



MELBOURNE SOUTH YARRA RESIDENTS GROUP INC.

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Bulletin Update – A RECAP **CoM Planning Permit Application TP-2022-161** **Poolman House -255 Domain Road**

The revised planning application for the development of Poolman House into a Soho House private members club has been submitted to council and has been advertised with Objections to be lodged by Thursday May 19. It is nearly 500 pages long and contains contributions from many consultants. To read the details here is the link -go to the City of Melbourne [Planning Permit Register](#).

MSYRG believes that that none of the amendments do anything to allay our fears that this project will be a disaster for the amenity of the suburb. To the closest residents noise will be a huge problem, but by far the greatest problem for the wider community will be traffic and parking. The initial application had 21 car spaces out of the 144 spaces the planning guidelines specified. They have increased that by doubling the on-site parking by using stackers and have added a further off-site car park in St Kilda Road for a further 50 spots. All up a total of 92, still 52 short of the specified number. Add to this the fact that they plan that the patrons will be shuttled back and forth to the St Kilda Road car park by a mini bus with trips every 8 minutes during peak times.

The existing three car spaces out the front of the premises on Domain Road are proposed to be turned into 5 minute spots, thus taking them away from community use. These spots are particularly vital for residents of Punt Road and their guests because of the 24 hour clearway.

The Club operators say they will encourage usage of taxis, Ubers and public transport. Taxis and Ubers will only add to the congestion and everyone knows how chaotic Domain Road can get near the Punt Road intersection with traffic jams happening at all hours of the day and night.

MSYRG has now engaged a town planning consultant to review the new Poolman House application. MSYRG has also lodged an objection with the understanding that MSYRG will add to it with the Town Planner Report when done. This Thursday 19th of May is the council advised deadline for lodging objections to TP- 2022-161. However MSYRG understands that under the legislation the council is obliged to consider all objections up until the day the council makes a decision. There is time but speedy action is important.

MSYRG continues to seek contributions from members and non-members to fund this Objection with the suggested amount of \$200. Please email secretary@msyrg.com.au and banking details will be sent to you. Other details about how your funds would be used and the administration arrangements for the fund will be forwarded to you before you make any contribution. Please note- If you contribute to this objection, you have a choice of listing your name on the objection, or, for the purposes of the objection submitted to council, remaining anonymous. MSYRG will also add your details to the *MSYRG Poolman House Contact List* for speedy updates as they happen: email secretary@msyrg.com.au.

New individual objections can also be lodged by you. Preferably by Thursday May 19th. It is free. Here is the link to lodge an objection -go to the City of Melbourne [Planning Permit Register](#). Type in TP-2022-161, scroll down and fill out the form to lodge your objection. CoM will register all Objections whether general or specific in detail. The greater the number of objections the more the Council will know the weight of the opposition. Please encourage your neighbours and other South Yarra residents to join the fight and also add their name to the *Poolman House Contact List* for future MSYRG updates: email secretary@msyrg.com.au.

MSYRG cannot stress enough that individual objections are critical to the fight to stop this completely inappropriate development from proceeding. The Council Planning Department can then clearly see there are many many strong objections which will contribute to the council decision about granting the permit

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