

Normandale Residents Association

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14th April 2007

Dear Ann,

Re proposal for registration of an historic place ref. 22010-022 19th March 2007

We have received a copy of the proposal mentioned above from the Friends of Belmont Regional Park, and note that you are seeking submissions on this proposal.

As the Assessment document notes, the residents of Normandale, and the Normandale Residents Association (NRA), under its previous name of the Normandale Progressive Association (NPA) has had a long and close interest in the maintenance and preservation of the Normandale – Pauatahanui road.

In recent years, the NPA took a lead in ensuring the preservation, when the road was re-aligned and widened, of the associated historical artifact, the horse trough at the top of the initial steep gradient of Normandale Road, and as part of our recognition of 50 years amalgamation with Hutt City, the NRA hopes to erect an interpretation board at this site, and to promote the Old Coach Road (as it is known locally) as part of a walking track network through Normandale.

We are therefore strongly supportive of the proposal to register the bed of the road from the end of the Normandale Road seal to the start of the Belmont road (Judgeford) seal, as an historic place.

We have studied the assessment provided and concur whole heartedly with its conclusions as to the importance of the Road as an example of early New Zealand Road construction, its contextual value to Normandale, and the amenity value it provides.

Yours sincerely

Caroline Dunbar
Secretary, Normandale Residents Association