

PPC48 Hearing Speech by Gina Milestone

- I am opposed the proposed plan change 48.
- Other than going to university I have lived in Oakura my whole life. I very much feel it is my home and could not imagine living anywhere else. Over my life I have seen many changes to Oakura but none of those changes have changed it as much as I believe the proposed plan change will do. Currently Oakura has a great sense of community - I like that if I go to the four square or for a coffee I can almost certainly see someone I know, many people are familiar faces of families I have been seeing for the last 40years. If the proposed plan changes goes ahead these people will still be here but so will a lot of other people and I am fearful that Oakuras sense of community (that is so important) will be lost.
- As a resident of Surrey Hill road the proposed plan change will also have a negative impact on my daily travel. Currently I negotiate the intersection of Wairau road and the main toad at least once a day and often up to four times daily. I regularly find myself telling my children in the back to be quiet so I can concentrate on making a safe turn right towards town and obviously have concerns that should the plan change go ahead this intersection is going to be very busy and dangerous as will be the rest of Oakura. Where will all these cars from the increase in population this plan

change will bring park when they go to the village or to the beach in the summer?

- My other major concern is how is the school going to cope with the increase in children to the area? The school is already at its limit in classroom space and is going to lose important green space should anymore classrooms need to be built.
- How are the rest of the services to Oakura going to cope with such an increase in population?

I know it would be naïve of me to expect the Oakura my kids grow up in to be the same as the Oakura I grew up in but at the moment it is a very special place with a great sense of community – something that I think will be lost should another 400 sections be developed.

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