

RMA Form 5

Submission on publicly notified proposed district plan

Clause 6 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991

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To: Chief Executive, Hutt City Council

Via email to district.plan@huttcity.govt.nz.

1. This is a submission from Peter E Borley on the Proposed Lower Hutt District Plan 2025.
2. My email address for service is Peter.Petone@outlook.com.
3. I could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

4. The specific provisions of the proposal that my submission relates to, my submission on those provisions, and the decisions I seek are shown in the below table. I also seek all further, alternative, necessary, or consequential relief as may be necessary to fully achieve the relief sought in this submission.
5. I wish to be heard in support of my submission.
6. If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.

Introduction

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Earlier this month I received a letter from council stating my property in Gibbs Crescent Wainuiomata was identified as being within a high natural hazard area. An area of my property, according to an overlay from the proposed Lower Hutt district plan, has been designated a high flood hazard.

The points I would like to make are:

- I have lived in Wainuiomata for over fifty years, {over twenty years in Hair Street and more than thirty years in Gibbs Crescent}.
- When the council talks about this high **natural** hazard area they are talking about an open storm water drain, created by Council over the years, which runs from the top end of Hair Street through to Richard Prouse Park and on into the Wainuiomata river. About a quarter way up Hair Street there is a diversion which takes excess water, that for whatever reason can't be handled downstream, and passes it through to an open drain that runs down one side of Gibbs crescent.

It should be noted that:

- *The above storm water drain created by Council over the years came by way of clearing land, building houses etc and draining water runoff from sections into the open drain system described above.*
- *There is a safety issue with these open drain systems in that before, during and after a storm event due to water level rise and its associated flow pressure if an adult ended up in the water, they would have trouble getting out, a child might not be so lucky.*

- A council controlled open storm water drain runs through my section in the area designated as a high flood hazard and any flooding in this area would be due to that drain.
- Back in the early nineties and again in 2004 my section and the next section up-stream were badly flooded. After the 2004 flood the Lower Hutt City Council completed mitigation works which have to this point been reasonably successful.
- The proposed Lower Hutt district plan has allowed and continues to allow multiple dwellings to be built upstream of our property all of which have / will add to the existing storm water running through the above open storm water drain thereby contributing greatly to the documented hazard.
- Rotten rock sediment and other debris regularly comes down from properties up stream and builds up along above drain necessitating regular maintenance.
- Other implications are insurance and resale value.

Can I please ask that:

- That high and low flood hazard designation be removed from my section.

Council management are asked to put in place a plan to install storm water reticulation designed for the twenty first century into these two streets and until that plan is successfully implemented:

- A more regular proactive rather than a reactive storm water drain preventative maintenance program is put in place.
- That consents for all new dwelling works upstream are put on hold.

Decisions Requested

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1	<u>Maps.</u> <u>Proposed Lower Hutt District Plan</u> <u>Part 2 – District-Wide Matters</u> <u>HAZARDS AND RISKS</u> <u>Natural Hazard NH-P5</u>	<u>Property Key 6805200</u> <u>Area 1,711 m2</u> <u>Legal Description LOT 40 DP 12752 WN510/288.</u> Areas designated high and low flood hazard.	Oppose	<p><i>Note! For more context, please refer to Introduction in section 7 above.</i></p> <p>A council controlled open storm water drain runs through my section in the area designated as high flood hazard and any flooding of the areas designated a flood hazard would be due to that drain.</p>	<p><i>Note! For more context please again refer to Introduction in section 7 above.</i></p> <p>I request that high and low flood hazard designations be removed from my section.</p> <p>Back in the early nineties and again in 2004 my section and the next section up-stream were badly flooded. After the 2004 flood the Lower Hutt City Council completed mitigation works which have to this point been reasonably successful.</p> <p>Currently Council believes that a high flood hazard exists and that property, buildings and people could be at risk. Could the Council please arrange as required by: <u>Proposed Lower Hutt District Plan</u> <u>Part 2 – District-Wide Matters</u> <u>HAZARDS AND RISKS</u> <u>Natural Hazard NH-P5</u> for further mitigation works to be carried out as soon as possible.</p> <p>I also suggest that a more regular proactive rather than a reactive storm water drain</p>

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