Health & Community zone may otherwise have constrained the Ministry's asset planning and development for Auckland moving into the future.

The Ministry also endorses the collaborative manner in which the SI zone policy framework has been approached and looks forward to continuing to work positively with the Council planners in the development of the Proposed Unitary Plan.

Regards

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Principal Planner

