

SPEAKING NOTES

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Good Morning. My name is Mike Morris and apart from representing myself I am the President of Fairwood Place West Incorporated. An association of a group of 24 town houses in Aldershot. A very well treed area and property.

I read in the report that the famous Doctor Konijnendijk says I should be able to see at least 3 trees from my home. Well he would no doubt be overjoyed to hear that I can already see 100s in all directions. We are blessed. I trust this blessing will not become a taxable benefit.

I thank you for the opportunity to address this committee for a second time. My previous delegation was in June 2021. I spoke to the draft Bylaw presented at that time. This time the focus is on report # RPF-03-22.

I am here to inform you of my very serious concerns with this report. The Council's clear directive of June 2021 has been ignored. The report effectively annuls the directive and takes us back to where we started.

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Four examples are listed here of major non-compliance with Council's directive.

Mandatory inspection fees, multiple permits, no reduced costs, complex procedures.

Even setting neighbours against each other!

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I note the capping of fees for trees with diameters of greater than 76cm...but at the same time eliminating fee reductions for dying and unhealthy trees. What the report giveth, the report taketh away!

More control.

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What conclusion can be drawn?

If the report is accepted it annuls the Council's crystal clear 2021 directive and invites the Forestry dept to draft a ByLaw on its own terms.

This is abundantly clear.

The first new draft bylaw from 2021 contained draconian terms and gave greatly excessive and totally unwarranted powers to the forestry dept.

If the report is accepted we can safely assume that nothing whatsoever will change.

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What recommendations can be made?

1. SET ASIDE THE REPORT.

2. Require the Forestry department to produce a draft ByLaw that is in strict accordance with the Council's June 2021 directive some 9 months ago!...yes...9 months!...and furthermore require that they adhere strictly to the letter AND the spirit of that directive.

3. 30 more days should be quite sufficient.

As stated last year the Forestry dept could spend its efforts more productively on planting new trees and not harassing us about OUR trees.

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I here listed 3 topics I already addressed last year. I do not need to speak to them again at any length. They speak for themselves.

The Forestry dept.'s plan in their report has zero impact on the Climate Emergency. Its misleading.

The language used is manipulative and inflammatory. Who wants to "injure" a tree?

High density Condo developments and owners are ignored and given a free tree ride. Why?

I thank you for your attention and the opportunity to once again address this committee and I repeat that the report totally ignores and will annul the Council's 2021 directive.

The two cannot co-exist. So which is it to be?

Finally, I echo Councilor Sharman's words which resonated with me at the time and still do (and forgive me councilor if you see any misquote)... Quote <<*People just want to get on with their lives*>> unquote.

Enough Said!

Thank you.