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Dr. Peter Stanley.
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To whom it may concern,

Opposition to Proposed McDonald's Construction - DA2025/0132

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am writing to formally express my opposition to the proposed construction of a McDonald's restaurant at 37 Roseberry St Balgowlah. While I understand the desire for economic development, the negative consequences of this project far outweigh any potential benefits. The establishment of a McDonald's in this area would significantly impact our community's safety, environmental health, and overall quality of life.

The most pressing concern is the increase in traffic congestion. The influx of vehicles will strain our roads, leading to more accidents, longer commute times, and increased risks for pedestrians and cyclists. Fast-food drive-thrus attract a high volume of cars, many of which may idle for long periods, further contributing to air pollution and traffic hazards.

Additionally, this development will bring noise, air, and light pollution. The restaurant's 24/7 operations—or even late-night service—will introduce constant noise from car engines, honking, and drive-thru speakers. The additional emissions from idling vehicles and cooking fumes will degrade air quality, affecting residents' health. Bright signage and parking lot lighting will contribute to light pollution, disrupting the natural nighttime environment and affecting nearby homes.

Safety and crime are also serious concerns. Fast-food establishments often attract loitering, vandalism, and an increase in petty crimes. Increased foot traffic at all hours can make the area more susceptible to disturbances, impacting both businesses and residents.

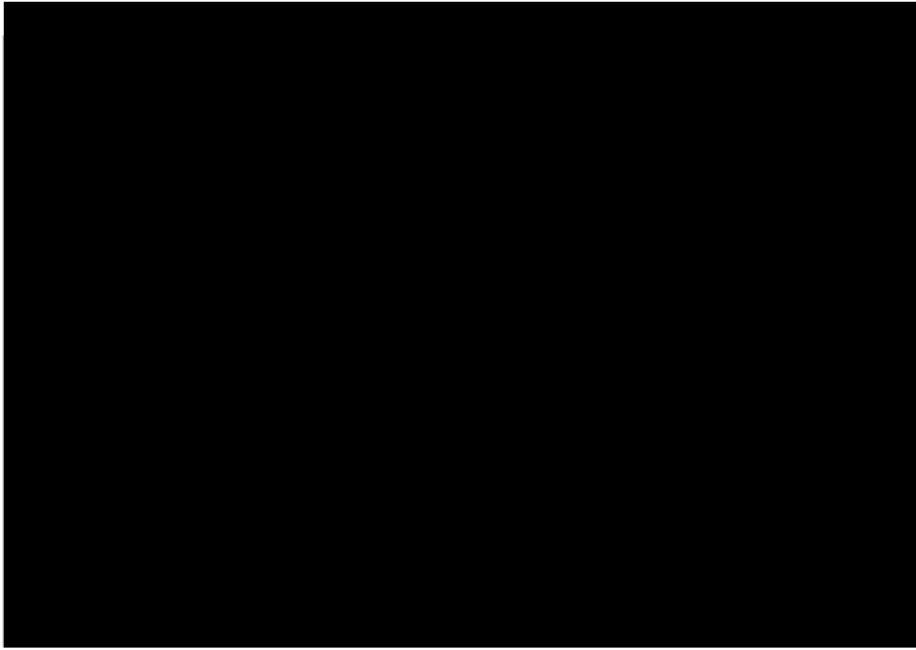
Another major issue is flood risk. If this site is paved over to accommodate a parking lot, the reduction in green space will increase runoff, overwhelming local drainage systems and exacerbating flooding issues that already affect the area.

Furthermore, the risk of attracting vermin and garbage pollution cannot be ignored. Fast-food restaurants generate large amounts of waste, often leading to litter on sidewalks and streets. The smell of discarded food and garbage bins will inevitably attract rodents and pests, creating a public health hazard.

For these reasons, and of course changing the face of our community, I strongly urge you to reconsider approving this development. The long-term consequences will negatively affect our neighborhood's character, environment, and public safety. Instead, I encourage the council to support projects that promote sustainability and enhance community well-being.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I hope you will take the concerns of local residents into account before making a final decision.

Sincerely,



Dr. Peter Stanley