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RE: DA2018/1708 - 195 Sydney Road FAIRLIGHT NSW 2094

Dear Mr Perry,

I write to formally lodge my strong objection to the proposed development at 195-197 Sydney Road Fairlight.

I am also making a complaint about the way in which this Development Application has been made. Previously I understand there was a Development Application for townhouses on this site, which is somewhat in keeping with the residential area. At no point was there obvious public notification that the Development Application had changed significantly to the proposed monstrosity of a boarding house for 126 people. I am therefore concerned that the process has not been above board. I would expect to have received written advice of said development from the developer given the proximity of the development to my residence.

I am a long time Northern Beaches resident and my family has lived in the area since before 1900s. It's fair to say I know the area well. In my opinion, this proposed development is absolutely out of character for the area and in an extremely dangerous location. Fairlight is a very small residential area with high traffic congestion and parking problems at the current time. The proposed development site is on a dangerous corner; to propose constructing a dwelling for 126 people on this site is ridiculous. To be very clear, I have absolutely no issue with the construction of well thought out and planned social and affordable housing; this is neither.

I will also be writing to our State Member for Manly, the NSW Planning Minister and my Federal Member as well to raise my concerns. This is yet another example of poor thought out development which will exacerbate existing challenges as well as bringing new and irreversible ones. I struggle to understand how anyone could approve such plans given the location, existing and future traffic issues, waste management challenges, let alone concerns over the potential for anti-social behaviour (personal safety, safety of my family, potential damage to my residence, drug and alcohol abuse and so on and so forth).

A development of this size, in my opinion, is far too large for any residential area, let alone a tiny suburb like Fairlight, with a one lane road in and out (Sydney Road). I'm also concerned about the size of the development and the extremely large number of people proposed to reside there. The development size suggests that there is less than 14 sq metres per person. Clearly this is ridiculous. Development is a balance between limiting the disruption to an existing community, and the needs of the wider community, including developers. Unfortunately in this case, the proposed development is very clearly skewed in favour of the developer. This is not acceptable to the Fairlight and Greater Manly communities. I cannot in good conscience ever support this proposal in its current form; it would need to be significantly reduced for me to even consider altering my position.

Regards,
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