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Good morning Liam,

I have been advised that the Horowhenua District Council Chamber can be made available for the Court, should it wish, for the two weeks commencing 24 October (through to 3 November). This involves some juggling on the Council's part (for example moving the full Council meetings that usually occur on a Wednesday for those two weeks).

Liam, you can liaise with Lauren Baddock of HDC (copied with this email) if/when you are able to formalise arrangements, and for example to add in additional rooms for the Court, if needed. I think there is an ante-room that may be of use, and there are others for a more private meeting space.

For its part Horowhenua District Council supports the use of the Council Chamber, and indeed is committed to assisting the Court so that the hearing can be held in Levin. It is understood to be important for iwi and ensures decision-making is located within the community. The venue is also familiar to many of the s274 parties, is accessible via public transport and close to accommodation providers, and would not involve the need for the Court, counsel and parties to pack and shift venues during the period of the hearing.

I have copied in counsel for the applicant and the councils, but not all of the other parties as they would not commonly be involved in the Court's arrangements around venue.

Please let me know if we may be of any further assistance.

Have a lovely weekend,
Catherine

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