

Dear Ms. Downer and Ms. Caron,

This letter is pursuant to one sent by Karen Sagan [REDACTED] in relation to the proposal to permit the rezoning of 785 Gordon Street, the present-day Days Inn, to build a 10 storey student apartment building.

We are Stephen and Agnese Nagy and our family live at [REDACTED], adjacent to the Days Inn. We have lived here since 1997 and have really enjoyed our quiet and convenient life in this secluded court. We agree with everything that Ms. Sagan has written in her letter, and we have a couple of additional concerns.

1. The proposal does not deal with the issue of added traffic adequately. Up to 200 extra vehicles will seriously harm not only the character of the neighbourhood, but will cause great frustrations, and possibly accidents, for drivers at the already congested Harvard Rd./Gordon St. intersection. The entrances and exits from the plaza and the roads are not designed for this amount of potential traffic.

2, A 10 storey building is not in keeping with the architecture of the area. A good example of how student accommodation can fit into an area seamlessly is the 2 storey building adjacent to the Days Inn. The size and height of that building is much more appropriate.

3, Why do we need more "student apartments" anyway? Isn't the corner of Stone Rd. and Gordon St. to be the site of two towers, one of 8 storeys and one of 10? Aren't there enough finished basement apartments in homes in the area for students to find good accommodation?

4. Finally, if this development company is in this for the good of the city and not to make a fast buck, then maybe it should consider building a small row of townhouses for affordable housing? Think of it: a plaza with a grocery store, a pharmacy, a physiotherapist, and numerous restaurants lies just across the street, with an adjacent building with an insurance company, osteopathy, and an endodontist. And the bus to downtown Guelph and even downtown Toronto is only metres away. This property is perfect for affordable housing.

Hoping you share our concerns, we remain concerned citizens (not only taxpayers) of your ward,

Stephen and Agnese Nagy