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*Putting Mt Albert first.*

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Dear Residents Association

As Labour's candidate for Mt Albert I would like to offer my support to the St Lukes Community Association and the residents around the St Lukes Shopping Centre who will be adversely affected by the proposed enlargement.

The proposed private plan change would allow St Lukes to vastly expand its operations. It will negatively impact the local community, increase traffic and congestion and is likely to further undermine local businesses. Most importantly, once the private plan goes through it will likely prevent local residents having a say in the final outcome of commercial development of the area in the coming years.

The St Lukes Community Association and the people of Mt Albert want to preserve their community's distinctive identity. I support them in opposing the private plan change that will exclude their voice and encourage Westfield to work with residents on development that allows the local community's concerns to be met.

My job as a possible future MP is to support my constituents. I believe in building strong local communities and ensuring the community's voice is heard on the decisions that impact them. I will be doing my utmost to support communities. Whether it is the St Lukes Development, Super-city proposal, the Waterview tunnel or development decisions that affect a community, local people should have a say on how their neighbourhood looks and feels.



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Mt Albert is a unique and beautiful part of Auckland and we need to keep it that way.

Best wishes

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