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GURDWARA SINGH SABHA SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

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"Service brings us nearer to God" ... Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji

Leanne Taylor
City of Victoria

August 18, 2021

Ms. Taylor,

This letter is regarding the proposed development at our neighbouring property at 458 Cecelia Road. We, the Managing Committee, at the Gurdwara Singh Sabha Society of Victoria (Sikh Temple) of 470 Cecelia Road, are concerned about the effect this proposed development will have on our temple.

Gurdwara Singh Sabha Society of Victoria is a public institute built, run and used by the public for various manners including but not limited to prayers, weddings, and memorial services . This institute has existed for the last 20 years and we have worked to improve its appearance, landscape and attractiveness in the community. The proposed building next door threatens to undermine all that we have accomplished thus far, because it will block our building on one side completely and our temple will no longer be visible as you approach from both directions, as it is now. After discussing this matter amongst our Committee and our congregation, we request the planning department consider two alternative options in priority order that may better serve us all:

1. Building is rotated 180 degrees so that the back of the building is towards the other side and the driveway is built along our property. We realize there are five trees in the way, however only three trees will have to be removed to create space for the 25 foot driveway. Only one of those trees is of substantial size and the other two trees are very small and weak. For details see the attached pictures.
- 2.If the building must be built as proposed, then we would like nothing less than either the cement block wall be clad with some sort of rocks to soften the look, which complement the exterior colour of the Gurdwara (temple) building.
3. The block fire wall is built using split face rock blocks that have a coloured, soft looking face to them. Again, the colour of the wall must complement the Gurdwara (temple) building .For more info see attached.

Your consideration on these matters will be greatly appreciated by the Gurdwara Committee, the congregation, and the neighbouring community.

Sincerely,
Managing Committee, Gurdwara Singh Sabha Society of Victoria.







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