

As a homeowner on Flaherty Drive for almost 30 years we have seen many changes in the area, all of which seemed to be well planned Council decisions.

I can honestly say I do not feel the same about the decisions being made with regards to this property. We were very disappointed to learn that the City Council changed the zoning definitions for this property to allow a 6 storey building to be built. Obviously no one on the City Council lives in any house that backs onto this property, and I'm certainly glad I don't. Perhaps 3 or 4 storeys could be considered as an alternative.

The South end of Flaherty Drive is already used as overflow parking for the townhouse complex on the corner of Willow and Elmira, occasionally for homes along Elmira Road, which at times have included commercial vehicles. If an apartment with insufficient parking is to be built it will only add to this issue creating more unnecessary congestion especially when children make their way to and from school as pedestrian, and vehicle traffic greatly increases during these times.

Council needs to insist that all zoning requirements be met by any developer within the city of Guelph. These requirements were created as standards to be followed, not just to be dismissed when they interfere with a developer's profit projection. As members of Council you were voted in to represent the best interests of your constituents which include the homeowners around this proposed building site.

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