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Raw sub point number	Provision	Support/oppose	Decision sought	Reasons
S110.1	Policy WH.P16: Stormwater discharges from new unplanned greenfield development.	Support	Do not allow any new stormwater discharges from unplanned greenfield development where the discharge will enter a surface water body or coastal water, including through an existing local authority stormwater network.	<p>Specifically - Do not allow any new stormwater discharges from Upper Hutt City Council's (UHCC) proposed "Southern Growth Area (SGA)" (i.e. Guildford Timber Company's proposed development on Pinehaven Hills), an "unplanned greenfield development" (Map 88), until the grossly flawed Pinehaven Stream baseline flood model has been rectified to ensure hydrological control, and the Pinehaven Floodplain Management Plan has been updated to incorporate the rectified Pinehaven Stream flood model. If this is not done, and if UHCC's SGA is developed, then hydrological control (including hydraulic neutrality) WIIL NOT HAPPEN using the current Pinehaven Stream baseline flood model, with potentially disastrous consequences for the environment, for natural resources, private property, human life and public safety.</p> <p>Because the current baseline flood model is grossly flawed, Save Our Hills supports Map 88 which shows the Upper Hutt City Council's proposed "Southern Growth Area" (i.e. Guildford Timber Company's proposed development on Pinehaven Hills) as "unplanned greenfield development" from which any and all new stormwater discharges into Pinehaven Stream, Hulls Creek, Hutt River and Wellington Harbour MUST NOT BE ALLOWED)!</p> <p>Over the last 10 years, Save Our Hills (SOH) has provided sufficient peer reviewed expert evidence to GWRC and UHCC to clearly show that the current baseline Pinehaven Stream flood model is fatally flawed. To date, this information and evidence has been consistently ignored or disregarded by GWRC and UHCC (or treated frivolously by their consultants and hearing commissioners).</p> <p>Specifically, emails obtained through OIA requests from GWRC by SOH (see email chain attached, dated 11 June 2015) show that the Beca flood mapping auditor Michael Law, GWRC and MWH (the hydrological modeller) were all aware that the baseline flood model has the same rainfall losses as the future development model, yet this fatal flaw was not disclosed to the public in the Beca audit which instead erroneously purports that the Pinehaven Stream flood model is "fit for purpose". Clearly, it is NOT fit for purpose, and especially not fit for ensuring hydraulic neutrality or hydrological control from any future development on the Pinehaven hills..</p> <p>Rectification of the Pinehaven Stream flood model is well overdue. For Pinehaven Stream, Hulls Creek, Hutt River and Te Whanganui-a-Tara, the efficacy of various objectives and policies of the GWRC NRP and NRP PC1 depend on GWRC's Pinehaven Stream flood model being urgently rectified so that it will truly be fit for purpose for ensuring hydraulic neutrality or hydrological control from any future development on "unplanned greenfield development" areas on the Pinehaven hills.</p> <p>GWRC is responsible for this fatally flawed Pinehaven Stream baseline flood modelling. If GWRC is serious about protecting natural resources in Pinehaven, then GWRC must acknowledge and rectify the fatally flawed Pinehaven Stream baseline flood modelling - URGENTLY!</p>

Raw submission documents

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Document name	File	Description	Upload date
2015-6-11_M Law reply to Kristin Stokes MWH cc M Harkness & M Hooker_RE- Pinehaven Stream hydrology - Existing and Future Development	mlawreplytokristinstokesmwhccmharknessmhooker_repinehavenstreamhydrologyexistingandfuturedevelopment.pdf	Email chain obtained through OIA by SOH from GWRC showing the rainfall losses are the same in the baseline and post-development Pinehaven Stream flood models	15/12/2023 07:23

