
Submission on Napier City Proposed District Plan

Form 5 Submission on publically notified proposal for policy statement or plan, change or variation

Clause 6 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991

To: Napier City Council - Planning Unit

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This is a submission on the following proposed plan (the **proposal**): Napier City Proposed District Plan

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I wish to be heard: No

I am willing to present a joint case: No

Could you gain an advantage in trade competition in making this submission?

- No

Are you directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that

(a) adversely affects the environment; and

(b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition

- No

Submission points

Point 41.1

Section: HRZ - High Density Residential Zone

Sub-section: HRZ - High Density Residential

Sentiment: Oppose

Submission:

I strongly oppose the high density zoning that is proposed for part of McDonald Street from house numbers 34 - 42 and the opposite side of the road.

I moved to Napier South for a number of reasons. The old beautiful houses and the private back yards that come with them that give our kids space to play. The beautiful tree lined quiet and tidy street that is close to schools and amenities for my family. The neighborhood is very warm, friendly and welcoming.

What your proposed plan will do to this street is quite frankly scary. Having high density partly up this street will absolutely take away all the reasons why we moved here in the first place.

Knocking down beautiful old houses that could be or should be heritage to make way for large 6 story apartment blocks is insane. Napier needs these character neighborhoods, these very old beautiful homes. This city will lose its identity if we start knocking them down for large and medium sized apartments. I have witnessed it living in Melbourne and I hate to think that this could happen in my neighborhood. Those houses left around apartments get no sun, no privacy, no peace, no hello.

High density living will also cause a number of issues on this street. What is a quiet street will be no more as more people and more vehicles mean more noise and disturbances. There will be parking and road safety issues around the school. A designated area outside the school is a drop off point so parking is limited. More cars on McDonald Street and on the footpaths and drive ways will be a big safety issue for kids getting to school and getting home. I see cars racing down this street now ignoring speed limit restrictions during school times with kids darting out on to roads. Its going to get a lot worse with a load more people and traffic around the school. My kids have been nearly knocked over by a reversing SUV who couldn't see my kids because at drop off and pick up times the street is crazy, it wouldn't be able to cope with surrounding high rises.

Relief sought

I would rather you make McDonald street from Kennedy Rd to Latham Street a heritage area so we can protect these beautiful houses and street. It would be a huge loss for Napier to see these go. We often get visitors who comment on this street being one of the nicest streets in Napier, I feel the same.

At the very least if McDonald Street was not given heritage status then you need to remove the high density residential zone in McDonald Street and replace with medium density residential zone.

High density is not appropriate for this neighborhood and should be in places where it is safe and convenient to accommodate large numbers of people and vehicles.

Don't let developers destroy the soul of Napier, its history and architecture. We will never get it back!