## IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT

ENV-2018-CHCH-110

AT CHRISTCHURCH

**UNDER THE** 

Resource Management Act 1991 ("Act")

IN THE MATTER OF

An appeal under Schedule 1, Clause 14(1), of the Act

BETWEEN

MARK RICHTER

**Appellant** 

AND

QUEENSTOWN LAKES DISTRICT COUNCIL

Respondent

## NOTICE OF WANAKA SPEIGHT'S ALE HOUSE WISH TO BE PARTY TO THE PROCEEDINGS

TO:

The Registrar

Environment Court CHRISTCHURCH

By email: Christine.McKee@justice.govt.nz

AND TO:

The Appellant

By email: derek.mclachlan@gallawaycookallan.co.nz

AND TO:

The Respondent

By email: <a href="mailto:dpappeals@gldc.govt.nz">dpappeals@gldc.govt.nz</a>

- Wanaka Speight's Ale House ("WSAH") wish to be a party to Mark Richter v
   Queenstown Lakes District Council ENV2018-CHCH-110 ("Appeal").
- 2. WSAH did not make a submission about the subject matter of the proceedings, but owns and operates Wanaka Speight's Ale House, 93 Ardmore Street,

Wanaka and is directly affected by any changes to the Proposed Queenstown Lakes District Plan as requested by the Appellant, in particular changes to the Lower Ardmore Entertainment Precinct, and therefore has an interest greater than the general public.

- WSAH is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.
- WSAH is interested in all of the proceedings.
- 5. WSAH opposes the relief sought by the Appellant.
  - a. WSAH generally agrees with the Council's decisions on Chapter 13 and Chapter 36, specifically as they relate to the policy framework and noise provisions for the Lower Ardmore Entertainment Precinct. The decision recognises the importance of night time activities to the vibrancy and economic prosperity of the Wanaka Town Centre Zone, and appropriately provides for these activities within a specific entertainment precinct within the Town Centre Zone.
  - b. The relief sought by the Appellant would detrimentally affect the prosperity and vibrancy of the Wanaka Town Centre by imposing unreasonable noise limits which would not support the purpose of the Lower Ardmore Entertainment Precinct, which is to provide for night time dining and socialising in an area appropriately removed from Residential Zones.
  - c. The relief sought to remove the acoustic insulation requirement for Critical Listening Environments would result in new sensitive activities being established in the Wanaka Town Centre that are not adequately insulated against the noise environment in which they seek to establish. The acoustic insulation requirements are an appropriate mechanism to manage reverse sensitivity effects on lawfully established businesses within the Wanaka Town Centre Zone and such requirements are commonplace in planning documents for Town Centres throughout New Zealand.

- d. The relief sought reduces the effectiveness of the Proposed Queenstown Lakes District Plan, where it seeks to manage effects on neighbouring Residential Zones. The relief sought would result in the entire Wanaka Town Centre Zone being subject to the same noise limits, indicating that night time activities are no less appropriate on the outer edges of the Wanaka Town Centre Zone than they are in the heart of the zone and away from residential zones.
- 6. WSAH agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

Roger Gordon

Authorised to sign on behalf of Wanaka Speight's Ale House

Date:

10 July 2018

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