

SUBMISSION 142

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I could gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission

No

My submission is that

Berkett Farm precinct proposal The proposed plan has had no consultation or involvement from the Whitemans Valley or wider Wellington community that this will severely impact. The Plan does not cover multiple areas of concern that would impact the community, these include:

- Whiteman's Valley Road stream - the stream that runs parallel to the Whiteman's valley road is prone to flooding multiple properties. With the proposed development being on the hill behind this there has been no remediation proposed to not increase run off and therefor flooding of these properties causing loss of livestock, fencing and land erosion.
- Roads suitability for the increased usage – there has been only estimations on the increase in road usage with this proposed plan and no proposed improvement plans to make the roads through whitemans valley suitable for the significant increase. The road is already majority one lane, with multiple one-way bridges. Would this still meet the required safety standards and emergency services access requirements with the increased usage.
- Community safety has not been addressed. There are currently no paths or walkways along the roadside and the narrow one lane roads are shared by cyclists, horse riders, walkers and multiple types of motor vehicles. Increased traffic without suitable walkways will increase risks and possible fatal incidents.
- Power sustainability – the Whiteman's valley community are significantly impacted during frequent power outages. These are often cause my natural events however with the example of the latest outage taking 24 hours to resolve costs the community significantly with loss of food and the disruption to daily activities. This development would grow the impacted families in these situations with no plan in place as part of this change to remediate any potential causes in the valley such as trees or improve power sources.

- There has been no request from the Whitemans Valley residents to change the zoning or any benefit to the whole Upper Hutt Community to do so. This plan appears to have by passed any consultation and requirement to pass a change to the zoning to support a development turning a rural area to an urban settlement.
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I seek the following decision from the local authority

A proposal of this nature must be completed by an independent provider that provides the required community consultation on a large change that has impact on both the residents of Whiteman's Valley and the infrastructure. The current proposal appears to only meet the outcomes desired by the developer and Upper Hutt City Council.

Please indicate whether you wish to be heard in support of your submission (tick appropriate box)

I do wish to be heard in support of my submission.

please indicate whether you wish to make a joint case at the hearing if others make a similar submission (tick appropriate box)

I do not wish to make a joint case.
