

District Plan Review

Stream 5

Statement on behalf of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this statement on behalf of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board.

Construction noise:

We reiterate the points made in our original submission that we would like to ensure that these limits do not prevent DIY activities that take place on residential properties during the weekends. Many residents enjoy the ability to undertake home improvements and projects during the weekend and it would be very disappointing for this to be impacted by legislation.

Multiuse paths:

The Board would like to advocate for regulations that mandate multiuse footpaths in any rural subdivisions, and we encourage the Council to ensure that these pathways create connectivity to amenities such as schools, sports centres, and all other community facilities. This could also be an important consideration when new developments are proposed as the Board would like to see communities that are well connected and that provide good walking, cycling options.

Provision of car parking:

The Board is aware of recent legislation changes regarding the provision of car parking in new developments and we feel that it is vital for commercial developments to provide appropriate car parking to service their customers, as we feel that this should not be the Council's responsibility.

Lighting:

The Board is supportive of changes proposed to ensure that lighting in the Oxford Area is dark sky compliant.

Trees:

The Board is supportive of steps being taken by the Council to protect notable trees in the area as this is a crucial part of protecting the rural feel of the District. Perhaps the Council could assist tree owners in terms of advice and support with maintaining these protected trees, which are after all a Community Asset.



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