

Darebin Appropriate Development Association

Draft DADA Charter

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Since 2005 Darebin Appropriate Development Association DADA, is a group of residents of Darebin concerned with inappropriate development. DADA provides assistance to residents who might feel unheard and powerless when inappropriate development is happening near them. DADA acts to preserve the nature and character of our community and influence council planning to ensure appropriate future development.

DADA is open to any likeminded Darebin residents. Members are from a wide variety of local residents including: retirees, families, young couples, singles, home owners and renters, people from multiple ethnic backgrounds, people from varied sexualities, people from a variety of political groups and people from multiple religious groups.

We believe: The city is losing its heritage and local amenity, open space and clean air. We fear for the local characteristics and for our historic streets and parks.

The impact of inappropriate development has already had a negative effect on the liveability and diversity for which this city is known and loved. Successive waves of over-development continue to erode remaining amenity. All Strategic planning must be developed in collaboration with the community and these strategic plans must be adhered to in all land-use development decision making. We support a strong and viable open space & public transport network. The Planning and Development Act (1987) states: all developments should demonstrate real NET community benefit.

We will be a collective voice for a network of resident, environment and heritage groups.

We will advocate through moderated public discussion forums, orderly protest;

- against inappropriate, poor quality development in The City of Darebin;
- against proposed inappropriate development applications at Council and VCAT
- for fairness in the State and local planning system;
- for protection of the human scale of the built environment;
- for real heritage protection in the City of Darebin;
- for genuine consultation at the City of Darebin;
- to preserve the character, identity and amenity of the city;
- for better community resources;
- for increase inclusion of sustainability principles in planning law
- to manage traffic and negative impacts on residents, pedestrians and road users
- to preserve and increase public open space;
- to protect habitat in parks and open space, green spaces;
- To protect significant trees and vegetation on private land;
- to preserve and protect street scapes from the loss of trees;
- to ensure the provision of adequate family housing for the future
- to ensure adequate provision of low income rental housing for the future
- against forced rezoning
- for development that is able to respond the challenge of climate change and energy scarcity