

**Dear Mayor and council,**

I would like to express my support for the OPA and ZBA to allow the purpose-built apartment tower at 70 Fountain Street east. As a member of the Guelph Community for Active Transportation, I see only benefits to providing housing that is close enough to amenities and transit to make car-free living feasible. Active transportation advocacy is not only about providing safe infrastructure for pedestrians and cyclists, it's about optimizing existing safe infrastructure by allowing more people to live near it. Being on a direct, walkable and pleasant route to the transit hub, restaurants and the new library makes this building an asset to active transportation and allows residents options for healthy, sociable living.

From an affordability perspective, more rental units are an important improvement for students and young essential and professional workers looking to start off their lives with an affordable mode of living.

Sincerely,  
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GCAT Advocacy Committee