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

Proposed Private Plan Change 37 - Rider Park Structure Plan

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

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? Yes

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

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

Traffic assessment

My submission is

Having lived in Leamington for 12.5 years I have seen traffic increase tremendously. Regardless of calculated numbers that show vehicle use is well within capacity, the reality is there is a huge lineup along Pope Terrace towards Victoria sStreet bridge every morning, and very slow moving traffic along Shakespeare Street towards the roundabout and following on towards the low level bridge. In late afternoon traffic is at a standstill all along Victoria street through town towards the Victoria street bridge and similarly along Albert Street and then up Shakespeare street. Long periods of very slow moving traffic contribute to higher vehicle emissions. Years ago when the Victoria Street bridge was closed for a period of time, it took 45+ minutes to get from Leamington across the one remaining bridge. At the time there was no school bus available for high school students, so we were forced to travel at peak times every morning.

I believe adding 800+ dwellings on the Leamington side will exacerbate the traffic situation. Too many

amenities, schools, etc are on the other side of the river in Cambridge town, which forces all Leamington residents to use one of the two bridges, not to mention many people are commuting to Hamilton for work every day and also have to get across the river. One little disturbance on one of the bridges will have a major impact on traffic flow, and increased numbers of residents will make the problem worse.

I seek the following decision/s from Council

I ask council not to grant the rezoning from Deferred Residential (45.71 ha within the C5 Growth Cell) and Rural (52.89 ha) to Medium Density Residential Zone. Any major residential developments like this should only happen once a transportation plan for Cambridge (a third bridge) has been implemented.

Attachments