Recommendation to Exclude the Public

It is recommended that the public be excluded from the following parts of the meeting:

The general subject of each matter to be considered whilst the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution is as follows:

General subject to be considered:	Reason for passing this resolution:	Grounds under Section 7:
Draft Planning & Strategy Committee minutes 18 March 2025	That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of information is necessary to: • maintain legal professional privilege • enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	Section 7(2)(g) Section 7(2)(i)
Draft Planning & Strategy Committee minutes 3 April 2025	That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of information is necessary to: • to maintain legal professional privilege Reason for recommendation To allow discussion on appeals, process, mediation outcomes and Court outcomes which may prejudice the Council if the information was in the public forum.	Section 7(2)(g)

Public Excluded Agenda Items:

Item 4: Update on Proposed District Plan Appeals

Item 5: Update on Resource Consent Appeals before the Court

Item 6: Stage 2 Topic 32 Open Space Appeals Queenstown Airport Corporation Limited

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Item 4: Update on	That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant	
Proposed District Plan	part of the proceedings of the meeting would be	
Appeals	likely to result in the disclosure of information where	
	the withholding of information is necessary to:	
	 to maintain legal professional privilege 	Section 7(2)(g)
	Reason for recommendation	
	To allow discussion on appeals, process, mediation outcomes and Court outcomes which may prejudice the Council if the information was in the public forum.	
	Whilst it is acknowledged that there is strong public interest in such planning matters and corresponding appeals processes, the importance of withholding information that enables Council to achieve the best possible outcome for Council, it's communities and interested parties, outweighs the release of such information.	

Item 5: Update on Resource Consent Appeals before the Court	That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of information is necessary to: • enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) Reason for recommendation To enable Council to discuss in private its strategy (legal and planning) for resolving resource consent appeals to various Courts, and for receiving updates on appeal resolution throughout the process. Whilst it is acknowledged that there is strong public interest in such planning matters and corresponding appeals processes, the importance of withholding information that enables Council to achieve the best possible outcome for	Section 7(2)(i)
	Council, it's communities and interested parties, outweighs	
	the release of such information.	
Item 6: Stage 2 Topic 32 Open Space Appeals Queenstown Airport Corporation Limited	That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of information is necessary to: • to maintain legal professional privilege	
	Reason for recommendation	Section 7(2)(g)
	To allow discussion on appeals, process, mediation outcomes and Court outcomes which may prejudice the Council if the information was in the public forum.	
	Whilst it is acknowledged that there is strong public interest in such planning matters and corresponding appeals processes, the importance of withholding information that enables Council to achieve the best possible outcome for Council, it's communities and interested parties, outweighs the release of such information.	

This recommendation is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982 as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as shown above with respect to each item.