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Dear Murray

WALKWAY - WHAREROA FARM

Landcorp Farming Limited is agreeable to the walkway proposal but there are several problems regarding the proposed route outlined on your plan.

- As part of the McKays Crossing deviation project, Landcorp Farming Limited will require to have several buildings relocated and the new sites will be on your proposed walkway route.
- Construction on the project is likely to start this financial year and the starting point at McKays Crossing will be the centre of a major construction site with all its associated hazards. It is also likely that in view of the risk of vandalism and theft, the contractors would require the area excluded from public access.

In my opinion, it would be expedient to defer any decision on a walkway route until the whole project is completed and a permanent route can be fixed.

Yours faithfully,

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Dear Nick

Walkway through Whareroa Block

Thank you for our meeting of 12 March 2003, it was very useful.

One of the items discussed was the long term plans of Landcorp Farming Limited for the Whareroa Block and the desire of Wellington Regional Council to have set in place a walkway for the benefit of the public.

The walkway envisaged would enable public access from the north entry to Whareroa at State Highway 1 up to the south east boundary of the block, to interface with Campbells Road which passes along the boundary. Council would then develop the walkway along the road through to its own land holdings, with the walkway passing through the adjoining properties owned by Mr Van Cruchten.

Council acknowledges that it is not appropriate for the walkway to be defined at the present time as that may be restrictive to the imminent development of the land. Council understands, arising from the roading plans of Transit NZ, that Landcorp Farming Limited is likely to either subdivide, develop and sell the land or sell the land for development purposes.

As an interim measure, Council seeks the approval of Landcorp Farming Limited for the public to be able to pass through the land at CT 40A/774 for the purpose of a walkway. The route of the walkway is proposed to be as per the attached "Plan A."

At this point, the Council envisages that it will take responsibility for maintaining any signage, interpretation or track maintenance related to the walkway. The Council, however, has not taken a view on the desirability of having toilets or any other additional infrastructure associated with the walkway. The decision will depend on the outcome of the impending State Highway 1 realignment at MacKays Crossing. We would, however, like the opportunity to discuss this with you when the details of the realignment works are finalised.

On either development of the bock or when sale is pending, Council ask that Landcorp Farming Limited cater for the walkway, either on its current route or some altered route, by way of a registered right of way. At that time, Council **ask** that the right of way will be able to cater for walkers, cyclists and horse riders. The right of way would be granted on the same terms of Council responsibility.

It would be appreciated if you would confirm the approval of Landcorp Farming Limited to the proposals above for the grant of an interim walkway agreement and the longer term grant of a permanent right of way.

You may have further provisos that you wish to nominate and Council would appreciate being advised of those. It is not envisaged that the walkway would be in operation immediately as it will be necessary for Council to set a budget in place and to ensure that the necessary resources are available. This is therefore the commencement of the planning phase from the Council perspective.

I look forward to receipt of your response.

Regards

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Encl. Plan A