

Your Comment on the Arataki project

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Thank you for your comments

From: Rhys Flack [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 28 October 2025 11:18 am
To: Substantive <substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz>
Subject: Arataki Project

Good morning,

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the Fast-track application by CDL Land New Zealand Ltd for residential development in Arataki Road, Havelock North.

Arataki Honey Ltd have operated as a beekeeping and honey packing facility in Arataki Road for over 80 years. At that time a rural location but still close to the towns of Havelock North and Hastings for staff travel. The expansion of Havelock North has taken pace in the last 10 years and we are now at the border of urban development. We have kept a watching brief on this development (we call Arataki Stage 2) because commercial beekeeping and urban development are not particularly compatible.

Planning for residential use in Arataki Road (stage 1) was to incorporate a raised buffer zone of planting to provide a rural/urban segregation. This didn't happen presumably due to the loss of commercially saleable land. As a solution we constructed our own planted buffer zone to improve aesthetics and make us less intrusive to our new neighbours. We consider a 30 metre wide planted area or park/walkway between the new housing development and the rural properties should be included. This was done at the western end of Arataki Road and joins to Te Mata Road. This becomes a green space and a long term asset for the community.

We are genuinely mindful of neighbours in running our business. We are also a seasonal business with challenges at various times of the year.

Our main concerns with a second housing development close to our boundary are:-

1. Retaining Arataki Road width and traffic flow is imperative. Through December to April (4 months) honey and bees are being moved back to our factory from mid afternoon to early evening. Raised pedestrian crossings, speed humps and chicanes will seriously impede our quick movement through the residential area. We can also have 4-6 pick up and deliveries by large trucks daily as well as tourist buses that peak in the January/February cruise season.
2. In spring we are moving hives into orchards for the pollination of fruit trees. Several trucks are returning to depot between midnight and 4.00am as bees can only be moved at night.

3. We are legislated to burn hives found with foul brood disease and have a registered fire pit for this purpose. Smoke and flames can be seen from a long distance. This can occur 3 or 4 times a year and we gain permission from the Regional Council and Fire Service and ensure wind conditions are away from residential housing before lighting.

To date we have operated in relative harmony with the stage 1 development and hope this would continue. We do believe however that the next stage development needs to be aware of potential problems and not incorporate designs that create issues.

Kind regards



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