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For the attention of the Chief planning Officer.

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I am a long term resident (18 years) of Church Point and I write to register my objection to the above planning application relating to the extended and reorientated facilities of The Pasadena, Church Point.

My objections are as follows:

1. The facilities around Church Point are already at saturation point and the beauty and tranquility of the area is continually being eroded by the persistent creep of commercial DA's. The area around the site of the DA is a de-facto village square and further encroachment into this space will severely restrict this amenity.
2. Car parking is already (and will continue to be) a major problem and more visitors to Church Point can only further exacerbate this problem. The local car parks are over subscribed and cannot meet the needs of the local community let alone the increased patronage that this proposal will inevitably attract. Council made a major contribution to resolving this problem with the construction of the new car park at Church Point which was great. However, despite receiving many objections from local residents (and Police) at the time, Council still approved the DA for the reopening of the Pasadena even though, the proprietors made no effort whatsoever provide adequate car parking for their patrons. As a result the long term parking problem was not resolved as was hoped and is now almost as bad as it was prior to the new car park being constructed. The proposals put forward by Council at the time in the " Church Point Parking Demand Report" in October 2016, were only ever partially implemented which is extremely unfortunate but many locals (me included) feel that Council let local residents down by not honouring previous commitments to implement them. It would be appropriate for Council to fulfil the terms of this plan before further adding to the parking problem.
3. In addition to parking, the increased patronage that the reopening of the Pasadena has attracted has led to a material deterioration of the public spaces around Church Point (including Thomas Stephens Reserve). It really is time for Council to take stock of the ramifications of granting previous DA's and take responsibility for maintaining the area properly. It will all be too late when the beauty and tranquility of the area has gone. Please take heed of this.
4. The proprietors of the Pasadena have an unfortunate history of continually pushing the boundaries up to and beyond proposed intent. Previous commitments to provide shuttle services for patrons, the encroachment of patrons into public spaces, the commitment to not sell alcohol without food, etc have all gone by the wayside.
5. The proposal impacts the public amenity of the Thomas Stephens Reserve on what is Crown Land with a high heritage value. Furthermore, it will further commercialise public space and reduce public amenity.

Will the Council please reject this Application, it is time for Council to stop any further erosion of the facilities and decline this application.

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