

# Submission on Hutt City Proposed District Plan

Clause 6 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991

To: Chief Executive, Hutt City Council Via email to [district.plan@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:district.plan@huttcity.govt.nz).

1. This is a submission by **Lyn Hansen** on the Proposed Lower Hutt District Plan 2025 ("PDP").
2. My contact phone number is [REDACTED] My email address for service is [lynhansen@xtra.co.nz](mailto:lynhansen@xtra.co.nz)
3. I cannot gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission. I am 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.
4. The specific provisions of the proposal that my submission relates to are any provisions that will or may apply to subdivision, development and land use at 30 Benmore Crescent.
5. I am concerned that the PDP does not include the most appropriate objectives, policies and rules / methods to manage the use, development, and protection of natural and physical resources in a way, or at a rate, that enables the existing Manor Park community to continue to provide for our social, economic, and cultural well-being and health and safety. More specifically, I seek that the PDP provisions be retained or amended as required to ensure that any subdivision, land use, and development at 30 Benmore Crescent occurs in a way that avoids adverse effects on the natural environment and the existing residential Manor Park community, including its people, property, the transport network and public spaces. I seek any further, alternative, necessary, or consequential relief as may be necessary to fully achieve the relief sought in this submission.
6. I wish to be heard in support of my submission.
7. If others make a similar submission, we will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.
8. I am very concerned about the changes to the natural environment – the effect on our local wildlife, the loss of trees resulting in more motorway noise, the effect on the stream running into the Hutt River(Dry Creek) & the Hutt River itself. Previously there were many kereru in Benmore Crescent, especially at the time the tree lucerne is flowering. I was able to count 19 kereru in one single bare tree prior to Benmore Crescent being closed off. Many trees have been cut down & prior to that we did not hear any noise from the motorway, where now we hear it all. The Dry Creek stream that ran parallel to Benmore Crescent, then under Craigs Crossing bridge, & eventually into the Hutt River is now dry, so there are no waterbirds, waterlife, & insects which smaller birds fed on. The owner of the land, Te Runanga a Toa Rangatira Inc, purports to represent the "health & wellbeing aspirations" of their whanau, however it seems they have put financial gain to the fore in leasing out the land.
9. The occupants of Mary Huse Grove have already suffered much from the works on the development of the land from noise, vibrations & dust, although the effects of this was to be,

as Spencer Holmes report of August 2013 for a period of only six months. These “effects” have extended far beyond six months to two years.

10. Newspapers have recently reported many fires occurring in waste stations in other cities, none of which are close to residential areas. Due to the proposed waste station being so close to Mary Huse Grove this could well result in increased risk for insurance purposes. The possibility of fire would also adversely affect the health & mental wellbeing of residents.
11. Waste trucks turning into Benmore Crescent could cause holdups on the Manor Park Haywards roundabout. There are already traffic buildups at this roundabout most Thursday & Friday nights at peak time. Any further buildup could be disastrous/fatal if ambulances or fire engines were needed in an emergency.
12. Manor Park is favoured for quiet recreation – golfing, biking & walking along the river bank walk, children playing in the Mary Huse Park. Visitors from other areas come here for the quiet. Noisy waste trucks would (& have already destroyed) destroy the peaceful atmosphere. Already walkers & bikers have been affected by the Developers closing off Benmore Crescent at both ends which has destroyed a walking & biking circuit once enjoyed by Manor Park residents & others.
13. The mental wellbeing of Manor Park residents has already been somewhat affected. The noise, dust & vibrations as mentioned above, possible smell, but also the fear of “what may happen” to our area due to the uncaring attitude of both owner & developer of the land. A sad reflection on both their priorities – financial gain first, people & wildlife last.