

To Whom it May Concern,

My husband and I have lived on Bristol street for 30 years, as of this November.

We love our neighbourhood with its mix of old/new homes as well as a variety of dwellings; single family homes, semi-detached homes and both large and small apartment buildings.

We appreciate the need for the city to infill on lots in the older areas and are not opposed to the idea of townhomes however it is the size/quantity of homes being suggested for this lot that we **do not** support.

Over the years the traffic and speed on our street has seen a drastic increase. Many years ago the end of Bristol at Wellington was changed to one way traffic in hopes of deflecting traffic from our street.

At first there was some improvement however it was short lived as many people fly down our street to avoid using Wellington st.

Although the plan is for only 5 Townhomes we do not know how many more vehicles that will bring to our neighbourhood as new residents move in and that is not including visitors.

Parking has always been a hot commodity in the neighbourhood and we feel the planned units will increase parking concerns. These units will be facing on to Emslie st which has no room for parking being such a narrow street to begin with, therefore any extra vehicles for these homes would take from an already low availability of parking spaces.

As we stated before Emslie is a very narrow street so we are not clear as to why these homes are facing onto it. That would bring more vehicular traffic on to a street that two vehicles can not drive down in opposite directions at any given time. The better plan would be for the homes' driveways to face Bristol st as the current dwelling does.

Another point about Emslie being a narrow street and the homes facing on to it is, in the event of any kind of Emergency it would be very difficult for responding vehicles to both get down the street and also they would therefore block it from current residents.

The City has just finished a major project on our street that took three years to complete. All run off drainage, sewage and water lines were replaced, the curve at Yorkshire and Essex was slightly realigned, bike lanes were added and all new curbs put in and the street repaved. We know this was a major investment by the City and much needed and appreciated. We also know there have been some issues since this job was completed.

Any new homes would be adding volume to the lines and may bring up more issues for the City. These issues may not be seen at first but long term costs would be at the taxpayers expense. As one home already exists adding one more should not cause too much of a problem it is the five that we see a potential problem with.

Also the City needs to take into account that there is not a Public or Separate Grade School in close proximity to these homes as they were both closed in past years. So it is not likely that these homes will

bring in families to our neighbourhood. We already have a high number of Student Rental Homes which often bring other concerns to our area.

We feel that a better plan and more fitting with our neighbourhood is to build **two townhomes facing Bristol St or a maximum of three.**

We ask that you take into account the concerns of the current residents of our neighbourhood. This is where we live.

Kindest regards,

Shuna & John Ilika