

Delegation

Hello Guelph City Council

I am a resident of [REDACTED] Auden road directly adjacent to the proposed development 78/82. Eastview road, I live on the corner of Auden and Eastview. As a resident, the developers current plans do not take into consideration the needs of the residents in the surrounding area. The areas that are proposed to be developed upon lack crucial amenities such as parks. Ward 1 and Ward 2 struggle with very little access to food and shopping centers, but are known for their greenery, trails and beautiful wetlands. It's part of why I moved to this part of Guelph, to enjoy the green space and natural areas. Losing this green space would be a blow to many of my neighbours, our children and the environment. My own children play in the green spaces and the park on Starwood and near the wetland pond beyond. The green space also has huge impacts on the air quality in the area and my children will thank me for caring for the environment they live in and keeping it healthy. They would thank you too should you consider our needs as current residents in the east end for a healthy and safe place to live.

Eastview road is very busy during the day with major traffic challenges already. Often the traffic for Victoria is backed up all the way down Eastview to Auden some mornings as is. Currently the Starwood Eastview light is a hazard to cross with heavy vehicle flow. With additional foot traffic, as well as, inevitably vehicle traffic the Auden and Eastview intersection will become even more dangerous. The population of this area is low socioeconomic individuals who need easy access to bus stops that are not over crowded and to safely be able to maneuver the sidewalks in their neighbourhood. The current development plan is missing sidewalks and safe ways to cross the parking lots and Eastview or Auden. From my complex the light is quite a piece up the road yet required now to get across to the bus stops to be able to access the downtown area and the closest grocery store over 10 min away by car and longer by bus.

That leads to another struggle of the current development. The current development plans would have the bus stop moved or made more difficult to access. The neighbours I have are vulnerable sector individuals for whom the bus is the only way that they are able to get anywhere in the city. Any additional struggles to access public transportation would not be fair. They need to cross safely to get to said bus stops as well.

The additional traffic on the road will impact being able to cross Auden which is busy and which currently only has a stop sign. During busier times it is an unreasonable wait to turn left off of Auden. More traffic on the road would increase this strain. Thus additional thoughts should be placed on having a crosswalk or additional pedestrian safety measure put in along Auden and Eastview. Our children already struggle to get

on overcrowded school buses or to try and cross the busy Victoria road to get to a school that is already struggling with a high student density of children from lower socioeconomic needs and mixed populations, who have high needs from the school. Our kids in particular need to be able to safely cross the road and not have to worry about being hit on Auden or near Starwood where many near collisions with pedestrians already happen. Increasing the traffic load on these roads is going to greatly increase the likelihood of people being hit by vehicles or greatly increase the near misses.

Also the plan given to the city lacks enough parking for the given number of units. This leaves me concerned for further street parking along Eastview or Auden. Auden is relatively narrow with many near collisions occurring daily as vehicles negotiate the parked cars. Auden is a constant stream of cars giving each other the right of way to let each other pass. Going down Auden at any time of day requires you to be wary of oncoming traffic crossing the line in front of you and potentially not stopping or rushing is a consistent threat to vehicles and the people in them. Eastview also is only so wide and there being nowhere for people to park their vehicles in this complex could make my neighbourhood more unsafe for vehicles driving and pedestrians.

Moreover, have you been to the wetlands near Starwood and Eastview? You can see geese, ducks, turkey vultures, tons of bird life and small animal life. The area is stunning. The water filtration caused by the wetlands greatly decreases the damage of pollutants to the ground water in our area. Remember that lovely dump that used to be on Eastview? Something has to counteract the impact to the environment that was made by the old dump. Please consider that this area needs to remain a healthy place for us and the wildlife to live and over development and increased population density is not in this area's interests. Remember you classified this area as an urban reserve due to its beauty and its need to protect the environment, The developer could still develop plenty on the already developed land they have purchased to prevent infringement onto the wetlands, please.

Overall I would like to see the developer held accountable by you, our elected council. You need to protect the more vulnerable residents, our kids, protect our wetlands and the needs of your current residents. We need a neighbourhood for our kids that is healthy and sustainable for years to come. They need to not be removing too many trees or infringing on the forest and wetland space. They need to have walking paths for people and sidewalks drawn into the plans and places for the kids to play. There is a lack of parks already and kids can't be playing on the road. The development needs at no point to interrupt the ability for people to use the bus. My neighbours and I also need more crosswalks in the area if traffic will be increased and more road control. This development needs too to be the last into the wetlands if it does

happen but please don't destroy our wetlands and trees. The key thing is though that even if this goes through we need no further development into our wetlands, as these wetlands are vital. Thank you all for your consideration and your time.

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