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There are several issues I have with this process and the building of high density towers.

Firstly I am wanting to know why all Darebin residents did not receive the letter to take action to protect preston market . It seems only residents in Preston received the letter dated 29 th June 2021 not all Darebin residents and all of Darebin's residents will be affected.

I believe all of Darebin residents need to be further informed and consulted regarding Preston market high rise developments.

Community drop in sessions have not been well and widely advertised throughout the whole community. It seems that the minimum information and consultation requirement (whatever that is) was implemented to ensure very little opposition or responses. A letter box drop or personal letter to every resident that pays rates or rents in the city of Darebin should have

occurred at a minimum. Not just in Preston. This decision is extremely important to the feel and fibre of this community and as usual people have not been sufficiently informed.

Additionally, why do we need this development? Why do we need such high rise and high density housing in Darebin when this is being wiped out in other areas of Melbourne? The local council was in the process of implementing ridiculous parking measures due to the congestion on our roads. This development will simply further impact on traffic.

What medical services, child care centres , kindergartens, schools etc are being created to cater for all of these new residences? Where is the impact statement of this development and who has that been shared with?

I know you say in the new developments you are providing walking cycling and public access to transport. What about existing residents of Darebin and shoppers who need cars to carry weekly shops to their homes?

Not every Darebin resident lives within walking distance of the market nor is it reasonable to expect everyone not to use existing cars.

The height of these buildings and the density are totally unacceptable (20 storeys?!). There are no other buildings of this height and density in any suburban location. Why are these experiments always made in the northern suburbs? Five, FIVE towers is just too extreme

And what about the market? This market is not only a shopping Mecca but is and has been a meeting place for people all over Melbourne. The market has a feel and soul that represent the community and this development simply ignores that and will create a sterile shopping centre. Imagine trying to do this to South Melbourne market.....would never happen. Has the welfare of all the current market traders been considered? What about the shoppers? Will there be sufficient car parking to ensure that people young and old have somewhere to park? Will there be the same variety of traders and eateries?

There is a lot of emotion associated with this and so there should be. You are planning to destroy something that has evolved with the community for over 50 years. But forgetting emotions, the development is not appropriate for a suburban setting. How can you possibly suggest that 5 towers, the tallest of which will be 20 storeys, is the right development for this area? You will be changing the skyline significantly in a suburb that has no building even close to these heights. There is an absolute benefit to development in the suburbs but not when it will have a negative impact on the soul of the suburb and this will do that in spades. Reduce the height and number of buildings and ensure you maintain the essence of what we have now.

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