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Dear Alex,

S176 Resource Management Act 1991: Approval from KiwiRail Holdings Limited (KiwiRail) for Notice of Requirement: Awarua Ground Satellite Station as requested by Space Operations New Zealand Limited

KiwiRail has reviewed the proposed Notice of Requirement (NoR) Space Operations New Zealand Limited (Space Ops NZ) has lodged with Invercargill City Council to designate airspace and land surrounding the Awarua Ground Satellite Station, including areas extending for a maximum of three kilometres of land and two km of airspace surrounding Lot 1 DP 483454, Lot 1 DP 524692 and Lot 2 DP 524692.

A portion of the Bluff rail corridor is within KiwiRail Designation 55 and is located within 3km of the satellite station but more than 2km from the satellite station.

While the KiwiRail Designation 55 will be the primary designation, it is understood that any restriction imposed by way of the proposed designation would only be in relation to any built form. KiwiRail understands that the maximum height of built form imposed by the designation is over 200 metres, meaning no building higher than 200m could be established without the approval of Space Operations NZ Limited.

Assessment

The Bluff Line provides a significant role in terms of the transport of freight across New Zealand. It is therefore critical to ensure the safe and efficient operation of this railway line.

As part of the grant approval process, KiwiRail have reviewed the information provided and do not consider the proposed designation will result in any adverse impacts on the operation of the line.

As noted above, Space Ops NZ would be a secondary designation with the KiwiRail existing railway designation (Designation 55) being the primary designation.

Decision

KiwiRail's formal s176 RMA approval, as a Requiring Authority with an existing designation over land subject to the proposed designation, is required to confirm it is not affected by the applicant's proposal.

KiwiRail hereby provides s176 RMA approval for the proposal, located over KiwiRail Designation 55 in the Operative Invercargill District Plan as shown below in Figure 1.

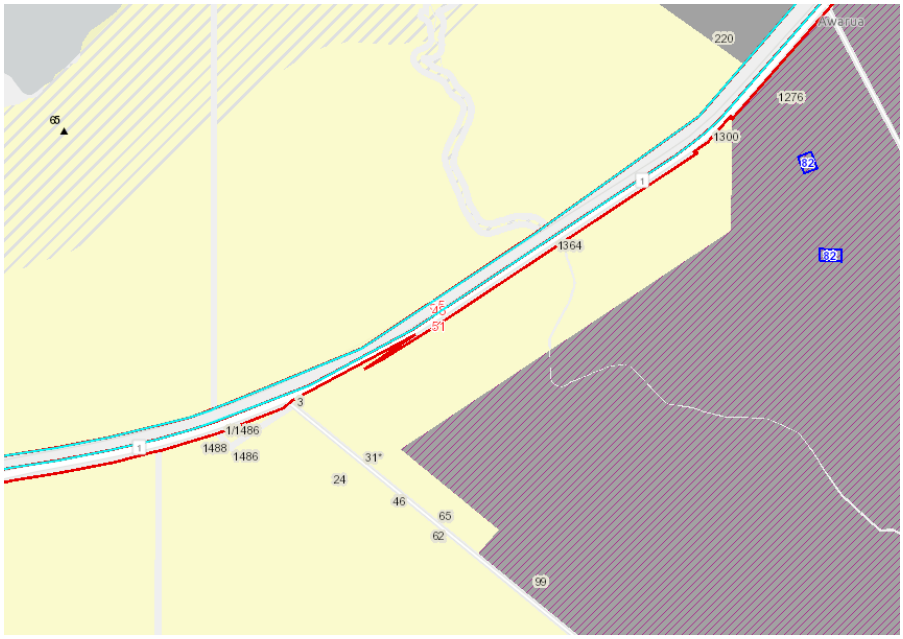

Figure 1. KiwiRail Designation 55 (blue lines) (Source: Invercargill District Plan online maps).

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

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