

Wylde Willow Garden

Dunedin City Council P.O. Box 5045 Dunedin 9054

Attention: Jennifer Lapham

Governance Support Officer

2G Variation 2 Additional Housing Capacity Hearing 4 - Greenfields ***

Dear Madam,

Please find enclosed our 'up dated' submission in relation to the above.

As per my phone call on the 22nd July, 2022, I have now decided that I would like to speak to my submission, and look forward to receiving further details relating to my attendance. Please note, the following:-

WE STRENUOUSLY OPPOSE THE ABOVE DEVELOPMENT (being 'up stream' from our property)
IN RELATION TO HOUSING DENSITY &
THE NEGATIVE IMPACT IT WOULD
HAVE ON ABBOTSCREEK &
WYLDE WILLOW GARDEN

Thank you for your attention to the above

Yours faithfully

J.M.& R.J Rawling

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*** printing on some maps is very small and not easy to read - so, I assume that GREENFIELDS is the proposed subdivision in Abbotsford, and 'up stream' from Wylde Willow Garden??



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'UP-DATED' SUBMISSION . . .

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Due to the above increased housing density, we have seen significant increases in concentrated water entering the creek - even when some dwellings now have 'retention tanks', which seemingly only work correctly if regularly cleaned out. We have also noticed that erosion of the creek banks is becoming an issue, together with increased pollution, which we spend time 'cleaning up'.

Over the years, we have had regular and cordial contact with both the ORC and DCC, (as we are advised that they have some 'shared authority over waterways') - voicing our grave concerns about flooding. Much correspondence has passed between us, together with some physical visits to our property by staff. Todate, no practical action has been attempted by either council, although we have made some suggestions to try and mitigate/resolve the situation, e.g.:_

* cease further developments, 'up stream'

* to retard erosion, line creek with 'gabions'

* widen/deepen the creek

* divert stormwater pipes to below our property

* divert Abbotscreek to go around our property

* regular creek inspections

* regular maintenance/up grading etc., etc.

TO CONCLUDE . . .

Any increase in housing density 'up stream' would see huge amounts of concentrated stormwater entering the creek, seriously impacting Wylde Willow, a nationally and internationally recognised garden. Together with putting at risk our sewerage, water and fibre connections, and our main entry/exit bridge.

We believe that the possibility of flooding in the area should be of great concern to the authorities, as other dwellings and the DCC sewerage station are in close proximity to Abbotscreek.

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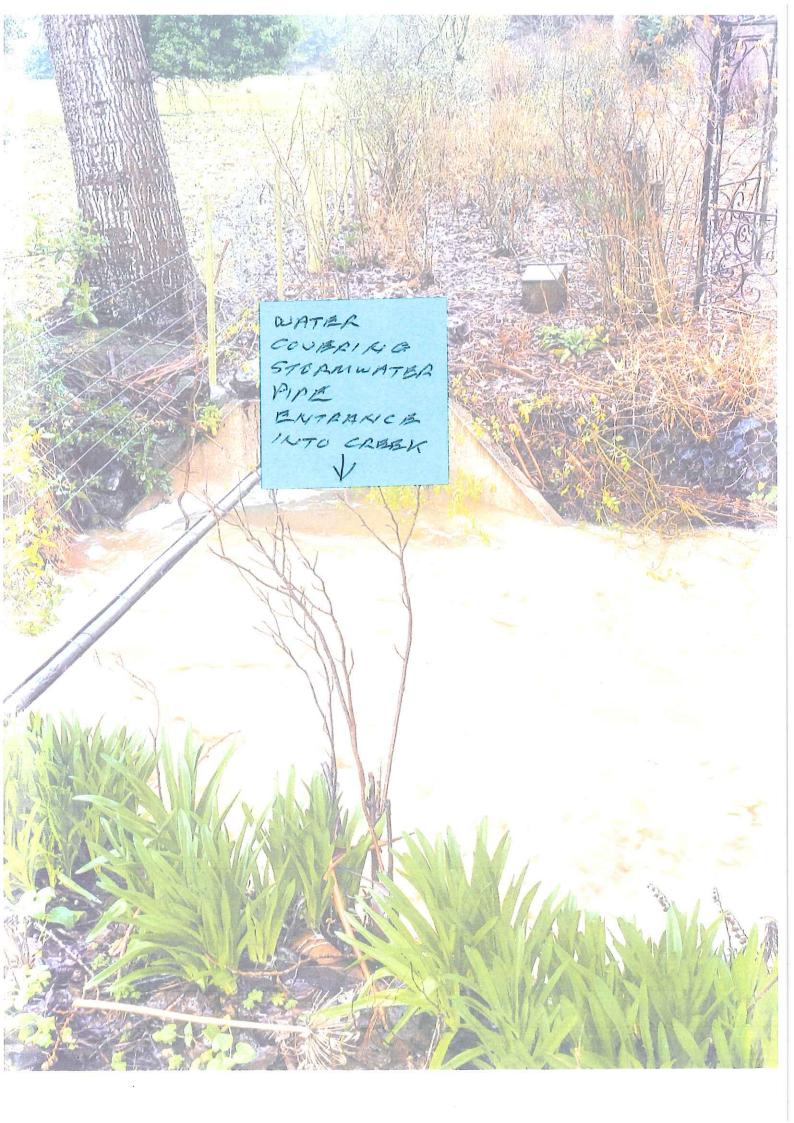
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