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Attention Darel Hall

Dear Darel

Long Term Council Community Plan

Twenty years ago I purchased the former No 1 Pumping Station at 544 Tuam Street. (originally the first sewerage pumping station in Christchurch). I operate my business, The Pumphouse Demolition Yard from this site.

Over the years I have purchased adjoining properties to this site for future use. I have 3 properties on Olliviers Road and 3 on Mathesons Road giving a solid block of land between the two roads. These properties adjoin the Olliviers Road park on the two boundaries that aren't roads.

We have 6,400 square metres of land zoned business 1 and 4,200 square metres of land zoned L3. Some time ago I invited Kevin Bennet from Council Housing to look at the property with a view to buying it for council housing. He seemed interested in the idea and thought that developing the park and doing a land swap so as to retain a reserve of some size to the north west of my site. He wrote a report but I understand that nothing further has been done about the concept.

I am looking at selling my land at some point in the future and am sure that it is ideal for the city council to consider doing a housing development on the site. It is close to the city and to local amenities such as shopping malls, doctors etc. It is an area with a lot of low income residents and run down housing. A well designed council housing project would give the area a lift and provide affordable housing of a good standard in a needy area.

I invite the city council to look seriously at purchasing this iconic piece of Christchurch's history and use it for a development which would be a benefit to the local community in this part of Christchurch.

I advise that I plan to attend the hearing so I can attend to present my proposal.

Yours faithfully

