

Hello,

With reference to File # OZS23-010

Legal Description: Lot 5 and 6, Registered Plan 435, City of Guelph

This is with regard to a Public Meeting and Decision for a application for Zoning By-law Amendment for the above property in Janefield Avenue, Guelph.

My response to the call to submit comments and participate in the development applications is given below:

- The proposal to rezone the subject lands from 'residential single-detached ' to 'specialized residential semi-detached/duplex' dwellings is non-feasible and unacceptable to us.
- This action is looking at short-term financial gains and is driven by market systems that are benefiting a small section of society.
- Further residential expansion of this area would add to traffic congestion woes, pollution and overcrowding of the area which is not equipped to deal with a large concentrated population.
- The city of Guelph which was known for it's open spaces and well-organized roads and boulevards is fast turning into an urban nightmare with the construction of more high-rises, malls and shopping centres with inadequate parking and recreation areas.
- This has also resulted in the drastic cutting down of trees and reducing much-needed green spaces. This disregard to the environment by urban planners is adding to the climate change and Greenhouse gas emissions in our planet.

I hope the City of Guelph reconsiders this decision of encouraging rapid residential constructions and instead makes efforts to expand green areas and reducing pollution in the city.

Regards,

Dr. Bipasha Chakravarty