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Subject: Sumission re DA2020/1162

Dear Council,

Thankyou for considering this submission regarding the above DA.

I have two objections to the proposal as it stands. The first is the size of the setback from Wickham lane. The truncated setback doesn't provide enough visibility for drivers exiting the property into the Wickham Lane. This will endanger pedestrians in the lane, including children from the school opposite.

My second objection relates to the removal of native trees. The quality of the area is greatly enhanced by its tree cover. With very few exceptions residents maintain trees on their properties. The trees we maintain add to the general amenity of the land and the whole neighbourhood benefits. It is incumbent on owners to make their contribution to the general environment. The proposed property takes advantage of the trees of its neighbours, the school and surrounding council land without preserving the majority of trees on the property itself. The developer has proposed removing the majority of trees on this land. The arborist distracts us by saying we should preserve trees that aren't actually on the land, including significant trees on the neighbour's land. It is a little difficult for me to be sure about whether a couple of trees are in or out of the boundary, but it looks like they are only preserving 3 of the 20 trees within the boundary of the property. This is not enough.

The developer is profiting from this development at the expense of its neighbours. The residents of the property will enjoy looking out of large windows on the trees maintained by others around them. Clearly if we all followed this example the special character of Avalon would be destroyed. I suggest a greater effort be made to preserve trees in the design.

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