

My name is Keri Lemaire- Sicre.

With my husband, Roland, we own and operate Ladies Mile Pet Lodge. It was established over 40 years ago by Allan Hunter. Queenstown's first Vet.

We believe the Pet lodge provides an essential service for the Queenstown Community. This has been well established over the 19 years we have owned and operated the Pet Lodge.

Unlike the protection Gibbston Valley has as a Character zone, we have had to work through the resource consent process. Submitting our concerns on each development proposal as it arises. Securing covenants over properties to stop any complaints as a result of living in the vicinity of the Pet Lodge; with the Queenstown Country Club being the most recent.

These covenants "**DO NOT STOP THE REVERSE SENSITIVITY ISSUES**" that will result from people choosing to live next to a Pet Lodge (boarding kennels)

It will not stop the dogs from barking, triggered by domestic activities and or traffic accessing the development. (s)

It will make life very unpleasant for everyone including ourselves and our tenants living on site.

Roland & I work 7 days a week and need calm moments (free from the dogs barking) to work the long hours required to care for the pets.

Our rural location allows us to operate our boarding facility in an ethical manner, which sees each pet cared for according to their individual needs.

Clients who support our boarding service specifically come to us for this care.

We cannot relocate our Pet Lodge.

Our historical right to operate cannot be transferred to another site.

It would be impossible to obtain a more central, sunny, flat position to establish a boarding facility.

Our Resource Consent has very limited conditions.

A very unique situation, given most boarding facilities have conditions that greatly undermine the quality of care they are able to provide to their boarding pets.

E.g.: the use of barking collars and restrictions on the hours that the dogs are exercised and toileted.

Our Kennel facilities are 3 meters from the unformed paper road (on the Queenstown side of our property) and approximately 20 meters from SH6.

Access beside our Pet Lodge to support any development would require a roundabout and road access along this unformed paper road.

This would have a dramatic effect on the health of our boarding dogs. There would not be adequate separation from the Pet Lodge, road and roundabout to protect our boarding dogs from the noise and air pollution from vehicles.

The Minister of Agriculture's code of recommendations Section 4:1 Animal housing for Boarding Establishments. States, "*Boarding animals must be boarded away from any source of noise and pollution that is likely to cause ill health, injury or stress*".

We believe the rezoning of Ladies Mile will destroy the Special character of our Pet lodge.

It will degrade the care we are able to give to our boarding dogs.

It will prevent the Pet Lodge from increasing its boarding capacity as the demand for Pet care increases. And this is inevitable given we are the only Pet Lodge in Queenstown offering this service.

It will favor the business interests of those submitting to change the zoning of Ladies Mile at the expense of our Pet lodge service.

Outcome Sort:

We therefore ask that the zoning on Ladies mile remain as rural general and that all submissions seeking to change the zoning be rejected.

Keri & Roland Lemaire-Sicre
Ladies Mile Pet Lodge