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Dear City Planning Committee Members,

Considerations for Intensification Density from 3 units to 4 units per lot.

I am writing to you as a concerned resident, regarding the proposed intensification density plans for our community from 3 to 4 units per lot. I know we need to develop, but I'm worried about community safety. Even our provincial government is cautious about this and hasn't made it a law. While I understand and support the need for thoughtful urban development, I urge the committee to consider the following critical aspects that focus on community safety:

**Emergency Services Access:**

New development plans shouldn't obstruct emergency services access or create confusion when trying to reach a patient in a high density lot. The committee should require a full safety assessment for any proposal to ensure emergency vehicles like fire trucks, ambulances, and police cars are able to navigate the area swiftly and efficiently in case of emergencies. Quick response times are crucial, let's prioritize this!

**Fire Safety Routes:**

Fire safety is crucial and non-negotiable. The committee needs to strictly enforce fire regulations, like building placement, number of apartments, space between them, and emergency vehicle access. This year, we've had too many fire-related deaths in our community. Let's ensure residents are safe if a fire occurs.

**Mobility:**

The committee must ensure that the infrastructure can handle increased pedestrian and vehicular traffic. This includes proper sidewalks and adequate parking, that can accommodate the growth in population for a specific area.

**Setbacks:**

Let's enforce a minimum setback distance in developments, based on building height and neighborhood scale. This ensures privacy, natural light, emergency access, and neighborhood aesthetics.

In conclusion, I trust that the committee will consider these points with the seriousness they deserve. Our community's future depends on thoughtful planning that prioritizes the safety of its residents. I trust that the committee will take these considerations into account and look forward to seeing a plan that reflects our community's values and needs.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

Jason G