

City Clerk Office
City of Guelph
1 Carden Street
Guelph, Ontario
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September 9, 2021

RE: 151 Bristol Street (File: OZs21-011) – Ward 5

We are writing to express our **strong opposition** to the proposed rezoning of the above-mentioned property on the following grounds:

- **Traffic and Vehicle Access:** A five-unit townhouse block would drastically increase traffic in the area and compromise the safety of pedestrians. This includes several school age children, who live on the surrounding streets, that walk to school on a daily basis. In addition, parking on Emslie Street has already been prohibited due to congestion issues. This has caused parking to be diverted to Yorkshire Street and McGee Street drastically increasing vehicle parking congestion on those streets. The addition of the 5 townhomes would drastically increase this congestion and reduce the quality of life for the surrounding residents.
- **Design:** The street is made up of small, single detached homes. The size of the lot is too small for the proposed development and will require that a much larger percentage of the land be covered by buildings, which is not in keeping with the surrounding neighborhood. This would drastically reduce the appeal of the neighborhood.
- **Environmental:** It was noted in the BG-770 Phase 2 Environmental assessment that the soil samples from the boreholes 2,4 and 6 contained concentrations of the Metals parameters in excess of Table 6 Ontario Regulation 153-04 Site Condition Standard (SCS) and the soil sample submitted for analysis from borehole 6 was determined to also contain concentrations of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH) in excess of those of Table 6 from the Ontario Regulation SCS. It is also worth noting that prior to this rezoning request, several large trees were removed from the lot. These trees not only served as privacy for the street, but also as a habitat for many birds and small animals. We expect that more trees will need to be removed from the lot to accommodate this request, which will further negatively impact the surrounding habitat.

Also, we request to be notified of City Council's decision with respect to this planning application.

Warm Regards,

Christopher and Nicole Boucek

