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Cheers

Hello my name is Jackie Keenan and I have lived on Dixon street in Oakura for the past 25years.

Growing up in a rural community in the South Island before shifting to Oakura village meant I still had the feeling of wide open spaces with the mountain, kaitakes ranges and the beach on my doorstep.

We have especially enjoyed raising our 3 children in the village lifestyle that Oakura offers - getting to know the community as they moved through playcentre, kindergarten, and primary school with marae visits, sports exchanges, school camps, parent lunch days and on the sports field watching rugby and cricket at Corbett park, football at the school, tennis, surfing and surf lifesaving at the beach.

During our children's primary school years we saw the junior playing field lost to 2 new classrooms due to the increasing student role. the remaining senior playing field will be threatened by the proposed development of 399 sections. the Oakura school has a unique relationship sharing land with the Oakura tennis club and the courts on this land are a valuable playing surface in winter when the school fields are closed due to mud and they are well used in summer. as a member of the Oakura tennis club committee I feel this is a community asset that would be threatened by the school requiring land for classrooms if the current proposal was approved.

Parking within the village is at a premium already despite the new parking spaces that have recently been installed. during the summer months the sealed and grass beach car parks are full as are the streets surrounding the patrolled end of the beach. The 16 new car parks behind the 4 square and pub by the cemetery are often full.

The village lifestyle our family enjoys involves walking, running, skateboarding, scootering or cycling around the village or up to the kaitakes. the increased traffic volumes will impact on children being able to move around the village safely. Walking to the 4 square for bread and milk involves crossing the main road. The Dixon st main road intersection will become more hazardous with increased traffic volumes as there is already limited view shafts when cars are parked either side of the road to visit the 4 square, pub, pharmacy, cafe as well as traffic turning into and out of butlers lane.

I am proud to be part of the kaitake ranges trapping volunteers who are helping remove predators from these ranges. We have meetings at the pub, have bait and safety devices at the BP and have numerous trapping lines that are checked on a weekly basis and recorded on TrapNz. the increased bird life and hopefully the release of kiwi in these ranges in the near future is exciting. the proposed plan of high density housing in such close proximity to our national park will threaten this habitat we are trying to protect.

The kaitake community plan was created in consultation with the community and allows for future growth and development of Oakura by providing plenty of land to meet projected housing demand close to the village and away from the kaitake ranges.

I am not opposed to growth and development and the 2017 community plan allows for this with consideration of our unique environment which is why I object to this proposed plan change.
Thank you.