

**From:** Janine Diddens [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 07, 2016 1:52 PM  
**To:** Public Hearings  
**Subject:** Rezoning Application No. 00468 for property known as 1070 Joan Crescent

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to give you my opinion regarding the proposed rezoning/new development at Craigdarroch Castle (Castle). I trust that the City of Victoria and the Castle will ensure that the new development will "fit" into the Rockland Neighbourhood and thus I offer my qualified support for the project.

My single hesitancy is the gradual deterioration in area "Residential Only" parking. The small section of Joan Crescent supports several operations - the Castle, a monastery, a child care centre and a recent senior home-to-rental conversion. Most have onsite parking, but is it enough? Granted, the majority of time there is no issue, but when there are events or there is peak visitation at the Castle and perhaps the other venues, local area traffic and jockeying for parking becomes rather intense. Invariably, overflow ends up in the "Residential Only" sections, including right where I live.

I would appreciate that in the context of the rezoning application being made by the Castle, the City review its traffic and parking policy in this short section of Joan Crescent, including the front of my house, and then clearly state what it will and will not accept. There has to be clear signage and enforcement of the rules. Rockland is a residential neighbourhood and nobody should benefit from preferential access or parking on the street other than permitted by the city, period. To this end I would suggest as options:

- Increased/improved signage on the street so that it is crystal clear what is available to whom.

- Specifying addresses on parking signage e.g. "Residential Parking Only - 1030 Joan Crescent"

- The Castle could put up their own signs, clearly visible from the street, stating that visitors are under no circumstances allowed to park at places where it says "Residential Parking Only".

Sincerely,

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