

Residential project gets DUAC nod

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NEW DELHI: Delhi Urban Art Commission (DUAC) has approved residential development next to Vishwavidyalaya Metro station. While the original proposal for the group housing project had pushed for 40 storey', DUAC has advised the private concessionaire to reduce the height keeping in mind the sensitivity of the area. In the final approved proposal, the height has been reduced to 19 storey' as per the commission's recommendations.

Last year, DUAC had shot down the proposal for a residential development project at the Vishwa Vidyalaya Metro station in Civil Lines. The proposal was submitted by the erstwhile MCD on behalf of a private party, but the commission felt that the proposal did not do justice to the surrounding areas and asked the architect to come back with some alternate proposals.

"In the revised proposal received, the architect had proposed the development up to S+19 floors. The proposal was found incorporating the commission's earlier observations and accepted," stated the minutes of the meeting.

According to a senior DUAC official, "The original proposal was for 40 storey' and we asked the height be reduced. The revised proposal incorporated our suggestions and reduced the height to 19 storeys."

While highrise development in Delhi is largely being promoted by UD minister Kamal Nath, this particular case for highrise development had met with a lot of apprehension by DUAC. In their earlier communications with North Delhi municipal corporation and the private party in charge of the Metro station, the commission had felt that "the project proposal submitted to them with buildings of 40 or even up to 26 storey would not be compatible with the surroundings and would disturb the skyline".

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