

# Residents: tone it down

## DEVELOPMENT SEEN AS TOO BIG

Andrea Kellett

CAULFIELD North residents opposed to development plans for the historic Alma Sports Club want the developer to return to the drawing board.

Residents gathered last week to voice their views on the permit application lodged for the 7100sq m property. Developers want to demolish the site and replace it with a four-storey apartment building with 50 flats, and 25 two and three-storey townhouses.

Residents said the proposal was out of character.

"Throw it out and bring back something that's amenable to the community and to families," spokeswoman Carol Ibrahim said.

Residents want fewer buildings, a maximum of

two storeys and more car parks on site. Monark Pty Ltd director Bill Michaelides said his team had taken a "very balanced approach". The development was designed for young professional couples and families.

"I think we could have been a lot more aggressive with the development but it was not my preference," he said. "I think it's a fantastic result for the area."

Resident David Dolan said amenity would suffer.

"This was the last open space in this precinct of North Caulfield," he said.

Town planners Contour Consultants say proposed parking meets needs for residents and four visitor spaces was "appropriate".

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Residents opposing to the development gather to discuss their options.

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What concerns you most about the plan?

75 residences times three bins equals 225 bins.  
**Domenic Bizano, Caulfield North**



Traffic congestion and safety.  
**Margaret Mallinson, Caulfield North**



"The noise, the rubbish, the traffic."  
**Myra Cohen, Caulfield North**



"It's one way in and one way out of Wilks St, there's no thoroughfare."

