



4. PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

Item 4.1

A Petition containing 75 signatures, was received from community members objecting to the sale of 46-58 Marlborough Street, Balaclava for high density community housing.

The Petition states the following:-

“We strongly object to the City of Port Phillip’s intention to sell the public car park at 46-58 Marlborough Street, Balaclava, to the Port Phillip Housing Association (as Trustee), to build high density community housing, as it doesn’t benefit the whole community, but only a small demographic.

There is one existing community housing site, on the corner of Woodstock and Marlborough Streets in this dead-end street, and a second one will impact negatively on the surrounding community.

It is well known that high density public housing results in anti-social behaviour which this community is already affected by. The number of potential public housing residents will be far in excess of the number of other residents in the area.

This proposal will also undermine our property values, increase crime, and undermine the police work required to address a high-density population in a small area.”

OFFICER COMMENT

On 7 March 2018 Council resolved to commence the statutory processes under the Local Government Act 1989 to consider selling 46-58 Marlborough Street, Balaclava to Port Phillip Housing Association in its capacity as trustee of the Port Phillip Housing Trust. The potential sale is intended to facilitate the growth of affordable housing in the City, and is part of Council’s implementation of its affordable housing policy In Our Backyard.

A Council notice was published in the Leader community newspaper and on Council’s website informing the public of Council’s sale proposal, and of their right to: make a submission on the proposal; and to speak to their submission before Council.

The petition will be considered as a submission to the proposal, and will be included in the reporting of submissions on the matter, to be heard by Councillors later in this evening’s meeting (6 June 2018).

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Petition, includes it as a formal submission to the sale of 46-58 Marlborough Street, Balaclava to Port Phillip Housing Association in its capacity as trustee of the Port Phillip Housing Trust, and invites the Petitioner to address Council in support of his submission.

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ATTACHMENTS Nil