Your Comment on the Maitahi Village Extension application

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Mahitahi development draft conditions resulting from the questions submitted on the proposal.

I do not agree that the shared path down the eastern side of Ralphine Way is the right move. Children going to school and returning won't use it much as it is too steep. The developers answer is that the steep bit is only 500meters out of the whole journey, but unless they have electric bikes they'll have to get off and walk the half a kilometre to the top of the street. Todays generation would not do it and will get driven to and from school. The increased traffic on this road makes it impossible to zig-zag up the Street, so i object to this shared path in this location for the safety of the children. It should go around the back of Dennes hole which would be much more scenic and exciting for the children.

I doubt that my comments will make any difference as all the other concerns submitters had were fobbed off with banal reasons, like, 'Plan change 28 has been passed so you can't do anything about it', and the ' Raphine Way bike path has already been consented', or 'we can mitigate the flooding by building up the flood plain by four and a half meters' . The water that used to soak into this area before entering the river will have nowhere to go but directly into the river. I know, I know the experts have produced a model that says it's ok. But only time will tell, and it will be to the detriment of the care home occupants that have been allocated the flood plain. I hope this fact goes on the LIM report for all houses and that the insurance companies are advised.

There is no mention anywhere of financial penalties for breaches of consent conditions. Having such a plan should make the developers much more careful not to pollute the river or destroy any wildlife that inhabit the valley, and prevent any slips caused by earthworks as has happened over in the Bayview development.

I wish to make a comment on the Iwi representation of this development. I believe they obtained 35% of the whole project using false information. I recently put in an OIA to the council requesting evidence of maori occupation of Kaka Valley. The result was that they could find none, and the only cultural aspect was a supposed urupa on top of Kaka Hill. This was only mentioned by Hemi Toia, and Ngati Kuia only **believes** there was one, with no proof forthcoming from either of them. My neighbour said he went looking for it several years ago but never came across it. So from this I assumed that it doesn't exist.

The area has been farmed by various families, and hops grown since 1842 and therefore l would not expect any archaeological discoveries during the construction. Can l ask, therefore, why the huge maori influence in this area? Do we not have the ability to look after and respect the land without giving maori the lead? I don't object to maori getting help as they need a lot of it, but not using untruths to get recognition.

Thank you for your comments