

# WELLINGTON CITY DISTRICT PLAN – DPC77

Submission form on publicly notified Proposed District Plan Change 77

Curtis Street Business Area

FORM 5 Clause 6 of First Schedule, Resource Management Act 1991

## SUBMISSIONS CAN BE

Posted to	District Plan Team Wellington City Council PO Box 2199 Wellington 6011
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We need to receive your submission by 5pm, Monday 11 March 2013.	

## YOUR NAME AND CONTACT DETAILS

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## TRADE COMPETITION AND ADVERSE EFFECTS *(select appropriate)*

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## THE SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN CHANGE 77 THAT MY SUBMISSION RELATES TO ARE AS FOLLOWS *(Please continue on separate sheet(s) if necessary.)*

Alteration of the zoning from mixed residential and open space to commercial.
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**MY SUBMISSION IS THAT**

*(You should include whether you support or oppose the specific provisions or wish to have them amended. You should also state the reasons for your views. Please continue on separate sheet(s) if necessary.)*

The area adjoins residential neighbourhoods semi-rural in character. We would like to see this quite historic and beautifully bushy area retained as one of the last links with colonial Wellington's history and developed as link reserve. The space could be turned into a heritage park, retaining the natural beauty of the area between the playing fields and Chaytor Street, preserving also the sense of historic landscape along the Old Karori Road. We have always assumed that such an almost rural ambience would be conserved by the council as a window into Wellington's colonial and ecological past. We took our children to Karori by that route to explain to them what access would have been like before modern roads, and before the stream was covered. The vale left of Whitehead Road is an exquisite verdant dell, alive with native and exotic birds, and a place of great peace. Given its natural beauty and historic significance, it would seem right to make the area into a reserve with seating and interpretive signs (the Karori Historical Society has a fund of research on the old road), uncovering the stream and resurrecting the lower part of the Old Karori Road as a path to the upper, paved Old Karori Road of the present. In reverse, the walkway that leads from Otari to Ian Galloway Park, could become a connecting walkway to the Sanctuary via the top of the playing field to Seaforth Tce, down Whitehead Road to the now invisible lower Old Karori Road into the suggested reserve, and from there along Curtis Street to Appleton Park and the Sanctuary beyond. We're sure that with a very little work, the walkway from Otari that now ends at Ian Galloway Park could be made to connect with such a reserve. What's more, a reserve surrounding the Old Karori Road could provide the missing green bead on a string connecting Wilton's Bush with Appleton Park and the Karori Sanctuary, thereby enticing walkers to boost visitor numbers to the Sanctuary.. It would certainly draw eco-tourists who currently wish to visit both Otari and the Sanctuary. (Recently while walking the Skyline Track we encountered an English couple who had walked up to the Skyline from Otari and wanted to know what other walkways would link back to Wilton's Bush.) Local iwi could create a facsimile early Maori garden such as flourished in the Karori area in colonial times to further the interpretive value of such a heritage park.

We and fellow residents of the area are dumbstruck to learn that in effect the council would like to pave this little paradise to put up a parking lot for shops.

**WE SEEK THE FOLLOWING DECISION FROM THE COUNCIL** *(Please give precise details.)*

We want the council to maintain the open space designation of this parcel of land, side by side with existing residential zoning. Should the council change the designation to commercial the resulting businesses would, after wholesale destruction of the landscape and paving it for parking, destroy the residential and bucolic nature of the area by the use of industrial lighting, neon signs, piped music and traffic noise.

**PLEASE INDICATE BY TICKING THE RELEVANT BOX WHETHER YOU WISH TO BE HEARD IN SUPPORT OF YOUR SUBMISSION**

I wish to speak at the hearing in support of my submissions.

X I do not wish to speak at the hearing in support of my submissions.

**JOINT SUBMISSIONS**

If others make a similar submission, please tick this box if you will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.

**IF YOU HAVE USED EXTRA SHEETS FOR THIS SUBMISSION PLEASE ATTACH THEM TO THIS FORM AND INDICATE BELOW**

Yes, I have attached extra sheets.

No, I have not attached extra sheets.

**SIGNATURE OF SUBMITTER**

*(or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter)*

*A signature is not required if you make your submission by electronic means.*

Signature Amanda Otzen

Date 11 March 2013

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