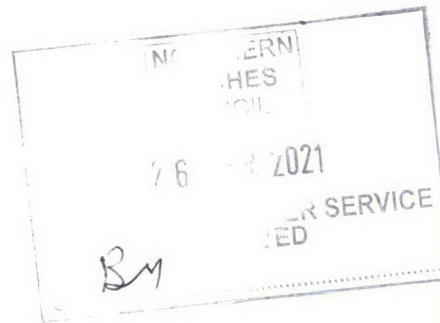


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Northern Beaches Council

725 Pittwater Road

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Attention: Development Assessment

Anne-Maree Young CC: Anna Williams and Peter Robinson

Re Modification No: MOD2021/0160 - DA2019/1173 - 3 Berith Street Wheeler Heights 2097

Although some modifications have been accepted by Northern Beaches Council it still does not alter the fact that the residents of Berith Street Wheeler Heights purchased our homes in a low density housing area (which it still is) for the specific reasons that owning a home on a large leafy block gives. Privacy, lovely gardens, plenty of sunshine and daylight and in my case the view from my north facing windows and the feeling that we had moved to a great area. I have been living here for 29 Years and some of the neighbours for over 40 Years. Now we have had to contend with not a neighbor who would love to live here but someone only interested in how much money they can make and take away all the things that we value.

In the Senior Living Policy Guidelines for Infill Development it suggests to build favouring the use of the northern aspect. What a slap in the face for me.

The local builder Frank Wherle built this home at 5 Berith Street Wheeler Heights with large windows facing north to take advantage of the sunlight, daylight, privacy and views of the northern escarpment. During the winter months this is most welcome. Now I am told that it is okay for someone to come in and take it all away from me. Just ask me what I think of that, and the other residents of the street who also don't want a block of units built in Berith Street.

#### **Guidelines for Senior Living Policy**

##### **Impact on Neighbours – To retain neighbours views and outlook.**

Is this going to happen **NO**

**To reduce the apparent bulk of development on neighbouring Properties.**

Is this going to happen **NO**

##### **Impact on Streetscape - New Infill developments need to achieve an harmonious fit with existing streetscape.**

Is this going to happen **NO It's Totally Unacceptable**

The very large increase in traffic and parking issues have grown over the last 5 Years because of the changes at RSL Vets in Veterans Parade.

According to RSL Vets website I Quote "Anzac Village over 700 homes plus 67 Units in Lantana Avenue now complete for independent senior residents maintaining an active lifestyle all over 55's are welcome, you don't have to be a war veteran." The Senior Living dwellings for over 55's that have been built at the War Vets are not taken into account by the Council when advising how many dwellings have been built in the area. The council is well aware that they have been built as they have to be approved by Northern Beaches Council. Quite a lot of these residents have 2 cars. A true picture of the traffic issues is not being taken because the Senior Living dwellings are not being included in the figures. Ask anyone living here trying to use Rose Avenue and Veterans Parade and the Shopping Centre on Veterans Parade. It's ludicrous to say the least. We are still being saturated with overdevelopment in our area.

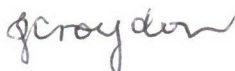
Are the adjacent and nearby properties going to be affected as in the recent cases at Bondi and Crows Nest where deep excavations caused the cracking and collapsing of the adjacent property into the deep excavation. Nice to come home and find out part of your home that you love and have worked hard to obtain is now laying in an excavation site next door. If I were at home when it happened I could end up in there myself. The precedent has already been set at Bondi and Crows Nest. I have been told that the noise and the dust caused by the jack hammering is unbelievable. It gets into everything, even in closed cupboards. I am sure that anyone who was in the same situation as me would feel exactly the same. How damaging to my health and well being.

My husband and I worked very hard to purchase our lovely home in Berith Street in April 1992 and never for one moment did we envisage that this would happen as we don't live in a unit area nor do I wish to.

I have friends who suggested to me that perhaps I should sell. I would never do that because I wouldn't want my neighbours to put up with the stress that this unsightly overdevelopment has caused. I'm quite sure it would attract the attention of a developer.

The entire length of Berith Street is a School Zone, I fear for the safety of the Primary School Children as 3 Berith Street is only 4 houses away from the back gate. Pick Up time is bedlam for parking, it is often difficult to get into our own drives.

Yours Sincerely



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