

Waste not ... Christ Curch students, from left, Manus O'Leary, Noah Brown and Max Godfrey with some of the items that have replaced single-use plastic in their school canteen.

ioneer waste cut

Christ Church Grammar School students say they are national pioneers in efforts to make their campus free of general waste.

A dozen students in Years 10 to 12 have been working to reduce plastic, get rid of general waste bins, and lighten their load on the environment.

Plans for a glass conserva-

tory for a heritage-listed

Peppermint Grove home have

been shelved after the council

expressed concerns about the

impact it would have on the

Conservatory canned

"We're the first school in Australia to eliminate our general waste bins," Year 10 student Noah Brown said.

We are replacing them with bins for bio-degradable waste, and bins for recycling.'

There are about 100 general waste bins at the Claremont school and its Mt Claremont

into the front garden for her

But shire president Rachel

Thomas said the conservatory

would involve removing original

material and have an effect on

Fresh plans without the con-

servatory were submitted to the

council on Tuesday night, and

were passed unanimously.

young grandchildren.

the streetscape.

playing fields that have around 12 cubic metres of waste put in them.

The boys' student environment committee, which meets once a week, learnt 70% of general bin waste was organic and could be re-purposed.

Year 10 student Manus O'Leary said biodegradable coffee cups would be taken to the Swan Valley where industrialsized compost bins would break them down.

Max Godfrey, Year 10, said CCGS's ultimate goal was to produce no waste that couldn't be re-purposed.

"We are pleased to see our students leading the change for environmental sustainability,

principal Alan Jones said. "Our students are global citizens and know that everyone has a part to play in creating a more sustainable world.'

Bosich flats raise concerns

By LLOYD GORMAN

Neighbours of a proposed block of apartments in Subi Centro have raised a plethora of problems with the project.

About 21 objections about traffic and parking, pedestrian safety, overshadowing, impact on solar panels, privacy, height and other issues are understood to have been made to the Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority when public consultation closed in mid-May.

Subiaco firm Hillam Architects has lodged a development application [DA] with the MRA to build a five-storey apartment block with 25 units, 38 car bays and a ground-floor cafe.

That DA sought variations to the design guidelines for the Carter Lane Precinct – the former Bosich factory site – of five storeys in lieu of three storeys with a four-storey corner element and

site coverage greater than 75%. Hillam said its design took into account the needs of future residents, neighbours and the community.

Ben and Josette van der Burg live beside the proposed building. They admit its design is excellent and they would welcome a "beautiful development in tune with the surroundings".

"However the same cannot be said for the other aspects," the couple said in their submission to the MRA.

"The increased height of the development and hence the overall bulk would, notwithstanding skilful articulation, not be appropriate to the small site.

"It also ignores the appropriate termination of the view lines towards the precinct.



An artist's impression of the proposed flats.

"The larger number of inhabitants would put pressure on the limited green space, create more traffic in the narrow lanes around the development already used by many pedestrians and make the already scarce parking even scarcer.'

They said the bulk of the building would be oppressive on the surroundings, affect the efficiency of solar panels and compromise privacy.

It also lent heavily on the height variation given to a previous but now defunct approval

for the site.
"If Hillam Architects withdrew their application would the next developer be able to go to six levels?" they asked.

Daniel Ow, from Carter Lane,

also said the DA should be

assessed against the original guidelines for the precinct from 2013, and not against the previous approval for the site. The proposal is one storey

higher than the corner treatment allowed on Centro Avenue and two storeys higher than the overall height limit," Mr Ow said. "At five storeys, this means

it will sit three storeys higher than existing townhouses in Carter Lane and two storeys higher than development along Centro Avenue.

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Yvonne Burns, one of the owners of the View Street home, had said she wanted the

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