

28 September 2022

To: Waipa District Council
By email: districtplan@waipadc.govt.nz

Dear Sir/Madam

Submission on Plan Change 26 on behalf of Summerset Group Holdings Limited

Summerset is one of New Zealand's leading and fastest growing retirement village operators, with more than 6,600 residents living in our village communities. We offer a range of independent living options and care, meaning that as our residents' needs change, we have support and options within the village. Summerset has 35 villages which are either completed or in development, spanning from Whangārei to Dunedin. We employ over 1,800 staff members across our various sites.

Summerset welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback to the Council on its housing intensification plan change to respond to the National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020 and the Resource Management (Enabling Housing Supply and Other Matters) Amendment Act 2021.

The Retirement Villages Association of New Zealand has made a submission on the provisions for zones, which is supported by Summerset. In particular, Summerset supports the inclusion of changes that are provided by the MDRS provision of the Enabling Housing Supply Act. Summerset requests the Council engages constructively with the Retirement Villages Association in relation to Council's housing intensification plan change.

Summerset could not gain advantage in trade competition through this submission. Summerset does wish to be heard in support of its submission. If others are making a similar submission, Summerset would consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "O. Boyd".

Oliver Boyd
National Development Manager