

Our Opinion of Phases 3 and 4 of the Nordelec Construction Project

We are longtime residents of Corticelli. We love the character of our neighborhood with its many repurposed and restored buildings. However, some recent changes are leading to negative outcomes like greater traffic congestion. We believe that granting a major height exemption to Nordelec would worsen the current congestion and increase pollution and noise making the neighborhood less attractive to families with children. We also don't want our charming old buildings to essentially disappear among 44-meter-high towers.

Please maintain the height limitations in place now because they help make our neighborhood not just charming, but lovable and human. An October 26, 2021, [Deloitte Insights](#) article, "From Livable to Lovable: Making Cities More Human," summarizes important considerations related to the question before us. "Many of the experiences that go into a city's lovability can be planned and intentional. Many are also inherently emergent as the scaffolding of the city's design is filled in by its occupants. It's up to city planners and governments to plan what can be planned, and influence what can't be planned, to move their cities toward being lovable. If we skimp on acknowledging and addressing the human underpinnings of what makes a city worth living in, we risk solving for the wrong factors. We shouldn't stop at making our cities livable. We should strive to make them lovable." And thus more human.

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