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Re: pex2024/0005

Dear Rebecca Sio,

I hope this message finds you well. [REDACTED]  
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I am writing to express my strong support for the Harbord Hotel's Planning Proposal. Having reviewed the relevant submissions, I believe this development will bring substantial benefits to the Freshwater community, and I'd like to share a few thoughts on why this project should move forward.

- 1. Opportunities for Young People and Local Musicians:** The Harbord Hotel plays an important role in providing employment opportunities for young people, many of whom secure their first jobs at the bar or in hospitality. Additionally, the hotel serves as a platform for emerging local musicians, giving them a space to perform and grow their careers. Supporting this development will ensure these opportunities continue to be available to our community's youth and creative talent.
- 2. Support for Local Businesses:** As a resident, it's clear that local businesses in Freshwater have been struggling. This development will inject new life into the village, bringing more visitors and revenue to local retailers, cafés, and restaurants, helping them thrive in what is becoming an increasingly competitive market.
- 3. Improved Parking:** The need for more car parking in the area is evident. Currently, pub patrons are utilising limited street parking, which creates congestion for residents. By providing additional parking, the venue can alleviate this strain and open up street spaces for locals and visitors alike.
- 4. Enhanced Local Environment:** The current surface car park detracts from the character of the area and often causes noise disturbances with cars coming and going. By moving this underground, the venue could/would create a quieter, more aesthetically pleasing space for everyone.
- 5. Much-Needed Accommodation:** Short-term accommodation is increasingly necessary in a popular destination like Freshwater. The area already attracts a transient crowd, with options like Airbnb and the long-standing Freshwater Holiday Apartments (established in 1927). If existing accommodations have integrated into the community without issue, I see no reason why Harbord Hotel's proposal would cause any disturbance.

I believe that, beyond just being a hotel, this proposal will enrich Freshwater's vibrancy, support the local economy, and offer practical solutions to existing issues. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Warm regards,

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