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**This is a submission on the following proposed plan change to the Waipā District Plan**

Proposed Plan Change# 37 Rider Park

**Could you gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission?** I could not

**Are you directly affected by an effect of the subject matter that - (a) adversely affects the environment; and (b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition?** I am not

**Do you wish to be heard (attend and speak at the Council hearing) in support of your submission?** I do not

**If others make a similar submission, will you consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing?** No

**Do you support the proposed change(s)?** I oppose

**The specific provisions of the plan change my submission relates to are (give details):**

I made a detailed submission but after being submitted it was not received. Hence this is much abbreviated as i am out of town and unable to access my notes or former submission.

However I strongly oppose this proposed change to the Deferred Plan.

Feeder roads for access to local shops, services, and schools would mostly exit into Shakespeare Street. This street is busy at all hours and the surface is already in need of maintenance. It is NOT SUITABLE to carry the huge increase and consequent congestion of traffic generated by the proposed new subdivision. It is simply not feasible for this amount of traffic to move into Cambridge township using the limited river crossings. Another bridge might alleviate the congestion, but that will not happen soon enough to allow for this Plan.

Further, vehicles wishing to travel north or to exit from north on the Expressway would have to travel through Cambridge township, thus adding intolerably to the congestion already experienced at the various roundabouts (viz at the bottom of Shakespeare Street, at the Town Hall, and at St Andrew's Church) and to the residential areas.

It is also stated in the proposed plan that it is close to transport services, but that is incorrect...which raises the point: From what point in the proposed subdivision are distances to services, schools, and other facilities measured? It would appear to have been taken at the nearest possible point, and in fact would not be accurate for the majority of the new residents.

I disagree with the statement about the native birds being of little value. The proximity to Maungatautari Sanctuary Mountain and its ever-increasing population of native birds means our town is in the uniquely lucky position of being able to benefit from this. Current (and future) residents value our birds and it should not be so summarily dismissed.

The archaeological heritage of the area has also been under valued. Our district has historically been a highly productive area, and the barrows are clear evidence of early Maori agricultural ability. There are few now visible in New Zealand, and those in the Rider Park proposal should be celebrated rather than built over.

Leamington School is already at or near peak. Where would the primary-aged children of this proposed Plan go to school? Already the new subdivision being built on the corner of Lamb Street and Cambridge Road is stretching the roll. The current Minister of Education has not approved any expansion. I would think that Cambridge High School is in the same position.

#### **My submission is**

Do not allow any part of this Proposed Plan Change to go ahead. There is no benefit to the town or people of Cambridge that the change would make.

#### **I seek the following decision/s from Council**

Total opposition to the changes to the District Plan. There is no room for concessions.

#### **Attachments**