

Dear decision makers,

We would like to lodge with you that we oppose the Draft and the proposed rezoning of parts of Wilton from RU2 to E2.

Our family has lived at [REDACTED] Wilton for over 50 years. I was raised, schooled, owned local business, employed staff, married and raised a family in Wilton and the surrounding towns, and love nothing more than the beautiful lands & towns of our area. We have always planned to be in a position where we could work with councils and planners to divide some of our land up, which would allow us to live out our lives in Wilton and in turn allow our children the same opportunities. The locking of the land as E2 takes that opportunity away from us, forcing us to sell our entire property and move out of the area if we want to retire in comfort.

When my father purchased this property in the early 70's he was always told by the council that one day he could share the land amongst for his five sons, however he has passed without his goal being realised, being forced to sell and move away to retire comfortably. [REDACTED] and I sold everything we had and borrow more than we could afford to purchase the property at above market rate, so that we could be in a position to carry out dad's dream and hopefully set our family's up as we always believed this would be the case.

What makes this even harder to handle is that large property developers from out of the area have been allowed to come in, buy up, clear land and then be approved to divide and develop their land as they see fit for their own gain and profit then move on to the next town and do it again. To add to that our lands are now being locked up as the green belt that will allow the developers to tick the boxes to do what they want. This is not only unfair it is unjust. All landowners need to be treated equally and allowed the same opportunities. All landowners should contribute to the environmental requirements to sustain both the conservation and development of the area. It needs to be one rule for all not rules that favour those with deep pockets.

I would like to invite you to come and visit some of the land owners in Lisa road to hear of our ideas and plans and see firsthand what is happening and what can be achieved if everyone is treated equally and works together.

Thank you for taking the time to read our plea and understand how the rezoning only hurts the people that have helped make and will keep the area the jewel it is.

Regards,

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