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Dear Dean

High Performance and Community Sailing Centre

The identification of a suitable location for the High Performance and Community Sailing Centre is now moving on from the preferred Takapuna site we have been looking at with Auckland Council for some years now.

Previous work undertaken with Yachting New Zealand referred to two alternative sites for the Centre, one at Gulf Harbour and the other at Okahu Bay (The Royal Akarana Yacht Club). We are about to embark on consultation and feasibility work to more deeply investigate the Gulf Harbour option and as part of that work, to compare it to the Okahu Bay option in terms of meeting the outcomes required. For us it is essential this project is assured of being fit-for-purpose, fully funded, future proofed and relevant to the local and regional community.

As part of the initial funding for the Takapuna project, the Takapuna City Council made a commitment of \$3 million to the proposed High Performance Sailing Centre commonly referred to as the NOWSC. I am seeking your advice as to whether this commitment is still available should we proceed with either the Gulf Harbour or the Okahu Bay options as both are outside the Takapuna/North Shore region referred to in the previous MOU with the Takapuna Council and, if so, what might the associated terms and conditions be.

Sport New Zealand and Yachting New Zealand deeply value the partnership we have with Auckland Council and we would very much appreciate being able to refresh or extend the previous MOU with a new one that would reflect the creation of the Super City and benefits that Auckland would receive through the creation of a High Performance and Community Sailing Centre in Gulf Harbour (or possibly Okahu Bay).

I look forward to your response re the above. Both David Abercrombie and I are available for a discussion regarding any further information you may require.

Kind regards

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