

January 21st, 2021

Dear Mayor Guthrie and City Council Members,

I am writing this letter as a very concerned citizen, regarding the proposed development of 24 three-story stacked townhouse units at 77 Victoria Road North. I live very near to his proposed complex (Palermo Crescent) and am greatly concerned that this development could go through.

The idea to develop such a large complex on this narrow piece of land seems ill advised and poorly planned at best.

The first concern is related to safety. The increased traffic created by the proposed dwelling on this small plot of land would be an issue not only for the general public who travel along this road way and sidewalk, but for students and parents of the elementary school right next to this proposed development. Traffic is already very busy in this area each day, and these units would only add to the problem of major traffic congestion. Seniors out walking, young children and teenagers on their way to school, as well as people driving by this complex would be in danger of getting hurt or in an accident.

Second, is the issue of parking. Potential owners of these units may attempt to park in the adjacent neighborhood streets. These streets already have very limited parking as it is. Cars already park here during pick up and drop off during school hours. If these new units were built, this would leave current homeowners with literally nowhere to park.

Third, is the issue of what this complex would actually look like in the neighbourhood. The surrounding area consists of older homes, mainly bungalows. This complex would totally obstruct the views of surrounding home owners, and look very unappealing. The design of this structure does not fit the aesthetic of the area at all.

Lastly, would be the negative environmental impact. The building of these units would force the removal of numerous mature trees. These trees are very, very old and are similar to those found at Royal City Park. Many adults and children truly appreciate this untouched and rare piece of nature that is still in our neighborhood. It brings great joy to see these beautiful trees, throughout the seasons each day. Their removal would be devastating to everyone who lives in the area.

I am asking as a concerned citizen, for city council members to please reconsider the application of this development, and encourage the building of this complex elsewhere in the city.

I thank you for your time in this matter and look forward to hearing the final decision.

Sincerely,

Melissa Binotto

