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Subject: email submission for objection to DA2019/1260 27-29 Nth Avalon Rd Avalon

To: Northern Beaches Council
Planning & Approval Dept.
12/11/2020

To whom this may concern,

Avalon & the North Avalon Rd residents have come together once again to fight for the rejection of this shamefully inappropriate development that has been badly designed for the care & accommodation of people over the age of 55 years.

I know this development application has been refused before but is now back on the agenda in the shortsighted belief of the developer, that adding underground parking will solve all our objections & allow him to force it through the courts.

This is not the main aspect of the rejection by my husband & myself (& the rest of Avalon residents) but it is the sub-standard of amenities & visual impact the whole DA has on the local community & the proposed tenants to be housed in it.

Over 55's accommodation has very set rules for the needs of people over 55.

Constructing 5 two storey Soviet post war army blocks is in no way the desired outcome the local community & the Northern Beaches Council would want for senior living, in an area of such tranquility & wellbeing.

This DA does not address the lack of close proximity to a safe access to public transport.

The access to the second story dwelling (fortresses) is not conducive to over 55 aged living.

The removal of shade creation existing trees from this block is a scar on our tree studded streets & properties. Also taking shade from the proposed dwellings on the block.

The land owner has already illegally removed most of the trees that were originally stated to be retained & protected – showing that he can't be trusted to follow DA approval request from council. Has the council done anything to impose a ban on any further removal of trees from the site without permit.

The request to cram 10 dwellings into this size of land, with it's ugly visually impact on the neighbours & the local area is understandable, but to follow absolutely no form of quality design that would make this project blend or undulate into the landscape is an affront to the local community.

These are 5 of the ugliest proposed buildings plonked onto a leafy suburban block I have ever seen in the whole the peninsula. There has to be some form of quality control in the types & designs of over 55's dwelling that can be inflicted on quiet local neighbourhoods in our council area. This is not on the main road in Mona Vale, Dee Why & Brookvale shopping strips & industrial areas. **It's a quiet leafy neighbourhood.**

Also, one main question : how is he going to solve the natural water spring/channel, that runs straight through the middle of these 2 blocks & what is their flooding impact on the additional underground car parking proposal he hopes will get this AD through the courts. That could be very dangerous for elderly people to manage getting to & from their parked cars, let alone the damage & possible drownings.

Please just take a quick glance at the drawings of these proposed 5 two storey unit blocks & convince me that they are in keeping with anything our community should have dumped into the backyard of our tranquil, world renowned community landscape.

This DA does not support the SEPP 5 rules & needs of elderly people 55 & over. It is a proposed gaol, blight on the landscape & unsafe for over 55's.

I hope the courts & council have the good sense to send them back to the drawing boards by refusing & design something in keeping with the local environment & the real needs for the elderly it is proposed for – good & smart design that considers all these needs will go a long way to get this project off the ground.

Yours sincerely
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