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Please find below my responses to the new Planning and Design Codes.
Thank you for the opportunity to respond.

TREE POLICY

Native Veg- when mature trees are removed there is a change in the eco balance and it means that there are less birds, butterflies, insects, small animals as their habitat is changed. I have noticed this in the time I have been living in Plympton as houses on medium blocks with mature trees and shrubs are removed and replaced with 3 or 4 townhouses and sometimes a small sapling is planted....which may or may not survive.

Is replacing mature trees and shrubs with a few saplings a good enough substitute?

Tree Canopy - the planting of one tree per dwelling sounds good. Should it be AT LEAST one tree, preferably a tree which is appropriate to the area and place. Planting at the rear of a residence is fine if it is not infringing other dwellings nearby.

Decisions regarding tree protections, height, distances from development the key focus should be on raising the bar and having higher expectations for developers and councils with increasing the green canopy and an improved living environment. Local regulation of new builds and development would be mandatory.

INFILL POLICY

While I appreciate the need for infill I think it should be more uniform, even and regulated to a standard that is higher quality and to a standard that we want while taking account of the unique characteristics of local areas and heritage. The State Government could give councils and developers guidance and expectations on what is quality development and strategic planning . Local committees can adapt guidelines and make amendments that suit local conditions.

CAR PARKING POLICY

Despite good transport options in my area people still have 2 if not 3 cars per dwelling. Townhouses, units and apartments have limited carparking on site and so they park in the streets which become very full. This causes problems for fire engines, rubbish trucks and access to properties. It means that sometimes front yards are used instead and paving put down,,,,,,,, adding to the lessening of green space. This will be exacerbated if people take up EV cars which will need charging facilities. Marked street parking places, yearly on street parking permits in your area, fines for incorrect parking, regulation of off street parking development would assist in managing this issue. Councils can continue to encourage bikeways, alternative transport options etc. Future plans for transport could also impact on provision and design of carparking.

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