

Resource management Hearing

My name is Annette Chandler. I live at 10 Brenda Lawson Way. My husband and I purchased this house in May 2006. My husband died in 2016.

We purchased in Brenda Lawson Way because it was a small cul-de-sac close to the Richmond CDB and it was an attractive neighbourhood with a friendly residential character and amenity.

I was identified as an 'affected' person by the Tasman District Council.

1. My first objection to the application was the road access from Brenda Lawson Way. This has now been withdrawn. I am pleased to see common sense has prevailed.

2. My second objection is to the height, scale and location of the proposed Care Facility Building.

The proposed building is over height at 10.5 metres, (3.0 metres higher than permitted by Tasman Resource Management Plan). The council sets restrictions in place for a reason and I can see no reason to deviate from these rules when Residents who have built in the area have had to adhere to them strictly. I have been told the building is in excess of 100 metres long, this combined with its over-height aspect, in my opinion, is reminiscent of Eastern Europe Architecture of the 1950's.

The changed proposed building site is at the highest point of the Olive Estate property. The already consented Care Facility Building was not as high and is more centrally located within the Olive Estate property and surrounded by Olive Estate housing and amenities.

Because the proposed site is of higher elevation it will appear a larger, bulkier building overshadowing the surrounding residential properties. It will sit 'menacingly' above and beside Brenda Lawson Way and Fawdan Way.

It appears as though Olive Estate don't want this 'behemoth' sitting near their amenities and have placed it to the outermost boundary of their property so as not to overshadow their own residential housing.

It will be a constant presence, out of proportion to all other buildings in the area, and will affect our lives whether we are indoors or outside, especially for those whose properties are on the boundary between Olive Estate and Brenda Lawson Way and Fawdan Way.

The Richmond South Zone is a residential zone and allowing a building of this type, size and nature be built as an exception, in our midst is not in keeping with the long term plans of the Tasman District Council.

I request the Council decline this application for the construction of the Care Facility Building at the changed location.

3. My third objection is to the lack of Public Reserve. The TRMP requires 1400 sqm to be provided and vested to the Council. Olive Estate has offered 2,500 sqm of fragmented areas – more to satisfy their own purpose (storm water drains, road beautification etc). There is already an established pond and Green space within the Olive Estate property (where they wish to build the proposed Care Facility Building) which could be most advantageously converted to the Public Space. It has beautiful trees and a grassed area and pond. It would be an amazing asset for Olive Estate and the surrounding area. There will be adverse ecological effects from filling in the pond and removal of the habitat and trees from this location. It would retain our residential amenity to the surrounding neighbourhood.
4. My last objection is to the noise from traffic from Residents, visitors, staff, building maintenance, laundry, ambulance, medical and cleaning staff, café and other similar non-residential uses day and night. A building of this size also creates Light Pollution with security and safety lighting going all night.

I oppose the granting of the Resource Management Application submitted by Olive Estate.