

After that it seemed the housing shortage was the conversation raised by everyone I met. It was not many people, but they all had similar reactions, and it made me think that I was starting to understand the urgency to provide new housing.

Experience has taught me that the need to provide more housing for a major city can't be done by building housing on every empty site that comes your way. In Castlecrag, the 11 to 13-story building proposed by SSD-90134958 seems to be driven to provide the maximum housing units possible. The images submitted as the proposed building shows it will be a glaring mistake that will represent Castlecrag forever, no doubt with a sarcastic moniker used to reference the building.

On the other hand, there is an already approved DA scheme. Although it provides fewer new living units, the scale of the building appears close enough to the scale of the neighborhood that it won't cause public rioting.

As has been said by many, throughout the decades of its existence Castlecrag has been an inspiration to architects, landscape architects, city planners, artists, designers, historians, and many others who seek a place that assures them that suburban life can be peaceful, beautiful, and unique. It should be, and has been, a model for new residential developments, not providing a rubber stamp for design specifics, but as an inspiration to find the opportunity to live life in a wonderful place.

Seeing, experiencing, and teaching the works of great architects has taught me that when you are presented with what seems to be an insolvable design challenge, it is an opportunity to create something that solves the problems through a unique approach. I can't help but think that there is a solution to the state's housing crisis, one that will enhance the special beauty of the state's towns, open lands, and impressive architecture and public spaces. A solution that doesn't require chucking out building codes and community participation bit by bit. Surely there are solutions that don't provide needed housing only one bed at a time.

Maybe there is opportunity to create a satellite community in a place that is considered unusable for anything. If you find it, I recommend that you consider it as the jackpot. You should also remember and be inspired by the Griffins, who turned the bush into the Shangri-La that is Castlecrag.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tannys Langdon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tannys" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Langdon".

Tannys Langdon