

Bullet Points for Hearing Panel Meeting

Hi, I'm Harry Roberts, I'm a fifth generation fruit grower in Earnscleugh. Our family have been here for 116 years and we want to be able to carry on our business in a reasonable way.

Concerns:

1. Proposal doesn't comply with District Plan Zoning.
2. The proposed lots are smaller than usual.
3. Buildings and roads are a problem.
4. Lighting in a dark sky environment is not welcome.
5. An issue of glare from windows.
6. This proposal affects the character of the landscape.
7. To be helpful there is a stacked stone causeway on one proposed site and remains of a dwelling on another. I can help with locating that.
8. Reverse sensitivity: this is a big one for us. We need to be able to carry out our horticultural activities in a sensible and reasonable manner.
9. Water run-off, silt and dust. We are worried about water flow running downhill carrying silt into our property and we are worried about vehicle movements causing dust from the dirt roads to blow down on to our high quality fruit.
10. Approval of this proposal will increase traffic flows on local roads. We are interested in what remedies there are for this?
11. Electricity supply: we already have constraints during frost fighting and irrigation and we are uncertain about the affect of the proposal.
12. QEII Covenant: We support this in principle but its not yet established.

In summary this is what we want?

If approved:

- That there is a binding reverse sensitivity agreement.
- Roothing affecting our orchard will be sealed to prevent dust.
- Buildings will be set back so they are not visible by day or night.
- A robust plan to address water and silt runoff from the hillside.
- Internal roads are sealed and meet CODC and Fire Service standards.
- An assurance that our power supply won't be compromised.
- A roading plan is made in consultation with us as residents.

Closing statement: we don't wish to be obstructive and will constructively engage in any further consultation.

Thank you!