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Dear Gavin Ion

Thank you for your letter of 18 August 2022 outlining that while the Waikato District Council (Council) will not be able to notify its Intensification Planning Instrument by 20 August 2022, as is required by the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) it intends to notify by 19 September 2022.

Officials at the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) have spoken with Council staff and advise me that the delay in notifying the Intensification Planning Instrument will not impact on Council's ability to notify decisions on the independent hearings panel's recommendations by 31 March 2024 (as directed by New Zealand Gazette notice 2022-sl2034).

I appreciate Council's work to date in implementing the National Policy Statement on Urban Development and the work to progress the Intensification Planning Instrument. MfE and Ministry of Housing and Urban Development officials have noted the constructive working relationship with Council staff.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Parker'.

Hon David Parker
Minister for the Environment