

Notes from the discussion on Motu Wheteki (aka Greenhill) with Kaipara District Council and Ripia Marae 20 August 2020

Francis told the story of Motu Wheteki and his brothers to explain why the site is so significant. Violet explained that the site is still important, even though it has been quarried already.

The idea is to use the quarry to produce the material needed for the Pouto Road seal extension, rather than having to obtain it from further away quarries like Turiwiri.

The quarrying for the Pouto Road seal extension will require taking around 90,000 cubic meters of material, or around 9,000 truck and trailer loads. The quarrying work will take 3-4 months in the first summer and about the same the summer after. Once this is done, the need to take from the quarry will be significantly reduced as most of the material was used to maintain the unsealed sections of Pouto Road.

KDC are in the process of obtaining a consent for the quarry works and this process will continue, however it does not mean that works will occur if the representatives of the Ripia Marae are opposed.

Ripia Marae representative requested that the works include the creation of a gravel car park at the Marae and that the site is blessed before any works started. These requests can be achieved. There is an opportunity to close and remediate the quarry at the end of these works and further discussions will be had once the Marae has had a chance to determine what they would like that remediate to achieve.

It is proposed to meet again, at Motu Wheteki, in about three weeks' time.