

I oppose the village renewal project for a number of reasons:

It is very out of character with the surrounding neighbourhood, mostly attractive single storey homes, who will be very impacted with increased traffic and local parking problems e.g. at the local Augusta shopping centre where it is often impossible to find a parking space now, as up to 1600 basement and at grade parking spaces are planned. The noise and emissions will also affect the residents of the village, who doubtless envisage a life of quiet and pristine air in their later years.

This development will affect the quality of life for existing and new residents of the village. There would be less sunshine and more shade in an unattractive concrete jungle. Those in the high rise buildings, up to eight storeys, would be most affected if they have mobility problems, which greatly increase with ageing. Emergency evacuations such as for fire would be more hazardous. The village even now does not cater for door to door transport within the village for those who suddenly find themselves with mobility problems - they could be very isolated. Being squeezed into a multi storey unit means living in close proximity to many other residents - that's less privacy and peace of mind for someone older and more vulnerable.

Let's make the happiness and welfare of the aged our top priority, not ill - considered buildings to solve the government's housing problems.

I agree that the village would benefit from a renewal in many aspects, but certainly not in the project planned and I am most concerned and oppose it.