TWIMC : We are hoping that this public consultation is a genuine one and not just a “whitewash”.

The majority of people living in Adelaide and the Hills are deeply concerned at what developers are getting away with in our city. Beautiful, solidly built houses with wonderful biodiverse gardens and habitats, are being destroyed for urban infill, and let’s face the truth, for nothing more than greed ! Our city is being “uglified” and there appears to be no respect for heritage, history or significant trees. With the shocking, unsustainable rate of deforestation on our planet, trees need more protection, not less. In our view, trees and biodiversity, are crucial to human existence. Why would anyone want to put that at risk, for short-term greed and perhaps political donations ??

The agenda to side-line community and council input from development applications, is undemocratic, an outrage and highly suspicious ? People have a right to complain and fight against anything that will impact or destroy their ambience and future way of life. In our opinion, developers are out of control, and building ugly homes that are completely unsustainable when it comes to massive energy use ? Aren’t we told ‘ad nauseam’ to cut our power use and global emissions ? Double standards appear to abound ?

There is no way a planning code applicable to the suburbs, could be or should be applied to the Hills’ villages. How could anyone think that multi-storey was in keeping with the atmosphere of a pretty, treed main street, in towns like Stirling and Aldgate ?

In Sydney, whole streets of ambience and historical value are protected under law ! We must do that in Adelaide, if we are to have any credibility at all. To allow developers to destroy our suburbs, bit by bit, is unconscionable.

It has been proven that the hottest part of Adelaide, on a hot day, is Woodville West, where Housing Trust houses on quarter acre blocks, have been demolished and hundreds of ugly ‘boxes’ packed together with hardly any outside space, put there instead.

Why do more and more voters think that our governments are rife with bribery and corruption ? What is that going to do to our community cohesion and general standards of respect and decency ? The country we have built, deserves better.

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