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Please find our submission for consideration on the above Development Application.

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Dear Sir/Madam

Application No REV2021/0045 – Jardin Development, 5 Skyline Place, Frenchs Forest

We have lived in the Forest for over 50 years and worked here 20+ years, raised and educated our children. It would be fair to say we are familiar with the area and have seen much change, both good and bad.

We purchased an off-the-plan Jardin apartment because it offered a much better lifestyle option than relocating to a “for-profit” retirement village in the area. The Jardin development provides many social and community benefits for its occupants, which are not feasible in limited other forms of housing.

The community acceptance of the Jardin option is well founded in that all apartments in Stage 1 were sold in record time. We believe that Stage 2, if approved, would also sell out in short time. Whilst not yet on the market, there is a large waiting list of prospective buyers.

Many purchasers of Jardin currently live in the area. The sale of current homes will bring new opportunity to house new, younger families in the area.

It was obvious from the outset that there would be a new development on the site when it was subdivided into two blocks. We envisaged a development similar to the stage under construction. We objected strongly to the developer’s proposed 12-storey tower as being totally inappropriate for the area and this was correctly refused by Council and the Planning Panel. The revised DA now sits at a height of just 2.4m above the approved development which the land fall accounts for.

One poses the question of the Northern Beaches Council – if they were so opposed to the development on this site, why did they not finish the matter in the court and stop the development before it got to this point?

Many dubious comments have been made as to dirt, dust, parking, out-of-hours construction at the current site. We have physically tracked on-site construction from excavation to current level, on late afternoons, Saturdays and Sundays and have not seen claimed breaches at any time over the past 12 months.

The proposed new development will be totally hidden/shielded/protected by the existing Jardin building under construction. Tree preservation has been observed and, I believe, there has been no illegal logging.

The proposed landscaping plans submitted can only be regarded as a great improvement to the streetscape of the area and the view of the site from Frenchs Forest Road.

With regard to parking and traffic, the Jardin development as proposed, when finished, provides excellent off-street parking for the complex, for both residents and businesses. Over 55s will not be generating a constant traffic stream. Already Skyline Place serves several commercial sites that have container and truck movements. As the entry/exit points to Frenchs Forest Road, this does not appear to be an issue. If it is, than traffic lights could be synchronized with those at Romford Road.

The exiting commercial buildings on site are typical of small warehouse distribution operations. They do not employ many people. The proposed development under consideration will offer far greater employment opportunities for local and Northern Beaches residents.

As CEO and founder of a company I set up national business located in Rodborough Road and then Aquatic Drive. The 150 employees who worked for our company at that site were from all over Greater Sydney and the Central Coast.

The height reduction means that the proposed development will not be visible from residents north of the site. The new buildings have a low exposed north aspect, each covering approximately 24% of the site width. The most impact and disruption will be to the people who have already purchased in the Jardin that is now under construction.

All residents of the Forest area, near and far, have been impacted by the Hospital and roadwork construction over several years, some more than others. With the go-ahead for Frenchs Forest Town Centre there will be more major construction work scheduled in the area for the next 20 years. We all have to learn to live and harmonise with it as the population grows and needs change.

The revised DA REV2021/0045 should now be supported and approved as it marks sound sense and brings many community benefits.

Peter & Ann Jarman

2nd February 2022