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To Trista Di Lullo, Secretary of Committee of Adjustment.

Comments regarding 130 Oxford Street

1. Process - timing

Time provided for review and preparation for comments is insufficient. The property owner has had 2 years to do this. We received a letter first week of August, with a meeting a week later. This was all at time people normally have vacation; especial after quarantine. This limits our ability to understand the application, prevents us from joining the Aug 12 call, and preparing more thoughtful comments.

2. Character of neighbourhood

We have no idea who the proponents are. I'm sure they are nice people; and we support appropriate in filling in downtown neighborhoods. But we do know that the current property owners have made no attempt in last two years to be a respectful neighbour. The ice/snow was never cleared, the grass/weeds are not cut, and garbage is not cleared (eg used mattress). They've given the impression of an absentee landlord whose soul concern is profit.

One that basis, the proposal is needing of more scrutiny to ensure its appropriate for the neighbourhood; the owner has done nothing to build good will or trust.

It's not too late; perhaps they can be made aware of the impact of their behaviour. That would build goodwill for the rest of this process.

Parking

Oxford Street already suffers from insufficient street parking. 2 sizeable apartment building and a high school put parking at a high priority. My guess is this proposal results in loss of one or two spots to accommodate a second driveway. Has the city done any assessment of the impact?

Appeal process

Please inform us of the outcome of the CoA meeting so that we may make an informed decision regarding appeal.

Thank you in advance.

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