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To whom it may regard,

I'm writing this email in **opposition** to the proposed development variance permit for 311 Ash St, New Westminster, BC V3M 5X7. As a resident of the building, the notion that street parking is plenty and the building's parkade is only marginally occupied **are both apparent falsehoods.**

Until December of 2022, I strictly parked my car on the streets surrounding the property. Finding parking within a reasonable distance to the building was a consistent struggle, seemingly regardless of time of day. When, in December of 2022, I decided to inquire about a parking stall within the parkade, there were 3 others with the same inquiry. At that time, there were only 3 parking stalls not in use, meaning one of us would be **unable to acquire a parking stall.** The current 29 residential parking spaces that are available are **already too few.**

The proposed 34% reduction in available parking stalls on its own would greatly increase the difficulty in finding a parking space within a reasonable distance to the building. A number of residents within the building, including myself, may find this to be a challenge due to mobility related issues. The construction that would be necessary along Ash Street and 3rd Avenue throughout the process of constructing these 5 new units would only further exacerbate this problem for the residents of the building and the residents of the surrounding area. All of these aforementioned problems are without consideration to the additional, potentially long-term, disturbances this project would bring to the otherwise quiet neighbourhood through noise and possible dust/debris.

**I oppose** the development variance permit application pertaining to 311 Ash Street, New Westminster, BC, V3M 5X7. If this is to be allowed, it will simply **worsen existing issues** not only for residents of the building itself but for the surrounding neighbourhood.

Kind regards,  
Jonathan M.