Good afternoon, for your consideration in conjunction with the Minister for Planning, Hon Stephan Knoll MP.

Regards

Marcel de Ruyter

To the Honourable Stephan Knoll MP, Minister for Planning,

I urge you to reconsider the current changes to the Planning and Design Code for the suburbs of Black Forest and Clarence Park, residing within the City of Unley Council. We are a character suburb dating back to the late 1800’s. We have the popular Princess Margaret Playground located near the Clarence Park Railway Station, and is a very popular playground for local and surrounding residents. We also have the highly respected Black Forest Primary School, opened in 1919, and the highly regarded Clarence Park Community Centre. We are strong community minded suburbs, active, and cohesive suburbs who value each other and our suburbs character.

Black Forest and Clarence Park are historical suburbs built predominantly with character homes of the 1920’ and 1930’s. We have leafy streets with well-maintained beautiful character homes in excellent condition, due to the pride the local residents of both suburbs. Our larger trees, Blue and Red Gums, Native Grey-box with Sheoak Trees dominate our suburbs.

In summary we are established suburbs, owned by proud South Australians, and wish to ensure the character and integrity of our suburbs are maintained. Our suburbs are not greenfield sites, or sites that have changed their zone, and should be respected.

The proposed changes to ‘General Neighbourhood’ are out of step to all the neighbouring suburbs of the City of Unley. All our surrounding suburbs are zoned as ‘Suburban Neighbourhood’, and to ensure consistency and respect, Black Forest and Clarence Park should also be zoned as ‘Suburban Neighbourhood’ with the same numerical recommendations as exists, which was assured by you Minister there would be no changes. General Neighbourhood zoning are more appropriate to ‘greenfield sites’, or suburbs where wholesale zoning has significantly changed, for example Bowden and Lightsview.

Black Forest and Clarence Park are not a Bowden or Lightsview, and should not be considered in the same code.

I urge you Minister to;
1. Reconsider the proposed zoning for Black Forest and Clarence Park to reflect all neighbouring suburbs from ‘General Neighbourhood’ to ‘Suburban Neighbourhood’.

2. To delay the implementation of the Code as per Mark Parnell’s Bill before Parliament to ensure you Minister and your Department the appropriate time to document and scrutiny any further changes to eliminate any errors in this significant change.

Respectfully yours,

Marcel de Ruyter

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