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Development DA2022/0145 - impact on Stony Range

Our Stony Range Community Committee met the Northern Sydney Planning Panel yesterday, Wednesday 12th July at 10am, to make representations regarding the very large 8 and 5 story buildings being planned on our northern border and would like to stress that we feel very let down by the Council regarding the application process, and we ask for a thorough (& quick) investigation of the following questions. We should stress that their investigations should look at what should be best practice as well as what is required legally.

As Stony Range is the most significant neighbour to the development, why weren't we included in the initial community consultation programme before the 1st Panel meeting in May last year?

We understand that Council informed 468 residents about the development at that time. This resulted in either two or three submissions. Is this a normal response rate? If not, was there anything lacking in the process undertaken, particularly for such a large development?

As this is a large development which impacts a significant community asset used by the whole Northern Beaches and beyond, why was the consultation limited to a small part of Dee Why Town Centre & not broadened substantially?

Why did the Council section which manages us (now called Parks & Recreation) not ensure we were kept fully informed of the application's progress once they became aware of it?

Why was the 1st contact from Council Planner's Stony Range only three weeks before the 12 July meeting & gave us only two days to make a submission?

Why was a group of part-time volunteers with no experience in major planning matters left to represent this significant Council property with no expert guidance?

The demolition & building will create noise that will disrupt organised activities in Stony Range. - we do not want this to happen!

Why was the LEP written so it allows such tall buildings on the northern boundary of a Botanic Garden? Wasn't there any Parks & Recreation input to developing to LEP?

This development will seriously affect parking for our visitors and volunteers as was evidenced last year when the first building was constructed on the corner of Delmar Pde and Pittwater Road, with our small parking area being filled with construction workers leading to visitors and volunteers being turned away. We do not want this to happen again

Please address all our grievances.

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Hon Secretary

Stony Range Regional Botanic Garden