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Hi,

I have become aware of the proposed planning changes and was appalled at some of the plans. I recently moved into a Prospect 350 zone street that has lovely trees, good sized verges, decent sized allotments, all the things that are good to reduce the urban heat island and make for a good environment to raise a family. We're not rich, we now have a huge mortgage to be in a street we liked. I see all these things under threat from the changes which would see it become a 300 General Neighbourhood zone.

I already fear that over time we could become surrounded by double storey houses. This is where we live, where we spend much of our lives, do not under-estimate what impact that has on people. It appears there's changes about how they can be built and allowing even more overlooking of neighbours. The rules are already pretty weak, watering them down further would clearly be against the wishes of the majority of people. How would you feel to have a young child and know that your neighbours can be watching them down through your elevated bathroom windows, or every time they go into their backyard to play. And can you imagine how much worse overshadowing will be for solar panels, which the government is encouraging people to invest thousands of dollars in?

And how can you possibly allow a double storey to be built without a neighbour being told? And dwelling walls on boundaries are already widely despised, you basically have your neighbour's property in your face and you aren't allowed to touch it! Yet my understanding is that could be built without informing a neighbour.

I strongly object to the proposed changes and can't imagine that the majority of people would support them.

Regards,
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