Comments on Auckland Surf Park Community Stage 2 – AW Holdings 2021 Limited

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We have lived on our property since October 2002 and are immediately adjacent to the Auckland Surf Park site. Our land is part of the proposed Stage 2 development. We fully support the application and would like to see it approved.

This area has been a great place to live and raise our family. It is close to Silverdale and the motorway, with the Hibiscus Coast beaches, regional parks and plenty of outdoor activities only a short drive away, and still has a rural feel. It deserves to be a place more people can enjoy living in.

The area though has lost a lot of its community feel since 2012 and is in a state of limbo. There are fewer owner occupiers and more land banker owners, with properties sitting empty or rented to tenants who usually only stay a couple of years and have little reason to become part of the community or look after the land. Paddocks are left lying fallow and weeds like pampas, gorse and thistles are spreading. Some properties are also being turned into defacto industrial sites, with unapproved yards, scaffolding yards and ramshackle temporary structures. Stage 2 would be a very welcome development to start returning this land from waste and bring the community aspect back.

Having a mix of homes would bring people back who actually live here and have a stake in the area, from young families to people wanting to downsize and stay local. The village centre, market, cafes and early childhood centre would mean everyday things are close to home, and give people a place to meet and get to know their neighbours.

The surf lagoon is something really different for the area. Building a community around it would give people of all ages a great reason to get outside and be active, and would make this a place people are proud to live in and want to visit.

We also like that the development would create local jobs, both during construction and once it is up and running. The live-work units are a good idea and would let more people work where they live instead of commuting.

The native planting, stream restoration and green spaces would turn the land into something properly looked after and attractive. The walking and cycling paths would make it easy to get around and reach local facilities without having to drive. The new east-west road through to Postman Road would also be a useful extra connection for the area. It is good to see the solar farm and reuse of heat from the data centre being included.

Having the area planned and developed as a whole, with homes, businesses, recreation and green space together, is far better than the piecemeal yards and structures that are popping up now.

We understand construction on this scale will have effects on those around it. We would like the approval to include conditions covering noise, dust and construction traffic, and for

neighbours to be kept informed as the work goes ahead.

We support this application and would like to see more of this type of development



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