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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Development Variance Permit for 311 Ash Street
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Dear Sir/ Madam,

My name is Merlina Landingin, resident of 311 Ash Street, XXXX in New Westminster. I am opposing this development application for various reasons.

Environmentally- this is not viable as the lot where the building is built is too small to accommodate the changes being proposed. As I look at the drawing plan, the tiny grassy area on the South Side of the building where there are trees is going to be decimated. There are lots of birds and other creatures that frequent the area.

Parking Spaces- currently existing at present are 35 parking spaces. There are 29 units in the building being rented. About 25 (give and take) are occupied. Tenants who own a car at this time might probably need to add another car later. So, if 14 of parking spaces is eliminated, where are those other people going to park their cars? As I understand street parking is now limited to 3 hours per day?

There are very few tenants who use the public transit as most are working and commute to various locations such as White Rock, Delta, Richmond and the Tri-Cities.

The building itself should have a standard number of parking stalls regardless of tenants situation. Personally, I need our parking spaces as I usually get up very early in the morning and working 10 plus hours per day. Taking public transit is not viable for me as the location of my work has only have transit services during certain hours. Aside from safety and mobility, driving my own vehicle saves me valuable time.

Construction activities will greatly affect the overall environment around the neighbourhood. It will affect retirees and work-from-home tenants. As well as tenants who are working shift work as they have to sleep during the day and work during nights.

Furthermore, if parking in the building is reduced to 21 where are the new tenants of this proposed additional 5 suites going to park, assuming each unit have at least one car?

The building itself has a problem with the pipes. In the underground basement, there's always water coming down from the ceiling. I am not an engineer or an architect but where and why there's always water dripping down?

Like many of the tenants living in the building and the people around the neighbourhood, I am opposing this proposed renovation plan.

I thank you very much for your time.

Respectfully Yours,
Merlina Landingin XXXX

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