
Kensington Park's next stage

The Kensington Park development at Orewa that spelled the ruin of developer Patrick Fontein has new legs.

A plan change initiated under new owner, John Sax (Southpark), will allow for higher densities and lays down design rules for another 670 dwellings

plus commercial and retail buildings and allows for some five-level buildings.

Development manager, Mark Feldmanis, said the plan change would not be operative for some time but Kensington Park would go ahead with seeking resource consents for the next stages.

About 130 homes have been completed, 18 apartments were under construction as well as some homes. The next stage would offer 30 to 50 new dwellings.

"We've been going gangbusters. We sold nine properties in August and have averaged about seven a month during winter."

Prices at Kensington Park range from \$429,000 for a 75sq m one bedroom apartment plus balcony and car park to \$1.2 million for a five bedroom home. Most buyers have come from Auckland and ages range from 35 to 93 but the average age is 59.

— Chris Hutchings
