

## Dave Slaven

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**From:** BPetersen (Belinda) [BPetersen@water.co.nz]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 28 February 2012 8:40 a.m.  
**To:** Tim Lovegrove  
**Cc:** Dave Slaven  
**Subject:** RE: Works at Kiwi Esplanade

Hi Tim,

Thanks very much for your response.

Yes, we would like to meet with you to discuss this, as it has been raised again in recent discussions with Council and DoC.

Could we meet with you on Thursday 8 March at 3.30pm at your office (Hereford Street?).

Regards,  
Belinda

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**From:** Tim Lovegrove [mailto:Tim.Lovegrove@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 23 February 2012 2:19 p.m.  
**To:** BPetersen (Belinda)  
**Cc:** Dave Slaven  
**Subject:** RE: Works at Kiwi Esplanade

Hi Belinda,

My apologies for the delay responding.

Briefly, the birds of main concern here are pied oystercatchers, which roost at high tide in large numbers (several thousand), on the grassy reserves along Kiwi Esplanade.

The plan suggests to me that the proposed construction works yard site for the pipeline is away (and west of) from the main grassed area that is used by most of the roosting flocks of oystercatchers, however I am uncertain about the effects of construction of the trenched local sewer pipeline (LS-4). This passes under the centre of the large grassed area west of the road to the boat ramp and then along the inland edge of the grassed area east of that road. This grassed area to the east is a favoured oystercatcher roost, but in my experience most of the birds tend to roost in the centre or nearer the seaward edge, i.e. away from the pipeline route.

On the whole, the oystercatchers at Kiwi Esplanade are pretty tolerant of the public and fairly resilient when it comes to disturbance, and if pushed, the nearby Ambury Regional Park paddocks and the artificial roosts constructed during Project Manukau on the Mangere foreshore also provide alternative roosting sites. Local oystercatchers also regularly roost in large numbers on the roofs of some nearby warehouses – e.g. I've seen up to 5000 on the NZ Van Lines roof alongside the SW motorway.

The oystercatchers' use of the local roosts is also seasonal, with the heaviest use between January and July when they return north from their South Island breeding grounds. I note that the works will take 1-2 years, however this seasonal use of the roosts would allow any construction activities, with the potential to cause maximum disturbance, to be undertaken between August and December when the birds are largely absent.

I will need to make some site visits and check with local Ornithological Society observers to get up to date information on exactly where the Kiwi Esplanade oystercatchers are currently roosting, to determine as best we can, any possible effects of the pipeline construction works.

I assume you still wish to meet with me and Dave Slaven to discuss bird issues at this site.

Cheers, Tim

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**From:** BPetersen (Belinda) [mailto:BPetersen@water.co.nz]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 26 January 2012 1:39 p.m.  
**To:** Tim Lovegrove  
**Subject:** Works at Kiwi Esplanade

Hi Tim,

Have tried calling you a few times and just left a message.

Watercare is looking at construction site options in the Mangere Bridge area as part of the proposed Central Interceptor project. One of our options involves works at the western most end of Kiwi Esplanade near the entrance to Ambury Park. The works wouldn't occur until after 2017 but we are about to enter into a resource consent process (lodgement in August 2012) so need to confirm our construction sites very soon.

A draft plan of the site layout for Kiwi Esplanade is attached. There is some flexibility in this layout. The construction site would be required for maybe one or two years. Malcolm Page at Auckland Council has expressed strong concern about this site and the potential impact on birds. Please can we meet with you at some stage in the week of 7 February to discuss this? Our project ecologist is Dave Slaven and I will ask him to attend the meeting as well.

Our alternative site is in the Ambury Farm Bull Paddock. That alternative site has archaeological and geological heritage issues which we are also investigating.

Please can you let me know if we could meet with you to discuss this sometime in the week of 7 February - preferably the afternoon of 8 February, or 9 February as an alternative.

Thanks and regards,  
Belinda

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