

Written approval of affected persons

(Resource Management Act 1991, Section 95D)



Applicant details:

Full name: _____
Address of proposed activity: _____
Brief description of proposed activity: _____

Affected persons:

Full name(s): _____
Address for Service: _____
Address of property (if not as above): _____
Legal description: _____
Tick as applicable: Owner(s)/Occupier(s) Owner(s)
 Occupier(s)

Please note:

- Council will require separate written approval(s) from the occupiers of the affected property as well as from the legal owners.
- Evidence of ownership/authority to sign may be required.
- All owners are required to sign this form or for multiple owned properties Council requires all trustees to sign unless written evidence is provided that authorises a trustee to sign on behalf of the trustees.

Please read carefully before signing

You should only sign below if you fully understand the proposal, and if you support or have no opposition to the proposal you have been asked to consider. Council will not accept conditional approvals. If you have conditions on your approval, these should be discussed and resolved with the applicant directly.

1. I/We have been given details of the full and final proposal including a copy of the application form, assessment of environmental affects and plans.
2. I/We confirm that we have completed the following:
Copy of AEE signed and provided Yes No (Note: Resource Consents Only)
Copy of Plans signed and provided Yes No (including site plan and elevations)
3. I/We understand and accept that once I/we give my/our approval the Council cannot take account of any actual or potential effect of the activity and/or proposal upon me/us when considering the application and the fact that any such effect may occur shall not be relevant grounds upon which the Consent Authority may refuse to grant the application.
4. I/We understand that at any time before the final decision is made on the application, I/We may give notice in writing to the Council that this approval is withdrawn, under S104(4) of the Resource Management Act 1991.
5. I/We have read and fully understand the full extent of the proposal and have read and agree with what is stated in Notes 1-4 above.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

Guide to Consents of Affected Persons

(Section 95D Resource Management Act 1991)

Why are consents of affected persons sought?

The primary purpose of a resource consent applicant obtaining a written approval from potentially affected persons is to increase the chance that where the Environmental effects are likely to be minor Council may decide that the application can be processed on a non-notified basis. For a consent to be non-notified Environmental effects must be no more than minor and written approvals of adversely affected persons must be provided.

- Any effects on those persons giving written approval shall not be taken into account when determining if the Environmental effects are minor. This may allow an application that would otherwise have more than minor adverse effects, to fall into the minor category and potentially be non-notified.
- Where the effects are no more than minor but there are still adversely affected persons, the application would require to be notified unless those persons written consents were obtained.

Accordingly obtaining the consent of affected persons is an important and necessary part of the resource consent application procedure.

Identification of affected persons

It is important to recognise that while some people and organisations may have an interest in a proposal, they may not be affected. Some form of adverse effect on a person must be apparent for their written approval to be considered necessary. Potentially affected persons include both owners and occupiers of land.

Council may disregard only those adverse effects that will certainly be trivial (less than minor) or which are only a remote possibility.

Obtaining written approval

Council has produced this form for recording the consent of affected persons. The form makes it clear that the affected persons are acknowledging.

- That the persons have been given details of the full and final proposal including a copy of the application form, assessment of environmental effects, and plans and that they have confirmed that they have signed and dated such information.
- That the persons understand and accept that once approval has been given the Council cannot take account of any actual potential effects of the activity upon those persons when considering the application and the fact that any such effect may occur shall not be relevant grounds upon which the Council may refuse to grant the application.
- That the persons understand that at any time before the final decision is made on the application they may give notice in writing to the Council that the approval is withdrawn.

Unconditional consent

Council has no responsibility to ensure that the demands or "conditions" of an affected person are satisfied; rather it is the responsibility of the applicant. Council will not accept an approval form that has been returned with conditions imposed and instead the form will be returned to the applicant for resolution.

The applicant may then be required to again consult or negotiate to obtain unconditional approval. There is additionally a range of methods available to the applicant, including letters of undertaking, or more formal methods such as deeds or agreements.

Office use only:

Copy of application form signed and provided

Yes No

Copy of AEE signed and provided

Yes No

Site plan signed and provided

Yes No Not required

Property file of activity _____ Property file of affected person(s) _____ (owner(s) only)

Accepted by Planner: Yes No

Signature _____