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RE: DA2022/0246 - 120 Prince Alfred Parade NEWPORT NSW 2106

Our property is located directly behind the development site (two back). Whilst the proposed building height will take out some of our view (we look directly over it at the water), we understand things change and generally find the development well considered.

However, given the increased building height, we would like to ask that any new plants are limited to 4-5 metres in height at maturity (this will require smaller species than some of those proposed in the DA, such as the Australis Livingstonia). Failing to make this change will add to further and unnecessary view obstruction. The developer has agreed to alter his plans to accommodate this (I have sent this correspondence to the council mailbox).

We would also like to limit hedge heights to those shown in the DA (which is adequate to allow privacy for the new development, whilst retaining some of our views), with council imposing a maximum hedge height so new owners do not let the hedges grow beyond this to block out views in future. Again, the developer has confirmed that he will be altering his plans to accommodate this (I've submitted this correspondence today).

Assuming both points above are addressed, and that the height poles mentioned by another submission are in line with what we are expecting, we support the DA application.

However, like lots of other submissions I can see listed here, the other significant area of concern we have is the fig trees on the council land next to the development. Whilst we note the developer is planning to significantly prune the trees over his property, we believe the trees should be completely removed, not just pruned. Our children use the park regularly and are forced to step onto the road to bypass the large fig tree, and we've seen many others do exactly the same (pushing prams on the road etc) - it's a fast road and it's an accident waiting to happen... and all the residents in the area know this and share the concern.

In addition to this, we are extremely concerned about the stormwater infrastructure right next to these trees (and by the development site) - the trees sit on top of the stormwater pit, and are well known to be invasive - they should have never been planted there in the first place. There has been no tree management plan in place and the trees have now grown to such a substantial size that we are concerned they will cause these facilities to fail, which could then lead to a major landslip issue which many of our houses could be prone to (a concern also echoed by an arborist). Given this is clearly a significant concern for our community we would like to document in writing that should someone get seriously injured (or worse) from having to walk on the road... or if there is a landslip issue due to the figs interfering with the stormwater

facilities, then we feel the council is liable for these potential catastrophes if no action is taken.

We hired an independent level 5 arborist to review the trees on the 21st of March 2021 who believed there is a solid case for their removal, concluding: "they are of no benefit, destructive and too close to the stormwater facilities and the boundary of the 120 Prince Alfred Parade".

We would like council to investigate complete removal of the fig trees, planting something more suitable (natives) and less destructive instead.