
Response to Invitation to Comment - 188 Beaumont Street, Auckland

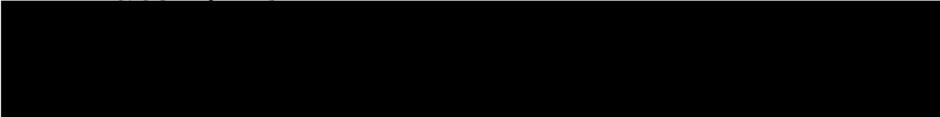
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To FastTrack Substantive <substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz>

Thank you for the letter we received in connection with the proposed development at 188 Beaumont Street dated 29 June.

Contact details

Tim & Jenny Ellis



Comments

1. We are uncomfortable that the proposed height of the new tower so far exceeds the previously permitted height of 62m (itself an increase over the original intention). At just over 81m this amounts to an increase of almost a quarter.
2. We believe the proposed height will give the building excessive prominence over the rest of the Precinct in which it is situated, be significantly at odds with the original urban design intentions and, in addition, will serve to detract from (i.e. unbalance) the broader Auckland skyline when viewed from a variety of vantage points around the broader city.
3. We hold concerns that the amenity value of the Wynyard Quarter will be diminished and we worry about: adverse effects of shade and loss of sunlight on parts of our own apartment development at 30 Madden; unnecessarily (and previously unintended) increased pressures on local roads and limited public transport facilities; and a general diminution in the look and feel of the area that is already increasingly valued by Aucklanders beyond just the Wynyard Quarter.
4. We support and applaud developments of this nature and moved into the area expecting (and wanting) them. What is proposed here seems excessive and unnecessary and at odds with the thinking and planning that lies behind the design vision for this part of our city. By all means build upon and develop the site at 188 Beaumont Street (we support this) but let's see it done within the constraints of the visionary planning guidelines that have already been established. In so doing, we may hope to retain the integrity, attractiveness, practicality and urban value of this area.

We appreciate the opportunity to convey our thoughts on this matter. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Tim & Jenny Ellis

