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Dear Council,
Please find attached our Objection Letter for MOD2023/0716-DA2019/0081.
If you require further information, please do not hesitate to email.
Regards,
Tannis and Peter McDonald

TO: Northern Beaches Council Planning

RE: Objection to MOD2023/0716-DA2019/0081

307 Sydney Road & 12 Boyle Street Balgowlah, NSW 2093

DATE: 22 February 2024

We have objected to this development since its inception in 2018. It was not suitable for our neighbourhood then, and it is still not suitable 6 years later. It is an overdeveloped, bulky plan that is not appropriate for this site.

The original development was knocked back by Council, which the neighbourhood was grateful for. The developer then presented and gained approval from the Land and Environment Court. They basically disregarded the views of Council and the neighbourhood as a whole.

The objections from neighbours are often disregarded as just complaints, NIMBYism or viewed as layman opinions. On the contrary. We live here and should be taken as seriously as any geotechnical or engineers report.

We experience the current site firsthand. We know how peaceful it is, that it has a good mix of units and houses, that there are green spaces surrounded with trees filled with kookaburras and lorikeets. We also understand the limited parking availability, street congestion, waste management and storm water run-off.

Why then do we, the ones who live here and are objecting to this development, feel so frustrated that no one is listening? Who is representing us?

Now we find ourselves going to battle yet again. Since the first DA was presented, some objectors have moved, some have passed away, others are too tired to write another objection. Some neighbours claim they have not even been notified of these modifications. For those of us who can write yet another submission, we feel our efforts are futile and we are intentionally being worn down by the developers.

One another point. For those without a computer skill set, how are they supposed to understand the modifications online? This approach seems unnecessarily complicated.

Council, please take our objections seriously. You are our only voice. You recognised the first time around that this development was not suitable for this area. Please recognise it is still not suitable; no matter how many minor modifications are made.

Regards,

Tannis and Peter McDonald

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