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Please find my attached statement. Can you please take this into consideration when voting on changes. As this is a busy time of year for me I have not had time to organise a petition but you can be sure that it would get lots of support. I am happy to organise one in the holidays to give you an idea of residents feeling. Regards. Michael Bray

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I am writing to you regarding the proposed changes to the zoning in Portland. I have several issues and would like to put them to you in letter form as I have been told that the submission date is now passed. I have made a submission but find that several other issues have not been put forward. I did try talking to one of the staff but on the occasions that I called at the council staff were busy talking to others. I had to purchase a copy of the plan on CD to find out what is occurring.

The proposed change in zoning from village to whatever is just a way of imposing more rules on those already in the village and giving those outside the village more say. I would suggest extending the limits of the village to include those who want a say and charge them normal town rates. One of the reasons many of us moved into the village was to move away from the rules imposed by larger towns. It gave the average worker a chance to buy a first home and bring his kids up in a cheap environment. We really do not want more rules in our village.

This includes the new provisions of 800sm block sizes, a new historical zone and the proposed zoning of businesses

My problems are

I have subdivided a section of my property at 1 Kiln St., using the front as a rental property and the rear as an electrical engineering workshop.

I propose to purchase the unused and overgrown rear section of 51 Ridge St from my neighbour and combine it with the rear section of 51A Ridge St., and build a new home for my family facing onto Burton St.

I am renovating premises in Williewa St. and need to be assured that the new historical rules will not apply to this work in progress.

As all of these items are OK under the present village rules can I be assured that there will be some sort of grandfather clause allowing me to continue using my property in this manner?

My question to you is why do we need to change the zoning from village and why are we including some parts of town in the new historical zone? Most people that I have talked to are against any sort of increase in the way council can force us to do things.