## PLAN CHANGE 19 HEARING

# SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE BY JOHN DUTHIE ON BEHALF OF WOOING TREE PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT SUBMISSION 79 - PLANNING EVIDENCE HEARING 2 - ZONING

## OVERVIEW

- 1. The key points of this submission are:
  - (a) Strong support for the MDR zoning being applied to the Wooing Tree block, and support for the officer's recommendation in this regard.
  - (b) Seeking Lots 601 and 602 be zoned Business Resource Area to reflect the existing consents.
  - (c) If it is the Council's preference, WTPD would support a rule being added into the Wooing Tree Business Resource Area provisions such that the gross floor area on lots 601 and 602 not exceed 1,000m<sup>2</sup>.
  - (d) That the building line on the WTPD site along SH6 and SH8B be set at 18m.
  - (e) WTPD would accept a rule aligned to the building line saying that the 15m must be in the form of a landscaped bund. This effectively turning the existing condition of consent into a rule within the plan.

### Medium density residential zoning

2. The primary point that WTPD wishes to reinforce during this hearing process is its strong support for the Council's initiative in developing a range of residential zones for the Central Otago area including a specific zone to provide for medium density residential development.

### Residential zoning Wooing Tree

- 3. WTPD strongly supports the medium density residential zoning of Wooing Tree.
- 4.

#### **Business Resource Area**

- There is a strip of Business Resource Area land applied to the current Wooing Tree land. This allows for 4,000m<sup>2</sup> gross floor area of commercial activity.
- 6. The current plan change seeks to delete this Business classification and zone the entire block MDRZ.
- The existing consents for Wooing Tree enable two business lots adjacent to the new roundabout. These provide for 1,000m<sup>2</sup> gross floor area of retail activity.
- 8. This submission seeks to preserve the status quo by classifying these two sites Business Resource Area.
- The applicant would be supportive of a provision in the plan limiting the gross floor area of retail activity within the two sites to 1,000m<sup>2</sup> gross floor area.
- 10. The purpose of this submission is to simply preserve the current level of intensity and location of retail activity in Wooing Tree. It represents a substantial reduction in the retail activity permitted under the Operative Plan.

### **Building line**

- 11. PC19 introduces a 30m building line along State Highway 6 and 8B frontages.
- 12. The existing consent provides for a 15m setback with a landscaped bund. There is an additional 3m rear yard giving an equivalent building line of 18m
- 13. This submission simply seeks that the building line restriction on Wooing Tree align with the existing consent. This would be a 18m building line setback on the SH8B and SH6 boundaries. WTPD is happy for there to be a requirement that the 18m building line be in the form of a 15m landscaped bund, and a further 3m set back to any building. If the Council wished, it could simply turn the existing condition of consent into a rule applying to that portion of the building line.

### John Duthie

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