

Comment on the Maitahi Village application

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My comments are provided for the Panel and the developer to consider.

I am supportive of projects that increase the supply of housing, particularly housing options appropriate for older New Zealanders and which improve the quality of aged residential care facilities.

As regards the proposed Arvida retirement village, it will be important to be include a timeframe for when new residents can expect to enjoy amenities and to minimise any delay in providing the amenities building which is integral to the development. The staging plan provided does not provide any indication as to when the Village Care Facility will be completed.

The development is located 3.5km from central Nelson and there is no public transport available. Arvida may wish to consider providing a service vehicle for people unable to drive.

There is range of section sizes proposed within the subdivision, some of which may be attractive to older people wishing to downsize, that prefer not to live in a retirement village. The provision of playgrounds, reserves and perhaps the cultural centre are opportunities for social and intergenerational interaction for the community which is especially important for older people. Therefore, accessibility and age friendly seating provision is encouraged. The seating pictured in the landscape design report is not considered age friendly as lacks backs and arms. The developer may consider linkages between the retirement village and the subdivision and the reserves and walking and cycling network with Nelson, where practical.

I note the availability of an Age Friendly Urban Places resource, available [here](#). The Panel and the developer may like to consider this guidance as planning and development of the project continues.