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**Subject:** Community sentiment needs to count

Dear panel,

I was recently involved with my community in opposing a development of a Hungry Jacks take away food outlet on Goodwood Road, Westbourne Park. With some pretty soft requirements and variations as a result of objections and appeals over less than a year the development has been sadly granted.

The key issue I took away from the process is that community sentiment opposing a particular development ultimately counts for nothing, zip, zero! It seems to me as long as the size, car parking, landscaping, zoning, signage etc. ticks the boxes it can proceed irrespective of how bad it looks in the area, safety and traffic issues it creates, public nuisance it attracts and how bad the product is for people in the community.

When I refer to community sentiment I am not talking about one or two neighbours objecting to development for the sake of it, I refer to dozens of residents that live close by that can substantiate the developments negative influence on their community. In the case of the development referred to the developer just keeps on paying consultants and lawyers to write report on what is needed, communities don't have the resources to provide any I understand community sentiment cant be the only factor but it needs to have valid merit which I did not see in my recent experience.

Community consultation here is also weak, occupants only within 60 meters were officially notified and the site had a A4 piece of paper on the fence for about a week. Where a development like this influences a whole suburb and community this notification is substandard.

Kind regards,

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