EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

(For the Resident)

Project ID: 20522
Project title: What influences residents’ attitudes to infill housing proposals?

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You are invited to take part in this study. Please read this Explanatory Statement in full before deciding whether or not to participate in this research. If you would like further information regarding any aspect of this project, you are encouraged to contact the researchers via the phone numbers or email addresses listed above.

What does the research involve?

The aim of the research is to draw on place attachment, attitude, and heuristic research to establish the key factors which influence people’s responses to infill housing planning proposals. Place attachment research considers the bonds that people form to places, similar to the bonds people form between other people. Heuristic research considers how people make decisions based on mental shortcuts and psychological processes.

As a participant, you will be asked to answer a series of multiple choice questions as part a survey. No information will be collected that can identify you. The survey takes about five minutes to complete.

Why were you chosen for this research?

The Council considers that you may be interested in this proposal and has sent you a letter to inform you. Given that you may be interested in the current planning proposal, we would like you to participate in our research by completing the survey. We would like to know what you think about the planning proposal and related matters.

Consenting to participate in the project and withdrawing from the research

You have the right to opt-out or withdraw from the research prior to completing the survey. However, it will not be possible to withdraw your responses once you have completed the survey.

Possible benefits and risks to participants

The main benefit of this research is to contribute to a better understanding of the key influences on people’s attitudes to infill housing projects. The survey process will not pose any risk of distress.

Confidentiality

The questions will not ask you to supply any personal or sensitive information that can identify you or members of the public. Only aggregated responses will be reported.
Storage of data
Data will be stored in accordance with Monash University regulations, kept on a password protected computer. Only the chief investigator and PhD student will have access to the data. With your permission, we would like to keep the data on file so that it is available for future collaborative projects on topics related to community engagement and attitudes to in housing infill planning processes.

Results
Findings will potentially be published in academic journals, reports, and conference papers. To access the results and/or publications, please contact the chief investigator.

Complaints
Should you have any concerns or complaints about the conduct of the project, you are welcome to contact the Executive Officer, Monash University Human Research Ethics Committee (MUHREC):

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Thank you,

[Signature]

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