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Letters to the editor

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Cherished lifestyle in danger

LIKE Noel Johnson (Act now to protect our Hills, *Hills Gazette*, March 15) I too am a Hills resident concerned about the proposed urban development for Stoneville and Parkerville.

As a young adult who has lived my whole life in the Mundaring and surrounding Hills area, I have been privileged with growing up among bush in a relatively safe

and sheltered environment.

To me, "the Hills" conjures up images of a close-knit community, jarrah-marri bush and a quiet and peaceful lifestyle.

Knowing that I am not alone in these beliefs, I am amazed that the Shire of Mundaring is pursuing dense urban-style development.

This kind of develop-

ment will completely compromise the Hills lifestyle we all cherish, as well as the health and well-being of local ecosystems (through clearing) and broader natural systems (increasing salinity, decreasing water and air quality and promoting global warming).

Could it be that the shire's priorities lie with raising revenue and not

with protecting the best interest of residents and our local environment?

I love the Hills and I love the bush.

By acting to protect our local environment we can give future generations of kids the same opportunities in growing up that I had.

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