

Scale of South Hobart project all wrong

HOBART'S Town Hall was packed to capacity last week when members of our community assembled to hear eminent keynote speakers voice their concerns of what presently is the Hobart Interim Planning Scheme 2015, which is soon to become the statewide Tasmanian Planning Scheme.

Serious matters were raised about amended planning processes facilitating market-driven, mostly ad hoc, proposed

developments that effectively weaken the power of the little folk.

A case in point is the large-scale residential development recently approved by the Hobart City Council at the Old Tannery site in Wynyard St, South Hobart. The scale of this project is simply inappropriate for the site, as it will mean the removal of street parking in Wynyard St and nearby Macquarie St, increase traffic congestion, and undermine

the historic character and aesthetic of the area. It could prove fraught for local business owners as well, due to parking space removal.

I encourage community members to get behind the South Hobart Progress Association's goal to raise \$20,000 towards legal costs, its aim being to appeal the Hobart council's decision.

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