

Luke Murtas - RE: MP10_0057 - Project Application for residential development

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To Luke Murtas,

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my grave concerns about the proposed application for the large scale residential development at 132-138 Killeaton Street , St Ives.

I live with my family on Shannon Street just off Killeaton Street. My children go to the local school and I am a regular runner with my dogs. We know the roads and area well.

My concerns are:

Traffic concerns:

- Because drivers are unable to turn right on Killeaton Street to travel north along Mona Vale Rd, they have to travel around the back roads of Killeaton Street and either turn right on to Mona Vale via Douglas Street or Woodbury Str. This will increase the traffic through the back roads significantly. The issues are:
 1. There is a very sharp corner down Killeaton Street just before the Acron Oval which is dangerous
 2. The part of the road on Killeaton Street past the Acron Oval is a single lane run down road
 3. The acron Oval is used all the time by residents, people walking their dogs daily and particularly in the weekend for kids sports. Cars park on both sides of the road and there are certainly times where only one car can drive at a time with cars banked up. It'll be really dangerous with children, pets and animals with additional traffic congestion. There are safety issues now as it is.
 4. Currently drivers chosing to turn right onto Mona Vale via Douglas street have to wait for drivers coming along Mona Vale turning right and they are slowing down from driving 60kms an hour. When Mona Vale Rd is busy e.g. 7.30 – 10am and 3 – 7pm at nights it is very difficult to turn right onto it. If you get it wrong you have 3 lanes of traffic coming at 60kms an hour on both sides of the road. Because there's no lights at that point on Mona Vale the traffic is travelling at 60kms.
 5. The other option for drivers will be to turn onto Mona Vale via Woodbury Rd. This will mean increasing the traffic driving past St Ives Park Primary School.
- If the residents in this proposed new site want to head into town then rather than make a difficult turn left and through a set of lights they will turn down Yarranbung Rd behind the back of school and take the first right to join up to the Eastern Artrial Road. The streets that join up all along Yarranbung had a number of blind spots e.g. Catherine Street
- If residents do turn on to Mona Vale to go to the St Ives Shopping Mall, it makes it very hard when the traffic is heavy e.g. e.g. 7.30 – 10am and 3 – 7pm to get across 3 lines in to the right hand side lanes to be able to turn right through 3 lights. If drivers need to get across at the first set of lights to be able to turn right on to Burns road then it's very very difficult. To increase the traffic who will absolutely be needing to get to these places, there will be accidents.
- There is a Jewish Synagogue on the other side of the proposed sight and there are a number of people walking there every day until late at nights. There are no footpaths on Killeaton Street or any of the surrounding back streets. If you increase the traffic then you make it more dangerous.
- Particularly in the weekend there is cars parked on both sides of the road of Killeaton outside of the

proposed site down to Mona Vale. I don't actually see how it's possible to fit more visitor carparks on the road.

- With cars turning south from Mona Vale on to Killeaton there is a really dangerous spot with the zebra crossing on a blind sharp corner. If you are stepping out from the side opposite the proposed side on to Killeaton cars turning don't see you until the last moment. Particularly as cars are coming from a speed of 60kms. I'm amazed there hasn't been an accident there.

Noise concerns: One of the attractions of buying in this area and specifically on this street off Killeaton is because of the quietness. With this proposed development and increased traffic it will spoil the peace and quiet that we currently have.

Height concerns: there are no other buildings that come even close to what is proposed with a five storey apartments. It will be an eye sore standing out

Design concerns: the design is not integrated in our local environment. All the residential houses are of a high standard with large houses and individually large sections. There are no apartments at all on the street. It's extreme to go from 0 apartments to 5 storey block with 298 apartments on the street!

Environmental: The street backs on to our wonderful Kurangi National Park. There is a lot of wildlife around which with increased high density population and traffic on this street is going to have an impact.

This proposed high density apartments will have a negative impact on the lives and properties of the immediate and wider neighbours.

In summary, we are extremely opposed to the proposed high density development application.

We are very happy to talk too or provide further objections if required.

Yours sincerely

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