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Dear Editor,

I attended the Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 19th regarding the Polygon proposal at Whiteley Court in Lynn Valley. Many of the people who spoke in favour of the proposal, gave the dilapidated condition of the current site as a reason to proceed with the development. This is a typical developer spin and those people who don't understand this are often sucked in to believing that the only way to get rid of the eyesore is to accept the proposal.

This is simply not so. All municipal councils have the power and the authority to force owners to upgrade their properties to meet safety, health, and visual standards. The current owner of Whiteley Court charges market rents and is responsible for the upkeep of his property. If this was not done at Whiteley Court, then it is because the owner failed in his duties to spend adequate funds, or let his property deteriorate on purpose to force a development on unknowing residents of Lynn Valley, or District Council failed in its duty to enforce its Upkeep of Premises bylaw.

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