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Mrs Mary Garner Secretary, Mapua & District Community Association By email: m.garner@xtra.co.nz

**Dear Mary** 

## Commercial property - 6 Aranui Road, Mapua

Thank you for your letter received by Council on 10 October 2016.

In September 2015, Council distributed to community groups represented at the Mapua Waterfront Advisory group the attached drawing of the precinct. It included two stages for the wharf precinct development. This concept had followed many years of community consultation and professional design concepts and community feedback for the development of this site.

The first stage of the development has been completed and the second stage will be considered by Council, when we work through the 2018-2028 Annual Plan.

The feedback from the community consultation process in 2015 was extremely supportive. The design and outline of this area has been progressed following that positive feedback. It also struck a balance on the growing demands of various interest groups using this location, recognising the need to protect and enhance the open space nature that existed.

Council has recently been contacted by some Mapua residents suggesting loss of greenspace area and expansion of Golden Bear leased space. They have also referred to this as reserve. Both are incorrect.

Council has reconfigured leased space within the overall precinct as per the designs that received community support. This design includes, in amongst other aspects, the provision for Golden Bear to have similar space as previously held before the development. It also provides protection and a small increase of the recreational space within the precinct.

Council has no current plans to reduce this space and recognise the importance to the community, recreational activities and the commercial businesses that share this space.

Could I suggest that in the immediate future you follow up on this issue with Councillor Tim King in the first instance and also the two new ward Councillors, Anne Turley and Dean McNamara?

Yours sincerely

Richard Kempthorne Mayor

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