

Dear Assessment Manager,

I appreciate that the public submission period for Application A007024708 has now closed. However, I wish to provide a brief additional comment regarding the assessment of submissions received.

When considering submissions supporting the application, I respectfully ask Council to carefully consider whether any submitters may have a direct financial or commercial interest in the outcome of the application.

For example, one supporter of the proposal has previously acted as a sales agent for this developer within the Arbor estate and has publicly advocated for the development. If a submitter has an ongoing or previous commercial relationship with the developer, their views may not represent those of an ordinary resident and should be considered in light of that potential conflict of interest.

Similarly, I understand that the former owner of the subject land has also lodged a submission supporting the proposal. As the former landowner has clearly had a financial transaction with the developer in relation to the site, they also have a direct financial connection to the development that distinguishes their interests from those of the surrounding community.

I am not suggesting that these individuals should be prevented from making submissions. However, I respectfully request that Council carefully consider the weight to be given to submissions made by persons who may have direct financial or commercial interests in the approval of the application, compared with submissions from residents whose primary concern is the long-term liveability, amenity and public open space within the Arbor community.

The planning process should place significant weight on submissions made in the broader public interest and should ensure that commercial interests do not outweigh the legitimate concerns of the local community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours faithfully,