

**IN THE MATTER**

of the Resource Management Act 1991

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER**

of Proposed Plan Change 11 to the  
Waipa District Plan – Bardowie Industrial  
Precinct

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**STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF GEOFF LAURENT**

**19 NOVEMBER 2018**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

1. My name is Geoffrey (Geoff) Laurent. I am the Managing Director of Shoof International Ltd (Shoof) and, together with my wife Beverley (Bev) Laurent, we own Shoof Properties Ltd on which Shoof is located at 224 Laurent Road and our home at 214 Laurent Road, Cambridge. The property is approximately 5.2 hectares.
2. Shoof is a developer, manufacturer, importer, marketer and exporter of agricultural and veterinary equipment. It was established in 1982 and has now grown to a substantial business employing over 90 staff in four countries.

## **PLAN CHANGE 11 – BARDOWIE INDUSTRIAL PRECINCT**

3. Matt Smith and Mark Chrisp approached Bev and me in May 2018 to ask if we would be happy for our land to be included in a private plan change to the Waipa District Plan for it to be rezoned to Industrial Zone. We immediately confirmed that we were happy with that proposal.
4. We have since lodged a submission in support of Plan Change 11. The land purchased by Bardowie Investments Ltd from Fonterra surrounds our land on three sides to the south, east and north. It therefore made sense that our land be included in the plan change rather than remaining as an ‘island’ with a Deferred Industrial Zone status.
5. As is evident from the quality of the Shoof building, we share the vision articulated by Bardowie Investments Ltd that the area should be developed as a high-quality light to medium industrial area including a range of complementary activities within the Campus Hub which will support the Bardowie Industrial Precinct and the wider Hautapu area.
6. The inclusion of an Urban Design and Landscape Guideline as part of the Structure Plan relating to the Bardowie Industrial Precinct will assist in ensuring that development will be of a high standard.

## **CONCLUSION**

7. I fully support Plan Change 11 and seek that it be approved by Council.

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 2018

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Geoff Laurent