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To all it may concern.

We have lived in this neighbourhood for more than 40 years. We understand the need for development of the Scottish Hospital but not on this scale.

We would have appreciated a better and more inclusive consultation process. We have been presented with schemes which to all intensive purposes have been designed for us to approve.

We feel that there should be an independent assessment of the design proposal with particular reference to the height, tree loss and effect of this development on the local area vis-à-vis traffic and parking in the adjacent streets, increased stress on Five Ways, and the adequacy of the public transport, there is only one bus service through Paddington.

There could also be some place in this development where the community is able to interact with the facility such as a gym, shared cafe etc.

Of particular concern to us is the utility entrance in Stephen Street. This street is narrow and it will lose essential car parking spaces. It will be difficult for trucks to negotiate the already tight corner where Stephen Street and Glen Street meet. This is a residential neighbourhood and it is unsuitable for commercial deliveries.

The 6 storey building along the southern end of Stephen Street will create a tunnel effect as it extends past the corner of Glen Street, and ALL the trees are destined to be removed.

Losing 88 trees is of particular concern this is the last "green lung" of Paddington. Especially as the remaining ones will have to be severely pruned in order to build the massive car parking and foundations required for these buildings which will rise above the remaining trees, the model is quite deceptive in this regard.

Please note that this development is 46% larger than the previous DA approved in 2002.

We question the need for 39 three bed units which equates to 47% of the new resident accommodation, and only 12 more aged care beds.

Lastly the new buildings would completely dominate the site and from the submitted plans and elevations they appear unsympathetic to the surrounding Victorian domestic terrace housing.

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