

## Responses by Jill Day, Peter Gilberd & Malcolm Sparrow to the Northern Ward City Council Candidate Survey 2016

<b>Q. 1.1</b>	<b>What is your position on the WCC adding MDRA zoning to central Newlands to require higher density housing?</b>	
Jill Day	Oppose	As it is currently presented, I have concerns about provisions for open green space, lack of off street parking and building design and I feel that the community needs to set the parameters alongside the council (if it is to proceed).
Peter Gilberd	Oppose	MDRA can affect the privacy, views and sun of neighbouring properties, and is non-notifiable; on the other hand, MDRA could be introduced to greenfield sites, or a very limited central area of the proposed zone, where there is more scope to achieve good design with little effect on neighbours.
Malcolm Sparrow	Oppose	I have already voted against this at Council because of lack of controls over quality developments and non-notification aspects. [Note that re-zoning doesn't "require higher density densing" but simply allows that possibility.]
<b>Q. 1.2</b>	<b>What is your position on the WCC adding MDRA zoning to central Tawa to require higher density housing?</b>	
Jill Day	Oppose	As above. As well as concerns for Tawa with regards to increased flood risk.
Peter Gilberd	Oppose	Due to the different topography and land use from Newlands, there is more scope for MDRA and more public acceptance, but not over the full extent of the proposed zone.
Malcolm Sparrow	Consider	As per my previous answer, I have already voted against this at Council because of lack of controls over quality developments and non-notification aspects, however it should be borne in mind that there is more local support for this possibility in Tawa than there is in Newlands.
<b>Q. 1.3</b>	<b>What is your position on having a rule that MDRA areas of higher density housing must also have adequate space for public parks and playgrounds?</b>	
Jill Day	Support	This is very important for the happiness, health and safety of the community.
Peter Gilberd	Support	
Malcolm Sparrow	Support	This makes sense.
<b>Q. 1.4</b>	<b>What is your position on having a rule that housing developments in MDRA zones that do not comply with MDRA rules for minimum parking, minimum setbacks and/or maximum heights must be subject to public notification?</b>	
Jill Day	Support	Residents need to be assured that the MDRA rules are adhered to.
Peter Gilberd	Support	
Malcolm Sparrow	Support	This also makes sense because community input is important.

<b>Q. 1.5</b>	<b>What is your position on the WCC introducing metered parking onto the streets of Johnsonville, Newlands and/or Tawa?</b>	
Jill Day	Oppose	I would rather see areas where parking time limits are imposed, however current lack of parking spaces would make this unfair for residents.
Peter Gilberd	Oppose	The problem with parking in Johnsonville is that commuter parking is filling up suburban streets; metering would not address solve this issue satisfactorily and would drive commuters from public transport to private vehicles.
Malcolm Sparrow	Oppose	Further time restrictions may be necessary, but I don't support metered parking.
<b>Q. 2.1</b>	<b>What is your position on investment in road and rail public transport into Wellington in response to the rapid expansion of housing development in the Northern suburbs?</b>	
Jill Day	Support	This needs to be a high priority given the anticipated population growth in the Northern Ward.
Peter Gilberd	Support	Public transport will need to be increased to avoid greater delays on private vehicle trips to and from the city.
Malcolm Sparrow	Support	We do need to work with the Regional Council to look at what improvements could to be made, including improving the Johnsonville bus interchange and the possibility of a railway station at Rowells Road in Glenside.
<b>Q. 2.2</b>	<b>What is your position on the WCC putting in peak hour bus lanes along Hutt Road in the next three years to improve public transport?</b>	
Jill Day	Consider	More information on cost and timeframes would need to be known, however this would make public transport by bus more desirable, due to faster transit into the city, so I am very keen to support it (if viable).
Peter Gilberd	Support	Yes, if modelling shows that this will lead to more efficient transport of commuters to the city, overall.
Malcolm Sparrow	Consider	
<b>Q. 2.3</b>	<b>What is your position on WCC acting to mitigate any negative short or long term impact of the proposed Petone-to-Grenada road on the Horokiwi community?</b>	
Jill Day	Support	It's important that the Horokiwi community are consulted throughout the process.
Peter Gilberd	Support	WCC should encourage NZTA to mitigate any negative effects, and act itself if necessary. There may well be some benefits to access for Horokiwi residents, but the community will be physically split by the road.
Malcolm Sparrow	Consider	Cr Lester, candidate Gilbert and I have met with Horokiwi community members to look at the impacts P2G will have on their community because their concerns do need to be addressed, but it may be NZTA - who are responsible for the highway construction - whose role it is to do this, more so than Council's.

<b>Q. 2.4</b>	<b>What is your position on making safety improvements on Middleton Road between Johnsonville and Tawa for cyclists?</b>	
Jill Day	Support	My husband cycled along that road for years and often reported close calls. It's the only commuting roadway for cyclists from the north through to Wellington.
Peter Gilberd	Support	Middleton Road caters poorly for cyclists, and even worse for pedestrians.
Malcolm Sparrow	Support	I have already obtained funding for short-term improvements which will benefit both pedestrians and cyclists using Middleton Road, and one of my medium to long-term goals is to see a comprehensive shared walkway/cycleway put in place along Middleton Road.
<b>Q. 3.1</b>	<b>What is your position on the WCC supporting an upgrade of the Johnsonville Mall?</b>	
Jill Day	Support	We have waited long enough for the mall development and this is a priority of mine.
Peter Gilberd	Support	WCC is supporting the upgrade already.
Malcolm Sparrow	Support	Council is already working with the mall owners to see this happen.
<b>Q. 3.2</b>	<b>What is your position on the Council funding the \$5m to finish the Johnsonville Triangle Road improvements instead of waiting for the Mall re-development contribution?</b>	
Jill Day	Consider	This needs to be worked out in conjunction with Stride, because in the resource consent they agreed to fund part of this therefore we need to have more idea about the timeline for the mall redevelopment before such decisions are made.
Peter Gilberd	Oppose	The ratepayers have made their contribution and should not subsidise the developer
Malcolm Sparrow	Consider	Imposing this on ratepayers would only be a last resort, because my understanding is that the mall owners have agreed to meet this expense.
<b>Q. 4.1</b>	<b>What is your position on the proposal to establish a Community Board for Johnsonville and Newlands?</b>	
Jill Day	Support	I fully support this and see there are many benefits.
Peter Gilberd	Support	
Malcolm Sparrow	Support	I have already given support to this proposal because a "local voice" is an important part of the democratic process.
<b>Q. 5.1</b>	<b>Do you think WCC have any control or influence over affordability of housing? If yes, a sentence to describe what would you have WCC do to increase affordability of housing? Or if no, should WCC seek to obtain such control or influence?</b>	
Jill Day		I think that it's important that the Council does all it can to help influence housing affordability

Peter Gilberd	No – no control	This is largely outside Council's control but Council does need to talk to central Government about measures to address this serious issue.
Malcolm Sparrow		Council has little control over affordability of housing as this is more a central Government issue; Council's best efforts can be made in the provision of social housing.
<b>Q. 5.2</b>	<b>What is your position on the WCC supporting traffic improvements around the Basin Reserve such as by the provision of tunnels?</b>	
Jill Day	Support	I support improving traffic flow through the city by creating a cut and cover tunnel (like the Arras tunnel) at the Basin Reserve.
Peter Gilberd	Support	WCC should support NZTA in achieving an acceptable solution (e.g. cut and cover tunnel like the Arras Tunnel).
Malcolm Sparrow	Support	The sooner we make progress in this area, the better.
<b>Q. 5.3</b>	<b>What is your position on the WCC supporting other traffic and public transport improvements between Johnsonville and the airport such as the second Mt Victoria Tunnel and dedicated bus lanes through the CBD ?</b>	
Jill Day	Support	It is important that WCC supports the improvement of traffic flow into and through the city and ensures that this is done through a balanced approach.
Peter Gilberd	Support	
Malcolm Sparrow	Support	As with my previous answer, the sooner we make progress in this area, the better.
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