

Morning everyone.

My name is Margaret Sale and I represent the Frankton East Residence Group.

I am a Registered Nurse and I have lived in Hamilton for 40 odd years with my family and I also do Voluntary work in the community.

WHICH I'VE READ SOME EVIDENCE  
BELIEVE YOU ~~W~~ WOULD HAVE  
I SEEN ON  
2x PETITIONS

~~FACTS~~ As Community groups we do not have the resources for Lawyers and the Planners but our concerns are real and we seek them to be addressed for all of Hamilton, for many of us are concerned about the high-density model that does not meet the existing community and ongoing requirements.

Our community, Frankton, is an example of old single story houses and we are an old established community with a strong identity, similar to other Hamilton suburbs.

There is nowhere set aside in the proposed Hamilton District plan for a character area, which we have requested.

Character and Heritage need two separate folders in the District Plan

Building a community with a character from scratch isn't the answer and where is the originality in that.

There has been poor communication and the consultation undertaking of the Intensification has been rather rushed e.g. Plan Change 12 was put before Plan Change 9, both ignore our existing community characters.

Community areas that I am concerned about is 'the Character' of the area, be it 1960 or 1890 buildings, that do not tick all the boxes to be a Heritage icon.

### Concerns in regards to Intensification

1/ **Stronger rules** set in Standards, Policies and even a Resource Consent to apply to all dwellings 2x story's and higher, so that things are not improvised or are made makeshift.

2/ **A walkable catchment, that needs to be checked and defined.**

For example the north side of Hamilton is not 'walkable". Major roading systems already disconnect communities like Frankton, and intensification will not improve this.

For those that walk, the extension of the City Zone will not get/go directly to essential services e.g. the Police, the Library, Health services etc.

Intensify the existing city center zone first. i.e. see if high-density is workable for both the population and the City Planning Unit in this already existing zone.

If the number of faults with the model can be seen here, they are likely to apply across the city such as:

- Walkability not defined and has major issues
- lack of services in small suburban center's of Hamilton.
- not a metropolitan city – Hamilton is not like Auckland with it's serviced suburbs.
- character overlay is not included but for many years we have had this already.

**Summary;**

- The impact of intensification will be extreme in our lives.
- height reduction is needed to reduce the proposed up to six story blocks to be built in our suburb from next year.
- character overlay needed in the District Plan to modify the degree of change.

Finally we request that 'character' in Hamilton, be a qualifying matter'.

Thank you for your time.

Have a good day.