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RE: DA2019/1260 - 29 North Avalon Road AVALON BEACH NSW 2107

In regards to DA2019/1260:27-29 North Avalon Road, we feel deeply saddened, but also outraged with the amended plans that have been lodged before the Land and Environment Court, after the developer won an appeal to lodge a new set of plans. Unfortunately, this developer has NOT listened to ANY of the objections and concerns previously raised not only by us, the community, or by Northern Beaches Council.

These amended plans now INCLUDE an UNDERGROUND CARPARK for 22 cars! These amended plans propose even FURTHER destruction of our native vegetation now located on PUBLIC SPACE, with the removal of 3 established banksia trees and 3 bottlebrush trees.

These trees located on the council reserve in front of 21 and 23 North Avalon Road, are proposed to be cut down in order to construct a 1.5m footpath running down from the front of the site down to Tasman Road. This new footpath will be constructed extremely close to the few remaining large canopy trees left on the council reserve directly in front of the site, therefore further placing their continued survival at high risk.

If the developer thinks these new amendments are an IMPROVEMENT to this already hugely OVER-DEVELOPED site, he is completely mistaken and absolutely WRONG!!

No ammendments have been made AT ALL to change or improve the bulk and scale of this development, or improve or change the overall character of this development. This developer has actually made it even WORSE!!!! We didn't think this could be possible!

A local builder and a local excavator have both estimated a total of 400 semi-trailer trucks will be needed to remove the soil for the construction of this underground basement carpark, along with a total of 175-200 concrete trucks needed to build the foundations and basement area.

This is unbelievable and incomprehensible!!!!

The construction of this development will take approximately a 2 year timeframe to build, having a DRAMATIC and DETRIMENTAL impact on our beautiful North Avalon area that we all treasure and LOVE.

These heavy vehicle trucks will dramatically INCREASE traffic, noise, pollution and greenhouse emissions as they constantly drive back and forth day-in and day-out from the site. These large trucks, particularly concrete mixers, will sit noisily idling outside the site and in neighbouring streets, well BEFORE 7AM, waiting to start punctuality at 7AM on site. This is exactly what happened during the construction of the "Drift" Seniors Development in

Binburra Avenue, according to the many nearby neighbours that were directly affected and impacted by this development.

These large heavy vehicles will need to loop around Binburra/Milga/Watkins or either Tasman/Marine Parade, turning left at the beach carpark outside Barrenjoey High School in order to access the site. These are all NARROW, quiet residential streets. The impact from this additional underground carpark will be IMMENSE, creating increased traffic to our already overloaded local residential streets. This will cause major disruptions to traffic flow in the WHOLE neighbourhood.

These streets DO NOT cope now!!!

Again this important issue HAS NOT been addressed.

The construction of this underground carpark along with the high volume of heavy vehicle trucks needed, will create a road safety nightmare!!

Hundreds of school children cross these local residential roads each day en-route to school, specifically students from Barrenjoey High School, Avalon Primary School and the two nearby local Pre-schools.

It will only be a matter of time before there is a serious accident!! There has already been an accident outside Bear'n'Joey Preschool located in North Avalon Road, where a primary school student was hit by a car while riding his bike home from school.

This significant SAFETY issue has NOT BEEN ADDRESSED in the amended plans.

The developer has again demonstrated that he is NOT willing to budge from the construction of 10 apartments/townhouses.

He DOES NOT value our native fauna and flora with 46 trees being destroyed, 23 being protected established canopy trees.

This developer is again demonstrating that he doesn't care about the sheer bulk and scale of this development, and doesn't care how out of character this development STILL IS for North Avalon.

Obviously this out-of-area developer just "DOESN'T GET" what is so SPECIAL about North Avalon and why we all choose to live here, which is clearly evident with these new "amended" plans.

Sadly, he is interested in ONE thing, to make a quick buck, then move onto the next, leaving us, the residents left to pick up the pieces.

Therefore, nothing has changed, so our family are STILL STRONGLY opposed to this development and implore the Land and Environment Court to listen to us and outrightly REJECT this development.

This development is definitely NOT IN THE COMMUNITY INTEREST and will set a dangerous precedent, changing our little village FOREVER!!!

*I have just been informed that a RETIREMENT VILLAGE has recently been approved to be built halfway along Central Road Avalon on two residential blocks, together with another development of apartments located at 3 Central Road and the corner of Wickham Lane, behind the Ambulance Station directly opposite Maria Regina Primary School.

This development has also been approved.

WHEN WILL IT STOP????

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!!

Regards

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