

September 2, 2020

Guelph City Hall  
1 Carden St.  
Guelph, Ontario.  
N1L 3A1

Re: 1242 -1260 Gordon St. and 9 Valley Road  
Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment

Ms. Sulatycki,

As per the City's invitation to provide written comment on the above referenced amendments, we wish to provide the following:

We would request the provision of an adjusted design that would block the line of site from our property backyard to the proposed building 2 front entrance, visitor parking and to the traffic along the proposed street A.

Current

Future



We would also request retention of the current woodlot rather than the currently proposed parkette. In the event that the final appearance of the woodlot area and proposed vegetation is not able to block the line of site and buffer noise, we would request the design include a fence of adequate structure and height to provide our backyard with privacy from line of site, lights and noise.

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**REQUEST #2  
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MORE IMPORTANTLY**

We would also request that the City give consideration to **declining the request for density adjustment**. The original research and plan for the Gordon Street intensification recommended much lower density than is being proposed. Ignoring the recommendations of a very expensive, well researched and previously accepted plan would be, in our opinion, mismanagement, fiscally irresponsible and breach of council's commitment to its citizens.

We encourage sticking with the original density plan. Gordon Street is already at or exceeding capacity. The original plan, even with the proposed road widening, did not allow for the inevitable increase in traffic that will occur as a result of this proposal. We would also point out, that this project is not in isolation and other projects already approved in the vicinity that will be adding to the inevitable traffic and pedestrian safety issues.

Increased promotion of public transit, bicycle, and pedestrian movement is commendable and supported but the reality is that cars are required for many daily urban activities. Even with the adoption of alternatives their use will continue for the foreseeable future. The density increase proposed will potentially compromise emergency vehicle movement, business and residential parking as well as routine road maintenance and snow removal.

Please use your foresight to prevent a regrettable future.

We would be willing and are available to attend the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting to answer any questions Council may have regarding our comments and request.

Regards,

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