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Project No: BM191049

Further to our review of the Beaumont Bridge Notice of Requirement (NOR) for an Alteration to a Designation and Resource Consent Applications (RC), dated October 2019, we can conclude that we are unable to provide council with any peer review or recommendations until a comprehensive expert landscape assessment is undertaken.

The commentary within the application regarding landscape and visual effects is insufficient.

The landscape assessment will need to appraise, assess and contain the following aspects:

- Outline a clear methodology for assessing Landscape, Natural Character and Visual Amenity values and effects, including ways to remedy, mitigate and avoid adverse effects. The methodology should set out clearly the effects rating scale, as well as descriptions around definitions.
- Provide clear descriptions of the receiving environment, including any relevant statutory analysis.
- Provide a thorough natural character assessment as stated under Section 6(a) of the RMA. This assessment should include the commentary around the existing natural character condition stating the abiotic, biotic and experiential aspects of the Clutha River (its river channel, banks and local context). The assessment will also need to assess the effects of the proposal to the existing condition of natural character.
- Provide a thorough landscape character assessment and discussion on how the local landscape change as a result of the proposal.
- Provide a thorough visual amenity assessment, especially from local roads, trails, tracks as well as an estimation of visual effects from private residences.
- Outline recommendations around avoiding, remedying and mitigating potentially greater landscape, natural character and visual amenity effects.
- Provide clarity over the type of staging and construction effects.
- Provide clarity over whether any visual simulations need to be produced.
- Provide a series of Landscape Plans which illustrate the character and planting styles to be utilised. A conceptual planting palette would also be required.
- Provide a clear analysis against relevant statutory instruments.
- Provide advice with regards to relevant conditions.

On receipt of the landscape, natural character and visual amenity assessment, a better understanding of the conclusions reached within the one-page summary contained within the application will then be able to be understood.

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