

Please include this letter in Council Meeting Agenda for Monday Feb 8th.

Response to Application File #OZS20-15

As a condominium owner in [REDACTED] Woodlawn Road E, my concerns are around safety.

I understand that there was a meeting held by the Welcome Drop in Centre Corporation in the fall 2020. I was not notified of such meeting.

I know that the current clientele in these units bring many negative aspects, including littering of garbage/needles and many police/ambulance visits.

This area has a high density of seniors. Riverside Park (referred to the Jewel of the City) should be a welcoming /safe area for senior walking, dog walking and children playing as well as other activities. It should be a showcase for people from all over Ontario to visit. Garbage/needles as well as many police/ambulance vehicles dealing with the current residence does not support being a showplace for Guelph. The proposal is to increase the number of clients, which in my opinion will just increase the volume of negatives (as above). Unfortunately, people do get desperate and need to steal "to survive" or "for money/drugs".

I do not think that "supportive housing" for homeless is a good fit for this area. With the Evergreen Centre so close, and the high density of seniors, this location would be much better suited for a low-income senior building, which I understand is so very much needed.

I hope that this project is not a "Done Deal" by just approving the zoning by-law amendment. Council and the City need to review the concerns of the neighbourhood.

I have many questions:

1. Who are the clientele that are proposed for this unit? Is it a transition unit until people get on their feet? Is it a drug recovery program?
2. How will they pay or will the city pay?
3. What does supervision look like? Will the supervisors collect the garbage/needles?

Everyone deserves a safe, clean place to live. This includes seniors, who are vulnerable and targets for "would be" opportunists.

I am asking council to carefully review the application/intent to determine the best use of this area.

Yours sincerely,

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Unit Owner of Condominium [REDACTED] Woodlawn Rd. E.
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*As an owner of a Condominium
@ [REDACTED] Woodlawn Rd E, I am in
total agreement with the
issues as stated in this letter
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