



## **SANDSPIT COULD BE THE NEW SUBURBIA**

### **Where would you rather live?**

One assumes that if you currently reside in Sandspit you prefer its quiet, low-density environment to the cheek-by-jowl living of suburbia.

However, all that may be about to change as plans are afoot to halve the current lot sizes of Sandspit from a minimum of 8,000 m<sup>2</sup> (supported by Auckland Council and a recent Environment Court decision) to 4000m<sup>2</sup>.

Since this would allow an increase in subdivided land the move could irredeemably change the character of Sandspit, diminishing its natural landscape and threatening its unprotected bush. Worse still, this new plan has the potential to raise Sandspit's population by 70%, thus increasing the volume of traffic, noise pollution and raising privacy issues. In essence it will destroy the peaceful coastal village we know and love.

But you do have a chance to voice your concerns. Your local environmental watchdog, Sandspit SOS Inc (SSOSI), is working to counter these rule-changes – recommended in the Unitary Plan - by submitting against the revised lot size.

We would like to see a unique **Sandspit Precinct** that will grant us all the opportunity to set our own rules for our community and increase our power to protect and enhance our natural environment.

This would also allow us to negotiate on the **Significant Ecological Areas (SEA)** suggested in the Plan. Although positive in general, new rules under the SEA may restrict the established building rights of private land owners, stripping you of the freedom you currently enjoy to manage your property.

The closing date for submissions is the **end of May** so if you're concerned about aspects of the Unitary Plan and would like to find out more, or if you would like us to speak on your behalf, you can **contact us** at [enquiry@sandspit.org](mailto:enquiry@sandspit.org). We can address your concerns by mail or arrange an informal chat over coffee.

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View the SSOSI submission to the Unitary Plan at <http://www.sandspit.org>

Complete the Sandspit Community Survey at this link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZBTC5RK>.