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Hi there,

I (Megan Gallagher 021 919 278) wanted to submit my support for a policy that ensures all councils can meet housing needs without forcing people to engage in carbon emitting activities (ICE vehicles, longer commute times, living in areas with poor public transport). I live in an apartment and love it. If more apartments, townhouses are built with a focus on warmth, community and proximity to amenities people will buy them. Please stop encouraging low density greenfield subdivisions in what was once farmers and food production areas.

Utilising legislation to encourage housing density where there are already infrastructure makes the most sense to grow safety and healthy homes. There may well be additional or different policy tools, besides TDM plans, that councils can use to ensure developments aren't private-car-centric. I want to see these provisions strengthened, enhanced, made more sophisticated and more comprehensive rather than diluted. I wish also to see councils' planning, regulatory and consenting teams boosted and upskilled to become more comfortable and confident at doing "density done well" by intensification. This includes supporting co-designed community development for groups wanting to build housing together in non traditional ways.

Thank you,
Megan.