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Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to register my dismay at receiving the Notice of Proposed development through the post today. I live at 19 Boyle Street, a Californian bungalow built around 1928 with beautiful features which will never be replicated again. We have just finished a significant renovation, painstakingly staying true to the age and integrity of the building. Indeed the house was sold to us by the former owner because we didn't want to knock it down.

After the proposals by the former developer for the site of 12 Boyle Street and 307 Sydney Road fell through, the street quietly hoped that by some miracle the federation style house at Number 12 Boyle Street would not be bull-dozed and we would not have a hideous carbuncle forced upon us by a second developer.

How wrong we all were

My complaints focus around three main facts,

1. The street scape of Balgowlah is changing rapidly. Older style houses are regularly bulldozed to make way for non-descript blocks or multiple houses squeezed onto said sites. Boyle Street already has a good mix of apartment blocks and free standing houses but that is also changing in favour of the former.

By the time the council and the locals truly lament the loss of the character and interesting street scape which makes up Balgowlah, it will be too late. The face of Balgowlah will be changed forever. Older style Federation, PO and Californian bungalow properties will be gone. I acknowledge that the P & O property on the site will be saved which is a plus, but only because it is heritage protected unlike most of the older housing in the area, which needs to be

2. The style of the proposed building is ugly with little integrity for the road in which it sits. It resembles a cross between a fire station and a public toilet. Others have said a shipping container. Number 12 is a classic looking house which will still look good in 100 years time. The new development will not.

3. The parking is already difficult in this street. Residents regularly struggle to find parking. We also have the constant issue of ignorant visiting drivers constantly taking up two spaces making it tricky to park for those of us that live here. People park here to go to the beach, walk the foreshore, North Harbour reserve, Sydney Rd shops etc. Weekends are especially bad.

Boyle Street is used as a fast cut through from Sydney Road through to Lauderdale Avenue. Speeding drivers make it dangerous for those of us that live here when trying to exit driveways because of the lack of visibility with the parked cars and steep parts of the road.

Now we will have more cars in the street as the number of dwellings increases, together with the number of trades and visitors.

I believe the council justly knocked the development back before we came to live here four years ago restoring faith that council listens to community Then it was taken to the Court of Land and Environment by the developer and approved despite huge opposition from the residents

It is all about developers making money Simple

Having written to council before along with many others in this street, I am hoping that we will be heard.

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