

c/- 11 Dunedin Street  
St Mary's Bay  
Auckland

24 May, 2007

Auckland City Council  
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Auckland  
New Zealand

Attn Chief Town Planner

Dear Sir/ Madam

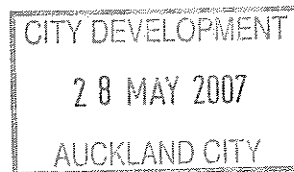
**Further Submission:  
Re the Proposed Change to the Auckland City District Plan  
Proposed Hauraki Gulf Islands Section 2006**

1. Name and address for correspondence:

The Trustees  
The Landscape Trust  
c/- 11 Dunedin Street  
St Mary's Bay  
Auckland

2. Submission supported:

AM and JM Payne  
The Manhattan, 21E  
33 Tai Tam Road  
Hong Kong SAR



AM and JM Payne's submission No. 3711/2 dated 08 January, 2007

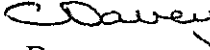
3. Part supported:

The request that current building coverage rules remain unchanged.

4. Reasons for Supporting the Payne Submission:

- a. For the record we have lived and worked in the US and Europe for the past few years, and before proceeding away purchased our land (lot 19 in DP 183456) in the Matiatia Estate to build our home upon on our return and then to retire there. We see ourselves as politically neutral, do not belong to any political party and never have been associated with or affiliated to any political faction.

- b. We are ratepayers and in receipt of most correspondence from home. We often check Waiheke news via the internet. Our motivating factor while working overseas is always the multiplicity of images we have of our land on the island, and the plans we have for our retirement there in due course. Yet, in spite of Waiheke being constantly in our thoughts and it being our favourite visiting spot on annual holidays we were unaware of any of the activity preceding the publication of this proposed change. We were informed only a few days ago by a concerned neighbour via email. That speaks to how poorly the reach of the information campaign advising of the process has been. Presumably there was such a campaign? If yes, how sad. If no, why not?
  - c. It also explains why this note is but a note in support of another responder rather than it being the properly researched and measured response from us that the proposal requires. We have no opportunity available now to comment other than in a most superficial way. For us it renders the process skewed, hence flawed.
  - d. We have read the proposed changes with a mixture of concern and relief. Concern in that overall we suspect too many people are taking themselves too seriously and really should step back a little and see what their excess of zeal is doing to commonsense and fair play. Relief in that there appear to be many responders whose reactions seem similar to ours and hence there is a practical reality check on the drafters of the proposal in place (we hope).
  - e. The proposal's drafters appear set on putting an even greater choke-chain in place than exists at present – minima this, maxima that, thou shalt, thou shalt not – all presented with an air of great certainty, of moral rectitude. Quite frightening, really.
  - f. Further, incorporation willy-nilly of arbitrary parameters into law means in a short time there will be paralysis of decision making when something that was not envisaged by the drafters falls outside the framework. Next there will be atrophy of the plan as natural circumstances generally change faster than the legislators can legislate.
  - g. We acknowledge there will always be competing points of view. We simply seek intelligently applied and appropriate balance in the proposed district plan changes. We are wholly in support of the overall intent of conservation and management as generally accepted, but we prefer lighter more knowledgeable hands at the helm, able to deal calmly, equitably and promptly with location-specific situations. The changes as proposed do not bode well for our island's future in that regard.
  - h. We support the Payne submission per paragraph 3 above. The decision they seek again tends to soften the rigidity of the proposed changes, and is therefore in the best interests of the island's long term inhabitants and subsequent generations. It offers two solutions to a problem created by the proposed plan. Both solutions clearly pass the reasonableness test. The best solution is to not change the building coverage and footprint rules in the areas concerned.
  - i. We propose the "keep it simple" strategy, entrusting the execution of the strategy to people whose self interest is not and can never be affected by any outcome.
5. We will not be in the country at the time of the hearings but wish to be kept advised of progress by email.

6 Signed   
 Caroline Ann Davey  
 Trustee, The Landscape Trust

Dated 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2007