

VOTE

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FOR
WARD 7

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Joseph Silot, Planner, North Team
Community Planning
The City of Calgary
via email: joseph.silot@calgary.ca

**RE: LOC2021-0037 – 19th Street NW
Land Use Designation application**

Dear Mr. Silot,

I am a 30+-year resident of West Hillhurst and an active community member. I oppose the land use application that would remove the pedestrian pathway connector for a new development.

My reasons are direct and indirect. First, this small connector pedestrian path plays a significant role in the neighbourhood that isn't evident on a map or plan. It has an out-sized impact for the amount of physical space it commands. In fact, neighbours in a kilometre radius are active users of this pathway. Its significance is amplified by the proximity to Queen Elizabeth school as families, children and teens all use this as a walking route to school.

Indirectly, removing this small pedestrian path is symbolic of the inappropriateness of the scale of development proposed. The awkward access for a large development in the middle of the block, the near-doubling of allowable height, the lack of laneway between the development and the houses to the east, and in context of the significant projects already approved for 19th Street, this project is one very big step too far.

Adding density on 14th Street, to which I'm very close, Kensington Road and Memorial Drive all can be more readily absorbed without any detracting from the community. These larger-scale streets can absorb the additional people and cars. That increased population will support a healthy community for the benefit of retail, other businesses, and schools. A dense and varied population will ensure a vibrancy to the neighbourhood that contributes to safety and sustainability for amenities. These are all discussions for the pending Riley Communities LAP.

But 19th Street has a different scale. It has been significantly changed already in ways that will push the ability of the neighbourhood to absorb. A very different scale of development needs to be designed specifically for mid-block, where there is no alley buffer, if it is to work well and not impinge on adjacent neighbours or compromise pedestrian safety.

Thank you.



Erin Waite, West Hillhurst resident and candidate for Ward 7 Councillor
cc. Office of Councillor Druh Farrell, West Hillhurst Community Planning Committee,
Jennifer McKay