



September 18, 2023

To: Mayor Patrick Johnstone and Council Members

Re: Development Variance Permit Application for 311 Ash Street

My name is LaVerne Bloxom.

I live in Suite <sup>Personal Information</sup> 311 Ash Street, New Westminster, B.C.

I am writing to the City of New Westminster re: this permit

I am very opposed to this permit.

I am a senior with <sup>Personal Information</sup>. The noise, disruption, shaking and intolerable upheavals that residents in this building will be subjected to must seriously be taken into consideration. Adding a few more apartments that will be market rentals will not solve the housing problem. Tenants in this building have been consistently inconvenienced since this building changed ownership in 2018.

The trees provide a necessary relief from the sun.

I am further worried about the excessive noise when the construction begins. The dust and shaking of the building will be unbearable, as will be the traffic congestion and parking on the street.

The situation in my apartment with this permit will be the climate change of our summers here in British Columbia. With the building of the new basement apartments there will be many problems especially with building and excavating the property during spring and summer.

There are no ceiling fans or air conditioning in our units and when they start construction there will be dust and dirt flying about in the air which means we will have to keep our windows and patio doors closed. How are we to cope with this problem? (Given our recent years of hot hot weather.)

There are several seniors living in the building and how are they to cope with the noise and the upheavals that will be ongoing for long periods of time. This will have problems and contribute further to their physical and mental health issues.

I further think that taking away parking stalls will cause chaos on our streets in the vicinity of our building. I am worried that when my friends (mainly seniors) come to visit me there will be no parking close for them. I do not have a key to the underground parking or any access to it to use visitor's parking.

Sincerely,

## Personal Information

LaVerne Bloxom