

Report on NECA activity on the NCC proposal for Sussex Drive – NECA AGM October 2025

The New Edinburgh Community Alliance (NECA) made two submissions this year to the National Capital Commission (NCC) regarding its proposal for a major development of apartment buildings on the three-block section of New Edinburgh bounded by Sussex Drive, Stanley Avenue, Thomas Street and MacKay Street.

The so-called Sussex Blocks proposal was included in the NCC's update to its National Capital Core Area Plan, which was the subject of a public consultation this year before being approved by the NCC's Board of Directors in June 2025.

If the proposal proceeds, it would likely be the largest residential development in New Edinburgh's history and would be located within the Heritage Conservation District, along the ceremonial route and opposite the official residence of the Prime Minister and the French Embassy.

NCC staff made an initial presentation to the NECA board in late January 2025 to introduce the Sussex Blocks proposal. Subsequently, NCC staff accepted NECA's invitation for the NCC to host a workshop in the community in March 2025 to better explain the Sussex Blocks proposed development.

As awareness of the NCC's proposal increased throughout the community, NECA made its final submission in May 2025 before the close of the consultations. Community concerns include a lack of transparency by the NCC, in addition to issues on the proposal with respect to traffic and safety, the environment, heritage and flooding.

In July 2025, NECA board members met with Mona Fortier, Member of Parliament for Ottawa-Vanier, to discuss concerns regarding the proposal and seek her engagement.

At time of writing, NECA is seeking a continuing dialogue with the NCC to share community concerns and seek transparency regarding the next steps if the proposal proceeds to a project through a request for proposal process.