

Further submission on Wallaceville Plan Change 40 from Forest & Bird Upper Hutt, 27 May 2015

Thank you for correcting, in the description of the proposed plan change, the current zoning of the land south of Alexander Road, ie, Rural Lifestyle zone.

Section S20.7 of the Summary of Submissions summarises part of our submission. It notes that reasons were "Not stated" for introducing sustainable housing. Here are the reasons that sustainable housing be a cornerstone of house building in the development:

1. The Resource Management Act requires that all developments be sustainable
2. Sustainable housing fits with the UHCC Sustainability Strategy
3. Our Hutt River is negatively impacted by low flows in summer. Upper Hutt needs to set an example to other local authorities on conserving water.
4. Sustainable housing cares for future generations of Upper Hutt, New Zealand and the world as it reduces energy use and water use
5. New Zealanders including the people of Upper Hutt are amongst the highest resource users and waste generators in the world

We support the whole submission of GWRC except their wish to retain the pine trees south of Alexander Road (as a habitat for native falcons). We would like to see the Ward St spur all be in native bush. We would like to see the few pine trees removed and replanted with native trees. This environment will also be supportive of the native falcon

We support Ian Stewart's submission regarding south of Alexander Road.

We support the whole of Nick Saville's submission.

We note that Summerset retirement village (Welholm Developments Limited) do not support potential access through their village to Trentham Railway Station. Forest & Bird consider that public transport is friendly to the environment and should be encouraged. Whilst we understand that access through the village may be a problem during certain times (eg, darkness) we suggest that alternatives be considered eg, allow access at peak times (week mornings and evenings). The Trentham railway station is the logical nearest railway station for much of the Wallaceville development and easy, direct access encourages train use.