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I am opposed to the amending of the bylaw for 60 Ontario Street. There is no need for 3 stores to go into this small area. There is already a newly opened variety store at the corner of Ontario and York. There is a Tim Horton's on Wellington Street, a few blocks away as well as a Tim's on Victoria Road.

A barber shop which has been a Guelph institution forever is located in the Wellington Street strip mall. Doubling up in a small area like this will only lead to the demise of one or another businesses.

It is not satisfactory that "parking" will be on the street. Our neighbourhoods once quiet and peaceful are becoming overcrowded and taken over by traffic.

It started a number of years ago. Len's Mill was converted into condos. Cars fill up their parking spaces and now directly across the street on Arthur Street south.

The old Wood property has taken part of Arthur Street South and made parking spaces for the tenants. A roadway which was once suitable to allow cars going in opposite directions unimpeded now requires drivers to slow down and more often than not give way to an opposing direction driver or to the cars who have opened their doors directly in the path of cars going south.

This problem will only increase when the building is completed that faces the Short Street and Neeve Street entrances.

On Huron Street at the old Uniroyal Research facility another housing development is going in. Workers are parking on Manitoba and Oliver Street, two streets which are narrow to begin with and trucks travel down Oliver Street daily insuring that we will soon need a new paved road more sooner than was probably planned.

These streets are already challenged with day time parking from people who do not live in the area. A few years ago Oliver street started to fill up with parking from 7 am to 5 -6 pm. People were parking here and walking to the Go/train station or walking downtown to their jobs presumably to not have to pay parking expenses. Thanks to the pandemic we don't have to be concerned about this at this time but it will return.

My three children grew up in this area. I no longer think that it would be a safe area given the increased growth and traffic.

So for all these reasons I am opposed to the amending of the By-law and I would encourage the city to give any future plans for development in this area a good hard second think.

Many thanks,

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