

New Springs Farm

Council Presentation November 2019

Background

We have lived at 243 Pokeno Road for 23 years and have seen Pokeno grow from a rural environment to an urban environment.

We are both professionals and commute to Auckland for work.

Our daughter attended Waikato University and commuted two hours to and from university each day.

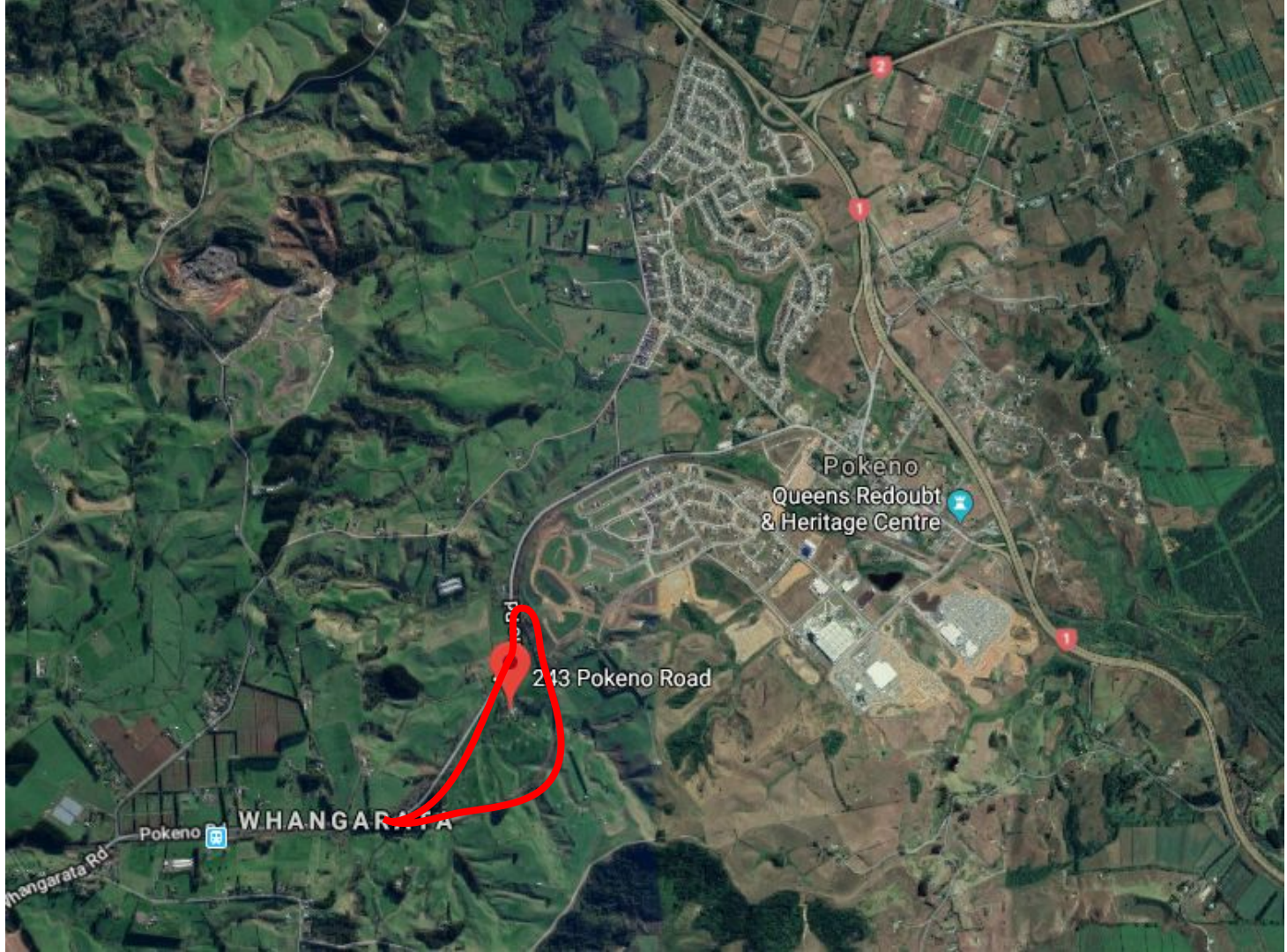
Our 55 acre farm is uniquely positioned. We believe that there are multiple opportunities for development.

Reasons for wanting to be heard.

1. We support the provision of off-road facilities for the vulnerable road users in Pokeno. The pathway is shown on maps as a bridal path and we do wonder at the wisdom of placing this adjacent to the railway line.

"Vision Zero includes creating a more walkable and cyclable city where parents have the confidence to allow their children to run around local streets and be kids. Under Vision Zero, everyone can enjoy access to public transport, or other mobility options and know they'll get home safe."

2. It would be brilliant if there was an opportunity to work close to where we live. Pokeno has the opportunity to be a town where people are not car dependant like they are at present. Some houses have a car in their driveway, many have two and some have 3 cars parked in their driveways. Most commuters it appears are trying to also get onto the motorway and head north.
3. Reverse Sensitivity: This is already an issue for us and will become even more so as housing gradually surrounds our property.
4. Changing Environment We have enjoyed uninterrupted rural views to Mt William in the north and open fields to the east and west with hills to the south. This is now changing and even Council has placed a water tower, which just started to appear one day, to the east from our kitchen window.



Pokeno
Queens Redoubt
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