
From: Jessie Reid
Sent: Tuesday, 25 April 2017 1:09 PM
To: Contact Us
Subject: Att: General Manager, City of Launceston RE: DA0058/2017 Submission of
Objection to proposed plans for 52 Abbott St/38 Arthur Street East Launceston

General Manager, City of Launceston

re: DA0058/2017

I wish to make a submission on the development application for the demolition of the cottage on 38 Arthur St, East Launceston.

My main points for objecting are the demolition of the cottage it's self, which has provided an important part of a delightful urban streetscape for at least 100 years and seems to have been misrepresented in previous development applications. it would appear that Alps and Amici no longer find a residential area suitable for the business as it has grown but have decided the area should change instead of searching for a more suitable and less residential area.

It would change the streetscape of Arthur street and reduce it's quaint appeal and replace it with a dull appearance more suited to an urban area and I feel that it would be an excellent development in another area unless the facade of the house could be used.

I also object to the lack of parking provided, I do not find the argument in the plans that additional parking would not be needed to be convincing, more parking would be needed if the business is to be expanded in this fashion.

yours faithfully,

Jessie Reid

Allan Miller

Mr Robert Dobrzynski
General Manager
Launceston City Council
Launceston 7250

26 April 2017

re DA0058/2017, application to demolish historic cottage by Alps Amici, Launceston

I wish to oppose the demolition of 38 Arthur Street, East Launceston.

Firstly, could you please advise on how a place can be entered on the local heritage schedule? How can a member of the public/property owner nominate their place for entry? Could you please place on the public record the process involved at this moment in time?

The supporting documentation with the application asserts this place was built c1930. The core of the building suggests an 1850s/60s residence, with a c1900 addition to the western section of the building. Archival records support this. This would make this building an early timber building in East Launceston. Have the applicants considered re-use of this clearly early building? The internal fittings support the early nature of this building.

The supporting documentation also neglects to assess the heritage values of the place, and loss of streetscape to the area. The amended application considers streetscape merely car parking. Streetscape encompasses many values - aesthetic, natural and cultural heritage, architectural and archaeological to name a few. The supporting documentation fails to address these. It is clear this property is the bookend to a large number of historic residences, sharing values pertaining to periods of construction, setback, historic owners and building materials.

Was this place considered in the Paul Davies Launceston Heritage Study? Is it a recommendation in the state, local or precinct reports of the heritage study? When will these reports be made public to ratepayers? All other municipal council surveys are found on council websites. Why hasn't Launceston done this? Is this place featured on the 1830s Smythe archaeological overlay that LCC provided the Launceston LINC?

For almost six decades this place was home to the Burgess family. QG Burgess was a well-known commercial traveller and employee of the Mercury newspaper. He was active in the Launceston church and commercial circles. His wife was a prominent northern Tasmanian philanthropist. At the time of her death she left substantial funds to nine charities. 38 Arthur Street was a social hub, where fundraising for these charities took place. The application to demolish does not take into account these associative and community values, which are key indicators of heritage status.

Lastly, will the adjacent intersection be affected by increased traffic to this venue? Vision at the intersection is poor and there is a lack of parking for local residents which is taken up by customers to surrounding businesses. This will likely increase with the proposed addition to the premises. Will it operate outside of normal business hours?

I acknowledge the contribution this small business makes to the area. I also know the owners have respect for heritage buildings, having restored one themselves. I hope they reconsider their application to demolish this early building for the area.

Yours sincerely
A Miller

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From: Jean Chapman

Sent: Wednesday, 26 April 2017 1:14 PM

To: Robert Dobrzynski

Subject: DA0058/2017

I wish to oppose the demolition of 38 Arthur St because, quite frankly, I am getting fed up to the teeth with businesses who come waving \$\$\$\$ to get permission to destroy our heritage and the gorgeous little cottages which are the main drawcard for tourists to the area.

I know when I came over here for a holiday in the early 2000s I fell in love with these quaint buildings and the beautiful old buildings in Launceston City itself. I wouldn't be bothered going to places that are trying to be Melbourne or Disneyland.

Any place that knocks down old buildings to further their own business greed, I will openly boycott and I will not be bringing interstate visitors to such places either.

Yours sincerely

Jean Chapman