

Dear Mr. Major,

My husband and I are residents and owners at 1180 Rue St. Mathieu, a Victorian-styled grey stone house in Shaughnessy Village built in 1885. The reason for this email is not so much to rave to you about our nice house, but rather to put in our objections of the two proposed 20-storey towers planned for 1880 Rene Levesque West. Our current information is that its construction would not be in accordance with the city zoning laws.

As you are well aware, Shaughnessy Village is a beautiful home to a number of historical and heritage buildings, such as the Canadian Centre of Architecture, the Grey Nuns Convent and its chapel and many residential houses, all of which the residents are proud. We do not know of a single person living in this area who was not left displeased and disgruntled when told about the forthcoming plans for the construction of a tower block in the area. We are trying very hard to understand the reasons behind the developers' minds when they seek to build towers as tall as those planned in the midst of this historical part of town. We wondered if the developers lack a cultural sense of belonging in a particular environment or do they just lack any sense of value? Possibly they have no appreciation of history. In their busy minds to make big and fast money, the developers have probably not even given further thoughts about the non-existent infrastructure, central to the support of such an overpowering building in the area. Indeed, it is very disappointing news to us that the construction seems to have the support of the City of Montreal, which itself has so far - and rightly so - been very strict to the residents of the Village as far as alterations to their homes are concerned.

As the office of Public Consultation of Montreal, we sincerely believe that you will reconsider this development and first and foremost, take a stronger regard for the opinions and evaluations of the residents of Shaughnessy Village.

Yours sincerely

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