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Planning Commission - another question:

What Project Alternatives would be examined in the EIR? Shouldn't those be identified at this point?

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From: **Patti L Fry** <pattilfry@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Jan 14, 2019 at 5:31 PM
Subject: EIR scope for 1350 Adams Court project
To: <planning.commission@menlopark.org>

Dear Planning Commission,

After a quick review of the Initial Study for the above project, I came up with some questions that should be answered because they could affect whether the EIR scope will be broad enough:

Biological Resources - with a 92-ft tall building, would there be light pollution that affects wildlife? The Bohannon building at Marsh and Hwy 101 has very bright lights at night that likely are a problem for wildlife (that needs to be addressed). This project must avoid doing the same.

I did not see that there were mitigation measures identified to address the potential impact of light pollution or the possibility of noise impacts from the 2nd story "private open space" deck, which appears that it could be large. It isn't clear how much of the approx. 1-1/2 acres of private open space* is the patio and how much is the 2nd story deck. The Initial Study conclusion of "Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated" may encompass that but I suggest this be discussed.

Hydrology/Water Quality - with a new and quite large underground parking garage, shouldn't there be some additional study to ensure that the garage will not interfere with the hydrology? While the building will replace what was a parking lot, it is the underground impacts that may need to be studied.

Additionally, as stated on page 2-7 of the Initial Study, the amount of Lot 3 North that is covered with impervious surfaces will be change from 24% to 82% (pervious surfaces would be reduced from 58% to 18%). Might that need to be studied to understand the impacts of this change in an area subject to high tides and sea level rise? Additional stormwater retention might be a necessary mitigation beyond required measures or there could be impacts that cannot be mitigated.

Noise - how have the potential noise impacts of a 2nd story "private open space" deck been evaluated and mitigation measures identified? The Initial Study concludes that

Thanks for your consideration.

Patti Fry
former Menlo Park Planning Commissioner

*60,220 sf Private Open Space = 109,020 SF Open Space - 48,800 sf Public Open Space. Source: Initial Study Table 2-1 on page 2-4