



Item 4.2 Proposed Pedestrian Safety Improvements in Port Melbourne

An email with 24 signed letters, was received from the residents of Beach Street, Port Melbourne.

The email states the following:-

"I am the Chairperson of the Committee of Management for the property at 15 Beach Street, Port Melbourne and have been an owner and rate payer for over 15 years.

Our property straddles Dow Street, Rouse Street and Post Office Place. The unique and special 15 Beach Street property is made up of 44, 2 and 3 storey townhouses which are a mixture of owner occupiers and renters. Many of us have been owner occupiers for the full period since the property was subdivided in 2003. We are heavily invested in the wellbeing and maintenance of our property and the area surrounding it.

Residents and owners of 15 Beach Street have approached the Committee to fiercely object to the proposed changes by Council to Post Office Place highlighted in a letter dated 8 May 2018.

In principal, we strongly disagree to both options proposed on many levels and are insisting that we are invited to meet with Council to discuss. We need to better understand the concerns regarding the school and the Post Office Place precinct as the information to date has been vague and quite upsetting to residents.

To date, all 44 owners/residents have voiced their concern in the lack of consultation regarding this major change and also that many of the residents were not issued the letter outlining the proposed changes. This point in particular has upset many residents as the potential change alongside with attracting numerous safety and privacy issues will definitely have an impact on the market value of all 44 properties. In addition, a number of townhouses have decks and balconies overlooking Post Office Place and the school as well as carports. They are extremely concerned regarding the additional noise, trucks and cars reversing up and down the street, parking of their cars across an area that will potentially have school children standing and walking through and the likelihood that the area will become a loitering space late at night. We are very concerned and will not tolerate council rushing this change through without proper consultation the same way that the number of car spaces in Post Office Place were removed some time back.

I have attached 24 letters of objection from residents/owners to date and will forward through more as they arrive."

The letter states the following:-

"We confirm receipt of the City of Port Phillip letter dated 8 May 2018 regarding Proposed Pedestrian Safety improvements in Post Office Place Port Melbourne. Further to receipt of the correspondence we lodge with you the position that we oppose both options at this point in time.

In addition the residents of 15 Beach Street Port Melbourne would like to have a meeting to further discuss the benefits and impacts of the two options and with Council look at alternatives as the current proposals do not consider the interests and safety of the residence."

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
20 JUNE 2018



OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

Receives the letters of objection and notes that officers will provide a response at a future Council meeting.

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ATTACHMENTS Nil