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 Re: DP 09-504462

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Schedule 1 to the Minutes of the Development Permit Panel meeting held on Wednesday, March 16, 2011.

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Please include my comments at the hearing. My concern is with precedence of the council's relevance and control in Richmond becoming diminished by actions of developers such as this.

It appears that the developer already has drawn up architectural plans that contravene the permitted city guidelines. To ask permission after the fact seems a ploy to pressure council to concede to the request. This is commonplace and erases the reasoning and thoughtfulness given to creating zoning guidelines. It's become a free-for-all for the developers. Where is council's backbone? 'No' must be brought back to your vocabulary.

The developers assume (based on historical evidence) that they need only bring their completed plans to council to be granted whatever variances they wish to maximize their profits at the expense of the city's appearance and function.

In this instance, the council should insist on maintaining the minimum lot width requirement. The loss of 5 meters (15feet) contributes to the (growing Richmond) appearance of a crowded (future) slum.

Council also should deny the reduced front yard setback. (Same reason as above. Buildings crowding the sidewalk, reducing the sky view, and give the appearance of crowded 'tenement' housing.

If tandem parking was deemed unacceptable, why concede this now?

Thank you for accepting this communication from me.

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