

# Proposed Porters Expansion Porters Village

## 1. What kind of Village is being proposed as part of the Porters Expansion?

- The Village would have a wide range of accommodation including backpackers, budget hotel accommodation, up to two boutique hotels; apartments, and chalets.
- There'd be some small retail shops.
- The Village Centre would also look after reception, admin and ski area ticketing.

## 2. How big would the Village be?

- The proposal is for accommodation for up to 3500 people including 200 ski area and village staff.

## 3. Where would the Village be sited?

- The Village would be on the site of the existing staff quarters and adjacent to the Ski Club's Alpine Lodge.
- The Ski Club's own Alpine Lodge would stay as part of the Village.

## 4. What would the Village look like?

- The Village would be distinctively Kiwi, using a Kiwi architect and local landscape architects, and would have respect for the landscape.
- There'd be hot pools for public use, along with public open spaces.

## 5. Who owns the land there?

- The 21 hectares is owned by Porters Ski Area.
- This means apartment and chalet buyers could be issued with their own freehold title like property anywhere else.
- The land was acquired from the Department of Conservation in exchange for land being added to a DOC reserve at Lords Bush, near Springfield for a major conservation project.

## 6. Why not build the Village at Castle Hill?

- There's a strong demand for modern on-mountain accommodation from both New Zealanders and Australians, where people don't have to use a car to drive up and down an access road every day.
- The Village at Porters is slopeside and offers ski-in, ski-out accommodation that would attract more family skiers from Australia and the North Island for holidays.
- The income from the Village would help meet the cost of opening up and extending Porters Ski Area into Crystal Valley for Canterbury skiers.

## 7. What are you going to do with the wastewater and sewage?

- The Porters Village would have an alpine treatment system, used in similar areas such as Jacks Point in Queenstown.
- Disposal would be to land only, and would help support the restoration of an alpine beech forest around the Village and return ski trails.
- Crystal Stream and the part of the Porter River are not within the ski area expansion area, and Porter Stream would be protected.

**8. You say beech trees would be planted, but would they grow?**

- Mountain beech trees are slow-growing, but getting replanting underway early is an important part of restoration.

**9. Would the Village be open all year-round?**

- Yes - it would also be an accommodation centre for families and others wanting to access mountain-biking, walking, fishing and tourist activities in the Castle Hill and Cragieburn Basins.

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