

Lynn and Glen Prince



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Re: 151 Bristol Street
Plan 42

Dear Members

I am writing to express opposition to the Zoning By-law request for 151 Bristol Street. We respectfully ask that the request be denied.

We understand Guelph's concerns with density, and support efforts to provide affordable housing. We want though for the city to utilize areas that are best suited for these objectives. This plot though, should not be a part of those efforts. This community is already doing what can in terms of density. We have five-story apartment buildings directly across Bristol Street. If this application were approved, its walls would block our access to the east and our backyard would be surrendered as well. We would have no more privacy. This project would seriously impact our quality of life.

We are very surprised that consideration would be given to front five additional homes and driveways on to Emslie Street. Emslie is a narrow street, and it is not very long. Its residents and those who walk or ride their bikes are aware of how little room there is for traffic to safely maneuver even when doing so at a slow pace. I thought the city was aware of this and that it was no longer allowing parking on the street in part, to help alleviate the risks. Putting any additional traffic on the street presents an unreasonable risk.

Emslie Street is old and many of the old homes that line it bring charm and character. What lacks character is a cookie cutter five-plex block. This is not in keeping with the harmony of this street. In fact, it places itself like an intrusion. How can this project be considered progress when it is being built upon us.

We want these developments to be executed in areas that are large enough and are already zoned for them.

Please look and see just how at odds this proposal is with our community's well being. We cannot always be asked to bare the load. We have lived by these conditions. The developer needs to build by them.

Sincerely,

Glen Prince