

The Ward Residents' Association

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Re: A-26/21 60 Ontario Street

Dear Members of the City of Guelph Committee of Adjustment, Applicants and Delegates,

We are writing in regards to the application to convert 60 Ontario St. from a car parts depot to a personal service establishment, take-out restaurant and convenience store.

The Ward Residents Association does not endorse or oppose specific projects or applications. Rather we share the opinions of local residents as expressed through a variety of communications. TWRA supports adaptive reuse of existing buildings, and complete streets that are safe for everyone: people who walk, bicycle, take transit, or drive, and people of all ages and abilities.

There has been a lot of discussion about this application, mostly through online social media. There is broad support for the project but there has been some concern over the lack of parking and access for disabled people, who may be unable to walk to these businesses. It appears that this project can't succeed without some relaxation of parking requirements, but here should be spots reserved for disabled people.

Many have their own ideas such as a green grocer or, bakery outlet (goods provided by Polestar or With the Grain, Etc.). People envision a neighbourhood option such as a Botaga's or depaneur as seen in the Mont Royale and Plateau Neighbourhoods of Montreal or on The Danforth in Toronto.

This proposal seems to be compatible with these visions.

Thanks for your attention.

Sincerely,

Barbara Mann and Scott Frederick, for the TWRA