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RE: DA2018/1708 - 195 Sydney Road FAIRLIGHT NSW 2094

Hello,

I have been living in Fairlight for several years as a home owner and I am STRONGLY OPPOSED to the proposed boarding house development.

I have inspected the plans and read the information, and frankly I'm shocked that a proposal like this could even be entertained in Fairlight, as it contradicts everything that this suburb is celebrated for. Fairlight is venerated for its beautiful federation homes, old world aesthetic, sleepy town vibe and low density living, and a big modern boarding house on the main will disrupt this and completely devalue the suburb. These sorts of developments suit places like Dee Why or Dulwich Hill as there are already similar structures, but certainly not Fairlight. The council must consider how a development like this will degrade the aesthetic and ethos of a suburb that prides itself on having avoided such monstrosities for 165 years.

On a practical level, I plan to raise my family in Fairlight and worry immensely about safety if this proposal were to proceed; unfortunately cheaper living quarters like a boarding house inevitably engenders compromised safety. Another key issue is parking - already it's difficult to find a park near my apartment block on Sydney Road, and this development will render it utterly impossible. Sydney Road is already such a busy road, and the increased traffic, noise and loss of parking will make it an awful place to live. Not to mention the loss of two beautiful old federation houses, which is one of the key assets of Fairlight - visitors to the area always comment on how charming and undisrupted the housing is in Fairlight. Sydney Road is the 'face' of Fairlight, given it's the main entry road into the suburb, and this big ugly modern building thus degrades the aesthetic of the entire suburb.

Fairlight is full of family homes and beautiful old apartment blocks, with a very high median property value. Consequently the demographic is that of families and young professionals. A 74-room boarding house does not, in any way, fit in with this aesthetic or demographic. It sticks out like a sore thumb, and if it were to go ahead it would be yet another example of money and profit speaking louder than the community.

This development might be very profitable for the developer (and those involved), but it comes at the cost of all of those loyal surrounding home owners and residents who chose Fairlight for its unparalleled charm. There are very few suburbs in Sydney as desirable as Fairlight. This may only be one development, but allowing such a big monstrosity in a suburb that has been so beautifully preserved and curated for almost two centuries sends a message to other developers, and thereby signifies the beginning of Fairlight's downfall.

It is painfully obvious that such a development should not go ahead, and I sincerely hope that it

will not be allowed so that our suburb can continue to maintain its integrity and appeal. Please don't allow it to be passed.

Regards,
Elli