

The Waipuna Halswell Hornby Riccarton Community Board has made a detailed submission to the initial phase of Plan Change 13 and 14. We have also submitted on the Commercial Chapter.

We made counter submissions within the agreed time frame.

We support in principle the qualifying matters advanced by Council and do not wish them to be removed by legal argument put forward some submitters.

We have made submissions or counter submissions on the following:

- Historic Heritage and Heritage areas
- Public Open Space Areas.
- Airport Noise Contours
- Electricity Distribution Corridors
- NZ Rail Interface Sites
- Sunlight Access
- Industrial Interface
- Riccarton Bush Interface
- Outstanding and Significant Natural Features
- Trees and Financial Contributions

The one qualifying matter our Board was divided on was Low Public Transport Accessibility and our Board did not comment on this qualifying matter.

Other Qualifying Matters that we did not comment were outside our particular area or expertise, but we would be supportive of Council position. Eg Coastal Inundation, sites of Wahi Tapu etc.

Outstanding and Significant Natural Features

Our Board draws the panel's attention to Riccarton Bush - which is within the heritage setting of Riccarton House and Bush. It is critical the area is protected from inappropriate surrounding subdivision and our Board supports the qualifying matter of the Riccarton Bush interface and will present further in our submission on residential densities.

Riccarton Bush is defined as an outstanding natural landscape which is seven hectares of podocarp forest which is the bush originally over the Canterbury Plains. It is over 600 years old and kiwi, moa and were said to live within the bush. It is said to be the oldest natural landscape in the country and is the site of the first

European settlers, but pre-dated by Maori settlement.

There are six trees listed as significant which our Board recommends being retained as significant.

Our Board opposes any submission recommending that Riccarton Bush not be included as a qualifying matter or any submission recommending that the six trees not be retained.

Helen Broughton

Chairperson

Waipuna Halswell, Hornby Riccarton Community Board.