

From: Jane Oakley-Lohm
Sent: 17 Nov 2020 18:22:35 +1100
To: Planning @ Meander Valley Council
Subject: Blackstone Heights residential changes
Attachments: MV Council Letter.pdf

Please see below and forward onto the relevant people for discussion and consideration.

Kind regards,

Jane Oakley-Lohm

Reference: Representation of questioning the proposed rezoning for development of 500-650 new dwellings in Blackstone Heights

It's my understanding that the Meander Valley Interim Planning Scheme 2013 has changed recently on the 3/2020 and the changes are from a low density to a high density with approx. 500-650 new dwellings in a new residential Blackstone Heights area.

I attended all the meetings held some years ago in the country club villas when the Meander Valley council was bringing some residential changes forth to the residents.

At these meetings I recall that the Blackstone Heights area would continue with large house blocks but the Prospect area would go ahead with smaller blocks. At the time of these meetings I raised each time that I had huge concerns about safety around fire if we still only have one road in and there is more land subdivided in Blackstone Heights

I do want to point out that I do not have a problem with regions changing and new infrastructure being put in place. Changes going forward means that areas such as Blackstone Heights can benefit from these if they are done correctly and safely.

I am disappointed that the Meander Valley Council has not made the residents of Blackstone Heights aware of the new high density changes and therefore we have only been given a small time of frame to reply.

Poor form

It is my believe that once Blackstone Heights changed from rural to residential that drains had to change and there is possibly more changes that need to take place now that Blackstone Heights is looking at High Destiny in some areas.

As a resident I would be interested in what the changes are going to be not to automatically oppose but to choose do I want to stay here or not.

My concerns are:

1. Safety for the residents and homes
2. Wildlife safety
3. Open spaces verses houses
4. Public transport and shelters

My other concerns is what seems to be a hidden agenda from the Meander Valley Council and what does that mean going forward for all the new and old residents of Blackstone Heights?

Should the subdivisions go forward without extra sufficient road access in and out, I would like to know if the council will stand behind their decision should someone lose their home, health or even life, because someone does need to be held responsible seeing I for one has bought this to the councils attention years ago.

Going forward I would like to have more open communication from the council about what is happening in the Blackstone Heights region.

I do object to the high density housing if:

- There is not extra exit roads in and out of Blackstone Heights
- Wildlife safety is not addressed
- Open spaces verses extra housing is not addressed
- Public transport and shelters is not providing a regular service

I do not object to the high density housing if the above is addressed before any properties are sold in the high density area.

I understand changes all take time and money and perhaps the council and the developer can work together to have all the above ready to go at the same time.

I am happy to further discuss this at a council meeting or with the developer at any time. I too have developed a large complex in a new area, which had many considerations to be put in place. It can be done so that the residents are happy with progress.

PS Recently I was over at Arthurs River and the council there has put in wildlife noise activators to alert the wildlife of traffic on the roads.

With thanks

Kind regards,

Jane Oakley-Lohm