

March 9, 2021

From D. Talbot,
1606 Edgeware Road,
Victoria, V8T 2J8

TO Hon. Mayor & City Council
Re. rezoning proposal for 1628 Edgeware Rd.

Dear Mayor and City Council I am writing this letter in opposition to the rezoning proposal for 1628 Edgeware. I am the second most senior property owner on this block having been here since 1972. I am born and raised in Victoria.

Over the years our block has been through many things.....

- the flooding and evacuation by Zodiac of the block in 1982
- the rebuilding of the Zellers into Target which we participated in the meetings
- a huge fire that wiped out the Edgeware Rd. loading dock
- drug dealers and a drug house
- continual graffiti on the large green electrical box
- criminals being taken down at gun point on my front lawn with my young children watching in the window
- secondary suite parking issues

.....these are just a few of the things that we have endured. Our block is comprised of seniors and families with small children and we are a main route to Camosun College. Lansdowne Middle School and Oaklands Elementary. We realize people need a place to transition but this is not it. I worked in education for more than 25 years and know that these people do come with baggage.

The proposed bldg. looks like an institution. It does not suit our block. We are not homeless or bike riders or mentally ill. Please listen to OUR voices, we are average law abiding people who pay income tax and property taxes no matter how much these new developments cause them to be raised. We are trying to keep our neighbors and properties safe so our city can grow and prosper and return to what it once was but we can't if you allow these type of developments in our neighborhoods.

Please consider your family neighborhoods carefully we are the ones that know what is best for our properties and residents.

Thank you for listening

Sincerely,



Debra Talbot
1606 Edgeware Road
Victoria, B.C.
V8T 2J8



From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Hearings](#)
Subject: The proposed development at 1628 Edgeware Road
Date: March 11, 2021 11:53:25 AM

To the city of Victoria council,
We support the need [REDACTED] to have a safe place to live in.

We need and want assurance from the city that the proposed development will keep the neighbourhood as it is: a safe neighbourhood for families, as the home will be serving a varied population [REDACTED] who are in need.

Our concerns are as follows:

1) the size of the proposed building:

- this will increase the footprint of the building by 48 square metres (by our estimate)
- side set-backs to the neighbouring homes
- privacy issues for the homes that are located on each side of the proposed building
- reduced lack of sunlight for the aforementioned homes
- will this increase the number of residents allowed?

2) the proposed changes to parking: Aryze's proposal that there will be only one parking space located on the property site of 1628 Edgeware Road.

The original proposal called for 6 parking spaces:

Many residents on Edgeware Road do not have access to off street parking.

-Our concern is: will this lead to difficulty finding a parking space on Edgeware Road. This especially impacts families with young children, seniors and anyone who has mobility issues.

In closing, the design and size of this building will draw adverse attention to a project that desires anonymity.

Robert Paterson
Karen Solomon
1652 Edgeware Road
Victoria, B.C.
V8T 2J8

Amanda Ferguson

From: Emily Shaw [REDACTED]
Sent: March 11, 2021 1:09 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Re: 1628 Edgeware Road - Rezoning/Development Permit Application
Attachments: 1628 Edgeware_Notice.pdf

I felt compelled to provide a few additional thoughts on this application.

This application has been in the works for over a year, during which the applicant had the opportunity to build trust and gain support from neighbours. The applicant has instead limited consultation and communication with neighbours who have expressed concerns has often been unhelpful. The result is significant distrust.

If this application were approved, as neighbours we would be left to rely on an amorphous "good neighbour agreement" with an applicant who seems uninterested in our concerns and a housing agreement with a city that has pushed the application forward at every decision point. This is wholly inadequate and unsatisfactory.

The notice for tonight's public hearing (attached) declares in large letters across the top of the page, "It's your neighbourhood!" I am aware that seven of 11 households on the block (as the block encompasses the notification area for the project) have made submissions to tonight's public hearing outlining a variety of serious concerns. So I ask that you hear us tonight and do not approve this application.

Regards,
Emily Shaw
1618 Edgeware Road

From: "E" [REDACTED]
To: "publichearings" <publichearings@victoria.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 7, 2021 5:15:19 PM
Subject: 1628 Edgeware Road - Rezoning/Development Permit Application

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing regarding the rezoning/development permit application for 1628 Edgeware Road. I do not support the application.

I am aware that a housing agreement has been prepared that attempts to somewhat mitigate neighbours' concerns for now. However, the absence of a formal role for neighbours in requests to modify the content of this agreement (e.g. regarding expanded services for non-residents, following the model for how operations at [REDACTED] existing facility have evolved) and the limited engagement with neighbours on the application to date provides no confidence that our interests will continue to be accommodated in the future.

It is my firm position that the proposed facility is not appropriately located in a single-family dwelling district and should not proceed.

Sincerely,

Emily Shaw
1618 Edgeware Road

Amanda Ferguson

From: J Snead [REDACTED]
Sent: March 11, 2021 1:48 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: 1628 Edgeware Road Public Hearing - additional comments
Attachments: March 9 2021 Letter to Mayor and Council 1628 Edgeware Road - Public Hearing March 11 2021.pdf

Further to our response submitted on March 9, I would like to add the following comments:

For this to be a successful transition from homelessness to a healthier life [REDACTED] there needs to be a framework and appropriate support in place. It should be noted that:

- rehabilitation facilities operated by VIHA tend to have curfews, a no guest policy, and a zero tolerance for drugs or alcohol.
- transition houses for women fleeing violence, are extremely vigilant about ensuring safety for the residents and not disclosing the location.

The development at 1628 Edgeware proposes to serve some of each of these needs but has NONE of the appropriate rules in place to actually help and protect the residents of the facility.

I do not doubt that [REDACTED] has the very best of intentions. However, without a robust structure these housing developments can sometimes get out of their control. We all know that that homelessness comes with a myriad of complex medical and social issues and it is imperative that this organization has the capacity to provide the appropriate support. Consider for example if some [REDACTED] in the house are working really hard to start fresh and embark on a new life and others are really struggling; all [REDACTED] are vulnerable to unhealthy influences. Allowing visitors to the facility without restriction could put [REDACTED] at serious risk. Yes, having appropriate staffing and security will protect our property interests but it will also set this place up for ongoing success for [REDACTED] that get to live there.

The neighbourhood has been firm that we do not want the facility to operate drop-in services for the homeless of Victoria. We feel that the increased transient traffic in the neighborhood would be incongruent with a small family residential area, and compromise safety considerations. [REDACTED] other facility is in a medium density commercial neighborhood which is more suited to the services offered.

Some minimal security and staffing level requirements and restrictions on community events and drop-in services are expected to be outlined in an agreement between the City and the Society. Unfortunately, this is more of a handshake arrangement with the City, rather than the commitment we need from [REDACTED]. The fact these can be changed at any time without neighbourhood consultation reflects a lack of regard for the impact on the neighbours.

Again, this is not a temporary or emergency housing proposal. It is a permanent rezoning application. Careful consideration needs to be made to ensure parameters are in place to provide for the ongoing safety and health of the residents of the facility.

I ask you to oppose the rezoning bylaw and variance applications for 1628 Edgeware and instruct the applicant to take the neighbours concerns and the protection of their future tenants seriously.

Jennifer Snead

1612 Edgeware Road

----- Forwarded message -----

From: J Snead [REDACTED]
Date: Tue, Mar 9, 2021 at 8:26 PM
Subject: 1628 Edgeware Road Public Hearing
To: <publichearings@victoria.ca>

In response to the City of Victoria's request for input on the proposed changes to 1628 Edgeware Road, we submit the attached letter.

thanks you

Jennifer Snead
1612 Edgeware Road

Excellent care, for everyone,
everywhere, every time.



Date: March 10, 2021

To: Mayor and Council, City of Victoria
Re: Re-zoning Application for 1628 Edgeware Road

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing in support of the [REDACTED] application for re-zoning at the above address. The public hearing has been scheduled for March 11.

I would like to acknowledge that [REDACTED] has provided physical, emotional, and spiritual healing for its residents for almost thirty years. [REDACTED] is an integral part of our recovery centered system of care [REDACTED] for over 20 years to achieve stability and wellness in their lives. Currently [REDACTED] while the drop in program supports all people who need it.

Many [REDACTED] expressed the urgent need for a safe, supportive place where they can heal from past trauma and develop skills to lead a more meaningful life. Our Island Health teams have seen the advantages of the [REDACTED] and see it as one important piece of a supportive system that needs to grow. My hope is that the success and importance of this service is fully considered and that this re-zoning application will be approved and we have the opportunity to expand the reach of this import service.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Reid
Director of Mental Health and Addictions Services
Island Health

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cc to Sister Joyce [REDACTED]