

Form 33

Notice of person's wish to be party to proceedings

Section 274, Resource Management Act 1991

**To the Registrar
Environment Court
Auckland**

We, the Riverlea Environment Society Inc (RESI), wish to be a party to the following proceedings:

ENV-2019-AKL – Appeal to Weston Lea’s land use and subdivision consents to create in Hamilton a residential development known as Amberfield.

BETWEEN **Weston Lea Ltd**
Appellant

AND **Hamilton City Council**
Respondent

We have an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest of the general public because we are a local environmental group that cares for and protects an area of special biodiversity located adjacent to the land that the resource consent applies to.

We made a submission and further submission on the Application.

We are not trade competitors for the purposes of [section 308C](#) or [308CA](#) of the Resource Management Act 1991.

We are directly affected by an effect of the subject of the appeal that adversely affects the environment (the potential local extinction of the long-tailed bat).

We are interested in the part of the proceedings that relates to the potential ecological effects of the development and how these are managed and monitored.

We are most interested in the following particular issues: Ecological effects on long-tailed bats, the conditions relating to the management plan liaison group and ecological management and monitoring.

We oppose all aspects of the appeal by Weston Lea Ltd that seek to reduce the obligations on the applicant to avoid, remedy or mitigate environmental effects.

We particularly oppose the relief sought that includes a recommended condition (no. 117) stating that the consent holder will be responsible for preparing a Bat Management Plan. The history of the versions of resource consent applications made by the applicant reveal a clear commitment to maximising development rather than ecological conservation. The suggested certification of the plan by the HCC Planning Guidance Unit Manager (or nominee) and the

council's nominated ecologist (recommended condition 118) is also unsuitable given a clear conflict of interest that became evident later in the hearing. This conflict of interest was between progressing the development and conservation values.

We agree to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



..... (On behalf of Riverlea Environment Society Inc)

Signature of person wishing to be a party
(or person authorised to sign
on behalf of person wishing to be a party)

13.12.19

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Date

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