

## **At Last Council Meet The Community over Structure Planning**

The Association was given 1½ days' notice to present in front of the Council Development Committee, chaired by Deputy Mayor Penny Hulse. The meeting on Thursday 14th August was set up to consider various scheme changes as well as the further four proposed S.H.A. areas for the Kumeu-Huapai area.

The Association was aware that additional areas were being considered because the Rodney Board also considered them a confidential matter at its meeting in July, recommending to the Auckland Council that they be declined.

The Council meeting was attended by members of our Committee and we were given a good hearing. The Council also considered the approval of the new 4 S.H.A. areas *in committee*. No indication was given by the Council as to their decision and whether any new areas will 'join' the existing two in Kumeu.

The Council members had a 'tiki tour' by bus of the existing development in the Kumeu-Huapai area. They were astounded at the earthworks and changes made in the Riverhead and Huapai on existing developments.

The Association made it clear that it didn't believe the Council had a mandate to approve any future Special Housing Areas until the Structure Plan Layout was completed.

The Council have accepted the Kumeu-Huapai Residents & Ratepayers Association invitation to a meeting at Soljans Winery Restaurant on the 9th September. The Director of Planning Roger Blakeley and Penny Pirrit will attend along with the Chairperson Penny Hulse. The Council want to hear from the community over issues that are of concern.

The meeting gives the community the best opportunity to ensure the top council officials know what Kumeu-Huapai needs. Acknowledgement was made at the meeting that the Structure Planning, which hasn't been started, has to be a collaborative effort with the community.

At Last the Council will front up to the community to discuss our issues. I hope to see you there on the 9th September.

Please confirm by email to our Secretary or the writer, so you can ensure a place at the meeting.

Regards

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