



Wednesday, 27 November 2024

Tēnā koutou,

Re: Support for Private Plan Change Request – 65 and 73 Ratanui Road, Kāpiti

I am writing on behalf of Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust (the Trust) to express our support for the private plan change request submitted by Welhom Developments Ltd (Summerset) for the rezoning of land at 65 and 73 Ratanui Road, from Rural Lifestyle to General Residential. We acknowledge that this proposal aligns with Kapiti's Growth Plan – Te Tupu Pai, which designates this area for future urban growth.

The Trust does not have any initial concerns regarding the rezoning of this land, and we recognise that the proposed development will contribute to meeting the growing demand for housing in the region. However, we would like to emphasise the importance of our involvement in the subsequent resource consenting process, particularly with respect to the ecological and archaeological assessments.

The Trust places significant value on the protection and appropriate management of the cultural, ecological, and historical assets within this area. We appreciate the initial engagement that Welhom has undertaken with the Trust and look forward to continuing this collaboration as the project progresses.

We respectfully request that the Trust be closely involved during the resource consent stage, particularly in relation to the ecological and archaeological aspects of the development. This will help ensure that any potential cultural impacts are thoroughly considered, and that the development adheres to the principles of sustainability, environmental stewardship, and the values of Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai.

We are confident that Welhom's proposal can be managed in a way that supports both the growth aspirations of Kapiti and the long-term protection of the region's natural and cultural resources. We look forward to continuing our involvement in the next stages of the project and are happy to discuss how we can further contribute as the plan change progresses.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to working together to ensure that this development aligns with both the growth objectives for Kapiti and the values of mana whenua.

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