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Dear Sir/Madam

Some time ago we looked at the district plan and wish to comment on what appears to be a proposed walking track around the western side of Fairlie and the cemetery area. The boundaries are very difficult to depict on the maps provided, but it looks like the walking track may be close to our deer farm boundary with the Fairlie township.

We have major concerns if this is a proposed walking track and do not support this idea. Being a deer farm there would be a high risk to the safety of the public, any animals they may be walking, and our farm animals if there is a walk track next to our boundary. Deer are highly spirited animals and get easily disturbed and stressed, especially with the many different smells of the public and their animals. If the public were walking/biking/running etc along our boundary there is a very high chance our deer would become very distressed. During the roar the stags could easily jump the fences and risk public safety and their own. During the fawning months fawns could become distressed, mis-mothered, and run into fences breaking their necks or legs. Any fence would need to be a dog proofed so that they were not a danger to our animals, and any dog that got through the fence would risk getting harmed or killed by the deer themselves.

I apologise that I have not been into the council to find out more detail about the walk track, and indeed I may not have my information about this correct. However, we wanted to put forward our comments before 5pm today in case this is the correct forum to comment.

We look forward to your reply.

Regards

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