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| Plan Change 73 in its entirety | Support with amendments | The Transport Agency supports having Financial Contribution requirements in the District Plan to ensure that growth in the District is supported by appropriate levels of infrastructure.  
This promotes sustainable management of physical resources, including the transport network, an important resource, in a way, or at a rate, which enables people and communities to provide for their social, economic and cultural wellbeing and for their health and safety (as per Section 5 of the RMA).  
The Transport Agency supports the inclusion of Rules that require financial contributions for Transportation in both Rural and minor settlements, and Urban catchments.  
The Transport Agency also supports the continued collection of a district wide Strategic Transportation contribution. | Retain plan change subject to amendments listed below.                                              | 1    |
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<td>Further clarify when and how financial contributions would apply to a Post Harvest Zones, and what a “significant” expansion to the Post Harvest Zone is, or retain existing provisions unchanged.</td>
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<td>11.6 Subdivision and land use consent in the Commercial, Commercial Transition and Industrial Zones</td>
<td>Amend</td>
<td>Financial contributions provide the ability to mitigate effects through the contribution of land or money or both (S. 108(9) of the RMA). By excluding Industrial and Commercial zone subdivisions and activities Council is limiting the ability to mitigate effects from a development where a financial contribution (such as land/money or both) may be appropriate. While some specific activities have been included it is unclear why only these activities have been identified. The proposed approach does not facilitate a ‘beneficiary pays’ approach. For example this is likely to be an issue where larger operators or unanticipated high</td>
<td>That Council include provisions to require financial contributions (being land/money or both) for activities and subdivisions located in industrial and commercial zones. That Council undertake additional Section 32 analysis that demonstrates the rationale for the approach taken.</td>
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a) This is a submission on Plan Change 73 Financial Contributions to the Western Bay of Plenty District Council.

b) The Transport Agency could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

c) The Transport Agency does wish to be heard in support of its submission.

d) The Transport Agency does not wish to present joint evidence.

Signed by Alistair Talbot
Planning and Investment Manager BoP (Acting)
Pursuant to the Authority of NZ Transport Agency

1 June 2016

Date

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District Plan Change 73 – Financial Contributions

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1: General Submission points.

The principle of Council applying appropriate and reasonable contributions for the upgrading of infrastructure is supported.

In addition, any system of charging contributions needs to be effective and simple to administer and be capable of being updated and implemented across development and infrastructure planning over the long term. We note that the application of financial contributions based on a per ha assessment will need to be recorded and applied to future development to avoid double counting. This will present some difficulties for implementation and may open the process up to manipulation as the lowest amount of financial contributions may be applied to the first round of subdivision/development to protect any future contributions from being applied. Council will need to be satisfied that this model can work effectively in terms of future demand on services.

Council will need to be satisfied that the appropriate mechanisms are in place to ensure that a fair and equity method of charging financial contributions is applied to current development and future development.

The provision for reductions and waivers (section 11.3 (d)) is not proposed to be amended however this seems to conflict with the new provisions which allow for specific assessment of the financial contributions through the resource consent process. It is considered appropriate that there is a mechanism through the resource consent process to consider and determine the appropriate level of contributions in line with specific resource consent and development proposals for all financial contribution levies.

Lomay Properties Limited has recently been granted an approval for a subdivision at Number 1 Road, Te Puke (see attached approved scheme plan). We have attempted to provide a range of lot sizes appropriate to the shape and size of the subject site. This has resulted in an average lot size (according to our assessment of the new rules) of 692m² which would lead to a higher financial contribution assessment that the existing regime. It is notable that the ‘high’ average takes into account the common access and if the access leg is excluded, then the average size of the lots including the existing house site (Lot 9) is 655m². The layout and size of the lots has been undertaken despite professional advice that we should be providing for larger lots and that the demand for sections in Te Puke is for larger sites than what we have proposed. The Council perspective of appropriate lot sizes that provide for a per ha average may therefore not be aligned with the market demand for sections as advised to us. This may then lead to a lower uptake of sections as there is disconnect with the Council planning and financial contribution policies and enabling development which meets a market demand.
The quantum of financial contributions charged within WBOPDC is significantly more expensive than some other areas. While Council needs to ensure that infrastructure upgrades are undertaken and attributed to new growth as appropriate, developers may well compare the respective development costs including Council financial contributions as a disincentive to development which will result in lower development rates than what otherwise may have been projected. This will in turn have a negative effect on Council's projected financial contribution income.
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<td>Clarify in more precise terms the exclusion for areas that are geotechnically constrained.</td>
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<td>Various (HHE area of 625m²)</td>
<td>While this average land area will not necessarily provide a practical average for all development sites, the 625m² is a much superior standard than the earlier provision which was previously notified. This new average area should be maintained or increased.</td>
<td>Maintain or increase the standard 625m² area for a HHE.</td>
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Lozay Properties Limited
3 June 2016
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<td>Ensure final FINCO rationale provides for a significant reduction of FINCO's.</td>
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<td>For clarity it is desirable to have planning maps clearly identifying which areas come within the urban growth areas specified.</td>
<td>Provide FINCO ‘catchment’ maps clearly identifying areas subject to different FINCO regimes.</td>
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<td>It would be useful to clearly show how the formula works to calculate actual FINCO’s within the Plan. Although reasonably clear in the supporting documentation to ensure certainty of interpretation the formula should be explicitly stated for residential developments.</td>
<td>Provide formula/method to clearly demonstrate how FINCO’s will be calculated. Oppose unless satisfactory.</td>
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<td>For example the FINCO payable for a new lot is calculated by: Net lot size (developable land) /826xBase Area FINCO.</td>
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<td>PC 73 11.5.2</td>
<td>To ensure that the intent is clear it would be useful to make explicit that the “additional lot” is only in regard to residential lots.</td>
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<td>PC 73 11.5.2</td>
<td>The Proposed Plan Change states that “Financial contributions for a subdivision with an average lot size smaller than 500m² shall be determined by a special assessment”. It is understood from discussion with Council staff that this is intended to be applicable to “Residential” zoned land only rather than “Medium Density” zoned land where the density is required to be less than 500m² and the zoning has taken into consideration infrastructure requirements. This is not explicitly stated in the Plan Change.</td>
<td>Amend Section 11.5.2 to ensure that this provision does not apply to Medium Density zoned land. The second sentence should read: “In the Residential Zone, financial contributions for a subdivision with an average lot size smaller than 500m² ……” Or words to that effect.</td>
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<td>Provide assessment criteria and clarify any implications to activity status. Exempt infill subdivision from special assessment requirements. Oppose unless satisfactory.</td>
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<td>Pressure on Infrastructure than already anticipated.</td>
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<td>PC 73  The Plan includes a definition for Net developable hectare which for the most part have been taken into consideration in the FINCO rules. However as currently written the method for calculating the applicable FINCO does not explicitly exclude &quot;geotechnically constrained&quot; land which may often be incorporated into lot areas. This results in the land area being 'inflated' and similarly the applicable FINCO charge.</td>
<td>Ensure that any development that meets the 12 lot per hectare of developable land basis has FINCO's that are no greater than the 'base' area FINCO.</td>
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The financial contribution regime must enable the ability to assess and review the nature and type of any specific development proposal to ensure that there is ultimately a fair and reasonable nexus between the scale and nature of development and the financial contributions which may be levied.

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District Plan Change 73 – Financial Contributions

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Western Bay of Plenty District Council
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Attn: The Chief Executive

Re: Plan Change 73 – Submission

In regards to the Section 32 report on amendments made under Plan Change 73 to the policy for calculating and imposing Financial Contributions on development (with particular regard to subdivision) we make the following submission.

In general, we support Council’s decision to review of financial contributions imposed on subdivision. The proposed plan change is a significant step in making development more affordable in the greater Western Bay region, however, we note the following.

1. The level of financial contributions proposed on subdivision remains excessive for conventional section sizes (500m² - 800m²) and constrains development in the region.

2. A per hectare (or similar) ratio with no controls encourages small lot subdivision and does not encourage diversity of section size. An implemented cap at a suitable level ($25,000 per lot) would ensure the value difference does not prejudice section size.

For example under the proposal, Omokoroa has a potential contribution differential of $23,850,

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- the largest allowable lot size of 800m² would incur a financial contribution of $42,350

If a cap was implemented at $25,000 per lot, the reduced differential is $6,500 and is less of an impediment on section size diversity.

3. Financial Contributions should be split over subdivision and building consents. This is more reflective on actual or ‘real’ demand for infrastructure.

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Again, we are supportive of Council in their endeavours to reduce development financial contributions. We are happy to discuss the included further with Council.

Yours sincerely,
Veros Property Partners

Michael Kemeys

Duane Lankshear
SUBMISSION ON PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE UNDER CLAUSE 6 OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991

TO: Western Bay of Plenty District Council

SUBMISSION ON: Plan Change 73 to the Western Bay of Plenty District Plan

SUBMITTER: CHARLEY FARLEY LIMITED
C/: Aurecon Limited
PO Box 2292
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Attention: Aaron Collier

Scope of submission

1. The specific provisions of the Proposed Plan Change to which this submission relates are Plan Change 73 in its entirety. Charley Farley Limited are developers and land owners in the urban growth area at Katikati. Charley Farley Limited is affected by the change to Council’s financial contributions (FINCO’s) as proposed by Plan Change 73.

Nature of submission

2. The nature of our submission is that we support the plan change which is appropriate.

Reasons for submission

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TO: Western Bay of Plenty District Council

SUBMISSION ON: Plan Change 73 to the Western Bay of Plenty District Plan

SUBMITTER: OMOKOROA DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED
C/o: Aurecon Limited
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Attention: Aaron Collier

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Date: 3 June 2016

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TO: Western Bay of Plenty District Council

SUBMISSION ON: Plan Change 73 to the Western Bay of Plenty District Plan

SUBMITTER: THE GRANGE JV AND AXION LIMITED
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Scope of submission

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SUBMISSION ON PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE UNDER CLAUSE 6 OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991

TO: Western Bay of Plenty District Council

SUBMISSION ON: Plan Change 73 to the Western Bay of Plenty District Plan

SUBMITTER: CLASSIC GROUP LIMITED
C/O: Aurecon Limited
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Attention: Aaron Collier / Peter Cooney

Scope of submission

1. The specific provisions of the Proposed Plan Change to which this submission relates are Plan Change 73 in its entirety. Classic Group Limited are developers and land owners in the urban growth area at Omokoroa. Classic Group Limited is affected by the change to Council’s financial contributions (FINCO’s) as proposed by Plan Change 73.

Nature of submission

2. The nature of our submission is that we support the plan change which is appropriate.

Reasons for submission

3. The reasons for this submission are:
   (a) That the Plan change:
      (i) will promote the sustainable management of resources;
      (ii) will achieve the purpose of the Resource Management Act 1991 ("the RMA");
      (iii) is not contrary to Part 2 and other provisions of the RMA;
      (iv) will meet the reasonably foreseeable needs of future generations by enabling growth at Omokoroa;
      (v) will enable the social, economic and cultural well-being of the Omokoroa community;
      (vi) represents the most appropriate means of exercising the Western Bay of Plenty District Council's ("Council")
functions, having regard to the efficiency and effectiveness of other available means and is therefore not appropriate in terms of section 32 and other provisions of the Act.

(b) In particular, but without limiting the generality of the above, for those additional reasons set out below.

4. We support the Council for taking some positive action to reduce the level of roading contribution payable. Council's philosophical approach to infrastructure provision has been based on a "growth pays for growth" approach. Significant infrastructure has been provided on the basis that the total cost of infrastructure would therefore be recovered using financial contributions under the Resource Management Act (RMA) from development at the time of subdivision. Because the entire cost of infrastructure is to be recovered, factors such as the affordability/quantum of FINCO's have not been considered to ensure that the levels of contributions are sustainable. We note that Plan Change 73 is the first time that Council have acknowledged this as a consideration in terms of its s.32 analysis.

5. The Council's "growth provides for growth approach" requires reconsideration. Although Council have significantly reduced the level of roading infrastructure provided through changes to the Omokoroa Structure Plan (Hamurana Road), Council should further review the rates funded component in the contribution schedule attached to the Plan Change to more fairly apportion additional costs to ratepayers. This is appropriate given that existing ratepayers and the overall Districts economy will benefit from the growth and the improved infrastructure it creates. Currently the District Rates contribution in the schedule is insufficient.

6. An issue is that there is still a significant imbalance in the "cost" of developing a section between Tauranga City and the Western Bay of Plenty District. Until this cost imbalance is corrected and the cost to produce a section in the District is on par with Tauranga, the growth of Omokoroa will continue to struggle when Tauranga is a more affordable alternative.

7. Although the quantum of FINCO's payable per lot is proposed to be reduced under Plan Change 73, the timing applied to the payment will continue to have a significant impact on the number of sections created. In addition to the options considered, Council should consider the option of changes to the charging mechanisms in the context of this timing of charging. This includes partial deferral of payment to the building consent for dwellings as currently undertaken by Tauranga City Council. This will act to reduce the front end cost to subdividers. It will stimulate and increase the supply of sections and subsequent cash flow recovery for Council. We seek that this further option is considered and incorporated in the timing of charging.

8. Currently FINCOs at Omokoroa are charged on a per-lot/per-dwelling basis, so costs are allocated on the basis of a dwelling unit equivalent. We support the option of charging on a per-hectare approach to divide the cost of servicing across an area of land instead of on a per-lot basis. This approach minimises the risk of under collection, results in an incentive for intensification and increased yield (with FINCOs a fixed cost for developers) and aligns with the primary cost driver for infrastructure which is ultimately based on an area of land to be serviced. We support this being incorporated in the Plan Change.

9. Infrastructure costs are determined largely through the Council's structure planning process. The Omokoroa structure plans identify infrastructure to be provided and its costs, and apportions the cost through the FINCO model. Structure plans have the
potential to be reviewed through the District Plan process to determine the need and "full" extent of infrastructure to be provided. Plan Change 73 has shown that the removal of large items can have a significant effect on costs (i.e. Hamarana Road). The review of further aspects of the Omokoroa structure plans, including stormwater infrastructure requirements is seen as a critical consideration for further reducing overall and unsustainable infrastructure costs. Further infrastructure not required or necessary to service development at Omokoroa should be removed. Plan provisions need to be incorporated to allow for credits to be issued in instances where earlier stages of development have resulted in the collection of FINCOS for infrastructure (land or works) no longer scheduled in the District Plan or proposed. We seek that Council considers amendments to address the above and clarifies what other changes were considered to reduce the level of reserve and stormwater contributions at Omokoroa.

Decision sought

10. The decision sought from the local authority is that the plan change be approved, with:

   (a) amendments to address the submitters concerns set out above.

   (b) such further other relief or other consequential amendments as considered appropriate and necessary to address the concerns set out above.

11. We wish to be heard in support of our submission.

12. If others make a similar submission, we are prepared to consider presenting a joint case with them at any hearing.

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SUBMISSION ON PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE UNDER CLAUSE 6 OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991

TO: Western Bay of Plenty District Council

SUBMISSION ON: Plan Change 73 to the Western Bay of Plenty District Plan

SUBMITTER: DORR BELL LIMITED
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Attention: Aaron Collier

Scope of submission

1. The specific provisions of the Proposed Plan Change to which this submission relates are Plan Change 73 in its entirety. Dorr Bell Limited are developers and land owners in the urban growth area at Te Puke. Dorr Bell Limited is affected by the change to Council's financial contributions (FINCO's) as proposed by Plan Change 73.

Nature of submission

2. The nature of our submission is that we support the plan change which is appropriate.

Reasons for submission

3. The reasons for this submission are:
   (a) That the Plan change:
       (i) will promote the sustainable management of resources;
       (ii) will achieve the purpose of the Resource Management Act 1991 ("the RMA");
       (iii) is not contrary to Part 2 and other provisions of the RMA;
       (iv) will meet the reasonably foreseeable needs of future generations by enabling growth at Omokoroa;
       (v) will enable the social, economic and cultural well-being of the Omokoroa community;
       (vi) represents the most appropriate means of exercising the Western Bay of Plenty District Councils District Council's ("Council")
functions, having regard to the efficiency and effectiveness of other available means and is therefore not appropriate in terms of section 32 and other provisions of the Act.

(b) In particular, but without limiting the generality of the above, for those additional reasons set out below.

4. We support the Council for taking some positive action to reduce the level of roading contribution payable. Council's philosophical approach to infrastructure provision has been based on a "growth pays for growth" approach. Significant Infrastructure has been provided on the basis that the total cost of infrastructure would therefore be recovered using financial contributions under the Resource Management Act (RMA) from development at the time of subdivision. Because the entire cost of infrastructure is to be recovered, factors such as the affordability/quantum of FINCO's have not been considered to ensure that the levels of contributions are sustainable. We note that Plan Change 73 is the first time that Council have acknowledged this as a consideration in terms of its s.32 analysis.

5. The Council's "growth provides for growth approach" requires reconsideration. Council should further review the rates funded component in the contribution schedule attached to the Plan Change to more fairly apportion additional costs to ratepayers. This is appropriate given that existing ratepayers and the overall Districts economy will benefit from the growth and the improved infrastructure it creates. Currently the District Rates contribution in the schedule is insufficient.

6. An issue is that there is still a significant imbalance in the "cost" of developing a section between Tauranga City and the Western Bay of Plenty District. Until this cost imbalance is corrected and the cost to produce a section in the District is on par with Tauranga, the growth of Te Puke will continue to struggle when Tauranga is a more affordable alternative.

7. Although the quantum of FINCO's payable per lot is proposed to be reduced under Plan Change 73, the timing applied to the payment will continue to have a significant impact on the number of sections created. In addition to the options considered, Council should consider the option of changes to the charging mechanisms in the context of this timing of charging. This includes partial deferral of payment to the building consent for dwellings as currently undertaken by Tauranga City Council. This will act to reduce the front end cost to subdividers. It will stimulate and increase the supply of sections and subsequent cash flow recovery for Council. We seek that this further option is considered and incorporated in the timing of charging.

8. Currently FINCOs at Te Puke are charged on a per-lot/per-dwelling basis, so costs are allocated on the basis of a dwelling unit equivalent. We support the option of charging on a per-hectare approach to divide the cost of servicing across an area of land instead of on a per-lot basis. This approach minimises the risk of under collection, results in an incentive for intensification and increased yield (with FINCOs a fixed cost for developers) and aligns with the primary cost driver for infrastructure which is ultimately based on an area of land to be serviced. We support this being incorporated in the Plan Change.

9. Infrastructure costs are determined largely through the Council's structure planning process. The Te Puke structure plans identify infrastructure to be provided and its costs, and apportions the cost through the FINCO model. Structure plans have the potential to be reviewed through the District Plan process to determine the need and "full" extent of infrastructure to be provided. Plan Change 73 has shown that the
removal of large items can have a significant effect on costs (i.e. Hamarana Road). The review of further aspects of the Te Puke structure plans, including stormwater infrastructure requirements is seen as a critical consideration for further reducing overall and unsustainable infrastructure costs. Further infrastructure not required or necessary to service development at Te Puke should be removed. Plan provisions need to be incorporated to allow for credits to be issued in instances where earlier stages of development have resulted in the collection of FINCOS for infrastructure (land or works) no longer scheduled in the District Plan or proposed. We seek that Council considers amendments to address the above and clarifies what other changes were considered to reduce the level of reserve and stormwater contributions at Te Puke.

Decision sought

10. The decision sought from the local authority is that the plan change be approved, with:

(a) amendments to address the submitters concerns set out above.

(b) such further other relief or other consequential amendments as considered appropriate and necessary to address the concerns set out above.

11. We wish to be heard in support of our submission.

12. If others make a similar submission, we are prepared to consider presenting a joint case with them at any hearing.

AARON COLLIER

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SUBMISSION ON PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE UNDER CLAUSE 5 OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991

TO: Western Bay of Plenty District Council

SUBMISSION ON: Plan Change 73 to the Western Bay of Plenty District Plan

SUBMITTER: BILL YOUNG
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Scope of submission

1. The specific provisions of the Proposed Plan Change to which this submission relates are Plan Change 73 in its entirety. Bill Young is a developer and land owner in the urban growth area at Waihi Beach. Bill Young is affected by the change to Council’s financial contributions (FINCO’s) as proposed by Plan Change 73.

Nature of submission

2. The nature of our submission is that we support the plan change which is appropriate.

Reasons for submission

3. The reasons for this submission are:

   (a) That the Plan change:

      (i) will promote the sustainable management of resources;

      (ii) will achieve the purpose of the Resource Management Act 1991 ("the RMA");

      (iii) is not contrary to Part 2 and other provisions of the RMA;

      (iv) will meet the reasonably foreseeable needs of future generations by enabling growth at Omokoroa;

      (v) will enable the social, economic and cultural well-being of the Omokoroa community;

      (vi) represents the most appropriate means of exercising the Western Bay of Plenty District Councils District Council's ("Council") functions, having regard to the efficiency and effectiveness of other available means and is therefore not appropriate in terms of section 32 and other provisions of the Act.
(b) In particular, but without limiting the generality of the above, for those additional reasons set out below.

4. We support the Council for taking some positive action to reduce the level of roading contribution payable. Council’s philosophical approach to infrastructure provision has been based on a “growth pays for growth” approach. Significant Infrastructure has been provided on the basis that the total cost of infrastructure would therefore be recovered using financial contributions under the Resource Management Act (RMA) from development at the time of subdivision. Because the entire cost of infrastructure is to be recovered, factors such as the affordability/quantum of FINCO’s have not been considered to ensure that the levels of contributions are sustainable. We note that Plan Change 73 is the first time that Council have acknowledged this as a consideration in terms of its s.32 analysis.

5. The Council’s “growth provides for growth approach” requires reconsideration. Council should further review the rates funded component in the contribution schedule attached to the Plan Change to more fairly apportion additional costs to ratepayers. This is appropriate given that existing ratepayers and the overall Districts economy will benefit from the growth and the improved infrastructure it creates. Currently the District Rates contribution in the schedule is insufficient.

6. An issue is that there is still a significant imbalance in the “cost” of developing a section between Tauranga City and the Western Bay of Plenty District. Until this cost imbalance is corrected and the cost to produce a section in the District is on par with Tauranga, the growth of Waíhi Beach will continue to struggle when Tauranga is a more affordable alternative.

7. Although the quantum of FINCO’s payable per lot is proposed to be reduced under Plan Change 73, the timing applied to the payment will continue to have a significant impact on the number of sections created. In addition to the options considered, Council should consider the option of changes to the charging mechanisms in the context of this timing of charging. This includes partial deferral of payment to the building consent for dwellings as currently undertaken by Tauranga City Council. This will act to reduce the front end cost to subdividers. It will stimulate and increase the supply of sections and subsequent cash flow recovery for Council. We seek that this further option is considered and incorporated in the timing of charging.

8. Currently FINCOs at Waíhi Beach are charged on a per-lot/per-dwelling basis, so costs are allocated on the basis of a dwelling unit equivalent. We support the option of charging on a per-hectare approach to divide the cost of servicing across an area of land instead of on a per-lot basis. This approach minimises the risk of under collection, results in an incentive for intensification and increased yield (with FINCOs a fixed cost for developers) and aligns with the primary cost driver for infrastructure which is ultimately based on an area of land to be serviced. We support this being incorporated in the Plan Change.

9. Infrastructure costs are determined largely through the Council’s structure planning process. The Waíhi Beach structure plans identify infrastructure to be provided and its costs, and apportions the cost through the FINCO model. Structure plans have the potential to be reviewed through the District Plan process to determine the need and “full” extent of infrastructure to be provided. Plan Change 73 has shown that the removal of large items can have a significant effect on costs (i.e. Hamarana Road). The review of further aspects of the Waíhi Beach structure plans, including stormwater infrastructure requirements is seen as a critical consideration for further reducing overall and unsustainable infrastructure costs. Further infrastructure not
required or necessary to service development at Waihi Beach should be removed. Plan provisions need to be incorporated to allow for credits to be issued in instances where earlier stages of development have resulted in the collection of FINCOS for infrastructure (land or works) no longer scheduled in the District Plan or proposed. We seek that Council considers amendments to address the above and clarifies what other changes were considered to reduce the level of reserve and stormwater contributions at Waihi Beach.

Decision sought

10. The decision sought from the local authority is that the plan change be approved, with:

   (a) amendments to address the submitters concerns set out above.

   (b) such further other relief or other consequential amendments as considered appropriate and necessary to address the concerns set out above.

11. We wish to be heard in support of our submission.

12. If others make a similar submission, we are prepared to consider presenting a joint case with them at any hearing.

AARON COLLIER

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TO: Western Bay of Plenty District Council

SUBMISSION ON: Plan Change 73 to the Western Bay of Plenty District Plan

SUBMITTER: GRAEME REYNOLDS
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Scope of submission

1. The specific provisions of the Proposed Plan Change to which this submission relates are Plan Change 73 in its entirety. Graeme Reynolds is a developer and land owner in the urban growth area at Waihi Beach. Graeme Reynolds is affected by the change to Council’s financial contributions (FINCO’s) as proposed by Plan Change 73.

Nature of submission

2. The nature of our submission is that we support the plan change which is appropriate.

Reasons for submission

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   (a) That the Plan change:
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      (v) will enable the social, economic and cultural well-being of the Waihi Beach community;
      (vi) represents the most appropriate means of exercising the Western Bay of Plenty District Councils District Council’s ("Council")
functions, having regard to the efficiency and effectiveness of other available means and is therefore not appropriate in terms of section 32 and other provisions of the Act.

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6. An issue is that there is still a significant imbalance in the “cost” of developing a section between Tauranga City and the Western Bay of Plenty District. Until this cost imbalance is corrected and the cost to produce a section in the District is on par with Tauranga, the growth of Waihi Beach will continue to struggle when Tauranga is a more affordable alternative.

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potential to be reviewed through the District Plan process to determine the need and "full" extent of infrastructure to be provided. Plan Change 73 has shown that the removal of large items can have a significant effect on costs (i.e. Hamarana Road). The review of further aspects of the Waihi Beach structure plans, including stormwater infrastructure requirements (as we are required to provide our own on site mitigation of stormwater) is seen as a critical consideration for further reducing overall and unsustainable infrastructure costs. Further infrastructure not required or necessary to service development at Waihi Beach should be removed. Plan provisions need to be incorporated to allow for credits to be issued in instances where earlier stages of development have resulted in the collection of FINCOS for infrastructure (land or works) no longer scheduled in the District Plan or proposed. We seek that Council considers amendments to address the above and clarify what other changes were considered to reduce the level of reserve and stormwater contributions at Waihi Beach.

Decision sought

10. The decision sought from the local authority is that the plan change be approved, with:

(a) amendments to address the submitters concerns set out above.

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11. We wish to be heard in support of our submission.

12. If others make a similar submission, we are prepared to consider presenting a joint case with them at any hearing.

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