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Dear Ms Froese

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF DALKEITH

In mid January 2008 my wife and I, together with our three children, returned from a European holiday to our home at 2 Circe Circle, Dalkeith. We purchased the property four years ago and have enjoyed living in Dalkeith immensely. We firmly believe that Dalkeith is the most family friendly suburb in this wonderful city.

Upon our return we were shocked to be met with the council's "draft development proposal" for Dalkeith. Having carefully read the proposal I believe it to be considerably flawed. Put simply, if the proposal is adopted it would have a detrimental affect on our way of life. It is, in my view, counter to the very social and cultural fabric of the suburb.

Some development of the Dalkeith Village (Waratah Avenue) precinct would, in my view, be beneficial for the suburb aesthetically. Sensible development would benefit the cultural and social fabric of the suburb, however, any future development, in my opinion, should be commercial only (for local shopping convenience) and the buildings constructed to a maximum of three storeys or ten metres.

The proposal in its current form (precinct No. 18 concept plan) is in complete contrast to the very reason my family purchased our Dalkeith property in the first place, namely:

- Large blocks;
- Limited and sensible sub-division;
- Limited "through" traffic;
- No high rise unit development;
- No necessity for traffic lights; and
- A family friendly environment.

It is my firm view that if the current proposed development is allowed to proceed, the suburb will lose the very essence of what is "Dalkeith".

Yours truly

David Bayly