

**PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 1749-1769 East 33rd Avenue - Other**

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2024-04-05	15:10	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 1749-1769 East 33rd Avenue	Other	<p>DANGEROUS LANES</p> <p>I live in Vancouver Cohousing next to the proposed project (outlined in white in the accompanying image) and, like many of my cohousing neighbours, I object to the minimal number of parking spaces planned for 110 units. Overflow vehicles will jam the street parking spaces.</p> <p>But my main reason for writing is to appeal for increasing the sight lines at the three lane openings on East 33rd, East 32nd and Commercial St. shown with red circles. When vehicles park right up to the lane openings, it is very difficult to see when it is safe to emerge on to the street. When construction is underway, there will be a big increase in lane traffic. I urge the City to install signage to restrict parking within six metres of the lane openings.</p> <p>As well, the T intersection in the lane shown with the black circle is dangerous because the garage on the southeast side and the fencing on the northeast side, both right up to the property lines, make it very difficult to see when it is safe to turn. I suggest the City consider installing the kind of mirrors that I saw used on narrow streets when I lived in Japan (see photo).</p>	Lorne Mallin	Kensington-Cedar Cottage	<a href="#">Attachment 1</a> <a href="#">Attachment 2</a>
2024-04-05	17:29	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 1749-1769 East 33rd Avenue	Other	<p>I am a resident, whose home borders the west side of the proposed development.</p> <p>While I absolutely support an increase in purpose-built rentals in the city, I have a number of concerns about the scale of this proposed development and its impacts on the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- With only 37 parking spots for over 100 units, there will be an inevitable surge in the number of parked vehicles on the street in the surrounding neighbourhood. As I understand the principle behind the rezoning request is that such few parking spaces are allowed because East 33rd in front of our residence is considered a main arterial route. I disagree with this characterization as it is a two-lane street with parking on either side of the street and relatively infrequent bus service. In addition, as someone who has lived in this area for over 7 years I can say from experience that it is unrealistic to expect so many residents, particularly those with kids, to get by without a vehicle. As a result I am very concerned about the increased conflict and stress for residents, visitors, and those who use local services such as the daycare around the corner, and the music lessons offered in our own building that will result from inadequate street parking. None of the necessary pathways to address these concerns, include a plan to improve transit frequency on 33rd Ave, an increase in car share access, or a change to parking regulations have been discussed.</li> <li>- Road safety on the surrounding streets, as well as the back lane, is another concern that we have not seen addressed. Already, we've seen increased traffic on 32nd in the past few years, as drivers use it to shortcut around 33rd ave. We have many school-age or soon to be school-age children in our community, as well as in neighbouring houses who have to cross 32st on foot</li> </ul>	Gary Birch	Kensington-Cedar Cottage	

or bike every day and deal with vehicles travelling at unsafe speeds. I would like to see a traffic calming plan to create safer streets for our youngest residents to support and encourage cycling and walking.

- The back lane of the proposed development is currently well-used by young children for games and activities, as well as biking and walking home from school. Again, we have not seen a plan to help ensure they will continue to be able to use this space safely.

- Finally, I also have concerns about the loss of green space, and large trees that will result from this development. The City of Vancouver has declared a climate emergency and has climate adaptation commitments to help ensure residents are protected from hazards such as extreme heat. We have not seen a plan to address the increased urban heat island effect from reduced green space and increase in heat absorbing concrete from a five-story building.

I would urge you, before approving this proposal, to ensure the above issues will be addressed, for the sake of the health and safety of all the current and prospective residents of this neighbourhood.

Thank you,

Gary Birch