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To: Development Assessment Team.

Attention: Lashta Haidan, Planner

Dear Sir/Madam,

My wife and I owned and lived in a house in Frenchs Forest from 1995 until we sold recently, and brought up our family in the area during that period. We are Frenchs Forest people who equally care about the area as those who are objecting to the development.

We are in support of the Jardin development and we think many of the objections we have read are based on inaccuracies and a misunderstanding of the development. We would ask the Council to check the accuracy of many of these claims as part of the assessment process.

The Jardin development is not an aged care facility or retirement home. It's an active lifestyle strata development which suits people over 55 who choose to move out of their large house in the suburb and move into more manageable independent living accommodation (apartments), and participate in a community of people at a similar stage in their life, without having to leave the area where they have developed their network of friends and social activities, and where some of their family may continue to reside. Our understanding is that all people in the community have equal rights, whether they be over 55 or not, or whether they live in a house or an apartment.

The development is also well located in terms of proximity to public transport, shops and health services to assist over 55's age-in-place over their next 20-30 years. People who are objecting to this type of development should consider how difficult it will be for those who stay in their home in Frenchs Forest into their 80's and beyond, to manage the home, and eventually have to move out at a time when they are ill prepared to do so. It's too hard then. Many of the older residents still living in their home (big house) in the suburb have health issues, or lose a partner, or become isolated in their own home without support around them.

In our case, we are retired and our children have grown up and left home. Our 4 bedroom house (and pool) was bought by a young family with children which will be better suited to the house than us, and they will participate in the local schools, sporting clubs, and other community activities, which is great. But the choices that retirees and empty nesters face who still have an active lifestyle but who want to downsize in the Frenchs Forest area, are very limited, and if forced to move out of the area then issues of accommodation suitability and price affordability often arise.

The development doesn't significantly increase traffic to the area, and when taken in the context of the overall state planning overlays and strategic development plans for the greater area for the next 10 years or more, it is a flawed argument about the net traffic caused specifically by Jardin.

We have bought into the development and we have been impressed by the amount of time and effort the Jardin team have been devoting to developing the social connections and networks of people who have chosen to move into the development. There have been a lot of interesting activities undertaken to build a sense of community amongst the future residents of Jardin. This is something that is not immediately apparent when you read the hard documents of the application but it's a tangible benefit created by Jardin, and should be considered by Council as part of Council's role to bring people and communities together.

Finally, as we have bought an apartment in the approved Stage 1 of the development we will be actually living the closest to the proposed Stage 2 development (currently seeking consent), in comparison to the houses on the north side of Frenchs Forest Rd, and we accept that there will be construction for approximately a year or so after we move in, but we are assuming that the conditions of any approved DA would include reasonable conditions of approval that address noise, dust, and other constructions related activities. Therefore we strongly support the earliest approval of REV2021/0045 so that the developer can start the basement and other construction activities as soon as possible.

Regards,

Paul & Janette Clark

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