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Dear Mr Keenan

As a local resident for over 65 years and a former President of the Ngaio Progressive Association, I am writing to express my concern about the current application for resource consent for a 17 lot subdivision and multi-unit development at [128 Trelissick Crescent Ngaio](#).

I am aware that this is a non-notified consent and that comments from local residents and concerned people have not been sought.

I am also aware that the developer considers the effects of the planned development are minor. Nothing could be further from the truth.

I have seen the comments made by the Trelissick Park Group and the Ngaio Crofton Downs Residents' Association. I agree with everything that has been stated in those communications.

I walk my dog daily in Trelissick Park. This area is a local, if not national, treasure. It is full of bird life and has thousands of mature trees, many of them planted over the years by local residents. The tracks are in constant use. Any developments on any areas bordering Trelissick Park should be very carefully scrutinised as very steep banks and the crumbly nature of the rock mean there is a high risk of slips (as the present trouble on the Ngaio Gorge Road itself attests). Any run off from hard surfaces such as drives should be avoided; any destruction of trees that bind the soil should be minimised; and any earth-moving at the top of the Park should be disallowed as the "downstream effects" could be catastrophic.

In respect of this last point could you please tell me what is the situation with respect to dumping clay on a private property? In the last few months a lot of clay was dumped at 128 Trelissick Park. What requirements were there to ensure that it doesn't eventually slip into the very steep gorge immediately in front of the property? From the plans it appears that the developer wants to make substantial changes to the topography. In my opinion this would be potentially disastrous for the stream and the narrow gorge below 128 Trelissick Crescent, and the Kaiwharawhara Stream itself which is suffering constant assault from subdivisions – the one at Crofton Downs being the current "offender" as it silts up our precious waterways.

I am sure you are aware that there is a great deal of concern locally about this proposal, and many local residents would have liked the opportunity to make formal submissions on it.

Yours faithfully

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