

Dear Committee Members

I write to you to put forward my strong objections to the development of Holland Reserve Glenhaven.

I live at [REDACTED] with my husband and 3 children, we share a boundary with the Reserve.

My husband and I chose this location to live and bring our 3 children up because of its rural aspect and quiet nature.

To see the expansion of the Reserve would be heart breaking to my family.

Both my husband and myself have lived in the Hills area all our lives and both agree the continuing need to expand the population and build house on top of house is quite distressing to watch.

There are many factors that make Holland Reserve unsuitable for development in the Hills district.

From my understanding the fields need to be within 2km from the Castle Hill North development. Holland Reserve is 4.5km.

The value of rural properties in the street (which are very rare in the Hills District) would be affected in a negative manner.

There would be a huge impact on rural lifestyle. The noise and lighting created by the playing fields would be excessive and disturbing both during the day and at night time.

Disturbance of wildlife would be detrimental should such masses of land be cleared. We have an array of beautiful bird life in the area that would sadly decrease.

Increase of traffic could not cope on Holland Road. Cars would be parking up and down the street as they already do when soccer season is on, this would escalate enormously and create safety issues.

Expanding the Reserve would attract more loitering late in the evening due to its seclusion. Concerns of fires being lit, Drug use and dealing as well as fireworks being let off. Due to the bush surrounding the area there is a real threat to catastrophic fires.

Loitering takes place on occasions thus far and having a daughter with special needs who awakens during the night from foreign noises is not something we could tolerate occurring more frequently.

We already see the effects from the summer soccer at the moment, the number of cars in the street is extremely dangerous.

I hope our submission is taken into serious consideration.

Many Thanks

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