

HONOURED MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Thank you for permitting me to speak to this issue on behalf of the Argyle Community Association and its 1300 members.

The ACA got involved at the request of a group of residents who live to the North, South & East of the building. We were to act strictly in an advisory capacity to fulfil our constitution (2.02). (The item was promptly entered on our infrastructure project list.)

The very first suggestion we made is under no circumstances should potential residents of the home be made to feel any sort of stigma.

However it was immediately apparent this particular facility is totally inadequate to serve its intended purpose because of the lack of amenities and parking. These two problems cannot be band-aided and would lead to constant friction with the neighbourhood.

During a very cordial meeting with Heather Lumley on Feb 4 she conceded that St. Leonard's was aware of these severe shortfalls, however, because the house was cheap, it was ultimately chosen. I distinctly remembered likening the situation of a basketball player trying to put on ballerina shoes. Attempting to force this operation onto such a small property is a comparable analogy.

The Consultant's report paints a very different picture by stating: "This proposal represents an efficient use of land"

Members of this Committee, so does a sardine can but you wouldn't be happy living in one. If you have not had a chance to personally look at the site I urge you to do. You too will come to the same logical conclusion: This proposal will not work.

Ladies & Gentlemen: The speakers before me have done an absolutely superb job presenting you with facts & details as seen through the lens of real people in that neighbourhood and it is those facts & details that speak for themselves hopefully leading you to reach the only logical conclusion which is to reject this application.

Respectfully, Nick Sauter