

# Ambrico Place

## Role Playing Activity - "Exploring and Analysing Values"

This activity can be carried out in groups or as a whole class.

Students are to imagine a new medium density development is being planned for their area. The Council has convened a panel of people involved with Ambrico Place to answer questions from people interested in the new development as potential residents, investors or neighbours. They will represent either a viewpoint of someone concerned with Ambrico Place or someone who is concerned about the new plan.

**The questioners** will be assigned a role e.g. "neighbour", "would-be-resident", "investor", "local retailer".

Each group should make an enlarged copy of this table

Name	What does he/ she want to know?	Why?
Adult		
Child		
Neighbour		
Developer		
Architect		
Body Corp. Manager		
Off-site owner		
Adjoining retailer		

### Ambrico representatives

Each person representing a viewpoint on Ambrico Place will have a role card on which to base their viewpoint.

Give the students time to prepare questions or to get familiar with role cards.

Students should be asked to think about what might have shaped the values of their role. For example neighbours views may be strongly influenced by how the scheme would affect the present enjoyment and future value of their properties.

The teacher or student Chair convenes the meeting and gives questioners a chance to put their questions either generally or to specific respondents who must then respond in accordance with their role.

The time allowed for this activity will vary according to the students to whom it is assigned. Some students may be very keen to get in to role perhaps even dressing up or preparing props. You should at least introduce the concept and allow preparation in one lesson then use a second lesson to carry out the activity.

Follow-up could include writing a letter to the editor as their character

**Adult Resident** I came to New Zealand from an Asian country. I lived in a stand alone house when I first arrived. It feels safer living in a development like this. I like not having to worry about maintenance and being close to shops. We have one child and it is easy for her to get to school. The library and a good gym are also handy. All in all the best thing about Ambrico for me is the convenience.

**Child Resident** I am an eight year old child living in Ambrico Place. Being close to my friends and the park are what I like best. It's a great place to live. I can walk to Lynmall or the library. It's neat living in a new house but sometimes the neighbour complains if I make too much noise with my Play Station. Sometimes they keep me awake when they have a party. The trains are noisy too.