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Subject: Le Jardin Stage 2 application no REV2021/0045, 5 Skyline Place, French's Forest

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Please find attached a letter in support of this application

1 February 2022
40 Mathews St
Davidson NSW 2085

Development Assessment Team

For the attention of Lashta Haidan, Planner Northern Beaches Council

**Re Le Jardin Stage 2 application no REV2021/0045
5 Skyline Place, French's Forest**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have lived in the French's Forest and Davidson districts since 1957. Whilst my longevity in the suburb doesn't give me a louder or more significant voice in this matter, I can offer some perspective on changes that have occurred over this time.

I grew up here, chose to raise my family here and love the area. I have been looking to downsize for some time, while staying in this neighbourhood which is my home. The alternative is to move to an unfamiliar area without the social connections that have developed over decades. When I saw the Le Jardin stage 1 display, I very quickly put down my holding deposit.

I have seen a lot of changes over the years. There was no Forestway shops, Forest or Davidson High Schools, nor police station. There was little or no public transport and the bridge across Roseville River was one lane in each direction with constant traffic jams.

As people have moved into the area, we have seen these services improve and more young families choose to raise their families here. I would not propose to block other people from sharing in these advances, nor impede their progress. I chose to build my family home here too, raise my family and share a love of bush and beach. It is time for another young family to use our home. We are grateful for the extra services that have developed over the years, such as faster access to the city and Chatswood and more regular public transport.

What has been missing is a downsizing option for people like my husband and me. On our wish list was single level, close to transport and shops (yes, we will have to put up with more traffic noise for the convenience), strata title and lift access. I see many people in our area living in their family homes and who will be searching for their next stage options now or soon.

Platino has designed such an option. They are proposing an intergenerational living for people like us no longer willing or able to maintain family home properties. We have had many activities with the other residents of Stage 1 facilitated by Platino and designed to create a good sense of community. By including shops and other facilities in the site, they hope to encourage more members of the wider community to the precinct. We also intend to continue our active lifestyle including involvement in local activity, contributing to support groups, cycling, walking, swimming and golf.

I fully endorse their stage 2 project with height limits in keeping with our area. It will add a lovely plaza, more gardens, shops and extra facilities for residents and the community. Thereby completing their vision which was created as a response to the researched needs of people like myself.

I thank you for your attention,

Dianne Brissett