

WCC Beach Grading Update #1

Over the last week our project manager has been working very closely with Greater Wellington Regional Council and various consultants to understand the requirements that we will need to meet to ensure a successful resource consent application.

As he has gotten into the detail of what needs to be done on the site, it has become clear that this won't be a simple consent application and that we will need to do some serious paperwork and planning in order to ensure that we get it right and don't fall foul of the various stakeholders involved. Below is a table of progress which we will update each week and send through for information/ review.

Thus far we see no major risks to the project and everything seems to be going according to plan, bar the slightly extended timeline due to the additional requirements the team has to follow.

Task	% Completed	Estimated due date
§ Engagement of the project team includes CHP Wellington Ltd. (<i>technical expertise to the grading works, i.e. contract management</i>), 4Sight Consulting (<i>development and application of resource consent with GWRC</i>) and Dr. Pete Wilson (<i>Ecologist</i>).	100%	Complete
§ Initial discussion with GWRC to understand resource consent requirements for lodgement.	100%	Complete
§ Outcome from initial meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ü Identify Mean High Water Spring (MWHS) to determine where grading is a permitted activity ü Establish environment/ecological assessment is required for consenting ü Establish notifying affected stakeholders as part of resource consent application 	Noted.	Complete
§ Engagement of Cardno (<i>surveyor</i>) to identify MHWS – to start survey on 30 July 2021	100%	Complete
§ Physical survey work By Cardno	0%	13 August 2021
§ Ecological Assessment (<i>actions so far</i>)	10%	13 August 2021

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ü Exploring a number of available reports describing various ecological aspects, including birds, and habitats but we have been advised that a field survey will also be necessary for this work. ü Clarification on the bounds and extent of the works to designing and conducting an ecological assessment. ü Noting the subtidal areas and rocky reefs will be the most sensitive habitats and likely be affected if sand is pushed further down the beach towards the water. Smothering of these habitats is likely to have substantial adverse ecological effects. ü Noting there is the potential for shellfish beds in both intertidal and subtidal habitats, which will likely require surveying. ü Noting the river flowing onto the beach is marked in the regional plan as significant inanga spawning habitat. The actual issue is around access up the stream, rather than spawning habitat in that specific location. Consideration will be required if regrading will affect the stream. ü The area has an overlay for indigenous bird habitat and it has been noted that this area may be used by penguins – the site will need to be surveyed for burrows/potential habitat and bird presence. ü Exploring intertidal assessments only, including bird presence, penguin burrows/habitat, intertidal shellfish. 		
§ Engagement with Affected Parties (DOC, etc.)	0%	30 July 2021
§ Provide relevant documents to residents for review	0%	16 August 2021
§ Developing Resource Consent Documentation	5%	6 August 2021
§ Lodgement of Resource Consent Application	0%	20 August 2021
§ Procurement of Beach Grading Works	0%	31 August 2021
§ Co-Design of grading work with residents	0%	31 August 2021

§ Physical Works	0%	September 2021
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