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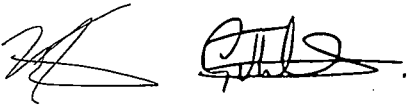
Re: Application to construct a Garden Suite at 1845 Gonzales Street, Victoria

I am writing concerning the application made by the owners of 1845 Gonzales Street to construct a garden suite on the property. I previously wrote a letter of support related to this application in June 2015. However, at that time I was confused as to the location of this property based on my conversation with Gale Penhall and didn't realize that it actually meant building a new structure extremely close to my small backyard. Unfortunately, now that we fully understand what is being proposed, my husband and I must withdraw our support.

If this application is approved, it is likely that the rear of my home will be closer to the proposed property than that of the applicants. If it situated directly at the rear of our property it will certainly interfere with the privacy or enjoyment of our backyard. The distance from the rear of our property will be I estimate 35-40 feet from the exterior wall of our house (it may in fact be closer). I also believe that this will affect the market value of our home.

It's also important to recognize that our home was itself built on a lot that was previously subdivided, so the density of the area is already higher than is the average.

Thank you for your consideration.

Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature on the left is 'Melanie Stewart' and the second signature on the right is 'Graham Whitmarsh'.

Melanie Stewart and Graham Whitmarsh