

reflect anyone's view of the current "Hills Lifestyle" as it reflects high density suburbia.

MRS P McNEIL

Dear Ed:

We do not have scheme water and we don't have street lights and we had rubbish collection forced on us a few years ago! I can just see my neighbours over the paddock, yes we like the hills style of living!

ROGER & SANDY STONE  
STONEVILLE

Dear editor,

John Beaton's letter was a joke. We do not want high density housing. We have seen the plans and we know that it is not what our ideas of hills lifestyle is about.

PAULA NEWMAN  
STONEVILLE

Dear Sir,

We are less than re-assured by Mr Beaton's statement that some of the blocks will be smaller than ten acres; some smaller than a quarter of an acre.

If there is no need for us to worry why isn't the Shire being open and providing us with information that will allay our concerns?

BARRY AND BEV LIEBECK  
STONEVILLE

Dear Sir,

Having viewed a lot of properties in the Kalamunda, Gooseberry Hill and Lesmurdie areas, I have mentioned to various Real Estate agents that I would find it hard to live there because it always looks so untidy. Their usual reply is that's what's great about the "Hills Lifestyle" you don't have to worry about lawns, gardens, weeds or leaves.

I would have to agree with them and with the water restriction, most suburban gardens are going to look like everyone is living the "Hills Lifestyle!!"

GRACE KAY  
FORRESTFIELD

Dear Editor,

I couldn't have agreed more with John's letter if I had written it myself.

I was appalled by the fear mongering in the Aug letter and checked the website out of morbid curiosity and found just a home page.

My father was raised in the hills, as was I and now I raise my kids here - I love it, I understand the need to feel protective over it, but get a grip on reality! Perth is a growing city, development in the hills is going to occur. We don't live in an impenetrable bubble here - thank goodness!

The hills lifestyle to me is mainly a strong sense of community. The writers of the August article show little tolerance which is a value diminished too much in the world already.

S. FISHER  
DARLINGTON

Dear Sir,

The bottom line is that dense development will cause major environmental damage to a

uniquely placed eco system. As you look down on the city from Greenmount Perth's air pollution problem is clearly visible. What you don't see is the water pollution - these developments will impact hugely on the catchment area.

It may be of interest to note that Adelaide has stopped development in its Mt Lofty hills because there the people acknowledge their cultural and environmental importance. The Hills are the lungs of Perth. The open space belongs to all Western Australians. If you want a suburban lifestyle, live in the suburbs. Don't wreck our inheritance.

GWEN DEAN  
MT HELENA

Dear Sir,

I love the hills due to the large blocks. There's room for trees. I often drive past estates that have small lots and think how lucky I am to live in the hills. Now it is a very real possibility that this kind of estate will be on my doorstep. I have spoken to many hills residents on this subject and not one supports small lots.

SIMONE MATURO  
PARKERVILLE

Dear Sir,

If it is necessary to make more small building blocks available in the Mundaring Shire I believe it would be better if it occurred within or adjacent to the townsite of Mundaring.

If this village type of development occurs I believe the Shire will become responsible for considerable expense, also in due course these new villages will require further expenditure on amenities - e.g. ovals, tennis courts, halls, etc. Which would require further considerable expense by the shire.

RJ MILLARD  
STONEVILLE

Dear Sir,

These small blocks will not allow any play area for children, hence another problem, children often out in streets causing trouble.

RC & RD MERCER

Dear Sir,

At present we have Good Air, Good Neighbours, Peace and Freedom, plus handy access to all amenities. The possibility of a population explosion will seriously affect us all and the environment, and FEAR will feature in our lifestyle.

H & A COOKE  
STONEVILLE

Dear Editor,

We worry how much of this beauty will survive if proposed bush clearance and water treatment facilities, not to mention infrastructure necessary to accommodate several thousand properties proposed goes ahead. Thanks for the voice.

ADRIENNE CESSFORD  
PARKERVILLE

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