

Item 3. Amendment to the Regional Context Statement Official Development Plan By-law for 1325 -1333 East Georgia Street - Oppose

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04/11/2022	22:23	PH1 - 3. Amendment to the Regional Context Statement Official Development Plan By-law for 1325 -1333 East Georgia Street	Oppose	<p>We are opposed to the development of the modular housing project because of its close proximity to Admiral Seymour elementary school. I see the local neighborhood around Union St/Gore where another temporary modular housing unit exists on a daily basis and the open usage of drugs as well as the increase of garbage in the area is shocking! We are afraid if this modular housing project goes ahead similar conditions will be repeated here and it will spill over to the local park which is just a few meters from the proposed project as well as effecting the Admiral Seymour Elementary school. The local park will see an increase in tents and people living in the park. During the time when the homeless encampment was present at Strathcona park, we witnessed first hand how the travel routes people from the camp took to access the services they needed in the downtown east side saw a dramatic uptick in crime. It negatively effected our neighborhood and brought increased crime, filth, and drug use along those travel routes. We don't want that to happen again. However, we can see that the routes people will have to take from the proposed modular housing complex to get to the support services they need will take them across Clarke Dr and right past Admiral Seyour elementary, then on through Strathcona. We hope the city will re-evaluate this plan, and find a different location for this temporary modular housing development.</p>	Madeleine Speck		s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential	Strathcona	No web attachments.
04/12/2022	14:07	PH1 - 3. Amendment to the Regional Context Statement Official Development Plan By-law for 1325 -1333 East Georgia Street	Oppose	<p>I have grave concerns over the plans to introduce temporary modular housing into this site. The city's argument for placing this new TMH development at this location makes many oversights that are key to understanding the widespread impact a housing project like this could have. One statement made in support of this location is that other TMH sites are nearby at Vernon Drive and Franklin Street. This is a tacit admission that the introduction of TMH has a negative effect on the surrounding area, and is an attempt to convince the public that the construction of another will not cause any harm. I do not believe this is a correct assessment. The other TMH locations are separated from this neighbourhood by major city arteries; Clark Drive and Hastings Street. These roads create psychological barriers to what one might consider their home area, and therefore this development will introduce a new population of low income individuals into a heretofore upcoming neighbourhood. As needed as housing solutions for Vancouver's homeless and disadvantaged population are, it must be recognized that there are impacts on the surrounding community when a new TMH site is built. There is a clear correlation between the opening of a TMH site near the downtown east side and an uptick in crime in the surrounding area, as can be seen with the Vancouver Police Department's GeoDASH tool. This new TMH site will be within 150m of a thriving community garden, 250m of a popular children's playground, 500m of an elementary school and 500m of a high school. During summer, Woodland Park is a major hub for the community to enjoy the nearby breweries, have picnics, play impromptu concerts and play softball games. With the infrequent maintenance that East Vancouver parks see, it will be impossible for these simple joys of life to continue once the fields are littered with hidden needles and individuals passed out in public areas making would-be park enjoyers uncomfortable in their surroundings. The industrial area that the city has identified for this development has been enjoying a revitalization with breweries, ice cream parlours, boutique coffee roasteries, and a popular commissary kitchen with walk-up service. One only has to look as far as the TMH at Union Street to see restaurant owners each morning forced to confront individuals sleeping on their patios and asking them to move on, sometimes with the needed use of force. An established commercial hub like Chinatown may be able to survive this sort of customer deterrent; a newly forming cluster such as the area near Woodland Park will not. In closing, I strongly oppose the re-designation of the site at 1325-1333 East Georgia to allow the placement of a temporary modular housing facility. To carry forward with this plan, the city will be risking the health and safety of children and teens attending school, family's attempting to enjoy their local playgrounds, and dozens of businesses that rely on foot traffic.</p>	Ryan G bson		r	Grandview-Woodland	No web attachments.