

To Public Hearing
Date: <u>MARCH 20, 2006</u>
Item # <u>6</u>
Re: <u>West Cambie</u>
<u>Area Plan Bylaw</u> 8029

Weber, David

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March 19, 2006
Via email

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Dear Council Members, Mr. Crowe and Mr. Weber,

We bought our home on Alexandra Road 7 years ago. My family and I have been happy in the quiet, country-like neighbourhood and the excellent location.

We are now quite upset at the prospect of the proposed plan for our area, in which we find our property in the middle of medium-density residences. After attendance at all the open houses and completing all surveys and sending letters, we feel as if our voices have been ignored as no concessions have been made for the permanent residents. Perhaps a grandfathering clause whereby no additional single-family homes would be built could be considered, and for adjacent areas of the present residents to be park space and/or low-density housing rather than medium-density, especially with the current consideration of a FAR increase from 1.5 to 1.7. The medium-density residences would therefore be in areas where there are presently no homes in the immediate vicinity. This would also reduce the density of the area, thereby reducing the impact on traffic and the environment.

It is difficult for my husband, who is a pilot, and myself to understand the need for the absence of single-family homes when there are many just half a block to the east on No. 4 Road and to the north on Cambie. How does putting many more people in an area and higher in the sky and therefore closer to planes, make them less accessible to aircraft noise?

It will be a very sad day for us when our 20-year-young home gets bulldozed just to make room for more development!

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

Denise McDougal