

Hello Planning and Building Services,

I am a resident of West Willow Woods, and I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed apartment building development at the intersection at Willow and Elmira Road in Guelph. I have lived in this area for over 20 years and have witnessed this neighbourhood grow into the wonderful community it is today.

While I understand and support the need for additional housing in our city, I believe this particular project may not be a good fit for our neighborhood for several reasons:

1. **Neighborhood Character:**

The proposed **six-story building** is out of scale with the existing homes in the area, which are predominantly low-rise, single home, residential properties. A building of that height and density would look **crowded and congested**, clashing with the neighborhood's established aesthetic and community feel.

2. **Visual and Physical Congestion:**

Similar developments down **Paisley and Elmira** have already made those areas appear overcrowded and congested and look out of place in that neighbourhood. I am concerned that repeating this pattern here would negatively impact the sense of openness and space our neighborhood currently enjoys.

3. **Impact on Residents:**

The development is likely to introduce increased traffic and noise, all of which would affect the quality of life for current residents. These disruptions are especially concerning given the quiet and family-oriented nature of our community.

4. **A Better Alternative – Townhomes or Additional Single Family Homes:**

I believe that a development of **townhomes or additional single family housing** would be a more appropriate and respectful option, just like there currently is across from this plot of land. This would meet housing needs while preserving the neighborhood's visual harmony and charm.

I urge the planning department to reconsider the scale and type of development being proposed and to engage with community members for a solution that supports both growth and livability.

Thank you for your time and for considering feedback from local residents. As per your letter, I wish to stay informed of the council decision on this proposal.

Sincerely,

Harmeet Kambo