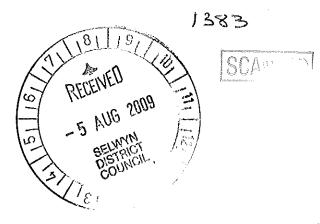


To Selwyn District Council 2 Norman Kirk Drive PO Box 90 Rolleston 7614

3 August 2009

Mike Adolfs Western Reef Limited Living 1B Structure plan.



## SUBMISSION ON PUBLICILY NOTIFIED PLAN CHANGE 11 Submitter Mike Adolfs of 167 Brookside Road Rolleston Re Rolleston Living 1B Deferred Zone Structure Plan

This is a submission on behalf of Mike Adolfs and the Adolfs family of 167 Brookside Road Who are **Strongly in Opposition** to plan change 11 Rolleston living 1B Deferred Zone Structure.

I will start firstly with a purely emotional statement/question to all council members voting on this. I would like you all to think and answer this question yourselves. Would you be comfortable if this was going to happen to your OWN FAMILY HOMES, where you as Mums and Dads are bringing up your children. How would you feel if a District Council was saying to you we are going to take large chunks of your family property from three different sides, with that we will take your privacy and personal security along with your quality of life and do this to your family home for the betterment of the community. If you all answer that question honestly, and the fact that here in New Zealand we base N.Z. family home life with such reverence and importance, we as a country and community have the right to a safe and secure family home. A property where if we work hard we can raise our children in a safe and private environment if we chose. Sure if we choose another property to purchase then that's our choice. WE AS A FAMILY choose this property with all it has to offer and also at a large expense. We also consulted with Selwyn District Council about this property as you will read on. We took as a family eight months looking to find it. With young children it wasn't an easy task to find a good and private home. We could have settled for somewhere else, we choose not to, we choose Rolleston, we choose 167 Brookside Road a place to raise children and with the space, have our grandchildren visit too. Brookside Road in its name is far more appealing than Spine Road. Spine Road could be our new address and we will no longer reside on Brookside Road. Brookside Road is the road we chose to live on. All that aside our other concerns are as follows.

We have only been living on this property for eight months. When we first viewed this property it made our hearts jump, especially after driving up its 140 metre long tree lined drive into a secluded and private park-like setting with a huge landscaped duck pond. After seeing all this, then thinking what a wonderfully set up property, we also decided as a business couple of 18 years we could also make a small home based business in the community with the conversion of the barn. I personally approached Resource consent, Environmental health and Building

compliance. After personally speaking to all Selwyn District Council Representatives all said this would be a good idea and also good for the community. As well as no worries with town planning. I ALSO asked if they as departments had any OTHER ISSUES I needed to know about the property. ALL said NONE. All said the property was FREE of any council issues. I asked this question of the council as we own several rental properties and it is the thing to ask as I have learnt over the years, councils do not and would not miss lead you (hmmm). After my first talks with council I then got my Lawyer Rebecca from Cameron and Company to follow up on ALL my questions and concerns she asked again on my behalf. She asked these questions as my lawyer because these were the strict requirements from our bank to purchase this property. She got all the EXACT same responses as I did (Hmmm). After living on the property for only one month we as a family decided to keep this property as our family home only, to preserve its settings and sanctuary to us.

After hearing from my neighbour in May 2009 that Structure plans were happening and this was the first time I had heard of any plans that were happening so you could imagine my shock. I immediately sent emails firstly to Cameron as David Hattam was on leave. Cameron came and visited our family home and property. I asked firstly why I had not been approached about the changes personally with such a huge impact on our property. Cameron said "they were just in the process of the structure plan", and "apologised for no personal contact". My wife Sharon who was with me at the time was shocked by that reply. He did however say if we do not subdivide OUR PROPERTY will not be touched in anyway. Walkway included (hmmm).

After David returned from leave I also sent emails to him. I got him to visit our family home and property as it would give him more of an idea what was actually happening to our home. He had not as he said ever visited us or the property and would be interested to look a round. I met David in our family room which has purpose built five metre long bi-folding windows that open out over looking our pond. This is only a few metres away from the proposed walkway/cycleway. I asked David if he wanted to look around our property to see what would happen if firstly the walkway would go through our back yard and then the other changes and how they would affect us. He joined me outside by our pond at which stage Sharon had joined us from picking up our children from Rolleston school. His remarks I quote "What a lovely place we had especially with the large pond" He then said the walkway maybe re-routed away from our pond. David commented that the walkway/cycleway generally would have to be in a straight line so people would feel safe, as in it having no hidden corners or bends. What about our safety and security. Then after I asked more questions he seemed to come to the conclusion that the council would NOT go ahead ("no intention") with walkway in any form, (enclosed is his letter to me). We also saw that the bridge over the waterway and also the 12 year old established native trees would be lost and also agreed that all our "privacy would be lost" (his words). I have enclosed photos so members can see what sort of loss we as a family will suffer with the cutting up of our land on all three aspects of the walkway, loss of tree lined driveway and front lawn being taken for the new road. The Selwyn District Council also states in its Rolleston Living Plan 1b Deferred Issues and Options, I quote "Landowners who do not wish to develop their land will not be compelled to provide access across it". Before council members have the final vote I would however think that a personal viewing by members to see the affects this would have not only on us but also on our neighbour, be the right and correct option as we are both part of the community.

Apart from Privacy our next concern would be Security. Our work shop and barn would have to be doored (\$3000). Burglar alarms put in not only for the house but also the studio and the workshop (\$3400), this is because they are separate to each other and now the general public are

within 6 metres of them. Have a front fence built and as it is a wide property, price will vary, a paling fence \$8500 we would have to go to a higher standard and more secure so part brick and wood \$22000 so who is going to pay? Also we are restricted with the height of the fence we are able to build so how much security and what sort of privacy can we retain. Why should we have to go down that way after only living here eight months, and lets face it I asked all the right questions of the Selwyn District Council before and during purchasing this property. We lose a large part of our drive 800sq metres .Yes 800 square metres council takes that from us and that's separate to the land grab of the front lawn and shrubs from the front of our home. This is separate to the walkway. That's approximately the total area of two properties on Rolleston Drive lost or really taken from us.

To conclude, there are other options available to Selwyn District Council. Put the walkway through property that at present is in a more paddock like structure and not someone's family home that has been thoughtfully landscaped with great expense, put in cul-de-sacs adjacent to our property or as our neighbour has approached council purchase that property for the betterment of the community. Betterment of the community surely in its nature means us. So where does this better us. Please explain. We will as stated earlier fight this as a family and as a business couple. The Selwyn District Council has been negligent on many levels with us as our records show. At this time we have chosen a more personal approach to put our concerns forward regarding the plan change 11 and also the Selwyn District Councils consultation process, along with this the Councils neglect in providing me correct information when we were in the process of purchasing this property. Apart from that surely as a New Zealand family we have the right to privacy, Security, and quality of life on our OWN property.

Mike Adolfs 167 Brookside Road Rolleston 7614

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Yours Sincerely

Mike Adolfs

## Form 5 Submission on publicly notified Plan Change Selwyn District Plan

Clause 6 of First Schedule, Resource Management Act 1991 Selwyn District Council 2 Norman Kirk Drive PO Box 90 Rolleston 7614 FAX: 03-347-2799 1. Full name of submitter: MIRE AOOCFS This is a submission on the following proposed Plan Change:

LIVING IS DEFERRED ZONE (name and number of Plan Change) The specific provisions of the proposal that my submission relates to are:..... \*My submission in SUPPORT / OPPOSITION is: \*Include whether you SUPPORT or OPPOSE specific parts of the plan change or wish to have them amended; and the reasons for your views. Continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

Ph: 03 3472800

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28 May 2009

Michael Adolfs 167 Brookside Road Rolleston 7614

Dear Mike

Thank you for showing me around your property vesterday

In relation to our conversation. I confirm the following-

I will investigate the possibility of relocating the road away from the front of your property (as shown on the attached diagram).

There is no intention on the part of Council to attempt to aquire the walkway on your property unless a subdivision application is made. In any case, it is my view that Council would not be able to obtain a designation for the walkway if it was opposed by you and other landowners. This would mean that we could not aquire the land against your wishes.

Please contact me if you wish to discuss this or the attached diagram

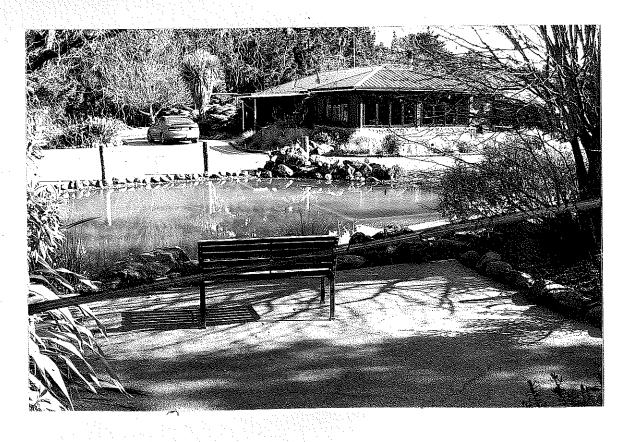
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David Hattam

Strategic Policy Planner



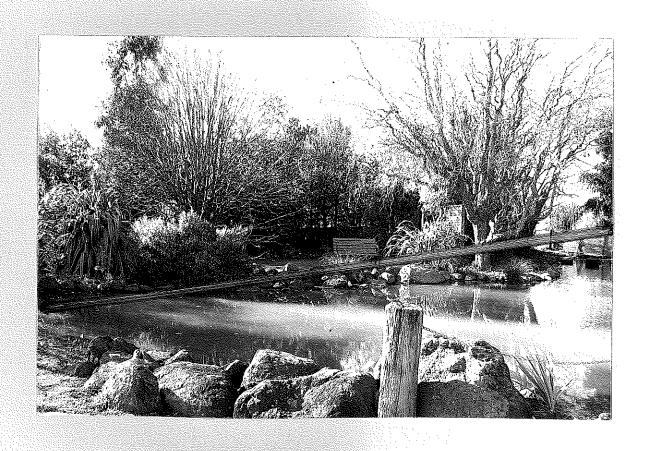
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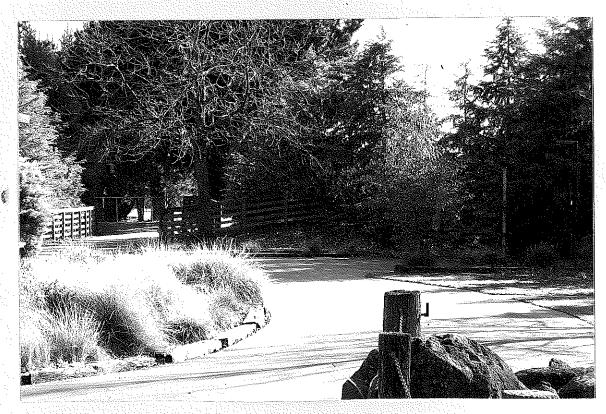
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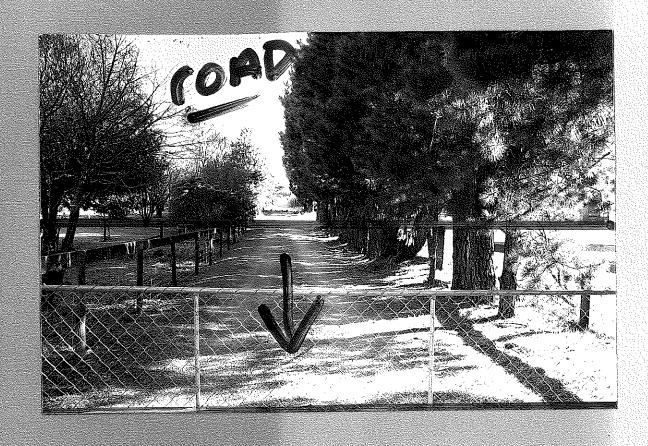
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