

Submission for Timaru District Plan Review; Draft growth management strategy.

Area for consideration – point 3, Pleasant Point.

Whilst agreeing in principal with the desire to consolidate the town centre, I would like to propose an additional area for the new Rural Residential zone, and be identified as an area for future growth. Pleasant Point is a popular small town for a variety of reasons and offers a well serviced semi-rural lifestyle that appeals to many people of all ages. Allowing appropriate growth will ensure the viability of this small town.

The area I am proposing is the property to the north of the Primary School, Halstead Road, described as part lot 1 DP 5504, parcel ID 39809.

This property is zoned rural 1 and yet is less than 8ha in size. It was part of the high school and used as their agriculture block. It is deemed to be unproductive land as the 1986 floods eradicated the top soil and left the land with very little agricultural value and consequently was planted as a forestry block. It is generally considered unfit for general agricultural use. It is bound by the school to the south and has farmland to its northern and eastern boundaries and sits on the main Waitohi Pleasant Point Road. As such, it is located very well for flat walking or vehicular access to the town centre, thereby future proofing easy access to local amenities as the local population ages, and limits the need for families to have to use their cars for getting children to school and back, all of which would be features of having a rural residential zone located out of walking distance to the towns schools and amenities.

Halstead road, Greig St and the surrounding area already has a growth of properties on small parcels of land, indicating this is already a growth area of town and one already serviced and with easy access to develop footpaths and further lighting to develop further the community of Pleasant Point, rather than making a satellite community a distance out of town.

Consideration could go towards making just the road corridor available for building, whilst leaving the balance of the block as rural to give the 'best of both worlds'.

Thank you for your consideration.

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