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Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into the application for a Development Variance Permit for 856 Isbister Street, which would allow parking in the front yard of the house and enclosure of the carport.

I live at #4 890 Admirals Road and from the back rooms of my house I overlook the front of the property at 856 Isbister. I'm interested to see this permit application for several reasons:

1. The front yard is already being used as a permanent parking lot, and has been for some time.
2. The carport has already been enclosed, and has been for some time.

So my feedback on the application is "Why now?" What will change if this permit is approved? I wonder whether it is a stepping stone to something further and if so, what.

3. My third concern is more tangible and possibly far-reaching. If the applicant were to do any excavation and/or paving of the front yard, it would likely affect the health of a large old fir tree on my property. The fir tree's root zone stretches into the applicant's property and would be damaged - possibly seriously - by any excavation or paving. If that were to happen, the tree could become a risk to any of several houses in the neighbourhood and it would then be my financial responsibility to have it removed. Esquimalt would lose a big carbon sink and I'd be out thousands of dollars.

With those concerns in my mind, I am not in favour of council approving this application.

Regards,
 Rachel Goldsworthy
 #4 890 Admirals Road
 Esquimalt