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Sinclair Laing

Sent:

18 July 2014 00:13

To:

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webmaster@aberdeencity.gov.uk

Sent:

01 July 2014 11:03

To:

DI

Subject:

Planning Comment for 140823

Comment for Planning Application 140823

Name : Miss Coleen Ogg Address : 12 Donside Street

Aberdeen AB24 2PJ

Telephone:

Email:

type:

Comment: I object.

I was sold this property on the basis that no properties would be built in this area next to the river.

Our Block was sold as 'River view'.

The area is beautiful as it is and putting this 8 storey block in next to the river is going to change the complete countryside feel and have a huge downhill impact to the development and area.

It would be greatly appreciated if this can be seriously looked at.

The developer surely cant get away with craming in as much properties as he can for their financial reward and have this bad an impact on the area.

From:

webmaster@aberdeencity.gov.uk

Sent:

28 June 2014 16:40

To:

DI

Subject:

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Name : Donna Hughes Address : 8 Donside Street

Telephone:

Email:

type:

Comment: I want to oppose this new build. I bought my flat because of the beautiful big windows in the sitting room that looked out onto the river Don. I now have been told that new flats are going to be built right in front of me! Not only will my view be ruined and therefore what was the point buying a flat with big windows and a view. More importantly flats developed directly in front of my flat now becomes an invasion of privacy. It is quite difficult and a concern to have bigger than average sitting room windows knowing that people in buildings directly across from me have access to view right into my home.

From:

webmaster@aberdeencity.gov.uk

Sent:

11 July 2014 20:50

To:

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Subject:

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Name: Ewa, Marcin Krawczyk

Address: 2 Crosier Courtyard, Donside Village, Aberdeen, AB24 2PP

Telephone:

Email:

type:

Comment: We object to the proposal of residential development of 44 flats over 2 blocks of 7 and 6 storeys. The reasons are: when we were buying our flat, there had been plans of building a park at the river side, some paths and an access to Seaton Park. So it seemed to be nice, green area. At this moment we have got quite nice view through our window - we can see trees in the park which is really lovely, especially that we have got 6 month-old baby. We were happy that he would have the opportunity to grow up in green, quiet area. If you build the blocks, the only view will be huge buildings. Nothing else. If only we knew about such plans, we would not have bought this flat.

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Sent:

11 July 2014 20:37

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Name : Steven McDonald Address : 60 Papermill Avenue

Aberdeen AB24 2PB

Telephone:

Email:

type:

Comment: 1. It is not in-keeping with the existing look and feel of the development.

1.1. The proposed building is modern, boxy and flat in colour where the rest of the development consists of houses and blocks of flats that vary in height wall colour and roof colour from one building to the next.

In my opinion this is not, as the proposal suggests, "to provide contrast" it is only to cater to those who can afford, those who typically desire contemporary styling, minimalism and floor to ceiling glass windows as is evident in every other prohibitively expensive new development in the city.

- 1.2. It is illogical to position the tallest building in front of the scenic view. You don't put the tallest person at the front of a family photograph and even the 3000 years ago amphitheatres were designed to provide fair and equal views to all.
- 1.3. I think it highly distasteful that expensive, luxury penthouses will dominate, in size and price, a development that was advertised as being affordable. I also think it is especially disrespectful for an extravagant structure to destroy the view of the one block of flats on the riverside that accommodates tenants in need of affordable rentals almost as if they don't matter.
- 2. Foxes. A fox den exists on the proposed site. It is in use all year round by the same family with 4 new cubs appearing in the 2 years we have been here. It is disappointing that the border of the conservation area adjacent to the development stops short of protecting wonderful wildlife habitats by mere metres which is why I ask you to still take this into consideration.
- 3. Misrepresentation and misinformation. When buying our home both sales persons we dealt with, individually and on separate occasions, advertised the development to us as such :
- 3.1. The development would be environmentally friendly, sustainable and even touch on conservation. We were shown brochures featuring wild flowers and otters yet two years on and the riverside remains a construction site. Now they want to destroy the one corner of wild nature (see 2.) available to the community and replace it with a contradictory monstrosity.
- 3.2. The proposed building would be identical to the 5 story blocks being erected on the west side of the development and that it was highly probable it would not be granted permission ahead due to the unsuitability of the land.

This was in September 2012 when permission had already been granted and I quote ACCPlanning124564-1.pdf " A subsequent set of planning applications was submitted for the urban squarea nd [sic] surrounding buildings in March 2011 permission being granted in July 2012.



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22 July 2014 23:23

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Address: 2 Donside Village Square
Aberdeen
AB24 2PL

Telephone:

Email:

type:

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We welcome progression of the development to bring Donside Village towards conclusion. The extended period of on-going development in the village is undoubtedly having a detrimental impact on residents' quality of life - it is affecting the setting, access to amenities, safety, noise and dust / dirt onsite.

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From:

Romany Donald

Sent:

02 July 2014 13:16

To:

PI

Subject:

Planning Application

Good Afternoon,

I wish to bring to your attention a new planning permission for three blocks of flats at Donside Village in Aberdeen.

We received this last weekend. The new blocks are huge, 8 storey. None are this size in the whole development. Monstrous buildings which will be executive, for no reason other than to profit. We were told originally that a planned block which was much smaller had been scrapped as the ground was no good, by Chap. This was the reason we chose to move into the area.

The sight for the first block is right on a fox den which has been in use for the last two years, there are cubs.

The whole development is being sold as being eco friendly, but there is nothing eco friendly about this new proposal if it goes ahead. It is so out of character with the rest of the area and we should be encouraging the nature and environment instead of damaging it further.

There is a path which runs along the river which may be compromised if this multi-storey block goes up. Will the path be level with people's windows and will this affect accessibility?

You have already placed a compulsory sale on the roadside at this development in order to widen the road for the new bridge to cross the Don too. This has meant that countless trees have been decimated and a whole ecosystem has been destroyed. It has also ruined the look of the whole place. Please do not make this any worse than it is?

Please help, or advise on anything that can be done to stop this awful new build going ahead?

Thank you in advance

From:

webmaster@aberdeencity.gov.uk

Sent:

04 July 2014 14:10

To:

PI

Subject:

Planning Comment for 140823

Comment for Planning Application 140823

Name : Carrie-Ann Holland Address : 20 Papermill Avenue

Donside Village Aberdeen AB24 2PB

Telephone:

Email:

type:

Comment: I object to the addition of more housing than was originally planned. I don't think there should be so much building so close to the river. We are lucky to have such a quiet walkway down by the riverside which will eventually continue through to Seaton Park. The lovely thing about the path is the fact you can almost forget you are in the heart of the city. Walking past big blocks is not going to help you forget!

I also have concerns about the limited parking provision proposed for a site where parking is already a common cause for complaint.

With only one road access for the whole of Donside Village, which will soon be on to a road with higher traffic flow due to the 3rd Don Crossing, adding even more housing, and therefore traffic, would be detrimental to the village feel of the area. It will increase congestion and the volume of traffic passing along Papermill Avenue which would effectively cut us off from the open space and river opposite.