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

I am extremely concerned about the development proposal. I have lived in Brisbane Street for over 30 years and in this time, have not seen any new large developments of this nature in our local area. The intersection of Brisbane St and Sydney Road is already a very busy and dangerous stretch of road. I am an elderly lady in my 80's and it is extremely hard to cross the road anywhere in this 200 mt section, so as to go to the bus stop on the opposite side. Adding more cars to an already busy stretch of road would seem ludicrous. We don't need another 40+ cars trying to enter a driveway at that busy intersection, while other cars are speeding past them. Not to mention that there could be another 40 + cars trying to find parks on the surrounding streets as well. On street parking is already at maximum capacity in our area.

I feel it is totally unacceptable to replace two houses that accommodate probably 10 people with a five storey boarding house (aka backpackers ?) with over 120 people. Even half the number of these proposed apartments would not be manageable at this location. The pictures on the DA would lead us to believe the development is going to be high end apartments. I am sure this is meant to deceive, as these graphics do not look at all like a boarding house with 75 apartments. I am sure the end result will be nothing like this, especially at a budget of under \$12m including excavation and construction costs, the car parking levels and internal fitouts for each apartment etc. ! I can only imagine it will be a quick, cheap and nasty development with no character, that local residents will then have to live with.

The boarding house will also be in an elevated position looking down on Sydney Road, over the tops of the units and houses to the right of it and also over the houses down in Brisbane Street. Due to its elevation the noise from the residences of these 75 apartments and cars coming and going, will carry a great distance and have a negative impact on those residents already living around there.

I fear the only people who will benefit from this boarding house is the owners of the two current properties and the developer - this being purely financial gain on their part, at the expense of all others. Please take into consideration the other couple of hundred people surrounding this development. There is absolutely nothing to be gained by any of them, but unfortunately plenty to be lost if you allow this large development boarding house to go ahead. I am asking you to please keep with the existing area and maintain the present character and heritage of these two beautiful bungalows.