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Guelph City Hall 1 Carden St Guelph, ON N1H 3A1

Attention: Mayor Cam Guthrie and Members of Council

RE: Public Meeting

South Clair Road Neighborhood Association Shaping Guelph Official Plan Update

Greetings,

My name is Fazl Ashkar (Faz). We chose Guelph as our permanent residence short after starting education and research at University of Guelph. Near two decades living in this beautiful, vibrant city made me shift from science to development and real estate investment. I revitalized numerous buildings in Downtown Guelph each been admired by citizens and city officials they met me. Now Guelph is my city and not only I am thinking of myself and my family but, any family is considered as a member of bigger family we call our city.

We moved to ■ Megan Place in 2015 , living in this area became our dream home for our generation to come. When first Clair- Maltby plan was introduced few years ago ,we were thinking of no way to support it. When Covid-19 hit the world , the crisis our country and world faced provided opportunity to think another way and that was availability of necessities to all not us. Area 1 which is also called south of Clair Road consists of more than 80 acres of Land and 17 families. The average of a family in each residence makes 3. It means 51 people live on 80 Acres , more than 1.5acre/person.

Lack of house inventory pushed the housing price to the unaffordable price. Availability of significant development land in the area that entire north side of it has been developed creates opportunity for cohesive , high, medium and low density residential which support hi demand of housing market, municipal and provincial mandates for years to come.

While we really enjoy our home and natural environment we think it is pushing the limit of exclusivity further than it should be. My wife, Mandana and I STRONGLY SUPPORT the strategic plan in which area one become included in the planning program to intensify density in the said area.

We suggest to address the concern of residences of Serina lane the plan include the north of Rolling Hills or South of Clair Road East for now if the majority of house owners in Kilkenny and Megan place SUPPORT the future development.

A message to the respected Counselors : Please considers this matter as the city matter not a neighborhood matter if the majority of a neighborhood willing to join the city matter .

With due respect,

Faz and Mandana Ashkar

