

Date: September 28, 2020

**Attention: Clerk@guelph.ca**

To Whom It May Concern,

As tax paying citizens of Guelph and residents of the south end of this city, we must tell you know that we are both shocked and appalled by the planning department of this city! Specifically, the proposed future development plans for the Arkell and Gordon Street areas. The upcoming plans that were outlined in the letter to the editor in Guelph Today by concerned citizen, Walter Urban on Sept. 19, 2020 greatly opened our eyes to the alarming situation that is being slated to take place in the near future. We cannot fathom why the planning department wants the city of Guelph to look and feel like Mississauga or Brampton? If these plans go through, Guelph will most certainly look and feel more like one of these Toronto suburbs complete with their traffic, noise, congestion & pollution problems!

It boggles the mind to believe that our planning department cannot see the potential for disaster when you carefully read through the itemized list of plans outlined by Walter Urban. Have you people ever stepped foot out of your offices to head down to that area of Guelph to see firsthand, how ALREADY congested it is? Have you ever spoken to the traffic department at the Guelph Police Department to find out how many accidents have ALREADY happened along those corridors? Have you ever left your offices to actually speak to people that live, shop or visit this section of Guelph to find out just how difficult, dangerous and noisy it ALREADY is? Have you people ever seen the reports from your neighboring offices within the City of Guelph about the ALREADY strained infrastructure and the effects to such things as, water pressure, groundwater systems for drinking water, traffic congestion & road and sidewalk safety, the obvious lack of space to increase the roadway in order to accommodate your future development plans? Have you ever sat in the middle lane of traffic to turn into a plaza or a building and felt like a "sitting duck" just waiting for a serious accident to occur? It is pure insanity on a good day let alone increasing the volume of traffic!! If this is purely about generating more tax dollars for the City of Guelph, then we are truly very sad that money trumps sensible planning and good old common sense!

We urge you to please take the time to rethink the changes that are being proposed for the Arkell and Gordon Street area. Please keep Guelph a safe and happy place and free from the "big city" infrastructures that we see in much larger municipalities like Mississauga, Brampton and Toronto.

Regards,  
Karen & Gerard Greffe