space before entering a congested carpark that will require lengthy queues upon exiting. This of course would mean far less street parking for existing residents, which is already at a premium close to the site.

Public Transport

Public transport to and from the new Eastlakes Shopping Centre will need to be considerably increased to deal with its visitors. With an additional 176 apartments, the pressure on the already limited public transport will be unsustainable creating delays and serious over-crowding.

Scale of Proposal

The increase of the building height from 6 to 14 storeys will create overshadowing of Eastlakes Reserve and all the residential buildings to the east, south and west of the development. The more than doubling of the height is completely uncharacteristic for the area and will create an eyesore for all its neighbours.

Hours of Operation

Allowing a 24 loading dock at Eastlakes Shopping Centre will have a serious impact on its immediate neighbours as well as on the community as a whole. Large vehicles will be able to drive in and out of Eastlakes at any time of the day or night creating more traffic, noise pollution and generally disrupting the village feeling of the neighbourhood.

Conclusion

Our considered opinion is that the private benefits to The Crown Group and its adherents of this proposed change to the original development, is substantially outweighed by the burdens to be cast on our community.

For the reasons set out, my husband and I ask the Government to reject this modification in its current form.

Yours sincerely,

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