

Dear Council,

I'm writing to request a pause on the 8 Mitchell St project. While I support the idea of increasing density here, I think the proposal could be refined to better serve the community.

When we added an extension to our 1903 home on Mitchell Street, we took great care to preserve the character of the neighborhood. Any new development should do the same—enhancing the area rather than detracting from its unique charm.

The current plan for 8 Mitchell has some clear issues. It misses the chance to truly maximize density, risks worsening parking problems, and could harm mature trees on nearby properties. For such a prime location, it feels like a missed opportunity.

A better solution could be a well-designed low-rise building with underground parking, setbacks from property lines, and welcoming front gardens. This would allow for higher density and affordable housing options while respecting the neighborhood's character.

I understand the need for rentals and parking, but the current design doesn't meet these needs effectively. Mitchell Street is a unique and special area, deserving of thoughtful planning and collaboration to find a win-win solution.

Thank you for your consideration.

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