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General Manager  
Pittwater Council

I refer to the amendment for DA N0267/13/S96/3

I object to the proposed landscape plans in the S96/3 amendment for the following reasons.

At the main entrance/exit road from Macpherson St to the ARV Village, on its Eastern side, the Landscape Plan in the original DA N0267/13 had two rows of trees. The inside row of Tristanopsis has now been removed in the Sec96/3 amendment presumably because there is insufficient space for the planting. This is a consequence of very poor design of the original site plan for the residences and the solution of removing a line of trees is not acceptable.. ARV has created a quality Village at Warriewood Brook and poor Landscaping at the main entrance/exit to the Village reduces that quality to ordinary.

The original landscape plan also had under planting of Viburnum and Acmena. This has also been removed leaving only space for a grass verge.

The removal of the trees and under planting results in a very bare entrance to the Village and does not give the residents in the Stage 5 Villas privacy from the Clubhouse Units which overlook, nor from pedestrian traffic on the concrete path.

The trees now chosen by Sec96/3 amendment for the outside row of trees is Angophora Constanta. It is an unsuitable tree for this area, as the branches of the trees will overhang the residences and the concrete path. In the article from Australian National Botanic Gardens (*see Jacobs, M.R, Growth Habits of the Eucalypts, Timber and Forestry Bureau*) Angophora Constanta is mentioned as an unsuitable tree near residences because it has the habit of dropping branches resulting in a danger to residences and to people underneath. It has the common name of Widow Maker. (*See Downing, Macquarie University, Dept. of Biological Sciences/ Angophora Constanta*). Pittwater Council would be ill advised to approve the Sec 96/3 amendment with a tree with a known accident risk when there are alternative trees with no such risk

My suggestion to solve these problems is as follows.

Redesign the car parking on the eastern side of the entrance/exit road to restore the original design of Parallel Parking, which existed when Stages 1 to 3 was completed. Parallel Parking will allow the concrete path to move west. The benefit would be more room for landscaping which allows the restoration of the two lines of trees and the under planting. This is an acceptable solution as it improves the entrance/exit and gives residents better privacy. It restores quality to the Warriewood Brook.

The current parking of 90 degrees is unacceptable anyway as the cars are too close to the villa residences, about one to two metres. Only the width of the

concrete path in one case. To permit rear to the kerb parking will allow fumes to blow into the residences through open windows. There will be a danger of poor health to some residents; namely respiratory and cancerous illness. (*See the human effects of vehicle exhaust/Environment Human Health Inc., EHHI.org*) To avoid this the parking would need to be restricted to front to kerb, which can create problems of cars exiting by reversing into traffic. Restoration of parallel parking solves these problems as the residences would now be three to four metres from the cars and the exhaust fumes of vehicles would no longer blow into the windows of the residences because the fumes now blow North.

The outside row of trees should be Pyrus U instead of Angophora Constanta, as the former does not drop branches. It is a more suitable tree for the area and was the choice of the Landscape Plan in the original DA N0267/13. Pyrus U is a more attractive tree for the entrance/exit.

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