

Mayor Guthrie and members of Guelph City Council,

Regarding the current Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw Review:

We are writing to express our opposition to the proposed reduction of parking minimums for new buildings along the Gordon Street intensification corridor here in the south end (Ward 6) of Guelph.

As residents of the Malvern Crescent / Ridgeway Avenue neighborhood in Ward 6 we daily experience first hand the negative effects / dangers of inadequate parking being provided for recent new builds in the intensification corridor. Reducing these minimums even further will make a bad situation worse as even more resident and visitor parking will be forced onto nearby residential streets like ours.

Two such near-by builds illustrate the daily negative consequences / dangers we are experiencing:

1. The condominium building at 1440 Gordon Street
2. The extensive townhouse development along the north side of Arkell Road, across from the entrance to Malvern Crescent.

Residents and visitors in both these builds routinely park on Ridgeway Avenue (please see note below re Malvern Crescent), as adequate parking is not provided at their buildings. As with Malvern Crescent, Ridgeway Avenue has no sidewalks, the street is narrow, and the road is bounded by ditches on both sides - forcing pedestrians to walk on the road, thereby incurring the risks involved with cars from the two buildings parked on the narrow street.

Note re: Malvern Crescent. Recently Malvern Crescent was made "no parking" on both sides, in an attempt to alleviate this 'overflow parking' problem. While the implementation of "no parking" solved the problem on Malvern, it merely moved the problem more fully onto Ridgeway Avenue. The fundamental problem remains, residents are not provided sufficient parking in the new builds along the intensification corridor so they park on nearby residential streets, to the danger of these streets' residents.

Mayor Guthrie and members of Guelph City Council, we respectfully urge you to not reduce parking minimums even further in the new builds along the Gordon Street intensification corridor in Ward 6. Allowing a further reduction in parking will exacerbate an already dangerous situation neighborhood residents are experiencing where parking that the builds do not accommodate moves onto nearby residential streets.

Respectfully,

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