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RE: DA2018/0149 - 60 Binalong Avenue ALLAMBIE HEIGHTS NSW 2100

I wish to register my strong disapproval to the proposed development at 60 Binalong Avenue, Allambie Heights which is directly across the road from my home.

I have read a few of the submissions made on line with regards to this development and agree with the spirit of their concerns. I am grateful that my fellow neighbours are much more able to put a case together than I am. Despite this, I still wish to make my voice heard and stand with them on this matter against this DA on the following grounds:

PRIVACY

My home is directly opposite. My privacy will be strongly encroached upon as this is a multi-storey building and not a house as all the other buildings in this area are. My bedroom will be able to be viewed from the 12 studios directly across from me and what I have of a private yard and pool area will no longer be private. Should I charge viewing fees? This grieves me greatly. Seems unfair that they only have an audience of one while I have an audience of 12. NOT!

Another issue for me personally regarding privacy is that in the past, since we are a bit of a 'fishbowl' house being below street level on the Jennifer Ave side of our home, we have had problems with people parking cars in Jennifer Ave and taking advantage of open windows into all our bedrooms to watch. In the past we have had to chase off a person enjoying a view of my daughter's room. We have since made sure of course that we now close our blinds and installed exterior blinds to stop this from recurring. We do not enjoy people parking on the rear side of our house and looking in. An extra potential 50 cars in the area will no doubt have us suffering this sort of distress once again. Please leave our streets alone. I don't want more cars in this area.

PARKING

On-street parking in our area is currently quite accessible; but with 36 units going on one property this will put an end to this. Already we personally suffer from a rather nasty blind spot when backing out of our driveway. If someone is parked on the lower side of the street directly in front of us, we cannot see any oncoming traffic up Binalong Ave. This has become a concern over the last few years with the increase in cars in our street. The problem is the same for our neighbour. Residents in the little cul-de-sac off Binalong Ave just down from us park their cars/vans and trucks in our street already and cause great havoc at times. On-Street parking will be severely diminished and potentially cause access difficulties for properties around.

ACCESS

Allambie is a distinctive suburb being originally made available for veterans from the war. When our home was first built, Binalong Ave did not even meet up with Jennifer Ave. But things change. However, Allambie Road has never changed. There is one main access into Allambie and one access out. This unique feature makes Allambie a safe suburb but also a dangerous suburb in the case of bush fires. We have Manly Dam on one side and bushland on the other. If all residents had to evacuate at once, traffic would be horrendous. Adding population to an already burgeoning suburb would just add to the problems.

BOARDING HOUSES

Why Boarding Houses? Why not one house. Boarding House? Seriously? Studio apartments with little to no parking. If we are to supply low cost housing to the community through these boarding houses, why two in Allambie? Why not share them around the suburbs instead of turning a low density residential area into a medium density area and creating a precedence and taking advantage of Allambie's large building blocks. Will Allambie become the new Dee Why? If this low cost housing has to go ahead then I suggest that the 'love' be shared around and not all dumped in one ill-equipped suburb - no matter which suburb that ends up being.

LONELINESS

People rarely consider the impact of this type of housing on the human psyche. 36 single people. Some might be couples. Stranded. No car. I'm sorry but I just see a bunch of lonely people separated from their families and this style of planning just adds to this problem.

TRANSPORT

I have lived in Allambie for 34 years. There has never been a time that I could say that we have been well serviced by public transport. The fact is Allambie is poorly serviced by public transport. It has been at times non-existent. Buses that turn up at odd times or better still, not at all. Forget about getting home late in the evening or on weekends. It doesn't happen. A brisk walk up the hill at 10pm is what we do here in Allambie. So, if your boarding house tenants don't have a car, they probably won't have a job. What an endearing prospect.

The above points are my concerns regarding 60 Binalong. Most of the above also applies for the other Boarding House DA near Allambie Shops. I can't imagine the chaos that would cause on that round about and the access to the shops.

Anyway, these are my concerns regarding this particular DA and the deceptive way that this has been presented. I'm sure council already knows that we are vehemently against these DA's. Sometimes our reasons for not having something in "our back yard" is not particularly convincing, but to us these issues are. The whole process is deceptive and out of character for our area.

Please count this submission as a definite NO. WE DON'T WANT 'BOARDING HOUSES' IN ALLAMBIE.

Thank you
Regine & Chris Cope

