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RE: Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 51, 2020 - Bylaw No. 14251 Rez. #20-10, 7550 Cumberland Street

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed 6-storey development in the George Derby lands forest (Coldicutt Forest).

The application itself notes that this area is heavily treed - these trees are essential to support urban wildlife populations and to buffer erosion of the soil. The tall building planned for this sight is not suitable for the look and feel of the area, and this structure would tower over the townhouse complex at 8701 16th Avenue, Englewood Mews, where I am a resident and home owner. My unit, #37, is one of the closest units to the proposed development. This building will diminish our quality of life and hurt home values, as it will be an eyesore and source of light and sound pollution.

I was opposed to the preceding Derby Manor development, which went forward several years ago with major modifications as requested by Burnaby Council. Almost all of the trees on the property were removed, and those retained after construction were removed this year for unknown reasons, causing the forested buffer area between the building and 16th Avenue to be erased. I am concerned the new contractors will not only remove trees during construction, but eventually the owners will decide to remove the last of remaining trees due to retention of views or nuisance leaf debris.

The traffic on 16th Avenue is very busy and very fast - although this area of 16th Avenue is a playground zone at 30 km/hr zone, I frequently see speeders doubling or even tripling this limit, and running the red lights at both Cumberland and Cascade. There are no safe places to cross 16th Ave for 500m, and I see near-misses between vehicles and pedestrians often. Now that the George Derby Manor is in place, the staff park along 16th avenue, making the crossing of this road even more dangerous and crowded. The Derby Manor's small driveway in the middle of a long stretch of 16th avenue, with no light or turn restrictions, cannot handle more traffic. This area's roads were not designed for such levels of parking, and this endangers children crossing to use the park or school.

The forested area in the map provided surrounds a steep ravine containing Coldicutt Creek. This ravine is very steep, and I have noticed it has widened over the 8 years I have lived on 16th Avenue. I see a lot of erosion, and can expect the ground near this development would be unstable because of this erosion, particularly with the removal of trees. I am also worried about contamination of the creek water by construction debris, and soil erosion.

We have seen deer, coyote, bear, owls, woodpeckers, and many rodents in the exact spot where this 6-story building is proposed. The forest here contains many walking trails that will be disrupted and cut off by the development, decreasing enjoyment and quality of life for nearby residents. The noise and disruption of construction, coupled with the increased traffic, light pollution, and noise pollution, will destroy this forested recreation area and negatively affect the residents of Englewood Mews.

I believe city council rejected such an expanded development several years ago, and that the George Derby Society is trying to pass this same plan again. Please protect the Coldicutt Forest, and the quality of life (and health) for the residents of Englewood Mews. I strongly oppose this proposal and urge the council to reject the application.

Sincerely,

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I writing my comments regarding the project of a new development: George Derby housing.....7550 Cumberland St.

My main concerns and objections are:

1. The environment: the project will clear many trees in the area between Cumberland St and 16 Ave.

and our green square here will disappear. More, some trees are old and you can't replace them. It will increase pollution.

2. Traffic and safety: we have already a new development for seniors in this area and making a new bigger one will change this quiet neighborhood.

The road and intersections in this area are already congested with traffic and unsafe for pedestrians. More traffic will increase the risk for people driving and crossing streets there.

In my opinion, this project is too big and its impact on our neighborhood will be negative. For this reason, I am against it.

Thanks
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