

I live diagonally behind this construction, which is in fact well underway, so one can see the height, overall dimensions, and placement of the building that is being called a cabana. It is extremely close to the lot line on two sides (north and west), and much larger than any other cabana I have seen in this neighbourhood. Its most striking – and for us completely objectionable – feature is its height. I have never seen a cabana with a small second floor before. The proposal says 3.57 metres in height, but we doubt this is true; it is much taller as it is roughly level with halfway up the second storey of the houses nearby. The sports court has a black metal frame which is even taller, and is extremely close to the lot line on two sides (west and south), directly by our lilac bush. If these structures are permitted, all I can say is that apparently Council will allow almost anything, no matter how tall, how close to the lot line, or how damaging to the views and sightlines from immediately neighbouring properties. The overall quality of life in this neighbourhood is at stake. I urge Council to respect its own by-laws, and not grant such large and unsightly variances.