Dear Julie,

As a submitter to Plan change 48 I'd like to make a response the memorandum of Oakura Farm Park counsel as follows;

1. I recall a while back now in the process that a request was made by Oakura Community Action Group to have the date for submissions changed because they felt the school holidays would be a hinderance for submitters if they were part of that timeline. That request was flatly refused by NPDC because, as far as I understand, the school holidays are considered to be just working days. That timing worked in favour of the applicant. Fair enough if you go "by the book". Why then, if we are going "by the book" should the applicant be given the opportunity to change the timeline that the commissioners have set to suit himself and his inadequacies? I submit that the applicant's timeline change request be denied.

2. The applicant has had more than sufficient time to prepare his application and evidence, far more time that the submitters have had to prepare theirs. His application and evidence was found wanting - why should he be allowed to "have another crack" at it now under an extended timeline? I submit that the applicant's timeline change request be denied.

3. Submitters, in the commissioner's own words were "well prepared". They presented their cases in good faith, with respect to all parties concerned and believed that the 2 options presented to the commissioners by the NPDC planners were it. The applicant now seeks to change those options by seeking a timeline extension. This is not acting in good faith nor with respect to the commissioners, the submitters or the NPDC and I therefore submit that the applicant's timeline change request be denied.

4. The timeline requested by the applicant is totally unacceptable. This would allow enough time for the applicant to completely re-work his entire structure plan. If this was agreed to I doubt the submitters would have the fiscal wherewith all, unlike the applicant, to continue with their course of action. I therefore submit that the applicant's timeline change request be denied.

Kind regards

Mike Pillette