

Good Day Mayor and Council,

My name is Ian Cunningham and I am a resident of Hadati Rd. I am writing to you in opposition to the proposed development on 140 Hadati Rd. I agree with many of the concerns that I am sure have been raised in regards to this development: increased traffic on residential roads, a lack of capacity for increased street parking, etc. I write to you today to voice my concerns to the loss of a very important small business to our community. One Stop Convenience has been an upstanding member of our local community since long before I moved to the area (2018). Although it may be easy for city staff and/or council to underestimate the value of a simple convenience store, One Stop is vital to our community. Without a local shop, centrally located within our neighbourhood on Hadati Rd, the walkability of our neighbourhood is reduced to almost nothing. There is no other option for families/pedestrians that live between the boundaries of Victoria, Grange, Auden Rd., and Eastview Rd to make local purchases on grocery staples and other essential items without having to traverse major arterial roads. Beyond safety concerns, removing this store would erase any time benefit associated with walking to the shop versus driving to a larger, more arterially located plaza/store. I believe this is detrimental to the city's long term sustainability plans for creating and maintaining walkable communities designed with pedestrian/active transportation in mind. While I agree that low and midrise developments are an important part of this strategy, the purpose of increased housing density is negated by requiring local residents to use non-active transportation to simply acquire groceries, over the counter pharmaceuticals, etc. Personally for me and my family, we find purchasing milk from the dairy farmers of Canada of crucial importance to our family. This is the only brand of milk that, as a consumer, I can guarantee is a domestic product that meets the Canadian health and safety requirements for dairy production. There is no other store within a 5-10 minute drive where I have been able to locate milk with the important Dairy Farmers identifying logo. The lack of oversight with regards to the use of bovine growth hormones and other preservatives in foreign produced dairy products, and the associated health concerns with these products, is a chief concern to me. While I appreciate this is a matter beyond a local council's control, I would feel it is within your purview to respect the importance of a local, independent grocer who supplies these quality and locally sourced products for the immediate Hadati Rd and area community. I ask you to strongly reconsider this development as it would negatively impact the sustainable growth of this small neighbourhood within the City of Guelph limits.

Regards,

Ian Cunningham