

To the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure,

This is a formal submission of objection to 'Shop Top Housing - 96 Anzac Avenue, West Ryde'. I am writing to formally submit my sincerest and strongest objection to the proposed development at 96 Anzac Avenue, West Ryde. As a long-term Ryde resident who has immediate family and close friends residing on Herbert Street, I have a significant stake in the future of this precinct.

My objection is based on the following critical concerns regarding community safety, local character, and infrastructure:

- **Impact on Community Safety:** The proposed scale and nature of this project pose a significant risk to the safety of the surrounding environment. This area is a hub for young families, featuring childcare facilities, parks, and healthcare services. I am deeply concerned that the development will compromise the secure, family-friendly atmosphere that residents - including elderly citizens or retirees and young children - currently rely on.

- **Erosion of Local Identity:** West Ryde has a distinct, established culture built over decades. It is a beautiful place I call home with a quiet, safe and friendly atmosphere. This proposal appears to disregard that local identity. As a resident for several decades, I believe it is the responsibility of the Department to preserve and nurture existing communities rather than introducing developments that fundamentally clash with their character. This proposed project does exactly that and should not by any means go ahead.

- **Personal and Residential Security:** The prospect of this development creates a palpable sense of unease for myself, my family, and my friends. The daily routines we currently enjoy (such as local walks or visiting local grocers by public transport) would be overshadowed by concerns for our personal safety should this project proceed in its current form. I for one, as a father and husband in his 60s who would like to spend quality time with family in Ryde, would not like to see the demise of West Ryde in the headspace of being a retiree. To say the least, that would be very disheartening to experience after so many years of working.

The expense of the safety and well-being of the existing community should not be jeopardised. I urge the Department to explore alternative options that do not jeopardise the integrity of our neighbourhood.

I respectfully request that you take these concerns into serious consideration and move to withdraw and reconsider this proposal in Ryde as a whole. West Ryde is a safe, thriving community, and it is imperative that it remains so for future generations.

Thank you for your time and for considering the merits of this submission.

Note to Planning Officer: I request that my name and personal details be withheld from all public-facing platforms, including the list of submitters published on the NSW Planning Portal.

