

Objectors call in mediators on Ranfurly redevelopment

Developers and residents clashing over the proposed redevelopment of Ranfurly Veterans House are headed for mediation.

The Ranfurly Trust and Christchurch-based company Retirement Assets were granted resource consent for the Three Kings project after a hearing last July, but three appeals were lodged against it with the Environment Court.

Retirement Assets chief executive Peter Cross says one appellant has since withdrawn their appeal and the remaining two have requested mediation.

Both parties' legal counsel have to report back to the Environment Court by January 30, which will then set a date for the mediation.

The development would involve a new aged care hospital and alterations to the existing Veterans House.

A new retirement village with 177 units and carparking would also be built.

Residents have objected to the height of the development, extra traffic, removal of 53 generally protected trees, and proximity to neighbouring apartments.

Mr Cross says Retirement Assets and the Ranfurly Trust are "pretty comfortable" about addressing the issues arising from the appeals.