## Statement to Hearing Commission re application of Regina Properties Limited, 1-3 Dawson Street, New Plymouth Ref: – NPDC Ref: LUC21/47890

We, **Trevor and Kay Clegg**, lodged a formal submission opposing the above application for resource consent. We now state in evidence before the Hearing Commission as follows:

My wife and myself have been living in the Richmond Estate for some 25yrs.

Our apartment faces north and has a good sunny aspect.

The proposed new apartment at 3 Dawson Street being over 5m higher than the existing allowable height will take away the late sun off our deck and into our lounge.

We absolutely are against loosing this afternoon sun, it's most important to us, as we BBQ and entertain a lot late in the day where the loss of the late sunshine is devastating to say the least.

For the council to say the shading is only minor is insulting to us, every minute of the late sun is so important to us.

We have a view from our deck to the west toward the applicant's site. We can clearly see the top 2-3 metres of the applicants existing building. From our deck we also have a viewshaft to the south of applicant's existing building through to houses on Dawson Street and in the distance can see the upper part of Paritutu and the top of the Power station Chimney.

Into this described view will be imposed the applicant's proposed dwelling. There will be direct line of sight between the applicants lounge and dining areas and from each of the bedrooms of the three-story bedroom wing, to our deck and adjoining living areas and others of the Richmond Estate.

We value our privacy. Having this massive structure peering into our house and deck is just not on. The huge windows will look directly down into our lounge, bedroom and deck areas. This would have a huge effect into our lifestyle. It is so disappointing that the designers have had no regard whatsoever for the privacy of neighbouring residences.

It's sad that the council planner and others take a very onesided view, that of the proposed development, invading people's privacy and blocking out the sun shading in our living areas. Saying it's only minor, which it isn't; it's massive to us.

We strongly object that this apartment is built way over the allowable 10m height. There is plenty of area within the property of 3 Dawson St, for the owners to have this apartment, without building, over 5m higher than the existing building height and causing so much shading and loss of privacy and outlooks.

The personal effects on one's health is another issue which must be taken into consideration. The worry of shading and privacy is huge to us, and we are sure all other owners will feel this way.

By all means build on this property at the height it is today, no higher so we all can live our normal and wonderful inner-city lifestyle.

Trevor and Kay Clegg