Submitters: 366

Wish to be Heard: Yes

Submission summary:
Submitter strongly supports the proposed Johnsonville Area of Change, but considers that the Council has not done enough to explain the likely implications of the proposal to the local community, or to provide for the involvement of neighbours in the planning process for new developments. Submitter is also concerned that the district plan does not make adequate provision for residential units that are accessible to elderly people and people with limited mobility.

Decision(s) requested:

1. Council should initiate the development of a New Zealand Standard for the ‘universal design’ of housing that provides for occupants with disabilities or limited mobility.

2. Amend the Residential Design Guide to place a greater emphasis on the provision of residential units that are accessible to people with limited mobility. In particular include guidance on the accessibility of car parking spaces, front entrances, open space, and the internal layout of houses.

3. Support the Area of Change proposal with amendments to the rules to provide for the involvement of neighbours in the planning process.

4. Prepare a large-scale model of the Johnsonville Area of Change showing the type of development anticipated as a result of plan change 72.

5. Amend the rules to provide for neighbours involvement in the planning process, in situations where a new development would result in shading, or a loss of privacy or principal views. Provide a mechanism for dispute conciliation between the developer, Council and any affected neighbours.