QUESTIONS ABOUT BERRIMAH FARM

Gerry Wood, Independent Member for Nelson, says a recent proposal to amend the Berrimah Farm Planning Principles and therefore increase the density of housing on the proposed new residential development at the Berrimah Farm site raises some interesting questions.

He says that companies who entered a bid for the contract to develop this site would have done so in the belief that the site had to be developed in accordance with the existing Berrimah Farm Planning Principles which define the type and density of development permitted.

Gerry says that if the Government approves the proposed amendments put forward by the Halikos Group then he believes that the development should go out for tender again as the rules will have changed.

Gerry says that if companies based their costs, which obviously directly affected their tender price, on the original planning scheme but had known that the scheme was going to be changed, they may have put in a different price based on a higher density of development.

Gerry says he doesn’t support the proposed changes as the density of development is far too high but if the Government does support the changes then all previous arrangements should be null and void and a new tender process commence.