

To whom it may concern,

I am a resident of the neighbourhood that the new development will directly impact. In fact, I live on Starwood Drive, and my house will back on to the new development. My family and I enjoy the peaceful backyard and abundant green space we are fortunate to have in this quiet neighbourhood. We fear that this new development will bring unwanted noise, light, and air pollution into the area, and our tranquil backyard will become quite the opposite if it backs onto a laneway and townhouse complex instead of protected wetlands. We also worry that the new development will have negative effects on the landscape ecology in the area. Below are some questions and concerns we would like the developer to address.

- I reviewed the developer's documents and see that they plan to put some vegetation (i.e., a hedge) between the Starwood Drive backyards and the laneway. What type of hedge do the developers plan to use? What will the height and width of this hedge be? How will this new vegetation affect the vegetation that already exists in the backyards of residents who live on Starwood Drive?
- How far will the laneway be from the backyards of the houses on Starwood Drive? What is the shortest distance and longest distance? How will the maintenance of the laneway affect our backyards? For example, in the winter, when the laneway needs to be salted/sanded and plowed, will this debris enter our backyards and negatively affect the vegetation (e.g., grass, trees, gardens, etc.)? What impact will this debris have on children and pets who frequently use the backyard year-round?
- I have a large tree in my backyard inside my property line (it is tree T4 on the developer's vegetation plan). It looks like the developer has a plan to protect this tree, but what happens if they can't protect the tree and it is lost during the construction of the development. Will the developers replace it? It is a mature tree that provides privacy and shade in our backyard.
- What plans do the developers have to protect the families in the existing neighbourhoods during the building of the development? For example, plans to control air and noise pollution? What about the planned methods to control or eliminate the existing invasive plant species (e.g., Buckthorn)? How will the developer ensure that the herbicides used do not affect the existing vegetation in Starwood Drive residents' backyards? For example, some residents grow vegetables in their backyards. How will the developers ensure that the herbicides used in such close proximity to our backyards do not affect existing vegetation or the health of children and pets who play in the backyard?
- The new development will be adjacent to the existing wetlands in the area. How will the development affect this ecosystem (i.e., the vegetation, animals, water quality, etc.)? The new development will undoubtedly degrade this landscape (the vegetation plan shows that the developer plans to cut down 65 mature and healthy trees). What lasting effects will this degradation have on the area's landscape ecology? For example, how will removing this green space and mature vegetation affect pollution abatement, stormwater flow, water regulation, wildlife habitat, and biodiversity in the area?
- The last time this development was brought forward, it failed to meet the City of Guelph's Pathway to Net Zero Action Plan. What changes have been made so that the development now meets this net zero plan?

As you can tell, our biggest concerns with the new development are the proximity of the laneway and townhouses to the backyards of Starwood Drive and the disruption of the current

landscape ecology. I look forward to hearing how the developer plans to maintain the privacy and security of the houses on Starwood Drive and how they will protect the wetlands and ecosystem in our neighbourhood.

Thank you for your time,

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