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To whom it may concern,

I have had reason to try and use the Planning and Design Code, and the Atlas, in order to make my submission on a development proposal. I am using an iMac and Safari browser.

The Code document does contain all the information needed, but to extract what you need from the 4917 pages is a daunting task. The index was too difficult to use, and the options of finding "General Neighbourhood Zone" did not work for me.

The Atlas is a very good idea, but again very difficult for me on my Safari system to operate. It would be an excellent tool if it was more user friendly.

My personal experience making a submission to the Council Assessment Panel was very disappointing. There was a definite bias towards the developer. Several local people made submissions based on specific elements of the Code, but were virtually overlooked. The Council rep on the panel should have been a representative of the local people, but she made no effort to understand or support us. The proposal was passed 3 votes to 2. A draft refusal statement put up by one panel member was not even debated. Misleading information was presented by the developer, and Council staff appeared to support the developer. I believe that those who make submissions should be allowed to make comments, or ask questions during the debate time. I believe the whole hearing should be recorded so that any challenge to the outcome can be considered properly. The CAP process and outcome was an example of a poor planning system with no consideration of the opinions of neighbouring property owners.

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