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Attention of Elle Peedom

Dear Ms Peedom,

This submission is made in relation to the Development Application 2021/2602 which is currently listed as 'Under Assessment'.

We are the owners of the residence at 9 Trevor Road, Newport which adjoins the northern boundary of the subject property. We wish to state our formal objection to the proposed works at the subject property due to concerns about there already being inadequate drainage to manage and contain surface water which flows onto the property. The property naturally slopes down the lowest point on the northern boundary. There is an existing large hard surface area (comprising of a tennis court) which contributes to the drainage issues, with there being a single drain situated at the north western corner of the tennis court and a further exposed drain channel running along the fence line. On a number of occasions in the past, the existing drainage has not been able to contain water during periods of heavy rain leaving the water to flow into our property as well as the properties on either side of our residence.

Most recently, our residence was inundated on 8 March 2022 from a surge of water flowing from the subject property, with flooding to a vast area of our property including throughout the inside of the premises causing significant damage throughout. There was also flooding to the neighbouring property (5 Trevor Road). There have been other occasions where our property has been inundated following periods of heavy rain which has previously been brought to the attention of the owners of the subject property.

Upon inspecting the subject property during the flooding episode on 8 March, we observed what appeared to be a brick retaining wall situated on the edge of the tennis court had collapsed due to the surge of water flowing from the subject property. We are both retirees and found this particular incident to be a harrowing experience as we tried to stop the water from entering our residence. The sheer volume and force of the surge of water encountered meant that there could be nothing done to prevent our property from being inundated with water. Copies of photographs taken of the flooding and damage to our property as well as the adjoining property and the damaged retaining wall at the subject property are attached.

Having recently learned of the further works that are being proposed to be undertaken to the subject property, we are extremely concerned that this will only contribute further to the existing drainage issues and may cause an even greater amount of water to flow in the direction of our property and the adjoining property. There are risks that the pool may overflow in heavy downpours and the further hard surfaces being proposed will inevitably increase the amount of surface water and likely cause additional water run off towards the northern boundary of the property.

We hope that Council will give serious consideration to the issues raised above in determining the current Application. As part of any decision to approve the planned works, Council is asked to ensure that there are adequate controls in place to ensure that there is no greater risk of flooding being caused to any of the adjoining properties and that improvements are made to better manage and contain water that flows onto and away from the subject property.

Kind regards,

David West  
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