

**Statement on draft attachments:****Attachment 1:**

Please note, this report is a draft and the construction methodology has now evolved.

**Attachment 13:**

Since the Arup report entitled "Review of the feasibility of attaching the Northern Path to the existing bridge" was issued, further investigations into the condition of the existing Auckland Harbour Bridge piers have been completed. The piers in the harbour have been inspected externally and by underwater dive inspection. The piers were found to be in generally fair condition with no sign of major defects. Concrete samples have been taken from a number of piers at locations where pathway structure was to be connected and reinforcement exposed for inspection and testing. Good sound concrete was found in all areas investigated.

Regarding the geotechnical investigation findings of lower than anticipated rock strength from a borehole near Pier 2, the conclusions from the Specimen Design Report that additional strengthening would be required only relate to the demands from the addition of the Northern Pathway structure to the bridge piers, and not to the existing AHB structures alone.

As stated in the report the purpose of the review appears to be a qualitative overview of Specimen Design documentation to review the feasibility of attaching the Northern Pathway to the existing AHB substructure, and the report appears to be a final draft and is therefore not a complete document.