

SUBMISSION 210

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I do not stand to gain commercial advantage from my submission.

I wish to be heard in support of my submission.

We purchased our property in Whitemans Valley 4½ years ago for the rural lifestyle within Whitemans Valley which is unique, with a unique small community.

I am concerned that the changes suggested in the Draft PC50 plan will result in the loss of our unique rural character in Upper Hutt, removing the openness of the countryside, fragment larger blocks of land and create some areas with with a higher density of homes/buildings.

Lack of Consultation

There has been a lack of transparency in the process and documents, consultation with the public on PC50, especially with those people residing in the rural areas affected; eg properties near the proposed Berketts Farm development of 100 houses. Upper Hutt City Council has failed to consult adequately on the development with little consideration of the public that are not familiar with the process and how to provide a valid submission.

Comment on the change you want to see and provide a solution.

I would like the Council to halt the process, go back to the consultation process and allow more relevant accessible consultation.

- Public meetings
- Q&A's with council
- Summary Documents eg. A document 3-4 pages with the major/key proposed changes.
- clear easily assessable format for writing a submission

Increased Population

Increasing the population and houses in my opinion would be detrimental to our rural area. I would like to stop the population in Whitemans Valley increasing by over a third, more consultation is required.

Bigger blocks would preserve the peaceful natural environment and enable people who want to live a sustainable healthy lifestyle.

A large population explosion within our rural area will negatively impact our quality of life eg. noise, increased traffic, light pollution, construction noise.

Increased Traffic

Increased car movements would increase accidents and near misses.

The pressure on roads in and out of Whitemans Valley would increase, these car movements would have a number of detrimental effects, more wear and tear on roads that already have pot holes that don't get fixed and roads that are in desperate need of maintenance.

Blue Mountains Road is already busy and dangerous,

The intersection of Johnsons and Blue Mountains Road is also an with blind corner.issue

Narrow lanes beside steep drop-offs. Pot holes and patches of asphalt that is in disrepair. Whitemans Valley Road have a number of one lane bridges, increased car movements would increase the risk of incidents on or near these bridges.

Works on access roads into the Whitemans Valley to be upgraded eg. Blue Mountains Road upgraded.

The impact on services such as ADSL and power is another issue while not a council issue the infrustructure can barely cope now

Trades

Builders, truck deliveries, water, electricity supply

Quiet enjoyment of

Destruction of native bush

After the SNA's were put in place how much native bush will be cleared to accommodate more

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