

Thank you for giving me the last minute opportunity to speak – unfortunately I have a new job and so I don't want to take time off and jeopardise my new position. I spoke at length with the lovely planner last night and she fully explained the process so I am happy if you can accept this email but also understand fully if you cannot.

I did submit originally and had been thinking of speaking but then I felt that probably that should be left to the experts – of which there have been many very thorough and technical presentations. The presentations by Associate Professor Almond, and Professor Cameron, and Sam Bridgeman Smith were particularly relevant and amazingly informative.

Over this week I have tried to keep up with the proceedings by watching the YouTube coverage and managing to attend in person on Wednesday afternoon to support a neighbour. This has been very difficult as a 'normal' lay person working full time and looking after a family – as I'm sure you can appreciate. During the hearing I have noticed that the developer was able to submit changes throughout the week to their ODP – on both the first and third day! I was surprised at this since the community only had literally I think 6 weeks to get their submissions together and do not have the opportunity to look at the wording of the new proposals which I believe to contain a lot of '**greenwash**.'

The developer has obviously read our submissions and in a very dismissive way has tried to mitigate the myriad of concerns of the local community by some very shallow 'window dressing' which I hope will be properly scrutinised. By this I am referring to such elements as their response to education issues. In my original submission point 1, I talked about the lack of adequate and fit for purpose educational facilities in Lincoln especially at high school level. The developer has responded to this with the statement '*the provision of new education facilities can be provided within the block or in the wider area albeit subject to a needs assessment.*' What does this mean? It takes 6 years from start to finish to plan a high school – if it gets started after all the houses are built there will be so much over crowding of the current high school it will be untenable and worse than we experienced directly after the earthquakes and before Rolleston College opened. Where are the sports facilities? Where are the community facilities? Please do not allow them to build them 'after' the fact, they need to be put in place first.

Secondly in my original submission I talked about Liffey Spring Reserve, as did many others. This week we have been told that there 'will no longer be a

connecting road built cutting across Liffey Springs Reserve.’ However that is not consistent with what is stated in the new ODP submitted on day 3 of the hearing – it actually says there *‘will be an integrated network of roads that will facilitate the safe and efficient distribution of internal traffic, provide access to properties, assist in connecting the open space reserves network both within and beyond the site and provide **an opportunity for road links to adjoining neighbourhoods.**’* So what is to stop the developer putting that road back in again? There is also lots of ‘talk’ of cycle ways and riparian planting but I feel like every developer puts these in these days to make it sound good – but the reality is far from this. This developer has made no real concession to the environment and the well being of both the humans and the nature in this area.

Thirdly in my original submission I talked about roads – again as many others at the hearing have, raising concerns about the current traffic within Lincoln as well as the wider community and links to Christchurch. This has been ‘greenwashed’ by the developers in the amended ODP on the table where they state that they will not complete the roads and intersections that people have submitted on until **1586 households are occupied** in the new development! We are currently living with the reality of large scale and ongoing subdivisions – we know the effects of poor roading and the erosion that is happening all the time from all the building work and this will only get worse. The roads have not in fact been properly repaired and upgraded since the earthquakes to meet current capacity – why would we believe they will for this subdivision?

My original submission covers many other issues raised by people far more qualified than I am such as the valuable soils (the number one reason why this land should not be developed) medical, health and wellbeing, climate change, house prices etc but what I would like to finally say is that you probably think that maybe the residents of Lincoln have jumped onto some kind of utopian band wagon with all this talk of valuable soils, wellbeing, climate change – but at some stage **people have to stand up and try to actually make a difference.** I believe we showed this by having the attendance that we did at the local meeting held at Lincoln High School, and by the number of submissions, and people speaking at this hearing. There has to be a line drawn in the sand (or Wakanui soils) where we say **‘enough is enough’** and instead of listening to endless rhetoric about climate change, keeping good soils to grow food locally for the community etc. - we actually do something about it. Yes lots of good land already has been built on – but that doesn’t mean that we have to keep on doing it. **It is time to make a change.** If the current Covid outbreak has

taught us anything it is that the world is in crisis and there needs to be a change – **we have a chance here with your help to be part of that change and start putting things right for the future instead of keep destroying what we have.**

Many thanks for taking the time to read my rather late submission. I wish you all the best in your decision making and the future negotiations around this plan change and land re-zoning.