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Christchurch City Council
"Our Community Plan – Christchurch Otautahi"
CHRISTCHURCH 8003

Sirs & Mesdames

CHANGE OF RATING DIFFERENTIAL
PROPERTY ADDRESS, 622 BUCHANANS ROAD
VAL REF: 23510 48600 RTZ 2283331

It was with great concern and not a little surprise that we received your letter of 30 March advising us that you, as a Council, proposed to rate our property overall as residential from July 2004 under the provisions of the Draft District Plan.

On grounds of equity and justice we object strongly to what you are proposing. In 1982, we obtained a Building Permit from both the then Paparua Council and the now Canterbury Regional Council after extensive and expensive negotiations on the strict understanding that the land (excluding the curtilage for gardens) would be used for horticultural purposes.

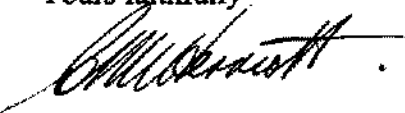
We carried out this commitment to the letter by planting potatoes, cucumbers and pumpkins. In the late 1900's we formed a Family Trust and let out the larger area of our property (which had hitherto been devoted to horticulture) for the agistment of horses for a modest rental. Such a rental does not even meet the cost of regenerating grazing and the maintenance of fences.

Thus, by any standard, the land use determinant that you now propose for rating purposes is met both in the spirit and observance under the conditions imposed on the grant of the Building Permit in 1982 and during our tenure of this property since we assumed occupation of it.

We, therefore, respectfully submit that our property should be exempt from any change in rating designation and remain a Rural Property under the criteria in Sector C(a) shown in your Council's 2005 Draft Community Plan.

We trust that you as a Council, in the interests of fairness and justice, will give sympatric consideration to our submission.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Graham F Herriott', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Graham F Herriott
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