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We appose the development of the former residential area the Harbord Beach Hotel which includes the upper balcony and internal space This DA seeks to create an other outdoor area ,wine bar and music studios.

Our decision is based on the changes that have occurred since the hotel renovations after trading commenced post development of the first DA from the new hotel owners.

NOISE

- 1.Noise from the hotel has increased greatly .This is due to the increased number of patrons now attending this venue.
- 2 .The frequency of undue noise now occurs mid week when residents would have expected a period of regular peace and quiet from the busy weekend trading.
3. As numbers of patrons of the hotel have increased so has the incidences of noise disturbances from those exiting the hotel.
4. Larger numbers of patrons are now exiting the hotel around closing time ,midnight The cumulative effect of large groups gathering from the one exit point -talking loudly,car doors banging ,people shouting farewell and occasional horn tooting ,at the one time period, awakens residents and disturbs sleep.
- 5.The introduction of amplified music both recorded and live was heard inside our homes both days and night. Although it was claimed that was within decibel allowance there is a failure to recognise the closeness of residents homes on all sides of the hotel . Due to consultation with neighbours this has stopped, however an email sent to me contains the phrase ,"for the present time;"It is disappointing that in the current DA is the inclusion of another outdoor area with amplified music.

PARKING AND TRAFFIC

- 1.Parking in the Freshwater basin is scarce . Increased patronage of the hotel has added to the already existing problem.
- 2 .Traffic in all streets has increased significantly over the last two years.
- 3.Traffic survey and report by Colston Budd.....pty failed to identify the impact of the numbers of patrons leaving the hotel at one time, particularly around midnight .As there is no parking available cars picking up patrons , uber and taxis line up and double park along Moore Road ..

MODIFICATION OF EXISTING GLASS PANELLING SURROUNDING EXTERIOR OF OUTSIDE

We totally support the owners attempt to dampen the noise of the existing courtyards .New double glazing of fixed panels with non opening windows plus the acoustic glass encasing of the the sides of the stairwell are welcome steps forward. As the area will still have open sections and fact that noise rises out we can only hope that these modifications soften the noise that is now emitted from these areas .

CONCLUSION

The harbord hotel is in a residential area which is zoned R2 low density .Any intensification of the use in the existing structure is not appropriate

Thanking you John And Helen Walton