

From the online information available I understand that the developers are only planning to keep the level of noise coming from the new entertainment centre and the event deck to the legal minimum requirement.

The online information about the sound proofing for the entertainment centre is far too technical for nearby residents to comprehend how it will affect them, making it impossible to object to noise or to accept the level of noise coming from the building. I object to the current level of soundproofing if the noise is not fully contained within the building.

I am surprised that the event deck has been placed so close to a residential building, I feel that it shows disregard for local residents since the potential for noise coming from this structure is huge: maximum capacity 5000 people, normal capacity up to 2500 people. Because of the potential for major noise disturbance, I strongly object to the number of days that the event deck is available for use throughout the year during evening hours. Other than the six major annual events, the event deck noise should be restricted to not after 7pm at all other times, out of respect for people living nearby. Having an increase in noise levels during evening hours is going to have a huge impact on residents's stress levels and will drive away many owner occupiers, thus increasing the amount of short lets on our complex (people who are not interested in maintaining the building or making this their home).

Bar and event deck: We have enough bars in this area already. People need to be encouraged away from alcohol into healthier, more constructive past times. I would much rather have seen a sports hall here which is viewable to the public from outdoors on the east and west sides, with public viewing galleries indoors, thus encouraging the public to be more involved in pastimes such as trampolining, gymnastics, fencing, martial arts, and archery. We have so many students living in the city centre, we need to be able to provide more healthy outlets for people who live in the city centre (instead of more gyms).

I hope that the new entertainment centre will have improved seating that has more room for dancing and improved (indoor) acoustics, since it was an appalling set up at the old entertainment centre. Who would have thought that you could go to a James Brown concert and not have room to dance and to top that have the people sat down behind you complain that they could not see because you got up to dance. Live rock and pop music is to be danced to, not to be taken sat down. Even James Brown tried to encourage people to stand up, poor man, it was embarrassing: only a few very self-conscious people stood up and there was only room to shuffle around near one's seat. I gave up going to the current entertainment centre because people view bands sat down and the acoustics are dreadful.

I would like to suggest that the new exhibition centre incorporates a vertical hanging garden into the wall that backs onto Darling Drive so that residents are looking at dense greenery which blocks their view of the city instead of a huge wall. It means more imagination, work and planning, but it will show some respect for the well-being of city residents by making it a better structure to live next to. Please consider this. Just doing the legal minimum amount required isn't good enough. Make yourself happy by giving back to the community at the same time by designing people-friendly structures.

The form I filled to make my comments online had three choices for me to pick: I object to it, I support it or I am just providing comments. I support some of it while I object to various aspects of it which have the potential to reduce the quality of life for local residents, so rather than say that I am just providing comments which is vague in terms of how my submission will be processed, I have chosen to say, I object, in the hope that my concerns will be (seriously) taken into consideration by the planning department. The impression I get from people living in my area is that what we have to say will make little difference to the plans already in place. I am still hopeful that this is not the case and that the planning department really does work with the local community to work towards something that works better for everyone.