

Residents unhappy with four-storey development

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A local residents association has criticised an Adelaide Hills Council decision to approve a four-storey development in the heart of Woodforde, saying that the scale and nature of the building is “contrary to the community’s expectations for the area”.

The development at 12 Highlands Court, Woodforde, was approved by the council’s assessment panel (CAP) earlier this month.

Plans include four-levels, each containing three bedrooms, an en suite, office, wet area and kitchen and dining area and a living area. The building has been described as a single dwelling to be occupied by an extended family.

Woodforde Residents Association (WRA) president Janet Spouse fears the building will be used as four apartments, either immediately or in the future.

“The committee finds it absurd that a single dwelling would have a kitchen and two

bathrooms on every floor,” she said.

“This development is clearly inconsistent with other dwellings in the Highlands Court neighborhood and contrary to the community’s expectations for the area.”

Ms Spouse said that Hamilton Hill – a housing estate within Woodforde – already had issues with traffic capacity and parking spaces. She said the approved development would exacerbate those issues.

“The building could house in excess of 24 people, (with)

double bedrooms on each of the four floors,” she said.

“This is clearly an issue regarding traffic congestion on a single entry street, street parking, and access for utility vehicles.

“This is a particular concern for the community given existing congestion has already resulted in rubbish collection being impossible in some neighboring streets.”

Other local residents shared concerns, with six residents lodging their opposition to the development during the public notification phase.



Woodforde Residents Association members Janet Spouse, left, Michael Scruse and Rick Mason.