



Waikare Golf Club

Te Kauwhata (Inc.)

Hearing 10 Residential
Proposed Waikato District Plan
Waikato District Council
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Ngaruawahia

Submitter Number 275 – Waikare Golf Club INC.

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On behalf of the Board and the members I wish to object to the proposed walkway through The golf Course. I attach an aerial of the course and photos of the areas that will be affected .

Photo 3 shows the drive leading up to the course and clubhouse. Please note the cars stretch right down to the gate.

Photo 2 shows the main parking area up by the clubhouse with all parking spaces taken. These photos were taken at the same time. Maximum parking required on our busy tournament days.

It is proposed in the District plan that the walkway will come up the driveway exactly where these cars are parked. Without this parking area the players would need to park outside the gate on Waerenga Road around the gates of the TK college. Obviously this would cause problems for the buses picking the students up as well putting students and families at risk with that amount of traffic.

Photo 1 shows the 10th teeing area where the proposed walkway would go. The area could not be moved for the players as it is very close to the club house building and there is no other area handy for it to be shifted to.

The 10th fairway is not very wide so any land taken would effectively put the hole out of play including the 10th tee which is right on the boundry. There is not sufficient room to form another tee in that area and even if there was it would take thousands of dollars to build another.

Likewise the 11th green right on the boundry with no other place for it to go. A narrow fairway and no green would need to shut that hole down.

17th tee and 16th green would also need to moved. Again no room to move these areas and again many thousands of dollars. There is a large pond in front of the 16th green. Water for this flows from the wetland on our boundry.

16th tee is right on the boundry and would need to be shut down for the proposed walkway.

15th tee block would need to be closed down as well for any proposed walkway.

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Our course is relatively small in land area which means the layout is very tight. With the building developers moving around our boundaries we have looked at how we can change the layout if we were forced to. After consultation from the experts there is no way because of the restricted land area.

If this walkway was to go ahead our course would need to change from an 18 hole course to a 9 hole course and that would cost millions of dollars. Our course is owned by the members who volunteer many hours to keep it the wonderful area it is.

Many of the clubs in TK, Lions, College Netball emergency services get our course free of charge to raise money for their organisations. College students and TK Primary students have coaching programmes running through the year with our volunteers running them.

Our Club rooms would be the main event centre in the area and is used by many people for weddings, funerals, private and public groups for training and social occasions. Every bit of parking we have is used on most occasions. We had over 10,000 rounds of golf played on our course last year (2019). January this year we had over 1,000 rounds played. Our course also host large golf events like the Waikato Masters, Waikato Vets Pennants, Ladies Championship Pennants and more

Please don't touch our course it is very important to the community for both sport and rereation.

Yours Faithfully



Patricia Gutry

President



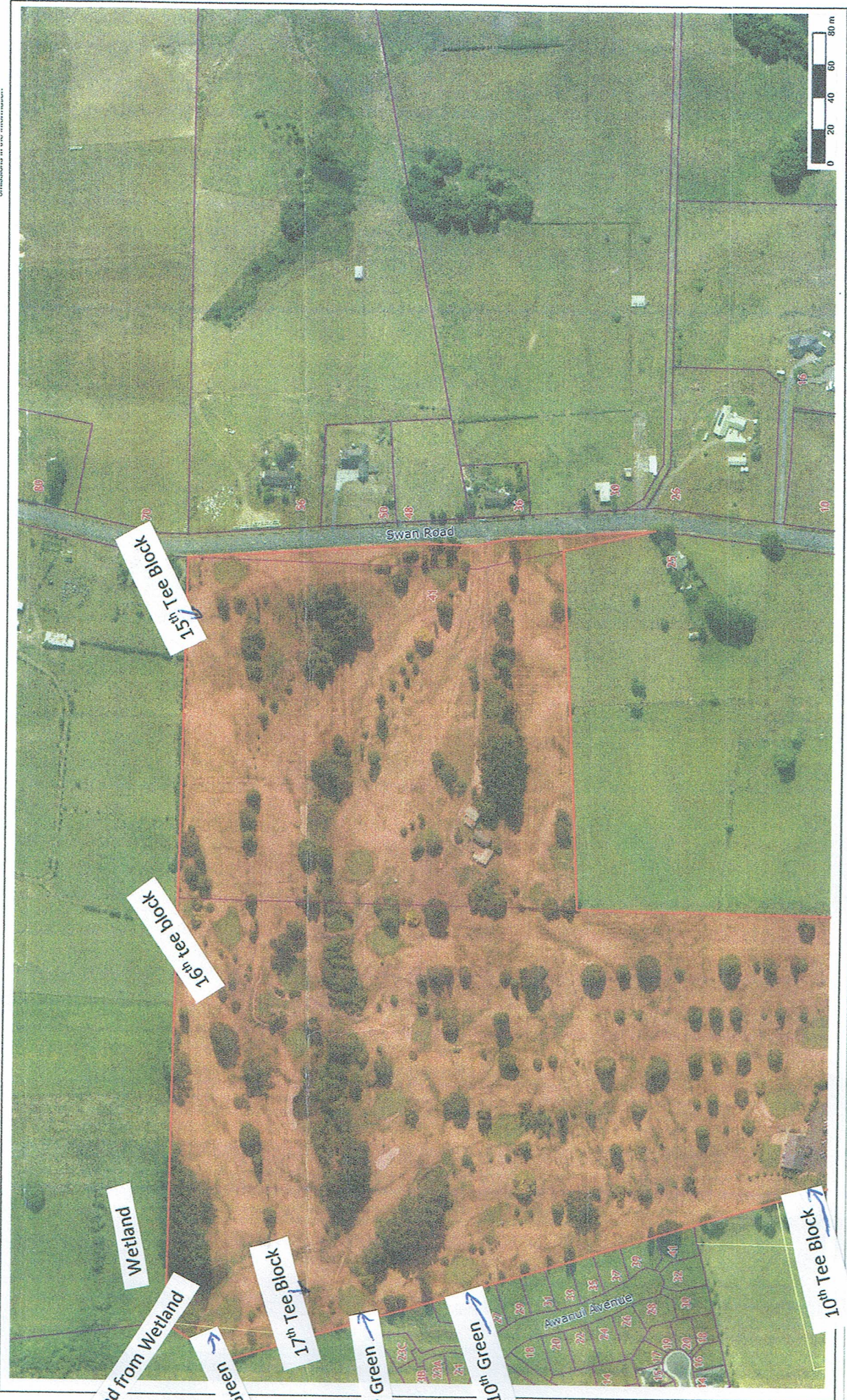
Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3



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