

Tasmanian Planning Scheme

Bishopsbourne – Rezoning 10.02ha.

Additional Information

Further to my submissions to the Northern Midlands Council on 14 December 2021 and 17 March 2022, of which you probably have copies, I am now forwarding further information.

The area requested to be rezoned is small and would have minimal effect on the total production of the region, but with the establishment of further homes, the residents would be a help in growing the community.

In my lifetime I am aware of 12 homes in a 4km radius having been pulled down or abandoned, mostly on farm properties.

During my time here there has been a significant loss of facilities and services, the closing of the shop, school, post office, telephone exchange, three churches, the football and cricket clubs, the badminton club, and the annual sports, chopping and sheep dog trials and more recently the winding up of the Progress Association. A factor has been the decline in population.

A further concern is the provision of sufficient students to continue the school bus service. When our family returned to live at Bishopsbourne in the early 1990s, we needed to travel our children about 10km each way, twice daily to meet the school bus. More families would help to retain the current services which now call at Bishopsbourne.

The village is central in the area with roads from Bishopsbourne leading to Carrick (10km), Longford (13km), Cressy (17km), and Bracknell (7km). Launceston is (29km) distant, a comfortable 25-minute drive.

Currently there are two contractors operating from the village, firstly a cartage and crop spraying business and secondly a hay baling/hedge trimming business. A large amount of rural type traffic passes through the town. They include tractors hauling tillage and spray equipment, trucks carting stock, grain, potatoes and timber, potato and grain harvesters, mechanics, electricians etc. Some of these may well wish to live at Bishopsbourne and have a larger block for their equipment storage.

The area is a pleasant place in which to live, helped by water from the Cressy-Longford Irrigation Scheme, garbage collection, plus attractive views of the beautiful surrounding mountains in the near distance. The growth of the village would be a plus helping to grow the Community.

Approval of the rezoning is hoped for and requested.

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